

MLSNI News & Notes

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SYSTEM NOTES

CONNECTMLS

The following changes and enhancements were added on January 25, 2007:

- Statistics Summary (now prints at the top of listing reports)
 - If Summary was being displayed when Print is clicked, it is printed
 - It prints on same page as one line summary, more detailed reports cause a page-break
- CMA Months back default changed to 6 months
- MLS # Search – increased in number of MLS Numbers that can be entered
- Net Proceeds now saving defaults in CMA when link is clicked
- Closed Mobile Home listings now display Selling Office ID
- Office Manager Agent Types can now be searched/retrieved when adding LAG/SAG in the Add/Edit listing function
- Search Agent (Add/Edit Listing function) drop-down list last name sort is no longer case sensitive
- # Parking spaces no longer required for Retail/Stores property type

NEW PRODUCT

CONNECTMLS WIRELESS

On February 1, 2007, a new product, connectMLS Wireless, was launched for MLSNI Subscribers. Details include:

- connectMLS Wireless allows MLSNI Subscribers to search for MLS listings, manage their connectMLS clients/ contacts, and lookup other MLSNI subscribers, all in real time from their Cellular Phone, Smart Phone, PDA, etc. All data is accessed directly from connectMLS. There is no software to install and no listing-download or synch-up required.
- All MLSNI Subscribers can use connectMLS Wireless free of charge. (Note that "clients" do not have access to connectMLS Wireless.)
- To access connectMLS Wireless

1. Enter the following into the web browser address bar on your mobile device:
<http://mlsniw.connectmls.com>
(NOTE: This is the same address as the main connectMLS site with a "w" after "mlsni").

If this does not show a miniature version of the connectMLS login screen, enter the following address instead:

<http://mlsniw.connectmls.com/wireless>

2. Enter standard connectMLS ID and password.

- Generally speaking, connectMLS Wireless should work on most phones if they are "fairly new" (i.e. purchased in the last couple of years), capable of accessing the web via a web browser, and if the phone service includes web access.
- If connectMLS Wireless does not seem to work on an Agent's phone, they can provide some of the following technical details to their phone service provider and/or phone manufacturer to find out if it's supported.

Technical Requirements: connectMLS Wireless supports mobile devices capable of connecting to web sites via the HTTP protocol and displaying pages written in XHTML.

NOTE: Phones often come with their own, non-standard, web browser and failure of some parts of connectMLS Wireless could be due to bugs in your phone's browser.

- **Other Tips:** dynaConnections highly recommends using a device with "current-generation" or "next-generation" data transfer capabilities. These have various names such as EV-DO, 1XRTT, or just 1X. When shopping for a device to use with connectMLS Wireless, Subscribers should ask for this type of connection or better. Accessing the Internet over a mobile device is vastly improved by having the fastest available connection. Lower-end phones are still retailing with connections that subscribers might find too slow.

- **FEATURES**

LOGIN

- Accepts connectMLS username and password
- Login permitted ONLY for MLSNI Subscribers

PROPERTY SEARCH

- Quick Search
 - By MLS Number
 - By Street Address
- General Search
 - Search by limited set of fields
 - All Property Types Supported (*including commercial and cross property*)

LISTING REPORTS

- Search result list (1-line summary)
- Detailed Report
 - Office information
 - Listing photos
 - Street map
 - Remarks
 - Showing instructions
 - Other property details depending upon the Property Type being viewed

MEMBER ROSTER SEARCH

- Search by limited set of search fields
- Display results in 1-line summary
- Click name to view connectMLS business card (without photo)

CLIENT CONTACTS

- Search connectMLS clients by last name
- Display results in 1-line summary
- Click name to display basic client information
- Add/edit clients
 - Limited set of fields
 - Add and Modify an Agent's connectMLS client contacts

MORTGAGE PAYMENT CALCULATOR

- Can Pocket Real Estate still be used?
As of February 1st, 2007, Pocket Real Estate Wireless is no longer free to MLSNI Subscribers. If an Agent currently exports listings from connectMLS to use with Pocket Real Estate **software** on a mobile device, this will not change.

For help or further information on connectMLS Wireless, please contact the MLSNI Help Desk at (630) 955-2755 (Hours: M-F 8-6, Sat 10-4)

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- Reminder: Multiple Solutions, an MLSNI Newsletter for all Subscribers, will now only be available online at www.MLSNI.com, Members-Only, and will be able to be downloaded.
- Next MLSNI Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 10:00am