

Dear Stewart Partners,

As we head into the last two weeks of the year, we want to wish all of you a wonderful holiday and happy New Year!

In this week's update we have included the upcoming office holiday closures for the next two weeks. We also are highlighting something we are proud of here at Stewart. Recently, Stewart's Community Service Awards Program has been awarded as one of the Best New Social Responsibility (CSR) programs of the Year. To learn more, read below. Lastly, for those of you who are ALTA members, there is an upcoming webinar on Monday, January 23 that will discuss the 2023 Mortgage and Housing Market Outlook. Sign up information can be found below.



Stewart's Office Closures for the Christmas and New Year Holiday

Stewart offices throughout New England will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2022 for observance of the Christmas holiday. Further, our offices will also be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023, in observance of the New Year.

Both the Massachusetts Registries of Deeds and the Rhode Island Municipal Recording Offices will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2022. Several Rhode Island Municipal Recording Offices will also be closed or close early on Friday, December 23, 2022.



Stewart Gives Back to Our Communities

Stewart is very excited and proud to have been named a silver winner in the "Best New Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Program of the Year." The Best in Biz Awards is an independent business awards program judged each year by prominent editors and reporters from top-tier publications in North America. Stewart's Community Service Awards (CSA) program recognizes the generous actions of Stewart's U.S. employees with a donation to organizations of their choice, further supporting individual and team efforts within local communities. Since the program's inception, more than 1,000 charities, foundations and other non-profits across the U.S. have received a CSA donation in support of causes that include hunger and poverty; education and children; human rights and social justice; and many more. A number of local organizations throughout New England, which our Stewart team in New England support, have received donations through this program. We couldn't be more proud to have Stewart recognized in this way.



ALTA Insights Webinar: 2023 Mortgage and Housing Market Outlook

Date: Monday, January 23, 2023

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

The latest residential lending and home sales forecasts are not very favorable. Total mortgage origination volume is predicted to decline, and existing home sales are predicted to decrease in 2023 as compared to 2022. In this ALTA Insights Webinar, you will learn how future actions by the Federal Reserve to tame inflation and ongoing affordability challenges will impact the housing market so you can best prepare your operation over the next year.

ALTA membership is required to register for this webinar. To access the registration, follow this link: <u>Alta Insights Webinar Registration</u>



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