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News Brief

Residential

Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac Suspend Foreclosures and Evictions in Wake of Hurricane Harvey

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are extending additional relief to homeowners affected by the catastrophic flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey.

By: Ben Lane, HousingWire, August 29, 2017
Full article: www.housingwire.com/articles/41120-fannie-mae-freddie-mac-suspend-foreclosures-and-evictions-in-wake-of-hurricane-harvey?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=HW+Daily+Brief+-+Tuesday+August+29+2017&utm_content=41120&utm_source=Eloqua&utm_term=HW+Daily+Brief+-+Tuesday+August+29+2017&elq=d1e4f1f7f7b4d4d8b8d8d8d8d8d8d8&elqTrackId=185739

Groups Push For FICO Score Alternative

The mortgage lobby last week said that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac aren't moving fast enough in adopting alternative credit scoring methods to the "outdated" FICO score.

By: Victor Whitman, Scotsman Guide, August 28, 2017
Full article: http://www.scotsmanguide.com/News/2017/08/Groups-push-for-FICO-score-alternatives/

Robert Shiller: Changes To Popular Deduction Wouldn't Have Big Effect On Housing Market

There may be rumblings about lowering the cap on mortgage interest rate deductions, but it would have a "rather small effect" on the housing market, Nobel Prize-winning economist Robert Shiller told CNBC on Wednesday.

By: Michele Fox, CNBC, August 23, 2017
Full article: www.cnbc.com/2017/08/23/robert-shiller-says-mortgage-interest-deduction-changes-would-have-small-effect-on-market.html

Overworked And Underpaid: Here Are The Challenges Facing Appraisers Next Year

While most sectors of the industry managed the increased demand with few hiccups, the appraisal services segment of the industry did not fare as well.

By: Frank Danna, HousingWire, August 28, 2017
Full article: www.housingwire.com/blogs/1-opinion/post/41104-overworked-and-underpaid-here-are-the-challenges-facing-appraisers-next-year

Report: Kids Have Big Say in Real Estate

Buyers with children put more weight on the neighborhood, local schools, and size of homes when shopping for the right property, according to the 2017 *Moving With Kids* report, produced by the National Association of REALTORS®.

By: Daily Real Estate News, REALTOR® Mag, August 22, 2017
Full article: http://realtormag.realtor.org/daily-news/2017/08/22/report-kids-have-big-say-in-real-estate

Zillow Says Consumer Agency Is Threatening Legal Action Over Its Ad Practices

You're probably familiar with the online realty marketing giant Zillow because of its voluminous home sale listings and its controversial "Zestimate" property valuation feature.

By: Kenneth R. Harney, The Washington Post, August 16, 2017
Full article: www.washingtonpost.com/realestate/zillow-says-consumer-agency-is-threatening-legal-action-over-its-ad-practices/2017/08/16/9d9d8d64-8f3e-11e7-ab27-5a7cd8e006db_story.html?utm_term=.5f5ef5fc8d8e

Commercial

Harvey Likely to Weigh on Houston's Commercial Property Market for Months

Houston's office and retail real-estate markets are likely to get hurt by lost business in the weeks and months immediately following Hurricane Harvey.

By: Esther Fung, The Wall Street Journal, August 30, 2017
Full article: www.wsj.com/articles/harvey-likely-to-weigh-on-houstons-commercial-property-market-for-months-1504031209

Secrets to Handling All the Data You've Collected

As more data becomes machine accessible, at low or even no cost, the CRE industry is starting to build on-demand synthetic intelligence algorithms that turn data into insights and insights into action.

By: Carrie Rossenfeld, GobeSt.com, August 28, 2017
Full article: www.globest.com/sites/carrierossenfeld/2017/08/28/secrets-to-handling-all-the-data-youve-collected?hmsr=joyn,2017.08.31.19.26

Amazon and Whole Foods: What's Next?

Amazon.com Inc.'s acquisition of Whole Foods Market Inc. could mean that consumers see Echo and Kindle devices for sale in the grocery aisle and 365 organic foods in Amazon's green delivery totes.

By: Laura Stevens, Fox Business, August 10, 2017
Full article: http://www.foxbusiness.com/features/2017/08/10/amazon-and-whole-foods-whats-next.html

Robotics, 3D Printing and the Internet Of Things: Using New Tech To Boost Industrial Efficiency

New technology has always fueled the country's industrial sector. That hasn't changed.

By: Dan Rafter, REJournals, August 21, 2017
Full article: www.rejournals.com/Articles/2017/08/21/Robotics-3D-printing-and-the-IoT

Anchors Away! The Good News About Big-Box Closings

Why the departure of a department store can present a golden opportunity—and how to make the most of it.

By: Daniel Halpin, Commercial Property Executive, August 15, 2017
Full article: www.commercialcafe.com/blog/anchors-away-the-good-news-about-big-box-closings/?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Commercial Real Estate Research
www.colliers.com/en-us/us/insights/research/library

Current Commercial Real Estate Market Reports
www.cushmanwakefield.com/en/research-and-insight

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