

LPCAR Newsletter



Letter from the Board President

LPCAR Self Defense Session—September 9, 2026

Back by popular demand is our LPCAR Self-Defense Session in September. Get ready for a hands-on Session on **September 6, 2026**. This session will take place at the **MAAC Foundation** in Valparaiso. Registration is open but is limited so please register early! (Current class size limited to 30 students) Attendees will receive 4 CE hours, a light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Check in begins at 8:00 a.m. and session will run through 1:15 p.m. **Please note—You may join us as an observer! Learn the techniques from the sidelines and watch the demonstrations.**

This session is free of charge to all LPCAR members as part of your member benefits. REALTORS and Affiliates—learn how to defend against possible threats and be prepared!

To register visit: <https://www.laportecountyrealtors.com/membershipmeetings>

Attendees—please wear comfortable clothes and closed-toe shoes for the session if participating in the session.

No Show Policy: Registered students who do not show up for the session and do not cancel at least 24 hours prior, will be charged the \$25 Student fee!

Can you believe it's already August?

We have several great events coming up, so be sure to mark your calendars!

August 18 | 5:00–8:00 PM

Gift Back Night for Deserving Children Charity at Archie's in La Porte. Join us for dinner and support a wonderful cause! Dine in or carry out, and don't forget—you can also purchase gift cards, and those purchases will count toward the event.

August 30–31

Indiana Association of REALTORS® Fall Conference – Indianapolis

This is a fantastic opportunity to network with agents from across Indiana, attend educational sessions, and learn new ideas to help grow your business. If you've

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Registration is OPEN!

SELF-DEFENSE SESSION

FREE SESSION

Emergency Services Training/MAAC Foundation, Inc.
4203 Montdale Park Drive
Valparaiso, Indiana 46383

Registration is open! - Class size is limited!!

Attendees will earn 4 CE Hours with Instructor Tim Reed

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided to all attendees

Learn safety tips, hands-on defense techniques, and how to keep safe during the year

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026
8:00 A.M. TO 1:15 P.M. CST

Hosted by: La Porte County Association of REALTORS

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Deserving Children Charity Give Back at Archie's Restaurant in La Porte



Deserving Children's Charity Fundraiser



August 18, 2026



5-8 p.m.



**Archie's Restaurant
104 North Street
La Porte, IN 46350**



Dine-in or Carry Out
*Gift Card purchases
are eligible*



Dine and Donate!



Enjoy some good food and help our charity.
Archie's will donate 15% back of your purchase
to our charity!

Thank you for supporting the Deserving Children's Charity
La Porte County Association of REALTORS

2027 Election of Officers and Directors

The Association is now seeking candidates for the election of Officers and Directors for 2026. The following positions are available for the October election:

- President-Elect:** one year term, automatically ascends to the position of President the following year. (President has the option to serve as immediate past president following their term as president)
- Secretary:** one year term - one position available
- Local Director:** two year term—one position available



(Treasurer Tommy Sunn has one year left for his term. Gary Jones and Tracey Cummins have one year left for their terms as local directors. Randi Webber has one year left for her term as Affiliate Director)

If you would like to submit your name as a candidate, please contact the board office at 219-324-8120 or via email at lpcar@lpcar.comcastbiz.net. The deadline to submit your name for candidacy is **August 20, 2026**

Board of directors ensure that our association runs efficiently and serves the best interests of our members. This includes: attending and participating in meetings and communications to the best of their ability to be present, maintain confidentiality with respect to the board's meetings, promote the goals and interests of the association, and to place the best interests of the association above any personal interests. Please contact the board office with any questions.

The banner features a background image of Earth from space. On the left is the "REALTOR PARTY" logo, and on the right is the "LPCAR" logo with the text "LaPorte County Association of REALTORS®" below it. The main text in the center reads: "La Porte County Association of REALTORS", "Bid for the Future - 2026 RPAC Online Auction", "Opens September 18, 2026 at 12 noon CST", "Closes September 25, 2026 at 8 p.m. CST", and the URL "https://lpcar.muradbid.com". At the bottom, there is a disclaimer about contributions to RPAC being non-deductible and used for political purposes. The banner is decorated with "BID" signs at the bottom corners.

REALTOR PARTY

La Porte County Association of REALTORS

Bid for the Future - 2026 RPAC Online Auction

Opens September 18, 2026 at 12 noon CST

Closes September 25, 2026 at 8 p.m. CST

<https://lpcar.muradbid.com>

Contributions to RPAC are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Contributions are voluntary and are used for political purposes. The amount indicated are merely guidelines and you may contribute more or less than the suggested amounts. The National Association of REALTORS® and its state and local associations will not favor or disadvantage any member because of the amount contributed or a decision not to contribute. You may refuse to contribute without reprisal. Your contribution is split between National RPAC and IAR in Indiana. Contact IAR for information about the percentages of your contribution provided to the National RPAC and Indiana RPAC. The National RPAC portion is used to support federal candidates and is charged against your limits under 52 U.S.C. 30116. Indiana RPAC also accepts corporate contributions, of which a percentage determined by IAR may be eligible for and provided to NAR's Political Advocacy Fund.



Deserving Children Charity Event-Bingo Night Super Bingo Package Presales

The Bingo Night Fundraising Event will take place on **October 15, 2026** at the VFW in La Porte. **Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and bingo begins at 6:00 p.m.**

Super Bingo Packages are available for preorder/prepurchase. Packages are \$50 each and include the following:

- All Bingo Event Games
- Free Bingo Dauber
- Late Night Food Bite Snacks *(please note: drinks are not included in the package)*

Packages available for purchase are limited!. To place an order for a package click on the following link: **<https://bit.ly/2026BingoOrderForm>**

Package purchase is not guaranteed until payment has been made. To pay via check please contact **Marina Klein** at **marinakleinre@gmail.com** or **219-246-7887**.

Credit Card Payments will be processed via our Square account. **A link for payment will be displayed during presale registration AND once you have submitted your order on your confirmation page.** *Packages not guaranteed until payment has been made.* Packages will be available for pick up at the VFW on **October 15, 2026**. If paying by check, please make checks payable to LPCAR Charity Fund. Due to the nature of this fundraiser, no refunds will be permitted.

Letter from Board President *(continued)*

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never attended, I highly encourage you to check it out!

September 9, 2026—Self-Defense Session at the MAAC Center in Valpo:

Join us for our Self-Defense Session and earn 4 CE hours! Join as a participant or observer! A light breakfast and lunch will be provided for all attendees. Registration is now open. Class size is limited so make sure to register early.

October 15, 2026 at the VFW- Bingo Fundraiser

Registration is now open! We hope you'll come out and join us for another fun event. We are also looking for donations for our auction. If you have an item or service you'd like to donate, please let us know—we truly appreciate your support.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events! Your involvement and support are always valued.

Julie Wagner
2026 LPCAR Board President

Please save the following dates:

August 18, 2026 - DCC Giveback at Archie's Restaurant in La Porte

August 24-25, 2026—NAR Leadership Summit in Chicago

August 31, 2026—IAR Fall Conference

September 9, 2026—Self-Defense Session at the MAAC Center

September 10, 2026—New Member Orientation Session

September 11, 2026— WCOE 96.7 Eagle Radio Roof Sit

September 24, 2026—DCC Giveback at Galveston Steak House/Michigan City

October 13, 2026—General Membership Meeting, Elections and Budget Presentation at the Silver Palace in La Porte

October 15, 2026- Bingo Night at the VFW!

November 13, 2026 - Charity Auction Night at the Orak Shrine (Michigan City)

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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.

2026 Charity Auction Committee Co-Chairs

Tommy Sunn
219-575-0881

Verna McAlister
219-380-9584

Table & Dinner Ticket Sales:

Whitney VanAsdall
219-608-1457

Board Office
219-324-8120



Deserving Children Charity Updates

We are Sold Out for our Table Reservations! Please contact **Whitney VanAsdall** to be added to a waitlist—we may be able to add a few additional tables! The auction will take place at the Orak on **November 13, 2026!** Tickets are \$60 per person or a table of 8 for \$480. *(\$500 if paying via Credit Card—please see notice from committee co-chairs).* **All Tables must be paid in advance.**

Auction Item Donations are needed to help make this event successful. Please contact any of the auction co-chairs if you are interested in donating items. Some ideas for donations include: Holiday Décor, Kid's Toys, Tech

items, Items for the home, etc.

Auction items may be dropped off at the following locations: Meridian Title (La Porte and Michigan City), Fidelity Title (Johnson Road) REMAX County Wide 1st, Blackrock Real Estate, McColly Real Estate, Metropolitan Title, or the Board Office.

Sponsor a child: if you wish to sponsor a child for the shopping event in December you may send a check to the board office, made payable to LPCAR Charity Fund in the amount of \$175, or any amount of your choice.

Tables marked in red "X" have been reserved.

Stage Auction items on displays

Dance Floor
Buffet dinner lines
(tables down after dinner)



Bathrooms

Bathrooms

Bar

Entrance

Bar



2026 LaPorte County Deserving Children Charity Auction and Shopping Tour SPONSORSHIP & DONATION REQUEST FORM



The Deserving Children Shopping Tour is a local charity where money is raised to take children of LaPorte County shopping for items such as hats, coats, boots and a toy for Christmas. One hundred percent (100%) of the money raised stays locally here in LaPorte County!

Last year, over 600 LaPorte County children benefited from this program!!

The LaPorte County Association of Realtors raises money throughout the year to fund this charity. As part of these efforts, the LaPorte County Realtors Association hosts the Deserving Children's Charity Auction.

Deserving Children's Charity Auction: This year's live auction will be held at the **Orak Shrine, Michigan City on November 13, 2026**. Tickets will be \$60.00 each; Table Reservations will be \$480 for 8 people (*\$500 for tables paid via credit card*). Ticket includes dinner and live auction.

Contact Whitney VanAsdall at: 219-608-1457 or wvanasdall@gmail.com for Table Reservations

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Items for our Auction are needed! To donate item(s) toward the Live Auction, donations can be dropped off Meridian Title, Fidelity Title, REMAX County Wide 1st, McColly Real Estate, Metropolitan Title, Blackrock and LPCAR Board Office or contact any LPCAR Committee Member for items needing to be picked up.

~ CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP DONATION LEVELS~

\$2500 PLATINUM SPONSOR INCLUDES: Table of 8 Live Auction dinner tickets. Recognition provided on table centerpieces at auction event, verbal recognition during live auction event and on overhead screen pre-auction, and business highlighted on LPCAR / Deserving Children's Auction social media pages leading up to the event.

\$2000 GOLD SPONSOR INCLUDES: 4 Live Auction dinner tickets. Recognition provided on table centerpieces at auction event, verbal recognition during live auction event and on overhead screen pre-auction, and business highlighted on LPCAR / Deserving Children's Auction social media pages leading up to the event.

\$1500 SILVER SPONSOR INCLUDES: 2 Live Auction dinner tickets. Recognition provided on table centerpieces at auction event, verbal recognition during live auction event and on overhead screen pre-auction, and business highlighted on LPCAR / Deserving Children's Auction social media pages leading up to the event.

_____: **"It's for the Kids" Sponsor:** Monetary Donation Only. Not interested in attending the Auction, but want to help? Write in your monetary donation amount here. We appreciate your support!

To make a donation, please contact a committee chair member:

Verna McAlister: 219-380-9584

Tommy Sunn: 219-575-0881

For Corporate Sponsors, please fill out the information below and send back to lpcar@lpcar.comcastbiz.net:

COMPANY NAME: _____ CONTACT: _____

COMPANY ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Please note: Sponsorships are open to everyone including real estate firms, affiliate firms and members of the public.

REGISTER TO VOTE – It's the best thing you can do for your business.

Now more than ever, REALTORS® voices need to be heard. **80%** of REALTORS® are registered to vote, but we can do better!



Join other REALTORS® and become an active participant in the political process . . . REGISTER TO VOTE.

The La Porte County Association of REALTORS

Would like to remind all of our members that it is never too early to verify if you are registered to vote or to update your voter registration information!

Have you recently moved since the last elections? Did you remember to update your voter registration? If you want to vote in the next election, you need to update your registration with your new address. Don't worry; changing your address is easy.

Indiana Voters can access the voter registration website to view registration, update information or view election results. You can access the website to change your address at **INDIANAVOTERS.IN.GOV.**

Voting is important. But to vote, you must be registered at your current address. So please update your voter registration today.



**Monday
August 31**

2026 IAR Fall Conference



IN THE ARENA

REGISTER
HERE:



IAR Fall Conference

Monday, August 31, 2026

Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis

8:00 a.m. –4:00 p.m.
(Eastern Standard Time)

Indiana Repertory Theater, Lvl 6

Leadership Academy Graduation

5:00 p.m. (EST)

Fall Awards & Reception Dinner

6:00 p.m. (EST)



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30	31 IAR Fall Conference					

The board office hours vary with in-person office visits by **appointment only!**

IAR AE Retreat and MLS Meetings/Indianapolis—
Office Closed

Board Office operating remotely—office closed for lockbox pickups, boxes may be picked up
Merrillville. Please plan accordingly

NAR Leadership Summit in Chicago—
Office Closed

Board office Closed—August 26-September 1, 2026

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