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Existing Home Sales Dip 2.7% in March

The National Association of Realtors is reporting that existing home sales were down 2.7% in March to a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 5.77 million (down 4.5% from one year ago). [Click here to read more.](#)

Housing Starts & Building Permits Up Slightly in March

The U.S. government is reporting that privately-owned housing starts in March were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,793,000, which is 0.3% higher than February's revised number and 3.9% higher than one year ago. [Click here to read more.](#)

HOAs Work to Stop Investors from Buying Houses to Rent

The Wall Street Journal has an interesting piece about how small groups of neighborhood volunteers (HOA's, etc.) are blocking companies from buying single-family homes. They say this is rewriting the proverbial homeownership rulebook in an effort to stop investor purchases of homes in suburban neighborhoods. [Click here to read more.](#)

Land Market Has Its Best Year in Almost a Decade

A recent report from the NAR's Economist's Outlook says the land market had its best year in nearly a decade in 2021 with land sales rising 6% as well as outperforming the pace of acquisitions of other commercial real estate types. [Click here to read more.](#)

Judge Certifies 100's of Thousands of Homeowners in Class Action Lawsuit vs. NAR

HousingWire is reporting that in mid-April, a federal judge in Kansas City, Missouri certified a class action lawsuit that makes "hundreds of thousands" of U.S. housing consumers plaintiffs in what is potentially an historic case over real estate fees & commissions. The defendants are the National Association of Realtors (NAR) as well as four of the largest real estate firms in the country. [Click here to read more.](#)

Mortgage Delinquencies Hit Record Low in March

According to Black Knight's "first look" report for March, 2022, the national delinquency rate dropped by more than half a percentage point in March, falling to 2.84% and shattering the previous record low of 3.22% in January 2020. [Click here to read more.](#)

Can One Bad Applicant Spoil the Whole Bunch?

David Pickron says it might seem like an antiquated phrase since most of us no longer buy apples by the bunch, but the concerns about one bad apple spoiling the whole bunch are real. As it applies to our industry, this is becoming a critical issue. Here's why: with the rapid increase of rents over the past few years, more and more of our properties are being shared by more than one tenant in an effort to be able to just afford the rent. [Click here to read more.](#)

S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller Index Shows 19.8% Annual Home Price Gain in February '22

The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller U.S. National Home Price NSA Index reported a 19.8% annual gain for February, 2022, the third-highest reading in 35 years of their history. [Click here to read more.](#)

The Costliest Types of Cyber Crime

Infographic: We've had a lot of posts warning about the dangers of cybercrime – and with good cause. According to recent data, losses from cybercrime was around \$6.9 billion in 2021, up from \$4.2 billion in 2020. Today's infographic takes a look at the costliest types of cybercrime and its relative change over the course of one year. [Click here to read more.](#)

Have you made a positive difference to our communities and society at large?

National REIA is proud of our association's and their member's contributions to their communities. We promote a spirit of "giving back" throughout our industry. Real Estate Investing has enhanced our lives and given us success so our mission to positively impact our communities is at the core of what we do. If you have a great story of how you have made an impact in your community or you have a member that has done amazing work to contribute, please take a moment to submit the story to Caleb@nationalreia.org for inclusion in our publications, social media, and our website. We are excited to hear how our industry and those of us in it have made a positive difference to our communities and society at large!

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