

# MLS NEWS & NOTES

## **ActiveKEYs get an upgrade**

All ActiveKEYs were recently upgraded with a new version of firmware. The update occurred wirelessly during the night and included several improvements relating to battery and key performance.

**Battery Performance:** several changes were made to improve this. The ActiveKEY battery is designed to provide 3 days of use on a full charge. In certain situations, they may need to try several times to contact the network to send or receive a message. This has the effect of being similar to a long cell phone call, which increases battery usage. The new firmware better manages communications to prevent unnecessary battery usage.

**Battery Meter:** a new style battery meter has replaced the existing meter. Instead of a specific number and percent sign to indicate remaining battery life, the new meter will utilize a bar-graph style meter (similar to what most cell phones utilize). The battery meter will display four bars for a full charge. When the battery is nearly drained, the key will display "Low Battery" when it is turned ON, and the battery meter will show no bars.

**Auto-Reset:** this new feature will automatically reset the ActiveKEY if the key is unable to send or receive messages. This also improves battery performance and eliminates the need for the ActiveKEY to be reprogrammed in the event of an error with the key.

In addition to the key features listed above, the groundwork for a new Alert feature is being installed. When all programming on this is complete, ActiveKEY users will be able to send a pre-defined email messages to a select contact list directly from their ActiveKEY. The email messages and contact lists will be managed through KIMweb. More information on this as it becomes available!

## **NEW! Courtesy Notice on Expiring Listings**


A courtesy notice email will now be sent 14 days and again 7 days prior to a listing expiring in the MLS. This email will be sent to both Listing Agent and the Broker In Charge. Make sure your email address is correct in the MLS to take advantage of this new feature!



## **Financing Added to Standard Search**

Are you curious how many listing have sold so far this year for cash?

A new field, Financing, has been added to the bottom of the Standard Search screen that will give you these results!

**Use the FINANCING field to search SOLD listings based on their type of financing.**

Be sure to select the SOLD status! Click the  button and select one or more financing code(s).

<input type="checkbox"/> ? Total Sq Ft (approx sq ft)	<input type="text"/>	Thru	<input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Include 0 SqFt
<input type="checkbox"/> ? Lot Size (approx)	<input type="text"/>	Thru	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Include 0 Acres <input type="radio"/> SqFt <input checked="" type="radio"/> Acres
<input type="checkbox"/> ? Bedrooms	<input type="text"/>	Thru	<input type="text"/>	
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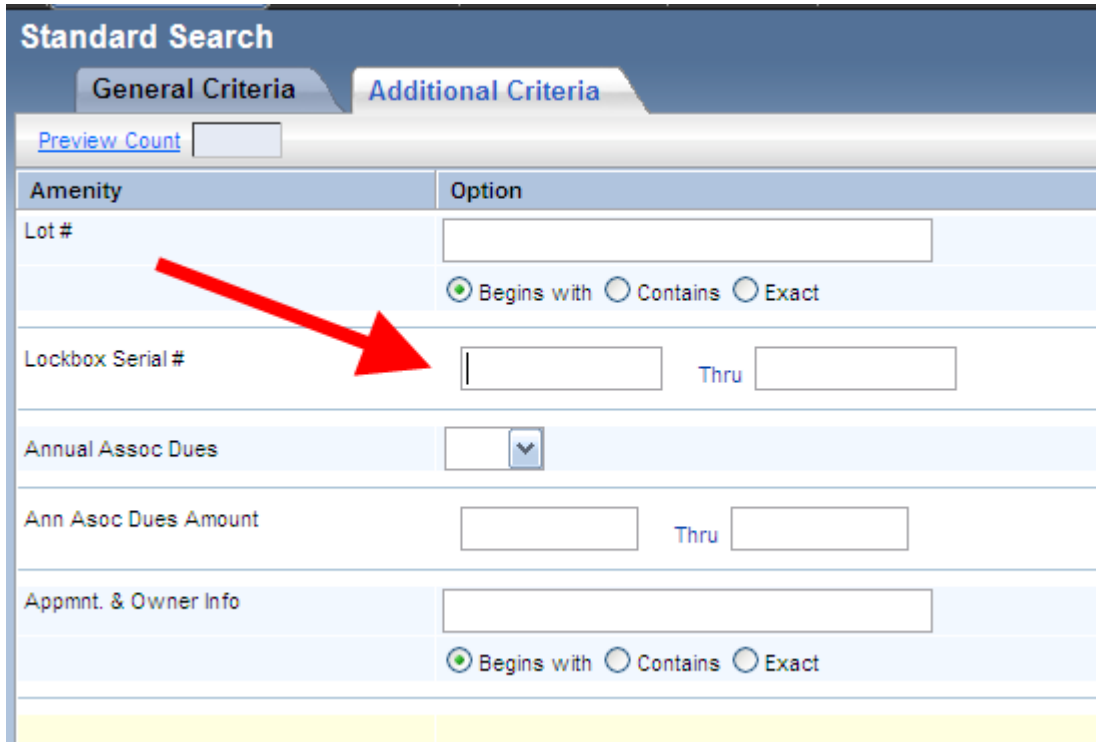
## **Where are YOU now?**

Has your home address changed recently? Did you remember to let the Association Office know or make the change on IMS? It is important that you let us know when there is a change to your home address, cell phone, email, etc. The National Association of REALTORS® does a Data Quality Assessment several times a year to verify all members' information and requires us to update any errors they find. To make sure your information is correct, login to the IMS site ([click here](#) to login). You can view and make changes to your information on file.

## Search the MLS by Lockbox Serial #

Several office staff support have contacted the Association in the past and asked for a way to search the MLS by lockbox serial #. This is NOW available!

When using a Standard Search, go to the Additional Criteria tab and look for Lock Box Serial numbers at the top!



The screenshot shows the 'Standard Search' interface with the 'Additional Criteria' tab selected. A red arrow points to the 'Lockbox Serial #' field, which consists of two input boxes separated by the word 'Thru'. Below this field are radio buttons for search options: 'Begins with' (selected), 'Contains', and 'Exact'. Other search criteria visible include 'Lot #', 'Annual Assoc Dues', 'Ann Assoc Dues Amount', and 'Appmnt. & Owner Info'.

To use this search, you must enter 2 lockbox serial numbers – one in the “from” box and one in the “thru” box. If the lockbox you are looking for is Serial Number 28092824, enter that in the first box and enter a number **one** greater in the thru box, 28092825.

Lockbox Serial #  Thru

To search for a lockbox assigned to your office – use a Standard Search, enter your listing Office ID, select Single Family, select all statuses, and go to Additional Criteria and enter two lockbox serial numbers as described above.

To search the entire MLS for a lockbox – use a Standard Search, select Single Family, select all statuses, go to price and enter 99,999,000 as the thru price, and go to Additional Criteria and enter two lockbox serial numbers as described above. (The reason you need a price to search the entire MLS is because of the minimum criteria guidelines for searching. If you do not enter a price, you will get the error that “the criteria selected does not meet the minimum guidelines”. By entering a price, it fulfills the system requirements for searching!

### **BlackBerry for eKey... update**

Development is progressing well in the programming for BlackBerry devices and this will be available by the end of the year. The BlackBerry devices that will be approved for eKey will be BlackBerry Pearl, BlackBerry Curve and the BlackBerry 8800 series (such as the Verizon 8830 or the T-Mobile 8820). Because BlackBerry does not have infrared, eKey for BlackBerry will use a small Bluetooth to Infrared converter. It will function much like a Bluetooth headset.

### **Palm Centro (available from Verizon) now approved eKey device**

The Palm Centro from Verizon has been added to the certified devices list and can now be used as an eKey. In support of the Centro, Palm has put together a great rebate offer just for real estate agents. When you purchase a Centro, you can get a free car charger and case. You do not have to be a current eKEY user to qualify. Just click [here](#) to get the details.

### **Showing Value and your dKey**

Did you know that you can receive showing notifications, send and receive showing feedback or send and receive reminders to leave feedback for a listing agent using the Supra KIMweb? Login to KIMweb and click on the Showing Value link on the left menu, then select Email settings. You can choose to receive an email notification whenever someone shows one of your listings or when you've received feedback on a listing. You can also choose to receive a reminder to leave feedback for listings that you've shown. ShowingValue also lets you create custom showing reports for you or your clients. Just make sure that your keyboxes are listed in your Keybox Inventory in KIM.