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**“For generations of Americans, owning a home has been an essential element in achieving the American Dream.”**

*Homeownership Month Declaration*

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**National Home Ownership Month**

June was first proclaimed National Homeownership month in 2002. Continuing the tradition Trump has pledged his support for increasing the US homeownership rate. The proclamation says in part “Homeownership is often the foundation of security and prosperity for families and communities and an enduring symbol of American freedom. This month, we recommit to ensuring that hard-working Americans enjoy a fair chance at becoming homeowners.



**National Association of Realtors Mid-year Forecast**

On the positive side Lawrence Yun, chief economist for NAR, says “The housing market has exceeded expectations ever since the election, despite depressed inventory and higher mortgage rates. The combination of the stock market being at record highs, 16 million new jobs created since 2010, pent-up household formation and rising consumer confidence are giving more households the assurance and ability to purchase a home.” Good news indeed.

On the other hand inventory shortage is particularly problematical.

**Walking Trails**



Homebuyers now prefer to live near trail networks and shared gardens rather than golf courses. Millennials are said to be leading the hike, seeking to interact with other people in natural environments. Good news. Not surprising to me. When you spend most of your working life in an office setting, the outdoor time is precious.