

# LPCAR Newsletter



## Letter from the Board President

### Welcome Summer - June 9th General Membership Meeting and Affiliate Fair!

Visit our participating affiliates during the event, secure a signature from each affiliate and enter to win free 2027 local LPCAR Dues!



**Date:** Tuesday, June 9, 2026  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m. CST  
**Place:** The Silver Palace in La Porte  
**Program:** \*Special Election for Board Vacancy  
 \*LPCAR Scholarship Award Presentations  
 \*Affiliate Fair!  
 \*CE with Tim Reed: Course: Understanding Contingencies—2 CE Hours for all Indiana Brokers  
**Cost:** \$24 with Reservations/\$26 for Walk-ins



June is always an exciting month for us as REALTORS® and Affiliate Members! On June 4th, we will distribute the food purchased from the food drive funds collected during our food drive campaign to fill the pantries of several local area pantries. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped make a difference in our community through your generosity and support.

June is also Homeownership Month, which makes this an especially meaningful time for all of us in the real estate industry as we celebrate the value and importance of homeownership in our communities.

On June 9th, we will host our pack-filled General Meeting at the Silver Palace. Doors open at 11:00 a.m., and the event will kick off with our Affiliate Fair.

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### For Reservations:



Those attending the meeting only may RSVP via email or phone! Please contact the Board office at 219-324-8120 or via email at

[lpcar@lpcar.comcastbiz.net](mailto:lpcar@lpcar.comcastbiz.net) no later than **Friday, June 5, 2026.**

Please have your check ready for our meeting, made payable to LPCAR. Thank you. If you do plan on attending our CE session you will need to register online at:

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

CE Attendees **must** register online. Please provide COMPLETE information. All Indiana License Numbers begin with **RB and MUST be included in the registration.** Please review your entries prior to submitting the form! CE is free of charge for all LPCAR members. \$20 for non-members.

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# June is National Homeownership Month!

## Why Homeownership Matters

June is National Homeownership Month, a time to recognize the lasting impact homeownership has on individuals, families, and communities. For REALTOR® members, homeownership represents far more than a transaction—it is the foundation of financial stability, personal achievement, and stronger neighborhoods. REALTORS® and Affiliate Members play a vital role in guiding buyers and sellers through one of the most important decisions of their lives while advocating for policies that expand housing opportunities and protect property rights. As trusted professionals and community leaders, REALTOR® members help make the dream of homeownership possible for people from all walks of life, strengthening local economies and building brighter futures for generations to come.

Some of the many advantages of homeownership that you can share with your clients include:

- Builds long-term wealth through home equity
- Provides financial stability and investment potential
- Offers the opportunity for property value appreciation
- Creates a sense of pride and personal achievement
- Gives homeowners more freedom to customize and improve their property
- Provides stability and consistency for families and children
- Helps establish roots within a community
- Can offer tax advantages for eligible homeowners
- Encourages stronger neighborhoods and community involvement
- Serves as a pathway to generational wealth and financial security
- Provides predictable monthly housing costs with fixed-rate mortgages
- Creates a place to build lasting memories and traditions

**Celebrate Homeownership this month and every month throughout the year!**

## Special Election June 9, 2026 for Board Vacancy

Due to a vacancy on the board of directors, we will be holding a special election to fill this position per association bylaws:

***Article XI: Officers and Directors - Section 5. Vacancies.** In the event of a vacancy among the officers or directors of the board, the membership shall be notified immediately and nominations to fill the vacancy will be accepted at the Board Office until one week prior to the next scheduled membership meeting at which time a vote will be held and the elected candidate will assume the position effective immediately.*

Applications for this position have been received and those interested parties appear below along with some information. However, names may be submitted through June 2, 2026—one week prior to our meeting. The special election will take place during our June 9, 2026 General Membership Meeting at Silver Palace in La Porte at 11:00 a.m.. Please contact the board office with any questions.

### Candidates:



#### **Dan Coffey—RE/MAX Harbor Country**

I have been a full time REALTOR® in Michigan and Indiana since 1981 and Managing Broker of RE/MAX Harbor Country Real Estate, Sawyer, Michigan, since 1986. I am also Managing Broker of RE/MAX Harbor Country, Indiana.

I want to experience being on three Realtor® BODs in two States at a time when I think radical change will be occurring. I think that my 45 years of active participation in local, state, and national Associations and being involved with three different boards will allow me to contribute.



#### **Tracey Cummins—McColly Real Estate**

I have been a REALTOR for 25 Years and have proudly served the La Porte County Association of REALTORS as both a local director and as Board President. Throughout the years, serving on the board has been an incredibly rewarding experience, and I truly enjoy contributing to the success and growth of LPCAR. I would also be honored to highlight achievements such as receiving the REALTOR of the Year award, as well as my involvement on numerous LPCAR committees including the Deserving Children's Charity, Food Drive, Scholarship Committee and Golf Outing Committee. Community service has always been important to me, and I am proud of the work I've done supporting local initiatives, including a scholarship my family awarded each year, as well as serving on my township board for 18 years. It would be an honor to serve again on the LPCAR Board.

Deserving Children Give Back Event—June 17, 2026

# DONATE WHILE *You Dine!*



Visit the Culver's of La Porte on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 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.

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## Letter from Board President *(continued)*

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Make sure you stop by all of our participating Affiliates. Attendees will have the opportunity to enter for a chance to win FREE local dues for 2027 simply by visiting the affiliates and filling out a “game card”.

During the meeting, we will also conduct a special election to fill an open position on the Board of Directors and proudly present our scholarship awards. It promises to be a wonderful event filled with networking, celebration, and community spirit — so be sure to join us! Immediately following the meeting we invite members to join Instructor Tim Reed for 2 CE hours on Understanding Contingencies. Great for those needing to complete any missing hours for the CE renewal deadline.

In addition, we are excited to host a Give Back event on June 17th at Culver’s in LaPorte for the Deserving Children’s Charity. Stop by for lunch, enjoy great food, and help support a great cause while giving back to our community. And on June 25, 2026 join us for a give back at Full Tilt Arcade-great for families!

Julie Wagner  
2026 LPCAR Board President

### Please save the following dates:

June 17, 2026 - Culver’s (La Porte) Give Back—All Day

June 25, 2026 —Full Tilt Give Back 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.

July 14, 2026—Holly’s Restaurant/Michigan City

September 24, 2026 - Galveston Steak House (Michigan City) Give Back

October 15, 2026 - Bingo Night at the VFW!

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



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## Member Benefit



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**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.

## Deserving Children Charity Updates

### 2025 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



Tables for our Deserving Children’s Charity Auction are now available for reservations! Please contact **Whitney VanAsdall** to reserve your table! 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)*

**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.

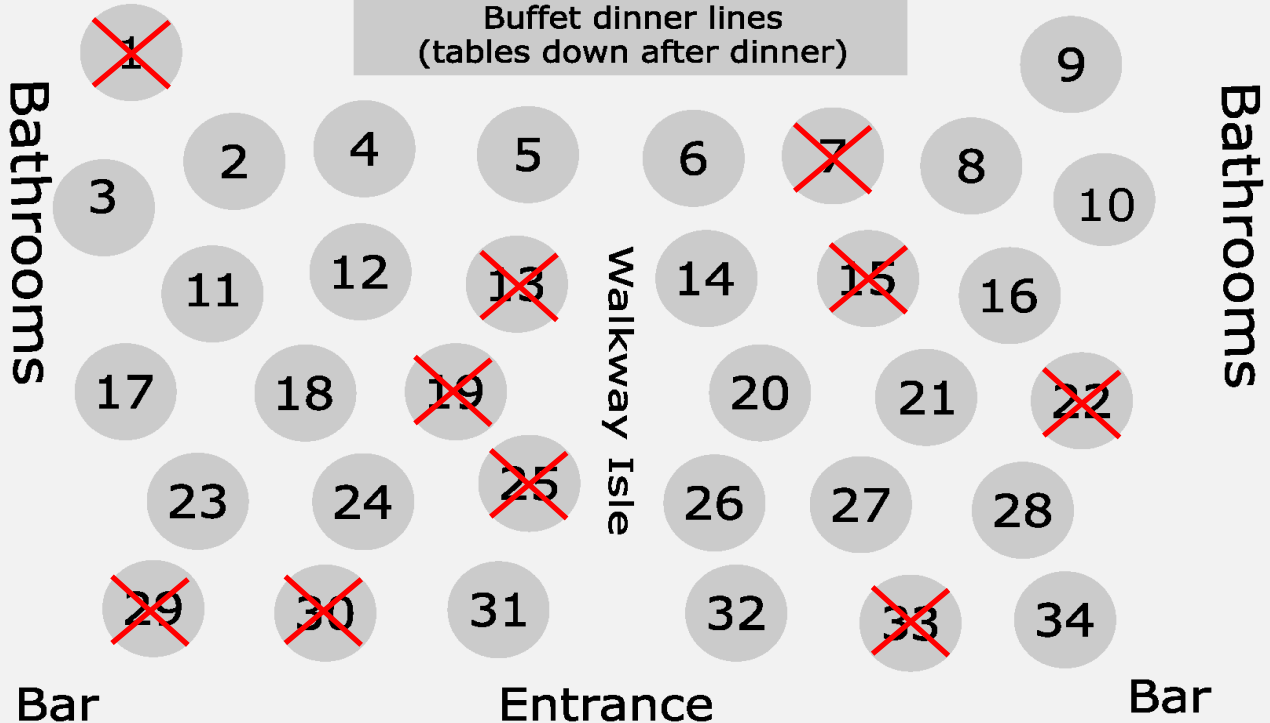
Auction items may be dropped off at the following locations: Meridian Title (La Porte and Michigan City) and Fidelity Title (new location on Johnson road). If you would like your item picked up, please contact one of the co-chairs listed for assistance.

**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)





**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](mailto: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 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**

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## A letter from the Deserving Children Charity Co-chairs



The Deserving Children's Charity Auction will take place this year on **November 13, 2026** at the Orak Shrine. This special evening brings our community together to make a real difference in the lives of children and families in need, all while enjoying a fun, energetic atmosphere filled with incredible auction items, great company, and fun. We encourage every member to attend, bring friends, donate items or experiences, and bid often and enthusiastically. Every donation, every bid, and every show of support help create brighter opportunities for deserving children in our community. Together, we can make this year's auction our most successful and impactful yet!

Tickets and table reservations are now available for purchase. Please contact Whitney VanAsdall at 219-608-1457 to reserve your table or purchase dinner tickets.

To help ensure the maximum amount going directly to the children supported by LPCAR Deserving Children Charity, **tables reserved for the charity auction purchased with a Credit Card will now be \$500** to help offset merchant processing fees charged by banks and payment providers. (Dinner tickets will remain at \$60 per person, and tables reserved with cash or checks will be \$480)

Our hearts behind this charity have always been about helping our local children, creating special memories, and making a difference right here in our community. We sincerely appreciate your understanding, your generosity, and your continued support of this incredible cause.

Thank you for supporting our mission and helping make an impact for so many deserving children.

Sincerely,

Verna McAlister and Tommy Sunn  
2026 Deserving Children Charity Committee Co-Chairs



## 2026 Habitat for Humanity Build Day Photos

We wanted to thank all of our volunteers who joined us on May 16, 2026 and participated in Habitat for Humanity Build Day. The weather was great and the work was very rewarding. We appreciate all of our volunteers and the work they did to help the dream of Homeownership.



## Deserving Children Charity—Bingo Event October 15, 2026

Save the date for the Deserving Children's Charity Bingo Event at the VFW, 181 McClung Road, La Porte on **October 15, 2026!**

Funds raised will go toward the Deserving Children Charity Fund! Ticket information and package purchase coming soon! Don't miss out!



**SUPER BINGO FUNDRAISER**

Save The Date!

Don't miss out on our Super Bingo Fundraiser Event coming this October! Proceeds will benefit the Deserving Children Charity! Have fun and help a worthy cause.

**PRIZES | SNACKS | FUN**

**Thursday, October 15, 2026**  
VFW, 181 McClung Road, La Porte, IN

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Hosted by the La Porte County Association of REALTORS Deserving Childrens Charity Committee

## CE & License Renewal

All Indiana-licensed real estate Brokers must complete 12 hours of continuing education (CE) each year of the same 3-year license renewal cycle.

**Brokers newly licensed since July 1, 2014:** You must complete a state-approved 30-hour Broker post-licensing course within 2 years of your license issue date. This course is required and satisfies your initial CE requirement during the first 2 years of licensure.

**Managing Brokers:** Please remember that 4 of the 12 hours of CE you complete each year must be state-approved Managing Broker curriculum..

The current **renewal window** is open from **April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026**. You must complete all of your CE hours for this cycle **BEFORE YOU RENEW.** (36 total hours: 12 hours per year for the 3-year cycle).

Visit: <https://mylicense.in.gov/eGov/index.html> for renewals.

Deserving Children Give Back Event—June 25, 2026



**LPCAR Deserving Children Charity**



**WHO:** LPCAR Deserving Children Charity

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 25th, 2026

**HOW:** Show this flyer to our staff and your Organization will receive a 25% giveback of your total purchase



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**LPCAR Deserving Children Charity**

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## June 2026

## National Homeownership Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	IAR Summer Summit in South Bend: Board Office Closed			Food Drive Distribution Day at REMAX Parking Lot		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Board of Director Mtg @11:30 am	Membership Meeting & Affiliate Fair @Silver Palace @11:00 a.m.				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			Charity Auction Mtg @Culvers			
			DCC Give Back Day at Culver's Restaurant in La Porte—All Day			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				DCC Give Back Day at Full Tilt Arcade!		
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
		PLA CE Cycle/renewal Deadline				
Board Office Closed: June 29—July 3, 2026						