

LPCAR Newsletter



Letter from Board President

General Membership Meeting And Affiliate Fair!

**2027 Budget Presentation, Bylaw Amendment,
2027 LPCAR Elections and Affiliate Fair**

Date: October 13, 2026
Location: The Silver Palace, La Porte
Time: 11:00 a.m. CST
Cost: \$24 for lunch with reservations/\$26 without reservations
Program: 2027 Budget Presentation, 2027 Elections, Proposed Bylaw Amendment and Affiliate Fair!



RSVP

For Reservations: You may register online at <https://bit.ly/mtgLPCAR> or contact the office at 219-324-8120 or via email at lpcar@lpcar.comcastbiz.net no later than **Fri-day, October 9, 2026** Please have your check ready for our meeting, made payable to LPCAR. Sunshine Drawing Pricing: \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 7 tickets and may be included in your check!



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I would like to invite everyone to our **October 13th General Membership Meeting**, starting at **11:00 a.m.** at the **Silver Palace in La Porte!** We will be hosting an **Affiliate Member Fair**, and if you missed it last time, you definitely won't want to miss it this time! This is a great opportunity to meet our Affiliate Members, learn more about what they have to offer, and discover how they can help support us and our businesses. This is especially meaningful as we celebrate Affiliate Appreciation Month!

Don't forget that October 15th is Bingo Night at the VFW! Get some friends together and come out for a great night of fun while supporting a great cause.

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Deserving Children Charity Updates

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



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. Payment Deadline is November 1, 2026. After this date any unpaid tables will be released to our waitlist.**

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), 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





Each year we ask for Auction Items for our Charity Auction. Sometimes it is difficult to know what to donate! Amazon Prime days will take place October 6-7, 2026 and it is the perfect opportunity to select a few items for the Auction. We even have a Wish List with some ideas! Visit Amazon on

October 6 & 7 and make an item donation for this worthy cause. <https://amzn.to/3Bmly5m>

If you have items that you are donating, please contact any of our Charity Co-Chairs for drop off information or to arrange a pick up.

Association Survey; Your Voice Matters – We Want to Hear From You!

As we look toward the future of our Association, it is important that we hear directly from you—our members.

The Board of Directors is asking all members to take a few minutes to complete a short online survey about the Association **(which will be sent out on October 2, 2026 via email)**, what is important to you, and what you would like to see as we move forward. Your feedback will help the Board better understand the needs, concerns, and priorities of our membership as we consider the Association's future path. Your voice matters. The decisions made today can shape the Association for years to come, and we want those decisions to be informed by the members we serve. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. Every response is important, and we strongly encourage all members to participate. All responses will be confidential. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and for helping us build the future of our Association together.

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This event is open to the public, so bring your friends and family! Doors open at 5 p.m. and Bingo starts at 6 p.m. Bingo packages are available for presale!

We are also still looking for donations for the Deserving Children Charity Auction. Any support you can provide is greatly appreciated. Let's make this year's auction a great one. Please contact any of the Auction Committee chairs if you have an item to donate.

As always, I am here if you ever have any questions. Please feel free to reach out anytime. I look forward to see you at the upcoming events.

Julie Wagner
2026 LPCAR Board President



2027 LPCAR Board Election—Candidate Information

The 2027 Election of the LPCAR Board will take place during our October General Membership Meeting on October 13, 2026. Candidate information was sent to all members prior to the elections per association bylaws. We would like to thank all of our candidates for providing us with information to get to know them better and for volunteering to serve!

2027 President-Elect *(One position available—automatically ascends to President)*



Robin Umprhey/REMAX County-Wide 1st

Real estate has been a big part of my life for more than 20 years, and I still love what I do! Whether I'm helping first-time buyers find the perfect place to call home or helping sellers get ready for their next adventure, I believe it all starts with listening, being dependable, and making the process as smooth as possible. Giving back to our community is important to me, too! Over the years, I've enjoyed being involved with the Deserving Children Auction, LPCAR Sunshine Committee, LPCAR Food Drive, and the LaPorte County Deserving Children Shopping Tour. When I'm not talking real estate, you'll usually find me spending time with my family—one daughter, three stepsons, seven grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. They definitely keep me busy and smiling! I love our community, love what I do, and look forward to helping many more buyers and sellers along the way!

Secretary *(one position available—one-year term)*



Darlene Jesch/MTM Realty Group

- Agent since 1996
- Been on the BOD many times and looking forward to serve again
- Married 51 years
- Two adult children with spouses
- Three grandkids
- Crocheting is my hobby.
- Let's do this.

Local Director *(one 2-year term available)*



Joy Pawlak/McColly Real Estate

I have been a Realtor since 1995. I have served on the board as president, treasurer and local director several times. I am involved in community support and volunteer in many capacities.

I am also married to a Realtor and my son was previously an agent so we are a real estate family!

Absentee Voting and Election Day Information

Our election takes place during the October General Membership Meeting on **October 13, 2026** at 11:00 a.m. at The Silver Palace in La Porte. We invite all of you to attend the meeting as well as cast your vote. Voting will take place after each candidate has had the opportunity to address the membership in attendance and the vote has been called for. For those of you wishing to stop by to vote, please note that you may do so anytime **after the vote has been called for and before the finally tally has been announced.** If you arrive early, you will need to wait until voting takes place.

Absentee voting will take place at the board office as follows:

Wednesday, October 7, 2026: 10-3 p.m.

Ballots will only be available at the Board Office and only one ballot per person will be allowed. Voting on behalf of another individual will not be permitted. Ballots will not be mailed, faxed, or emailed. Picture ID may be required for Absentee Voting. If a member votes via absentee ballot, and then attends the meeting, the absentee vote will be discarded.

2027 Association Dues and payments

The 2027 billing cycle is right around the corner. All LPCAR REALTOR members will be able to access their invoice and pay their dues online at <https://ams.navicamls.net/> once the invoices have been released—***please note this is our newer location and format for dues but payments will still be processed through NAR's E-Commerce System - do not attempt to submit payment via nar.realtor.***

Login is required - for all members your log in information is your **M1/NRDS number and your last name.** (you may update and change your login information once you have successfully logged in)

The 2027 dues are \$726 per REALTOR Member ***upon approval at our October General Membership Meeting.*** (secondary and local on-ly will pay only those amounts required). Invoices will be available after October 20, 2026.

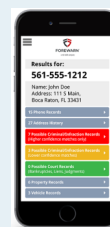


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This is not only critical for your personal safety and efficiency, but also a benefit to your listing homeowners, providing an added layer of protection for their homes and families through your vetting of prospective buyers. Haven't set up your account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





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.



Deserving Children Shopping Event Information

Our charity auction event is a year long endeavor with the objective of funding the annual Deserving Children Charity Shopping Tour each December. Funds raised by the auction and the LP Roof Sit committee are used to take local area children shopping for necessities such as coats, boots, clothes and even a toy.

Children participating in the shopping are picked up from their homes by volunteer chaperones, taken to either the La Porte Civic Auditorium or the Orak Shrine in Michigan City for a visit with Santa, dinner, and receive a stocking full of goodies before heading out to shop. Once the shopping is completed they are taken back to their home.

Each chaperone is provided with a \$175 (increase from last year) voucher (spending limit) to be used at the designated shopping location. Participating locations are Walmart in La Porte, and Walmart and Meijer in Michigan City.

The shopping committee is seeking volunteer chaperones for the event. Chaperones will undergo a background check and all chaperones must be at least 18 years old. All Chaperones must have a partner with them and they must also be at least 18 years old.

If you would like to apply for this year's event, please complete the online application

<https://form.jotform.com/261605834678063>

Please note: There is an option to shop without a child, but it must be indicated when filling out the application



November 6–8, 2026, in
New Orleans, Louisiana.

<https://narnxt.realtor/>



La Porte County Association of REALTORS 2026 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 2026 Year.

List any LPCAR Committees and/or other community service involvement

(Please include a photo if available)

Submitted by (optional) _____

Please return to the Board Office no later than **January 25, 2027!**

Forms may be emailed: lpcar@lpcar.comcastbiz.net

or mailed to:

La Porte County Association of REALTORS, Inc.
P.O. Box 248 La Porte, Indiana 46352

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Charity Auction Donations Wanted

Support the Deserving Children's Charity by donating items, services, or experiences for our upcoming **Deserving Children's Charity Auction on November 13, 2026 at the Orak Shrine in Michigan City.**

All proceeds will benefit the Deserving Children's Shopping Tour in December, making a real difference in the lives of children in our Community.

Popular Donation Ideas:

- Gift cards & gift baskets
- Event tickets & experiences
- Artwork, jewelry & collectibles
- Professional services (spa, photography, lessons)
- Vacation packages & getaways



Why Donate?

- Showcase your business or talent
- Gain recognition in our event program & promotions
- Help raise vital funds for a worthy cause
- Help our community
- Our Charity is an official 501(c)3

Donation Deadline: If possible the committee would like to have items prior to auction night.

Contacts: Tommy Sunn and Verna McAlister

Help us make this year's auction a success!



Donation Drop Off Locations:

Meridian Title Locations
Fidelity Title La Porte
Blackrock Real Estate
McColly Real Estate
Metropolitan Title Company
Board Office

If you need an item to be picked up, please contact one of the Auction Co-Chairs for assistance. Photos are a few examples from a previous auction event.





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October 2026



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18	19	20 Board Office Closed	21	22	23	24
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