



La Porte County Association of REALTORS®



Monthly Newsletter

December 2023



## General Membership Meeting

### Membership Meeting & CE with Tim Reed

Date: **Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

Time: **11:30 am CST**

Place: **Portofino Grill In La Porte**

Cost: **\$15 w/reservations: \$17 for walkins**

Course: **Antitrust—2 CE Hours**

2 CE Hours for all Indiana Brokers! CE will follow our membership meeting. CE free of charge for all LPCAR members. \$20 for non-members.

CE Attendees must register online at:

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

For meeting only reservations: Please contact the board office no later than Friday, December 8, 2023 at 219-324-8120 or via email.

Never Miss a meeting or CE announcement! Join our email list at: <http://eepurl.com/cEb4pf>



## Letter from the Board President

Happy December,

I would like to take this time to wish everyone of you a wonderful Holiday season. I hope you are able to spend some time with your love ones during this time.

There is a lot going on this month. We have the shopping portion of the Deserving Children Charity taking place this month. The auction this year was a great success. Thanks to all of you. I have to say it is great working with such a great group of people during this event. Thank you to all that volunteered and donated. We could

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### LPCAR RING DAY-DECEMBER 6, 2023: 10 A.M. UNTIL 2 P.M.



**MAKE  
CHANGE  
HAPPEN**

Join us for our "REALTOR Ring Day" on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 and help our community raise funds for the Salvation Army.

To sign up please contact Randy Novak at [randallnovak@comcast.net](mailto:randallnovak@comcast.net)

Locations: Kroger in La Porte (exit door) and Al's Karwick in Michigan City. Shifts are one hour in length and we encourage everyone to ring with a partner!

You may also contact the Board Office if interested.



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## Deserving Children's Charity Auction - Thank you from the committee

Your Auction Committee would like to thank each and every one of you that helped make this year's auction a success.

We are please to announce that approximately **\$56,000** was raised on the night of the auction. This money will be used to take approximately 700 kids

shopping this month for need-ed items such as hats, coats, gloves, boots and even some toys for the holiday.

We are so grateful to be able to help our community in this special way. It is heartwarming to see these kids have a better holiday season.

Interested in helping with next year's Charity Committee? Please contact President Elect Samantha Greenwood to have your name added to the committee.

Thanks to everyone!

### 2023 Deserving Children's Charity Auction Photos!





## Membership Update

Please help us welcome our newest LPCAR members.

### Melissa Serna—DogTag Septic Services

*Managing Brokers—please remember to notify the board of-fice with any changes at 219-324*

*-8120 or via email:*

*lpcar@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 at 219-324-8120.*

## Letter from Board President—Continued

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not do this without you.. Hats off to all of you.

The association is hosting a general membership meeting and CE on **December 12th** at Portofino's at 11:30 With Tim Reed. This month's subject is Anti-Trust. I am sure Tim will have a great perspective on this issue with all that is going on in our industry at this time. We hope to see all of you there. Be sure to sign up on the website.

Please remember to pay your 2024 dues. They were due by November 30th with a grace period that runs through December 15, 2023!

There is a Culvers Give Back on **December 6th** at LaPorte Culvers. Be sure to stop by for lunch or dinner . You will need to remind the cashier to drop your receipt into the charity bucket so that the charity gets credit for you visiting. The charity get 10% back that goes toward the Deserving Children Charity for you visiting that day. The charity is grateful for such great partners that help in the charity's effort to raise money.

Well to rap up I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Tommy Sunn*

*2023 LPCAR Board President*

## 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.



## La Porte County Association of REALTORS

### 2023 Affiliate of the Year Nomination Form

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe how this affiliate member has demonstrated their support for the La Porte County Association of REALTORS during the 2023 Year.

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List any LPCAR Committees and/or other community service involvement

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(Please include a photo if available)

Submitted by (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the Board Office no later than **January 21, 2024!**

Forms may be faxed to: 219-324-9323

or mailed to:

La Porte County Association of REALTORS, Inc.

P.O. Box 248 La Porte, Indiana 46352

Or via Email: [lpcar@frontier.com](mailto:lpcar@frontier.com)



## 2024 Association Dues and payments

The 2024 billing cycle is here! All REALTOR members can access their invoice and pay their dues online at **www.nar.realtor**. Log in is required so please make sure you are able to access your account.

Online payment allows members to pay invoices directly online with a credit card or electronic check. The system automatically adds late fees and other charges to the online invoice, and does not allow members to make a mistake or pay the wrong amount. Reducing the chance of member error saves time and resources on dues collection each year. When

members log in and pull up their invoices, they will see an option to "pay invoice". Members may then pay their dues, print a copy of the invoice and also download the invoice. The system validates payments in real time and sends the association a report confirming the payment.

This feature saves associations the hassle of tracking down members because of an incorrect credit card number or expired card, along with saving them from entering the credit card information in the first place.

Accepted cards include MasterCard, Visa and Amex,, or you have the option to pay with an electronic check. Should you chose this option you will be prompted to enter

your information from your drivers license as seen in this photo. On the next screen you will enter your check number and ALL numbers located at the bottom of your check, as shown in the photo. You must enter all numbers including the check number!

We would like to thank everyone for paying their dues in a timely manner. Once you have paid you have an option to print out a receipt for your records. Payments are fast and easy using this system and there are no checks lost in the mail. Remember that the deadline to submit your dues was **November 30, 2023** with a grace period through **December 15, 2023!** **After this date a \$100 late fee will be automatically applied to your invoice. To date less than half of our membership have submitted their 2024 dues!**

If you are experiencing issues access your account please contact the board office for assistance.

Please print a copy of your invoice and receipt for your records. You may view all disclaimers once you have accessed your invoice.

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LaPorte County Association of REALTORS®

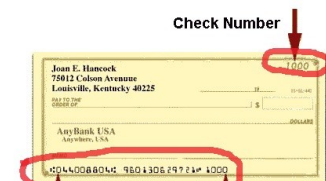
**SAMPLE**

My Invoice

Bill to:

BILLING NAME	DUE DATE	OUTSTANDING BALANCE	CURRENT PAYMENT	LATE FEE	TOTAL PAYMENT	OPTION TO PAY
Indiana Association Dues		\$254.00	\$ 254.00	\$0.00	\$254.00	Annual
LPCAR DUES	11/30/2021	\$236.00	\$ 236.00	\$0.00	\$236.00	Annual
NAR Consumer Advertising Campaign Assessment		\$35.00	\$ 35.00	\$0.00	\$35.00	Annual
National Association of REALTORS Annual Fee		\$150.00	\$ 150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	Annual
					<b>Total:</b>	\$675.00
					<b>Total Discount:</b>	\$0.00

\*Checks from (1) \$0.01 to \$50.00 = \$25.00 fee; (2) \$50.01 to \$100.00 = \$50.00 fee; (3) \$100.01 and over = the greater of \$40.00 fee or 5% of the face amount of the check.  
#Amount stated or 5% of the face amount of the check, whichever is greater.



**MICR Number**

Please enter your check number. Record this check in your records as a used check. Do not reuse this check number or use this actual check for another purchase or payment.

Check Number:  **ENTER CHECK NUMBER**

Please enter the bank numbers that appear at the bottom of your check. Enter the entire set of numbers in the order they appear on your check. Enter only the numbers with no intervening spaces or punctuation characters.

Bank (MICR) Number:  **ENTER ENTIRE LINE OF NUMBERS INCLUDING CHECK NUMBER**

[I Authorize this Transaction](#) | [Cancel](#)

# DONATE WHILE *You Dine!*

Visit the Culver's of La Porte on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, and we will donate 10% of net sales to Deserving Children Shopping Tour.

Enjoy a delicious meal, benefit a great cause and feel good all over.

Please make sure to let your cashier know you are here for the kickback!



Come on in to your local Culver's restaurant:

Culver's of La Porte

233 Pine Lake Ave

La Porte, IN 46350

Join *my* Culver's for a BOGO Value Basket!

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## Mark Your Calendar! January Installation of 2024 Officers and Directors

The 2024 Installation of Board Officers and Directors will take place on January 12, 2024 at 11:30 am CST at Portofino Grill in La Porte. 2024 IAR President Jennifer Parham will be our guest and conduct the installation. She will also provide updates from the State Association and what we can look forward to in 2024!! Reservations will open toward the end of the month.

Start your 2024 year with the first meeting of the year!



### 2023 Deserving Children Shopping Events

Now that funds have been raised, the important task of taking kids shopping takes place in December. Shopping for La Porte will be held on December 5, 2023 and shopping for Michigan City will be held on December 6, 2023. For those of you that have signed up, please make sure to arrive on time. For more information about shopping or to volunteer, please contact Robin Umphrey/219-363-9330 or Allison Dent/630-967-8773.

## Coming in 2024! LPCAR Annual Golf Outing

**June 7, 2024**

**BriarLeaf Golf Course in La Porte**

**Save The Date!**

### Stay Safe This Winter!

Make sure your vehicle has a good quality set of snow tires with studs to keep from going off the road and getting stuck where AAA will not go. Also, make sure you have a full tank of gas.

Daylight is short during the winter months so plan accordingly.

When out on showings make sure to carry emergency essentials such as boots, blankets, Consider having a good quality snow shovel, tow rope, LED flash light and battery jump starter as part of your arsenal as well.



### Code of Ethics Reminder

REALTORS® are required to complete ethics training of not less than **2 hours, 30 min.** of instructional time within a [three-year cycle](#). The training must meet specific learning objectives and criteria established by the National Association of REALTORS®.

Any course taken through our association, through another REALTOR association (local or State) or through NAR are automatically approved. However, if you choose to take the course from a third-party provider, please make sure this course will be approved by contacting our office.

Current cycle runs from 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024. Please send a copy of your certificate of completion to the office so we may update your record with NAR.



## 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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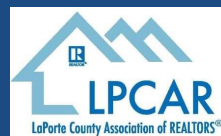
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