

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. Registration deadline: September 4, 2026**

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!

September is REALTOR® Safety Month, and we encourage everyone to join us on September 9, 2026 for our Self-Defense Class at the MAAC Center in Valparaiso. Continuing Education with Tim Reed will also be offered that day. You may join as an observer or participate in the session.

We are excited to welcome our newest members at the **New Member Orientation on September 10, 2026**. We look forward to helping you become engaged and involved in our association. Please remember that this is a membership obligation.

On September 24, 2026 please join us for the Deserving Children Auction at **Galveston Steak**

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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 Galveston Steakhouse/Michigan City

GALVESTON
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**Give Back
Event**

A Prime Eating Establishment

Group: La Porte County Association of REALTORS
Deserving Children Charity

Date: September 24, 2026

Time: 4-8 p.m. Dine-in Only

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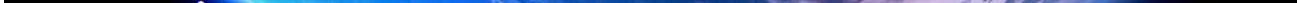
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La Porte County Association of REALTORS

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(r) 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.

RPAC Online Auction Sneak Peek *(just a few of the items up for auction)*





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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House in Michigan City. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy an evening out while supporting a meaningful cause that benefits local children in need.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our **October 13, 2026** General Membership Meeting, where we will once again host an Affiliate Member Fair. This event will take place at the Silver Palace in La Porte. This is a great opportunity to meet and connect with our affiliate members and learn more about the services they provide.

We are seeking donations for the Deserving Children Charity. Your generosity helps make a positive impact in the lives of deserving children in our community. We appreciate all donations to this worthy cause.

If you have any questions about these events or would like to make a donation, please feel free to reach out. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Julie Wagner
2026 LPCAR Board President

Please save the following dates:

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.

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 wait-list—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

Affiliate Appreciation Month is Coming This October!



This October, we'll be celebrating **Affiliate Appreciation Month!**

Our affiliate members are strong supporters of our association and play an important role in the real estate industry. They provide valuable products and services that support the real estate transaction and help keep your business running smoothly.

Throughout the month of October, we'll be spotlighting one of our affiliates each day on our social media channels. It's a great opportunity to get to know our affiliates a little better, learn more about the services they offer, and discover how they can support you and your business. ***Make sure to also attend our October Membership Meeting and Affiliate Fair!***

Be sure to **follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)** and join us as we celebrate and show our appreciation for our amazing affiliates!

Let's make October a month to celebrate the businesses and professionals who help make our industry stronger!

New Member Orientation - September 10, 2026

New members of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) must complete a mandatory new member orientation program.

This session is part of your membership obligation which allows you to remain a member in good standing. Notices have been sent out to all new members who are required to attend the session. We ask that you register in advance as a light breakfast and lunch will be provided to all attendees.

The session will be held at the Coolspring Library Branch of the La Porte Library.

Deserving Children's Roof Sit—September 11, 2026

For the 24th consecutive year, Dennis Siddall of 96.7 The Eagle, is broadcasting from the roof until 6 p.m. asking listeners to come and donate to the Deserving Children's Christmas Shopping Tour. The Roof Sit will take place on Friday, September 11, 2026.

Several volunteers will be outside the studios accepting donations from motorists stopping to give. The event includes Prizes and of course, Pioneerland Pies!! People are also invited for lunch with items like hot dogs and hamburgers hot off the grill available for purchase during the late morning and early afternoon hours.

One Day Only!

96.7 THE EAGLE

24th ANNUAL

DESERVING CHILDREN'S ROOF SIT

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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

5AM TO 6PM

Helping those who need a hand up during a special time of year.



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



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September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The board office office hours vary with in-person office visits by <u>appointment only!</u>						
	IAR Fall Conference/ Indianapolis	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Self-Defense Session/MAAC Center -Valparaiso	10 New Member Orientation/Coolspring Branch	11 Roof Sit Event	12
13	14 Board of Director Mtg @ 11:30 a.m.	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Galveston Give Back	25	26
27	Board office Closed—September 21—September 28, 2026					
	28	29	30			