

# News Brief

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## Residential

### Study: Real Estate Cheapest in Fall, Winter

Your home buyers likely won't want to shy away from the fall or winter months. They may score the best deals.

By: Daily Real Estate News, REALTOR®Mag, September 26, 2016

Read more: <http://realtormag.realtor.org/daily-news/2016/09/26/study-real-estate-cheapest-in-fall-winter>

### Are Seller's Still Calling the Shots in the Housing Market?

Despite strong sales and shrinking inventory, the recent Redfin Housing Market Tracker from Nela Richardson, Chief Economist for Redfin, states that home prices rose at the slowest pace of the year, up just 4.4 percent from last year.

By: Kendall Baer, DSNews, September 22, 2016

Read more: <http://www.dsnews.com/daily-dose/09-22-2016/sellers-still-calling-shots-housing-market>

### The Silent Crisis in Housing Finance

It's shaping up to be a solid year in the U.S. housing sector. But beneath this calm surface, the U.S. mortgage industry is facing a crisis.

By: Christopher Whalen, American Banker, September 20, 2016

Read more: <http://www.americanbanker.com/bankthink/the-silent-crisis-in-housing-finance-1091391-1.html>

### Should You Buy Property for Your College Student to Use While in College?

You're already helping pay for your kid's expensive college education, so the idea of also buying a house on top of that might sound crazy.

By: Brena Swanson, HousingWire, September 14, 2016

Read more: <http://www.housingwire.com/blogs/1-rewired/post/38038-should-you-buy-property-for-your-college-student-to-use-while-in-college>

### Appraisal Delays Gumming Up Home Sales

There's trouble brewing in appraisalville, and it's beginning to cost some unsuspecting home buyers money.

By: Kenneth R. Harney, contributor, The Oklahoman, September 16, 2016

Read more: <http://newsok.com/article/5518272>

### How Cyber Criminal Target Victims: Report Cites Top Information Services

Cybercriminals, whose attacks cost organizations millions of dollars a year, do extensive research on their targets.

By: Elliot Maras, Hacked.com, September 23, 2016

Read more: <https://hacked.com/cybercriminals-target-victims-report-cites-top-information-resources/>

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## Commercial

### No Rate Hike, Maybe Later: Why CRE Players Won't Sweat It Either Way

The Federal Reserve held fast on interest rates this week, announcing that there would be no hike—at least not yet.

By: Cathy Cunningham, Commercial Observer, September 22, 2016

Read more: <https://commercialobserver.com/2016/09/no-rate-hike-maybe-later>

### 5 Trends Affecting Commercial Real Estate: Looking Ahead to 2017

The U.S. property market landscape in 2017 will be characterized by continued strong fundamentals, increased investor flows and high transaction volume.

By: David J. Lynn, Ph.D. and Peter Burley, National Real Estate Investor, September 26, 2016

Read more: <http://nreionline.com/finance-investment/five-trends-affecting-commercial-real-estate-looking-ahead-2017>

### Lowe's Lawsuits Could Start Chain Reaction; Loss of State Revenue 'Unconscionable'

Lowe's is a home-improvement center behemoth with more than 1,800 stores registering \$59.1 billion in annual retail sales in 2015, a nearly 18-percent leap in five years

By: John Sharp, AL.com, September 22, 2016

Read more: [http://www.al.com/news/mobile/index.ssf/2016/09/lowes\\_vs\\_alabama\\_megastore\\_wan.html](http://www.al.com/news/mobile/index.ssf/2016/09/lowes_vs_alabama_megastore_wan.html)

### Money Is Pouring into Property Deals Banks Won't Touch

Heightened scrutiny of U.S. commercial real estate lending is paving the way for lightly regulated investors to gain a bigger toehold in lucrative deals.

By: Sarah Mulholland and Heather Perlberg, BloombergMarkets, September 19, 2016

Read more: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-09-19/shadow-lenders-step-in-for-banks-facing-u-s-property-warnings>

### Rest Assured: US CRE Is Strong and Will Continue Its Upward Trajectory Well into 2017

Though America's financial markets faced some tumultuous times this year—particularly stemming from volatility overseas—the economy has weathered the shocks with resilience, according to the latest Cushman & Wakefield US Macro Forecast.

By: Champaign Williams, Bisnow, September 23, 2016

Read more: [https://www.bisnow.com/national/news/economy/rest-assured-us-cre-is-strong-and-will-continue-its-upward-trajectory-well-into-2017-65564?utm\\_source=CopyShare&utm\\_medium=Browser](https://www.bisnow.com/national/news/economy/rest-assured-us-cre-is-strong-and-will-continue-its-upward-trajectory-well-into-2017-65564?utm_source=CopyShare&utm_medium=Browser)

