



# LPCAR Newsletter

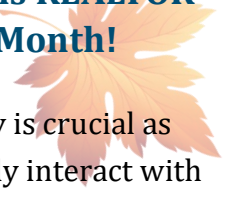


## Self Defense Session

We are pleased to provide this unique opportunity, along with Randi Webber of Rural 1st, for a hands-on Self Defense Session on September 12, 2024. This session will take place at the MAAC Foundation in Valparaiso. Registration is open but is limited so please register early! Attendees will receive 4 CE hours and Lunch will be provided. This session is free of charge! To register visit:

<https://bit.ly/SelfDefense2024>

## September is REALTOR Safety Month!



REALTOR Safety is crucial as agents frequently interact with strangers and visit various properties, sometimes in isolated or unfamiliar areas. Ensuring safety measures helps protect against potential risks and threats, and promotes a secure working environment. Offices should create safety protocols such as informing colleagues of appointments, carrying safety devices and follow established procedures that can help reduce the chances of dangerous encounters.

Since 2003, the National Association of REALTORS has dedicated September as REALTOR Safety Month. Whether you are showing a property, meeting a new client or communicating online, it's important to ensure you have an existing personal safety protocol.

**Registration is open!**  
**September 12, 2024**

# SELF-DEFENSE SESSION

**Emergency Services Training/MAAC Foundation, Inc.**  
 4203 Montdale Park Drive  
 Valparaiso, Indiana 46383

**Attendees will earn 4 CE Hours**

**Lunch provided**

**FREE SESSION**

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

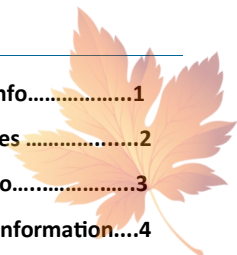
**SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**  
**8:30 A.M CST**

REGISTRATION: 8:30 A.M. - 9:15 A.M.  
 SELF-DEFENSE INSTRUCTION: 9:30 A.M. - 12 NOON  
 LUNCH/CLASS: 12 NOON - 1:00 P.M.

**Rural 1st** *Class size will be limited!*  
**Hosted by:**  
**Randi Webber/Rural 1st**  
**and La Porte County Association of REALTORS**

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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

Bathrooms

Bar

Entrance

Bar

## Remember to vote this 2024 Election Year!

**YOUR**

**✓OTE**

**COUNTS**

Why Vote? Voting gives you the power to create positive change for your community and determine a better quality of life for you and your family. Voting together with your neighbors, family, and friends ensures that your shared values and issues are prioritized, that you play a key role in choosing who represents us, and where government funding and resources will go. The more we vote, the more powerful our voices become, and the likelier the issues that are important to us will be heard.

Not sure if you are registered or need to update your voter registration? Visit: <https://indianavoters.in.gov/>

The statewide voter registration deadline is October 7, 2024.

### **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.

*One Day Only!*

**22nd ANNUAL**  
**DESERVING CHILDREN'S ROOF SIT**

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2024**

**5AM TO 6PM**

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



Stop by and make a donation to the Deserving Children's Roof Sit! Help support children in our community! In partnership with LPCAR, the money raised helps pay to take kids shopping for the Deserving Children's Shopping Tour!

Find us in the street accepting donations in front of the radio station and Dennis broadcasting from the roof!

We will have lunch items for sale and of course the pies from Pioneerland!!



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## Deserving Children Charity Bingo Night Fundraiser

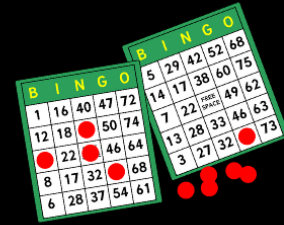
Thursday, October 3, 2024

VFW

181 McClung Road  
La Porte, IN

Doors Open at 5:00 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 5:00 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
- 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](mailto: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 will be sent to all members two weeks 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

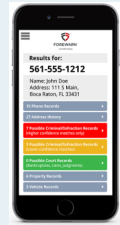
Hello all, my name is Mike Bilek and I am running for secretary of the LPCAR board. I began my real estate career in 2017 as a licensed assistant to Joy Pawlak. After three years of assisting, I was coerced into leaving the time clock behind for a life of self-employment in 2020. As a blue collar worker 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.

## 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.

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# MAKE IT HOME!

## STAY SAFE ON THE JOB YEAR-ROUND

With tips and tools from NAR at [nar.realtor/safety](https://nar.realtor/safety)

### REALTOR® Safety Pledge

Commit to prioritizing your safety.

### Safety Webinars

View past sessions on data security, mental health, personal and client safety.

### Training Videos

Learn best practices to keep yourself, your clients, and your business safe.

### Social Media Content

Follow NAR on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter for weekly safety tips to share.

### Monthly Articles

Stay in the loop on the latest safety topics.

### Office Forms

For REALTORS® and clients.



Questions? Contact [safety@nar.realtor](mailto:safety@nar.realtor)



## 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.

Absentee Voting: Absentee voting will be available on Thursday, September 26, 2024 between the hours of 10:00-3:00 p.m. Absentee Voting is in-person only, no proxy voting. Please bring your photo ID to vote.



# 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 the political process. RPAC doesn't buy votes. RPAC enables REALTORS® to support candidates that support the issues that are important to their profession and livelihood.



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# September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Board office will be operating remotely on Wednesdays through the end of September</i>						
1	2 Labor Day—Board Office Closed	3 Board of Director Meeting at 11:30 a.m. At Coolspring Branch Library	4 Office operating remotely	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Self-Defense Session in Valpo	13	14
<b>Board office closed: September 9-16, 2024</b>						
15	16	17	18 Office operating remotely	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Office operating remotely	26 Absentee Voting at Board Office 10-3	27	28
29	30 Broker Certification Deadline					