

Oregon Real Estate Agency Issues Fingerprint Card Fraud Alert

The State of Oregon Real Estate Agency has issued the following alert on its website:

The Agency is receiving calls from licensees asking if their fingerprint cards have expired. The licensees explain that someone stating to be from the Agency has called them and informed them that their fingerprints are going to expire. The caller is asking for credit card and social security numbers.

Fingerprint cards and criminal background checks do not expire with the Agency. Also the Agency does not accept any personal or confidential information over the phone. If you receive one of these calls, do not give your information out.

Supra Lockbox Activity – Updated through July 19

Activity down over previous week

Comparing July 6, 2009 through July 19, 2009 the number of times RMLS™ subscribers opened Supra lockboxes decreased 0.1% in Washington and 3.9% in Oregon.



Click the chart for a larger view (Oregon, left; Washington,

right)

Archive

View an archive of the Supra lockbox statistical reports on Flickr.

June 2009 RMLS Market Action Shows Positive Activity in Several Areas in Oregon & Southern Washington

The latest issue of the RMLS™ Market Action for June 2009 shows increases in accepted offers, closed sales and a decrease in inventory in several regions.

Accepted Offers

The five county Portland Metro Area saw a month-over-month increase in pending sales (8.4% comparing June 2009 with June 2008) for the first time since December 2006. Pending sales also increased for the third month in a row in Clark County, Washington. The following regions also saw an increase in pending listings in June 2009: Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, Mid-Columbia and Union.

Closed Sales

Closed sales in Clark County increased 14.8% comparing June 2009 with June 2008. This is the first increase since September 2008.



The following regions also experienced increases in closed

sales: Columbia Basin, Curry, Douglas and Mid-Columbia.

Inventory

Inventory in all three of our largest service areas (Portland Metro, Clark County and Lane County) dipped to the lowest it's been since August 2007. In addition, the following counties experienced drops in inventory from the previous month: Columbia Basin, Coos, Curry and Douglas.