



# WIRC NEWS

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Or, visit the WIRC on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (near the ITS Training Room). Open M-F, 8:30am-5:00pm ET



### Web Search Tip: Keep Your Money!

Many newspaper and magazine websites charge a few dollars to view articles that are more than a week or two old. Instead of paying that \$2.95 just so you can read a few lines of text, put your wallet away and try searching **Google News** ([news.google.com](http://news.google.com)) or **AllTheWeb** ([www.alltheweb.com](http://www.alltheweb.com) - click on the "News" tab), where you can frequently locate recent articles for free that you might have to pay for elsewhere. Or just **give the WIRC a quick call** and let us do the work. We can usually download articles and send them to you via e-mail within a few minutes, free of charge.

## NEW! Visit the WIRC on Realtor.org: <http://www.realtor.org/wirc.nsf>

The screenshot shows the WIRC website interface. At the top, there is a logo for Information Central and the text 'WASHINGTON INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTER (WIRC)'. Below the logo is a photograph of the US Capitol building. A navigation menu on the right side includes links for 'The WIRC F.A.Q.', 'LIBRARY CATALOG', 'DAILY NEWS', and 'PERIODICALS'. The main content area features a 'Welcome to the WIRC Online!' message and a list of featured articles with bullet points, including 'The 2004 ARELLO Digest', 'A small collection of resources on the American Dream Downpayment Act', and 'The December issue of WIRC News'.

There's a versatile new resource available exclusively for DC staff: the **WIRC website on Realtor.org**. Many of the WIRC's online databases and other research services are now accessible on your computer – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, whether you're in the office, at home, or on the road. These are some of the features you'll find on the site:

- ✘ Read your favorite daily news sources, including the *American Banker*, *CongressDaily*, *Financial Times*, and *Wall Street Journal*;
- ✘ Search the NAR Library catalog to find books, CD-ROMs, working papers, videos and other material from NAR's library collections in DC and Chicago;
- ✘ Quick access to Proquest, Factiva, ALLREGs, and other research databases;
- ✘ Check out the WIRC F.A.Q., back issues of *WIRC News*, new books in the WIRC, and more.

The WIRC's online home on is at <http://www.realtor.org/wirc.nsf>. Login with your Realtor.org username and password (and remember to add the site to your list of Internet Favorites!).



## MARCH TRAINING SCHEDULE

Each Tuesday in March, spend an hour with the WIRC and learn how to take advantage of some of the online resources available to you:

### ■ MARCH 2: Introduction to Factiva

Available in the WIRC website, Factiva is a powerful database with millions of articles from newspapers, newswires, magazines, and media transcripts from around the world. Find out how to access Factiva, use the Factiva publication links in the WIRC website, and set up a quick search.

### ■ MARCH 9: Searching the Library Catalog

Does the WIRC have this book? NAR has the largest real estate library in the world -- learn how to search it and borrow titles from NAR's collection in DC or Chicago without ever leaving your desk.

### ■ MARCH 16: Introduction to ProQuest

The *Wall Street Journal*, *Real Estate Issues*, *Association Management*, and over 1,500 other business & professional periodicals can be found in the ProQuest database on Realtor.org, with millions of articles available in PDF format. In this session you'll learn how to search ProQuest, use it to check out your favorite subscriptions, e-mail articles to colleagues or members, and more.

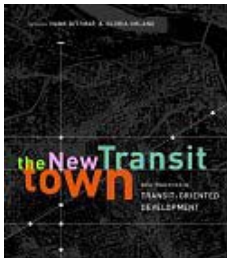
### ■ MARCH 23: Using HDR Online

That venerable source of housing & community development news and information, *Housing & Development Reporter (HDR)*, is now accessible on the Web. Find out how to get to it and how to use it in this quick session.

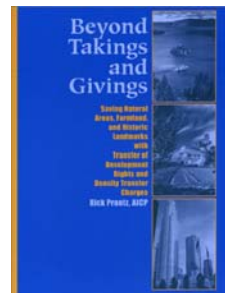
Each session is held from **10am to 11am** in the ITS Training Room. No registration required.

## NEW BOOKS in the WIRC

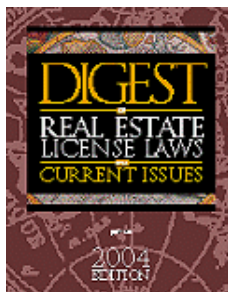
Interested in borrowing a book? Just contact or visit the WIRC. There's **no due date** or overdue fees – borrow a book for as long as you need it, and return it when you're done. To search the WIRC and Chicago library collections, go to <http://www.realtor.org/vlibrary.nsf/pages/catalog>



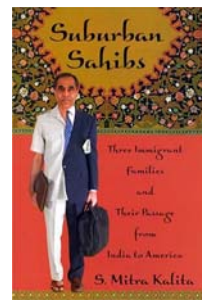
**The New Transit Town: Best Practices in Transit-Oriented Development**, Edited by Hank Dittmar & Gloria Ohland, (*Island Press*, 2004).



**Beyond Takings and Givings: Saving Natural Areas, Farmland, and Historic Landmarks with Transfer of Development Rights and Density Charges**, by Rick Pruetz, (*Arje Press*, 2003).



**Digest of Real Estate License Laws and Current Issues: 2004 Edition**, (*Association of Real Estate License Law Officials*, 2004).



**Suburban Sahibs: Three Immigrant Families and Their Passage from India to America**, by S. Mitra Kalita, (*Rutgers University Press*, 2003).

Check the **New Stuff Shelf** in the WIRC for the latest new books, CD-ROMs, research reports, and more.