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Beginning December 4th: 3 Much Anticipated Enhancements to the GPRMLS!

December 4: Omaha Area Paragon users will experience field and search changes. Activated will be a number of new fields as well as improved Paragon search and consumer website functionality. This will also double the characters in public remarks (500 to 1,000), and enhance the number of photos (36 to 99). New fields will also be added to the MLS, so expect updated data-input forms with changes highlighted. The new fields will be available on December 4, but new fields that will be required, will not be required until January 7, allowing users to gather the required information to enhance their listings. Note: To implement these enhancements, the MLS will be unavailable from 10 p.m. on December 3, through 6 a.m. on December 4. In addition to the new fields, the following counties will be added to the Paragon system CRS Data: Fillmore, Gage, Hale, Saline, York, Madison, Platte, and Jefferson. This increases the public records information from 12 to 20 counties!

January 7: Omaha Area Paragon users will notice that the new required fields, are now required. This means an update to any listing (such as a price change, date extension, or any other data change) will trigger the new required fields to be updated. Also, on January 7, MLS Area Maps will no longer be present in the system. This change will impact users who are used to relying on this legacy system, however, the Google mapping feature built into the Paragon system will allow users to take advantage of new shape-drawing tools and will allow agents to save their most popular MLS area map searches. More information on this change will be available as the implementation date approaches.

The Regional MLS Board of Directors confirmed that monthly MLS fees for the Regional service would be \$30 per month for agent-subscribers, and \$71 per month for broker-participants.

Some MLS Rule changes will be made as the two sets of rules are reconciled and made into one. A number of changes have already been implemented into your current rules, so the number of changes should be minimal between now and the final conversion.

February 25: we are expecting to see the consolidated data from both Lincoln and Omaha in Paragon. At that time, agents from the Lincoln MLS will be operating in parallel, meaning they will continue to enter listing data into their existing system, however, the listing data will be automatically pushed directly into the Paragon system. Lincoln's existing system will continue to operate as normal, but all users will have access to listing information from both markets. During this time, any data accuracy or mapping issues will be resolved and the consolidation team will check for any flaws in the system operation.
(Dates are subject to change.)

From February 25 through March 8: On-site training will be provided in Lincoln for all users new to the Paragon system. This training will include lessons using the CRS Data public records and tax tools.
(Dates are subject to change.)

Once training is completed, the two systems will continue to run in parallel.

Around 12-Noon, on Friday, March 22: The final cutover process will begin. At that point, listing changes and new listing entry will be blocked on Lincoln's existing system until data entry is unlocked on the new system on Monday, March 25. (Dates are subject to change.)

On March 25: The final cutover will conclude and the Great Plains Regional MLS system will be operational with all listings from both markets. All listing input and listing changes will then be made in the Paragon system.
(Dates are subject to change.)

Following final cutover, users will no longer access Lincoln's existing system.

All agents can expect an email requesting they reauthorize their ACH auto-payments. This will be closer to the final cutover date.