



La Porte County Association of REALTORS®

LPCAR



Monthly Newsletter

April 2026



Special General Membership Meeting

Mayor Tom Dermody - Microsoft Data Center Update

Representative Randy Novak - Indiana legislative Update

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m. CST

Place: La Porte City Hall

Program: La Porte Mayor Tom Dermody will be discussing the Microsoft Data Center & answering questions

Representative Randy Novak will be providing legislative updates from the state.



(please note: there is no luncheon for this special meeting)

For Reservations:

Please contact the Board office at 219-324-8120 or via email at lpicar@lpicar.comcastbiz.net no later than **Friday, April 10, 2026.**

You may also register online at:

<https://www.laportecountyrealtors.com/membershipmeetings>



Letter from the Board President

April is recognized as Fair Housing Month by the National Association of Realtors, commemorating the passage of the Fair Housing Act and reaffirming the commitment to equal housing opportunities for all. Members are encouraged to put these principles into practice by treating every client fairly and consistently, staying informed on fair housing laws, and actively working to eliminate bias in all aspects of their business.

We invite all members to a special meeting with Mayor Tom Dermody of LaPorte to discuss the Microsoft Data Center Project. This is a fantastic opportunity.

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Fair Housing Month: Fairhaven 2.0—Take the Challenge

Step into Fairhaven 2.0—NAR’s dynamic online simulation where real estate professionals tackle fair housing challenges head-on. Through realistic scenarios, practical insights, and historical context, you’ll explore key topics like steering, bias, disability accommodations, and standing up for clients facing discrimination.

Fairhaven 2.0 is NAR's updated online tool that gives you a 360° view of fair housing. The update to NAR's popular fairhaven simulation, Fairhaven 2.0, offers new eye-opening historical context, realistic scenarios, thought-provoking stories, award-winning videos, increased interactivity, and takeaways you can apply to your business. And it's a convenient way for REALTORS® to fulfill NAR's fair housing training requirement.

This course helps ensure that your business practices comply with the letter and spirit of federal, state, and local law, as well as the Realtor Code of Ethics. Your fair housing skills start here!



Take the Challenge! Your Association is challenging all of you to take the challenge for Fair Housing.

Complete the Fairhaven course between April 1, 2026 and April 30, 2026. Let’s see how many members will complete Fairhaven 2.0 during the month of April. When you complete the simulation you are even able to download your Recognition of Completion from the website (see example below).

Remember—this course does satisfy the NAR requirement: REALTORS® are required to complete Fair Housing / Anti-Bias Training upon becoming a member, and every 3 years

thereafter, coinciding with the Code of Ethics training timeline. This requirement is in addition to the Code of Ethics training. Qualified training must be of not less than 2 hours of instructional time. The training must meet specific learning objectives and criteria established by the National Association of REALTORS®. This requirement began January 1, 2025 with a deadline of December 31, 2027 for cycle 8.



LaPorte County Association of REALTORS Golf Outing

Friday, May 29, 2026

Whispering Pines **Golf Course**, Walkerton

Registration @8:30 AM Shot Gun Start @ 10:00am
Central Standard Time

\$400 per team

If registered & paid on or before May 8, 2026.

\$460 per team after May 8, 2026!

Registration Deadline: May 15, 2026

Each Golfer Receives:

18 Holes of Golf with Cart, Lunch

**\$150 Hole Sponsor: Includes
Lunch for 2, and Sign**

**Beverage Cart Sponsorships
Available! Please contact any
of the golf committee for more
information**

4-Person Scramble

(20 Team Limit)

1st Place Team Award

2nd Place Team Award

Duffer Prize

HOLE IN 1 AND LONG PUTT

CHALLENGES

LONGEST DRIVE PRIZES

CLOSEST TO PIN PRIZES

Committee Co-Chairs:

Brad Anderson: 219-369-3330

Gary Jones: 219-363-9496

Brad Ellett: 574-315-7010

**Gary Jones: Team Registration and all payments,
Brad Ellett: Hole Sponsor Registration**

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219-324-8120

lpcar@lpcar.comcastbiz.net

**Make checks payable to LPCAR. Team Registration and payment information
- please contact Gary Jones 219-363-9496 / jonesrealtor@yahoo.com**

Team Name: _____ Contact Name: _____ Contact # : _____

Player #1 : _____ Player #3 : _____

Player #2 : _____ Player #4 : _____



LaPorte County Association of Realtors Golf Outing

2026 Hole Sponsorship



Company

Name: _____

(How will sponsor sign read)

Contact: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Paid: _____ (\$150 for Hole Sponsor)

Attending Lunch: Yes _____

No _____



Make Checks payable to: LPCAR
All entries & payments to Gary Jones
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2026 Scholarship Information

LPCAR is pleased to offer Scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each, to area students who plan on pursuing further education after graduation or are currently attending a college or trade school and who are related to a REALTOR or Affiliate member of LPCAR. There will be **4 (four)** Scholarships available. Three will be available to any student related to an LPCAR member—REALTOR or Affiliate member, and one scholarship is available with the same criteria but with one additional requirement—the family member must have served on the board of directors—either in the past or a current board member. This is our Board of Director Service Scholarship! Eligible applicants may apply to both scholarships but may only be selected for one.



This award will be given to a person demonstrating outstanding community involvement who is planning to pursue further education through an accredited college, university, or trade school or are currently attending college or a trade school.

Scholarship FAQs

1. **What is the eligibility criteria for the Scholarship?** To be eligible the student must be pursuing further education after graduation or must be currently enrolled in a college or trade school. Students must also be related to an LPCAR member—Affiliate of REALTOR—who is in active and in good standing. For our Board of Director Service Scholarship, the student must be related to a member who has served on the LPCAR board of directors—past or current and is a member in good standing.
2. **How does my student apply for the scholarship?** Applications are available for download on our website. Please make sure to provide the application to eligible students.
3. **What is the deadline for application submission?** The deadline to submit the application is April 30, 2026.
4. **How much money is awarded through the scholarship?** For 2026 each recipient will receive \$1000 for their further education costs.
5. **How many scholarships are awarded each year?** In 2026 there will be 4 (four) Scholarships available.
6. **How do I submit the application?** [Two copies must be sent to the board office via mail or may also be dropped off at the board office. \(please contact the office for drop off times/info\)](#)

The deadline for this year is **April 30, 2026**. Please make sure your student applies as soon as possible. The application also requires an essay of 200 words or less explaining why the scholarship should be awarded. Any application received without the essay will not be considered during the selection process. It is important for the student to complete all parts of the application

Please download the application and have your student complete and send the form back by the deadline. Students of family members of LPCAR are eligible for this scholarship so we encourage them to apply as soon as possible.

Mark Your Calendar!

Please mark your calendar for our upcoming CE Classes and Events !

April 9, 2026 - Hacienda Give Back in Michigan City

April 14, 2026 - Special Membership Meeting at City Hall with Mayor Tom Dermody and Representative Randy Novak

April 22, 2026—Buffalo Wild Wings Giveback in La Porte for the Deserving Children Charity

April 26, 2026—Food drive Paddle Auction at Silver Palace

May 12, 2026 - CE with Tim Reed via Zoom. Course: Sewer Lines & Scopes for Real Estate Transac-

tions - 2 CE Hours

May 20, 2026—Buffalo Wild Wings Giveback in Michigan City

June 1-2, 2026 - IAR Summer Summit in **South Bend, Indiana** Registration is now open: <https://indianarealtors.com/events/summer-summit/>

June 9, 2026—General membership meeting/Affiliate Expo/Scholarship Presentation at Silver Palace in La Porte. CE with Tim Reed - Course: Understanding Contingencies—2 CE Hours

June 17, 2026—Culver's Give Back (La Porte Location)

Member Benefit



FOREWARN®

FOREWARN is a revolutionary application that allows agents to have instant due diligence on prospects. In seconds, with as little information as a phone number or name, LPCAR members can verify a prospect's identity, criminal records, bankruptcies, liens, judgments, address history and property records (state laws vary) all in one place, leading to safer and more productive interactions.



This is not only critical for your personal safety and efficiency, but also a benefit to your listing homeowners, providing an added layer of protection for their homes and families through your vetting of prospective buyers. Haven't set up your account yet? Please contact the board office for more information at 219-324-8120.

Letter from Board President—Continued

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ty to learn more about the project and ask questions directly to the mayor. RSVP Online on our website:

Special General Membership Meeting

- Date: April 14th
- Time: 11:00 AM
- Location: City Hall/LP

Get ready for a fun event! We're hosting a Quarter Auction to support our food drive. It's always a blast, and we're still looking for donations. If you have anything

you'd like to contribute or need more information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Save the Date

Date: April 26th

Location: Silver Palace in LP

Don't forget to get your golf teams together for our golf outing on May 29th at Whispering Pines. Please Contact Gary Jones for team registration and payment.

Julie Wagner
2026 Board President



Eat Wings, Raise Funds



**LAPORTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS
DESERVING CHILDREN CHARITY**

Wednesday, April 22

5-9PM

Dine-in & Carryout

LaPorte Buffalo Wild Wings® will donate 10%
of food sales back to your Organization.

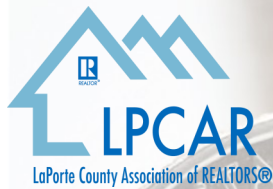
(Not valid on web or third-party delivery orders.

Not including tax, gratuity, alcohol or promotional discounts).



**BUFFALO
WILD
WINGS**





LaPorte County Association of REALTORS Food Drive Fundraiser Quarter Paddle Auction

For Tickets Contact

Amy Blind 219- 608-4213 Randi Webber 219-246-1672
Robin Umphrey: 219-363-9330 Laura Robbins 219-346-3399

April 26, 2026

**Doors Open at Noon
Auction begins at 1pm**

**\$5 entry fee
includes 1 paddle**

***Ask about our limited
VIP tables***

VIP Tables are all sold out at this time.



Location:

Silver Palace

**1719 State St Suite C
LaPorte, IN 46350**

**Additional paddles
available for
purchase for \$5**

**All proceeds will go directly to
our 2026 LPCAR Annual Food
Drive Campaign**

- Ticket needed to enter
- Plenty of Parking
- Cash Bar
- Food available for purchase

What to bring:

- ✓ Money to buy a paddle
- ✓ Money to buy food
- ✓ Quarters for bidding
- ✓ Friends and Neighbors
- ✓ Desire to have fun!

The La Porte County Association of REALTORS is a 501(c)6 not-for-profit membership organization.

La Porte County Association of REALTORS Deserving Children Charity Giveback Fundraiser

April 9, 2026

Hacienda Restaurant
2148 N Karwick Rd, Michigan
City, IN 46360

Must show token to server to receive giveback credit.
Gift cards purchased are eligible for the giveback - great
time to stock up!!

**A PORTION OF YOUR TOTAL BILL
WILL BE DONATED BACK!
PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE
DESERVING CHILDREN'S CHARITY
FUND**



Group: La Porte County Deserving Children Charity
Date: April 9, 2026
Location: Michigan City Hacienda
2148 N Karwick Rd, Michigan City 46360

You must receive this token from your organization prior to your event. Distribution of this token on Hacienda property will disqualify the organization from receiving any proceeds.

Don't have time to eat out? Pick up a Hacienda gift card or Fiesta-To-Go order. They count towards the fundraiser.

Restaurant Phone Number 219-879-4404

GIFT CARDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR
YOUR PURCHASE WITH THIS TOKEN



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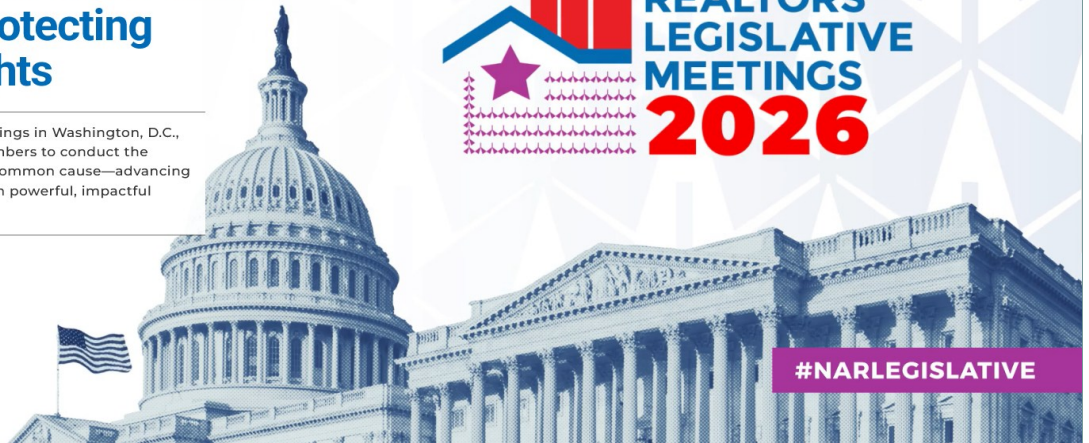
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NAR Legislative Meetings in Washing DC

Promoting Pro-Real Estate Policies & Protecting Property Rights

The REALTORS® Legislative Meetings in Washington, D.C., bring together thousands of members to conduct the business of NAR and unite for a common cause—advancing the real estate profession through powerful, impactful policy advocacy.



Washington, DC • June 13 – 18, 2026 • Walter E. Washington Convention Center

Registration opens March 11, 2026 at 12 noon CST. Visit: <https://legislative.realtor/> to register

Buyer Agency Violations

The State is beginning to hear reports of potential violations related to Buyer Agency practices in Indiana, and it is important to reinforce the legal requirements now in effect. As a reminder, under Indiana law (HEA 1068), effective July 1, 2024, real estate licensees must have a written Buyer Agency Agreement in place before providing agency services—including showing property or negotiating on behalf of a buyer.

These agreements must be in writing, include a definite expiration date, and a copy must be provided to the buyer within three business days. In addition, MLS rules implemented in connection with the 2024 NAR settlement require that buyer representation agreements be executed prior to touring homes and clearly disclose compensation terms. Failure to properly secure a signed agreement before engaging in these activities shall place a licensee in violation of both Indiana law and applicable MLS rules, creating potential legal and professional risk.

Source: Indiana Association of REALTORS

Membership Update

Please help us welcome our newest LPCAR members.

Derek Johnson—Coldwell Banker 1st Choice

Managing Brokers—please remember to notify

the board office with any changes at 219-324-8120 or via email: lpicar@lpcar.comcastbiz.net

New members are invited to attend their first general membership meeting on us to be inducted and meet your colleagues. Please contact the board office for more information.



RPAC: Your Best Investment in Real Estate

Since 1969, the REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC) has promoted the election of pro-REALTOR® candidates across the United States. The purpose of RPAC is clear: REALTORS® raise and spend money to elect candidates who understand and support their interests. The money to accomplish this comes from voluntary contributions made by REALTORS®. These are not members' dues; this is money given freely by REALTORS® in recognition of how important campaign fundraising is to the political process. RPAC doesn't buy votes. RPAC enables REALTORS® to support candidates that support the issues that are important to their profession and livelihood.



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April 2026

Fair Housing Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Board Office Hours will vary. Please call ahead to make an appointment for any in-person office visits.</i>			1	2	3	4
					Office Closed	
5	6 Board of Director Meeting at 11:30 a.m.	7	8	9 Hacienda GiveBack	10	11
			Board office Closed April 8-14, 2026			
12	13	14 April Membership Meeting @City Hall 11:00 a.m.	15	16	17	18
	Board office Closed April 8-14, 2026					
19	20	21	22 BDubs LP GiveBack	23	24	25
26 Food Drive Quarter Paddle Auction at Silver Palace	27	28	29	30		