



Letter from Board President

Hello Fall! The days are already growing shorter and the temperatures are dropping. I personally am excited for fall. With fall comes change. The leaves will remind us that change can be beautiful. We have an opportunity to reflect and grow. We can begin to look back on this year and think about where we would like to be next year. Many things will change for me over the next few months, so I would like to focus on what I can do to make an impact while I still have time!

This month the Deserving Children's Charity will host our BINGO fundraiser. This event takes place on **Thursday Oct 3 at the La Porte VFW**. We only have 100 tickets to sell and we are close to sold out at the time I wrote this letter. If you haven't already purchased your ticket,

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General Membership Meeting

2025 Budget Presentation

2025 LPCAR Elections



- Date:** October 8, 2024
- Location:** Portofino Grill in La Porte
- Time:** 11:30 a.m. CST
- Cost:** \$18 for lunch with reservations/\$20 without reservations
- Program:** 2025 Budget Review and 2025 Board Elections



For Reservations: You may register online at

<https://bit.ly/mtgLPCAR>

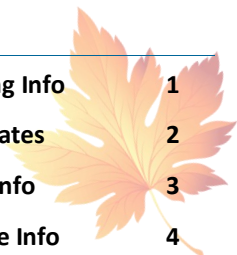
or contact the office at 219-324-8120 or via email at lpcar@lpcar.comcastbiz.net no later than **Friday, October 4, 2024**. Please have your check ready for our meeting, made payable to LPCAR. Thank you.

Sunshine Drawing Pricing: \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 7 tickets and may be included in your check!

Reservation Policy: We strongly suggest you make reservations in advance. Any reservation made and not cancelled 2 hours prior to the start of our event will be charged for the cost of the meal. Portofinos is very accommodating with our reservations but we are required to call in a reservation number ahead of time and pay for that number. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

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Deserving Children Charity Updates

2024 Charity Auction Committee Co-Chairs

Samantha Greenwood

219-851-3197

Stephanie Stout

219-851-7998

Holly Welsh

219-363-6499

Whitney VanAsdall

219-608-1457

Lyz Lukac

219-851-4911

Table & Dinner Ticket Sales:

Julie Wagner

219-608-5614

Tables for our Deserving Children's Charity Auction are now sold out! We are excited to have such a great response to this year's event.

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 \$150, or any amount of your choice.

Stage Auction items on displays

Dance Floor
Buffet dinner lines
(tables down after dinner)

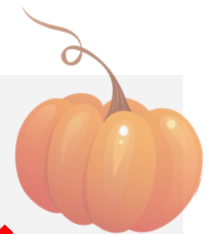
Bathrooms

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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 in October 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

8 & 9 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.

NAR Code of Ethics—Cycle 7: Jan. 2022-Dec. 2024

REALTOR® Members - just a reminder that we are currently in cycle 7 for the NAR Code of Ethics requirement. REALTORS® are required to complete ethics training of not less than 2 hours, 30 minutes of instructional time. The training must meet specific learning objectives and criteria established by the National Association of REALTORS®.

There are many Code of Ethics training providers and many of you have taken a course through a school or CE sponsor. However, **we must receive a copy of your Certificate of completion in order to update your NAR record.** If a copy is not sent, we have no way of knowing that you have completed a course.

If you have checked on the NAR website to view your Code of Ethics status and it shows that it is not completed, please send a copy of your COE certificate as soon as possible. If you have taken a course through LPCAR or NAR, your record will be updated automatically. New members who have taken our orientation class have also fulfilled the requirement. Please contact board office if you have questions.

Letter from Board President—Continued

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do so quickly. You can reach out to Julie Wagner to purchase if tickets still remain. This event is always a good time and the funds we raise make a difference! Speaking of the Deserving Children's Charity, we are also seeking donations for auction items. Tables are sold out but we need your help to make this a successful night. If you are able, please help secure donation items. Items can be dropped off at Meridian or Fidelity Title Locations. We are very excited for the auction and we can't wait to see you all there.

Our election of Officers and Directors will take place during our October General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2024. All LPCAR REALTOR and Affiliate members in good standing are eligible to vote (Affiliate members receive one vote per paid affiliate member). We would like to thank all the candidates who have volunteered to serve. We look forward to the election and hope to see you there. Good luck to all!

Samantha Greenwood
2024 LPCAR Board President





La Porte County Association of REALTORS

Deserving Children Charity Bingo Night Fundraiser

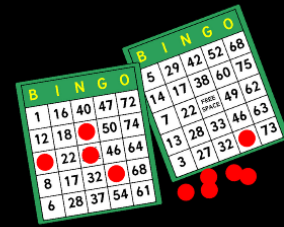
Thursday, October 3, 2024

VFW

181 McClung Road
La Porte, IN

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.

Bingo begins promptly at 6:00 p.m.



PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE DESERVING CHILDREN'S CHARITY FUND

Deserving Children Charity Event-Bingo Night Super Bingo Package Presales

The Bingo Night Fundraising Event will take place on October 3, 2024 at the VFW in La Porte.

Doors open at 5:30 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
- 1 Door Prize Ticket
- Free Bingo Dauber
- Late Night Food Bite Snacks (*please note: drinks are not included in the package*)

Packages are limited to 100. To place an order for a package click on the following link:

<https://bit.ly/LPCARBingoForm2024>

Package purchase is not guaranteed until payment has been made. To pay via check please contact **Julie Wagner**—email: jaw1275@yahoo.com or cell: 219-608-5614

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 will be available for pick up at the VFW on October 3, 2024. Please make checks payable to LPCAR Charity Fund.

2025 LPCAR Board Election—Candidate Information

The 2025 Election of the LPCAR Board will take place during our October General Membership Meeting on October 8, 2024. 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.

President-Elect *(automatically ascends to President the following year)*



Elizabeth Lukac/REMAX County Wide 1st

My name is Lyz Lukac, I am with RE/MAX County Wide 1st. I have been in real estate since 2019. I have been a volunteer of the Deserving Children Auction committee for the past couple years and this year I helped with the food drive and the paddle auction fundraiser. I am currently serving as a local director for the association. I have also have participated in Leadership LaPorte County in 2023 which has prepared me to serve my community. I look forward to the opportunity to help navigate the changes that are coming to our industry.

Secretary *(one year term)*



Michael Bilek/McColly Real Estate

Hello all, my name is Mike Bilek and I am running for secretary of the LPCAR board. I began my real estate career in 2017 as a licensed assistant to Joy Pawlak. After three years of assisting, I was coerced into leaving the time clock behind for a life of self-employment in 2020. As a blue collar worker in my previous career at Central States Manufacturing, I was a lead man in different departments & learned all of the various metal forming and metal working machines. I was routinely asked to train new employees in our shop as well as travel to other newly opened Central States shops to train entire departments. I enjoy learning new jobs and look forward to being on the LPCAR board and possibly climbing the ranks to someday be president.

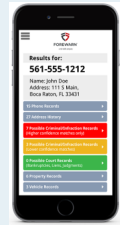
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Member Benefit



FOREWARN®

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.

Galveston Give Back—October 10, 2024



**Give Back
Event**

A Prime Eating Establishment

Group: La Porte County Association of REALTORS
Deserving Children Charity

Date: October 10, 2024

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

You must print out this coupon and bring with you to present to your server. A portion of your bill will be donated back to our Charity.

Galveston Steakhouse, 10 Commerce Square, Michigan City IN 46360



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2025 LPCAR Board Election—Candidate Information *(continued)*

Local Director (two positions available)



Verna McAlister/McColly Real Estate

Hello, I am Verna McAlister a lifelong La Porte County resident. I have a genuine passion for our community and making a difference in the life of others. With a little over three years in the real estate business, and previous background in quality control and management, I am all about helping others, living a life of a server's heart, and making sure every detail is handled with care. Currently I help deliver meals on wheels, am on the Deserving Children's Charity committee, as well as volunteer in other capacities within the community. My husband Nathen and I have been together for over 23 years. Together we share three children (two sons, and a bonus daughter), and two fur babies. When not working real estate, and in my spare time I enjoy attending concerts, listening to live music, shopping, and occasionally belting out a few tunes at a karaoke bar. I would love the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors for the La Porte County Association Of Realtors. This position would allow me to combine my love for our community, with my drive to serve others, and truly make a lasting impact.



Miranda Sebesta/MTM Realty

Miranda Sebesta, of MTM Realty, is a lifelong LaPorte County resident. She loves spending time with her Tribe (all of the awesome people in her life). In her “time off”, she will usually be found cooking for and hanging out with them. Although, devoted to being a GREAT Realtor and Wife, she enjoys being a Poodle Momma, Personal Trainer, Rock Tape Specialist, etc....Serving on the Board of LPCAR is an exciting opportunity, at which she promises to do her best. I appreciate your support!



Whitney VanAsdall/Blackrock Real Estate

Hi there. My name is Whitney VanAsdall. I have been a REALTOR for 10 years now and I am with Blackrock Real Estate. I enjoy serving on the board of Directors for LPCAR and currently serve as Board Secretary. I hope to continue to serve and become a staple in our community. I enjoy helping with meals on wheels, my sons school PTO, and the deserving Children Charity Auction Committee, where I currently serve as a co-chair for 2024. I would be honored in serving on the board this upcoming year as a local director.

The Election will take place during our October General Membership Meeting. Please note that ballots will not be distributed until after all of our candidates have had an opportunity to address those in attendance and the vote is called.

2025 Association Dues and payments

The 2025 billing cycle is right around the corner. All REALTOR members can access their invoice and pay their dues online at www.nar.realtor once the invoices have been released. Log in is required so please make sure you are able to access your account. The 2025 dues are \$716 per REALTOR Member *upon approval at our October General Membership Meeting*. (secondary and local only will pay only those amounts required).

BILLING NAME	DUE DATE	OUTSTANDING BALANCE	CURRENT PAYMENT	LATE FEE	TOTAL PAYMENT	OPTION TO PAY
Indiana Association Dues		\$279.00	\$ 279.00	\$0.00	\$279.00	Annual
LPCAR 2024 LOCAL DUES	11/30/2023	\$236.00	\$ 236.00	\$0.00	\$236.00	Annual
NAR Consumer Advertising Campaign Assessment		\$45.00	\$ 45.00	\$0.00	\$45.00	Annual
National Association of REALTORS Annual Fee		\$156.00	\$ 156.00	\$0.00	\$156.00	Annual
Total:					\$716.00	
Total Discount:					\$0.00	

Online payment allows members to pay invoices directly online with a credit card or electronic check. The system automatically adds late fees and other charges to the online invoice, and does not allow members to make a mistake or pay the wrong amount. Reducing the chance of member error saves time and resources on dues collection each year. When members log in and pull up their invoices, they will see an option to “pay invoice”. Members may then pay their dues, print a copy of the invoice and also download the invoice. The system validates payments in real time and sends the association a report confirming the payment.

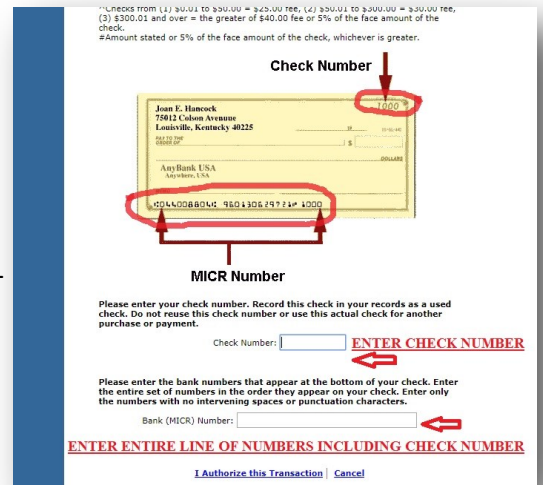
This feature saves associations the hassle of tracking down members because of an incorrect credit card number or expired card, along with saving them from entering

the credit card information in the first place.

Accepted cards include MasterCard, Visa and Amex, or you have the option to pay with an electronic check. Should you chose this option you will be prompted to enter your information from your drivers license as seen in this photo. On the next screen you will enter your check number and ALL numbers located at the bottom of your check, as shown in the photo. You must enter all numbers including the check number! We would like to thank everyone for paying their dues in a timely manner. Once you have paid you have an option to print out a receipt for your records. Payments are fast and easy using this system and there are no checks lost in the mail.

Remember that the deadline to submit your dues in **November 30, 2024** with a grace period through **December 15, 2024!** **After this date a \$100 late fee will be automatically applied to your invoice.**

If you are experiencing issues access your account please contact the board office for assistance.





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.

This year the dates for this events will be **December 3, 2024 for La Porte** and **December 4, 2024 for Michigan City**. 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 \$150 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.

Doors open at 4:00 p.m. CST at both the Civic Auditorium and the Orak Shrine on the designated days and the shopping committee asks that all children begin their shopping no later than 6:30 p.m.



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://bit.ly/2024DCSTChaperoneApplication>

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

2024

VOTE



ELECTION

Dates to Remember
For Indiana Voters



October 7: DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE OR UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION

October 8: FIRST DAY OF EARLY VOTING IN-PERSON

October 24: APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR VOTING ABSENTEE BY MAIL (MAIL-IN BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 6:00 P.M ON ELECTION DAY)

November 5: ELECTION DAY! POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM LOCAL TIME

Visit <https://indianavoters.in.gov/>
to update your registration,
register to vote, or find a
voting location near you!





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October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Board office will be operating remotely on Wednesdays through the end of October</i>						
		1	2	3 Bingo Night at the VFW 5:30 p.m. Board of Director Meeting at 11:00 a.m. At Coolspring Branch Library	4	5
6	7	8 General Membership Meeting @ 11:30 a.m./Portofinos	9 Office operating remotely	10 Office operating remotely	11	12
13	14 Office closed HAPPY COLUMBUS DAY	15	16 Office operating remotely	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Office operating remotely	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Office operating remotely	31 Happy Halloween!		