

LPCAR Newsletter



Letter from the Board President



May is Food Drive Month!

Welcome to the Annual La Porte County Association of REALTORS Food Drive! This endeavor is to help the local pantries replenish their supplies for the less fortunate. No one wants a child or anyone in our community to go to bed hungry.

We are requesting monetary donations for this year's drive. Every amount donated is greatly appreciated. We're encouraging everyone to donate any amount they can! A \$25 donation goes a long way — that's enough to purchase a full case of food for our local pantries. One small gift can mean meals for an entire family. This simple act of kindness helps so many!

We will once again partner with a local grocery store and will be able to purchase our food at a reduced rate.

Donations are being accepted through May 2025! Please make all checks payable to "La Porte County Association of REALTORS." You may use our GoFundMe page too—just scan the QR Code. *(Please note the following if using GoFundMe link: It will ask a donor for a "tip" to offset costs. You may elect to bypass the tip by entering "0" as the percentage amount. This is an optional feature added by GoFundMe but not required).*



2025 GoFundMe Page

Thank you for your support and, as always, we are so grateful for each of you!

2025 Food Drive Committee

Spring is finally here, and it's so great to see everyone getting back outside!

A big thank you to everyone who came out for the quarter paddle auction — we did an amazing job raising money for the food drive! If you missed it, no worries — donations are still welcome. Just reach out if you'd like to help. Every dollar raised will go towards filling local area pantries just in time for summer!

Coming up, we have a two-hour Zoom CE on Antitrust with Tim Reed on May 21st at 10 a.m. — don't miss it! Register online for this CE Session.

And mark your calendars for May 27th for the "Holly Give Back for the Deserving Children's Charity.

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Deserving Children Give Back Event—May 27, 2025

HOLLY'S Restaurant and Pub **Gives Back \$\$\$\$\$**

Group: LPCAR Deserving Children's Charity

Date: May 27, 2025 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: 3705 S Franklin St, MC, IN 46360

You must receive this token from your organization prior to your event. Distribution of this token on Holly's property will disqualify the organization from receiving any proceeds. GIFT CARDS OR SCRIPT MONEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR YOUR PURCHASE WITH THIS TOKEN.

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Letter from Board President *(continued)*

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Just grab a meal out and support a great cause at the same time! A portion of your meal will be donated back to the charity. Just present a coupon (found in this newsletter) and present it to your server. Give back is all day on May 27, 2025.

Also, there's still time to complete the Fairhaven Challenge! Finish it by the end of the month and you'll be entered for a chance to win free dues for next year. Course must be completed by May 31, 2025 to be entered. Drawing will take place during our June Membership meeting.

Quick update on the golf outing: this year, the board decided to take a break so we can revamp and refresh it. We're excited to bring it back even better next year! As always, if you have any questions or need more info, just reach out — I'm happy to help!

Julie Wagner
2025 LPCAR Board President

Please save the following dates:

June 11, 2025—Buffalo Wild Wings LP Give Back Day
July 31, 2025—Full Tilt Give Back 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.
August 11, 2025 - Culver's (La Porte) Give Back—All Day
September 30, 2025—Hacienda Restaurant (Michigan City) Give Back—all day
October 9, 2025 - Galveston Steak House (Michigan City) Give Back
October 23, 2025 - Bingo Night at the VFW!
November 14, 2025 - Charity Auction Night at the Orak Shrine (Michigan City)



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.

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Indiana REALTORS® and Property Tax Relief (Senate Bill 1)

Governor Braun has signed Senate Bill 1 (property tax relief and local government finance) into law; perspective from the Indiana Association of REALTORS®:

Property tax reform deserves a special call-out as one of the dominant topics this year where IAR and REALTOR® advocates played a key role. Senate Bill 1 has already been signed by Governor Braun, meaning much-needed relief for homeowners is on the way – in brief:

- The current legislation restructures and increases the homestead tax deduction to reduce taxable assessed value and cut tax bills for virtually all homeowners compared to the status quo.
- It gradually replaces the current homestead deduction (\$48,000) and supplemental deductions with a simplified 66.7% deduction on total gross assessed value by 2031.
- SB1 also provides an additional 10% credit (up to \$300) against annual homestead tax bills for more immediate relief.
- The bill continues to expand property tax deductions for seniors (65+) and disabled veteran homeowners as well, as in previous iterations.

Read the highlights in this release:

Senate Bill 1 Highlights

*(if link does not function properly copy and past the following into your browser:
<https://t.e2ma.net/click/hvgomi/p1amw6g/lue5q9>)*

Source: Indiana Association of REALTORS®



REALTORS® are members of the National Association of REALTORS®.



Did you know that 70% of REALTORS® volunteer in their communities?

THAT'S 3X THE RATE OF THE TYPICAL AMERICAN!

NAR Volunteer Days May 10-18, 2025



La Porte County Association of REALTORS

Antitrust - Zoom Class

with Instructor Tim Reed

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

10 a.m. CST

2 CE Hours for all Indiana Brokers

CE is free of charge for all LPCAR Members. \$20 for non-members - please contact board office for more information.

Antitrust CE via Zoom Instructor Tim Reed

- Date: May 21, 2025
- Time: 10:00 a.m. CST
- Location: Zoom
- Course: 2 CE Hours/Antitrust for all Indiana Brokers
- To Register: <https://bit.ly/May21Antitrust>



Please make sure you have entered your Indiana Real Estate License correctly in order to receive proper credit. All Indiana real estate license numbers begin with RB. You must attend the CE in its entirety in order to receive credit.

Mark your calendar for some upcoming CE:

June 10, 2025 - Fair Housing with Instructor Tim Reed. This course will satisfy the new NAR Fair Housing Requirement. 11:30 a.m. at Portofino immediately following our membership meeting

September 25, 2025 - REALTOR Safety - Self Defense Session. All Attendees will receive 4 CE hours. Class size will be limited. Registration to open this summer.

CE is free of charge for all LPCAR members as part of your member benefits!

FAIRHAVEN 2.0 CHALLENGE

FREE TO ENTER

COMPLETE NAR'S FAIRHAVEN 2.0 SIMULATION BETWEEN MARCH 1, 2025 AND MAY 31, 2025 TO BE ENTERED TO WIN FREE 2026 ASSOCIATION DUES!

CHALLENGE CONTEST RUNS 3/1/2025 THROUGH 5/31/2025

Step into Fairhaven 2.0—NAR's dynamic online simulation where real estate professionals tackle fair housing challenges head-on. Through realistic scenarios, practical insights, and historical context, you'll explore key topics like steering, bias, disability accommodations, and standing up for clients facing discrimination.

**Prize:
Free 2026
Dues**

Challenge Rules:

- Must be completed between 3/1/2025 and 5/31/2025 (please note that there is no CE credit included in this course)
- NAR log-in required-use your M1/NRDS number
- One entry per person
- Send a copy of your certificate of completion or a copy of your NAR email received upon completion - all entries will be verified via the NAR Database System
- Drawing will take place during our June General Membership Meeting which will take place on June 10, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at Portofinos



TO ENTER: VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.NAR.REALTOR/FAIR-HOUSING/FAIRHAVEN](https://www.nar.realtor/fair-housing/fairhaven)



SIMULATION TAKES APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS TO COMPLETE - IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO COMPLETE IN ONE SITTING - JUST SAVE YOUR WORK AND RETURN WHEN READY (LOG IN REQUIRED).

Save the Date! Back by popular demand!

SELF-DEFENSE SESSION

Emergency Services Training/MAAC Foundation, Inc.



**4203 Montdale Park Drive
Valparaiso, Indiana 46383**



**Registration will open this summer -
Class size is limited!!**

**FREE
SESSION**



**Attendees will earn
4 CE Hours with
Instructor Tim Reed
Lunch provided**



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



SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

Hosted by:

La Porte County Association of REALTORS



**Affiliates: Sponsorship Opportunities available.
Please contact the board office for more
information.**

Mark Your Calendars for our RPAC Fundraising Events

This June join us for our **Summer Splash RPAC Online Auction** event. Have fun bidding on some great items. Your winning bid becomes part of your 2025 RPAC Contribution. Auction will open **June 20, 2025 at 12 noon** and close on **June 27, 2025 at 6 p.m.** Make sure to mark your calendar for this fun event. Bid from the comfort of your own home!



LA PORTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

Summer Splash: RPAC Online Auction

Opens June 20, 2025 at 12 noon
Closes June 27, 2025 at 6 p.m.
<https://lpcar.muradbid.com>

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Contributions to RPAC are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Contributions are voluntary and are used for political purposes. The amounts 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 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)*



April 13 2025 Quarter Paddle Food Drive Auction





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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May 2025

Food Drive Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The board office is currently operating remotely with in-person office visits by appointment only!				1	2	3
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day Observed—Board Office Closed	27 DCC Give Back at Holly's Restaurant.	28	29	30	31 NAR Legislative Meetings— Washington DC, May 31- June 5, 2025