

La Porte County Association of REALTORS®

LPCAR



Monthly Newsletter

March 2020



Your MLS - Updates, Questions and Answers with Guest Speakers: Dan Coffey/MLS President, Rita Beaty/MLS President Elect and Jennifer Parham/MLS Treasurer







Topics include new fine structures, MLS operations, MLS Policy 8.0 and anything you wanted to ask or gripe about your MLS service!

CE Night with Tim Reed: Course-2 credit hours in Purchase Agreements—2020 Residential Updates



Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2019

Time: 4:30 p.m. (CST) - please note time change!!!

Cost: \$14 with reservations/\$16 for walk-ins

Place: Portofino Grill in La Porte (lower level)

All CE Attendees MUST register online at:

 $\underline{https://www.laportecountyrealtors.com/march-general-membership-mtg-\underline{and\text{-}ce}}$



To RSVP for Dinner Meeting only: Please contact the board office at 219-324-8120 no later than Friday, March 6, 2020. You may also rsvp via email at lpcar@frontier.com

Sunshine Drawing Pricing: \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 7 tickets and may be included in your dinner 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. Portofino's 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



Letter from Board President

Hey all, Spring is ALMOST here! I'm

excited to see what 2020 brings for our Association. I know all of our Committees and Task Forces are under way working hard for us, to bring us awesome events and keep us updated on our local Government!

I'll be coming around to all of your offices during the year checking in to see if there is anything the Association can do for you, so don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. Let's make 2020 the best year yet!

Brad Anderson Board President

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Community Outreach—LPCAR "Ring Day" - December 4, 2020!

Mark Your Calendar! - Coming this December: LPCAR Ring Day Challenge

The La Porte County Association of REALTORS will be partnering with the Salvation Army of La Porte and Michigan City to hold a Ring Day Challenge. This event will take place on **Friday**, **December 4**, **2020** with locations in both Michigan City and La Porte. The challenge? Michigan City members versus La Porte members. Goal: Who can collect the most amount of money in the red kettles between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.!



Robin Umphrey and Randy Novak will be coordinating with the Salvation Army for 3 kettle collection locations in both Michigan City and La Porte on this day and sign ups will be available as we get closer to the day.



This will be open to all members, REALTORS and Affiliates, and it will be a fun way to help our community and focus on the needs of our residents.

Make sure you "Save the Date" and get ready to have some fun. While this is an association sponsored event, we encourage those of you volunteering for the event to wear your favorite company/office outerwear or holiday attire (santa cap, reindeer ears, etc).

Let's show the community of La Porte County that our members Care!

2020 LPCAR Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP

LPCAR is pleased to offer Scholarships in the amount of **\$600** each to area students who plan on pursuing further education after graduation or are currently attending a college or trade school and who are related to a **REALTOR or Affiliate** member of LPCAR. (3 scholarships available in 2020)

This award will be given to a person demonstrating outstanding community involvement who is planning to pursue further education through an accredited college, university, or trade school or are currently attending college

or a trade school.

Applications are now available on our <u>website</u>. The application also requires an essay of 200 words or less explaining why the scholarship should be awarded. Any application received without the essay will not be considered during the selection process. It is important for the student to complete all parts of the application



The deadline for this year is **April 17, 2020.** Please download

the application available online on our website and have your student complete and send the form back by the deadline. Students of family members of LPCAR are eligible for this scholarship so we encourage them to apply as soon as possible.

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Community Engagement Series

Presented By: Horizon Bank



March 6, 2020

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

La Porte County Public Library, Meeting Room B 904 Indiana Avenue, La Porte

Panel Includes:

Mayor Tom Dermody - City of La Porte
Paul Brettin - Chief of Police
Jeff Batchelor - Director of Code Enforecement
Bert Cook - Executive Director, LEAP

LEAP Members - Free Non-Members - \$15



Registration Required

State of the County Presented By:

LOCHMUELLER GROUP

March 13, 2020

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.; Registration

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; Program

Panel Includes:

Jack Arnett - Executive Director Visit Michigan City La Porte Randy Novak - La Porte County Council President Sheila Matias - La Porte County Commission President

Registration Required: https://bit.ly/2OLqENm







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Shop for a great cause. When you bring this flyer in and purchase delicious Fannie May® treats, 30%* of the net proceeds will be donated to our organization.

Fundraiser in support of:

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Wednesday April 8, 2020 4pm-8pm

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P: 219.871.0986



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Sunshine Committee

The Sunshine Committee sends cards and/or flowers to members during illness, hospitalization, or sympathy.



The sunshine committee for this association is Robin Umphrey of RE/MAX County Wide 1st

Please contact Robin Umphrey with any news relevant to our Association.

Membership Update

The following have applied for membership in our Association:

Gloria Jones ~ Coldwell Banker 1st Choice

Paul Zubrys ~ Paul Zubrys Real Estate

Please contact the Board office with any questions or comments at 219-324-8120. Thank you.

Coming Soon: New Member Orientation!

2020 Affiliate Dues

The 2020 Affiliate invoices were sent during the month of February. The affiliate dues for 2020 are as follows:

\$275 for one affiliate member

\$350 for two affiliate members.

\$450 for up to four affiliate members. T

The invoices were sent electronically via email so if you have not received any invoice, please send us an email at: lpcar@frontier.com

We look forward to working with all of our Affiliate members in 2020! Just a friendly reminder that all Affiliate Dues should be received by **March 6, 2020.**

If you will not be renewing your membership, please contact the office so we may update our records.

Election Year—Make sure you are registered to Vote!

Please remember that Voter Registration ends **October 5**, **2020**! In order to be able to vote in the general election this **November 3rd** you must be registered to vote by this deadline.

With the general election taking place this fall, the LaPorte County Association of REALTORS® wants to remind you to **register** to vote!

If there is a reason you will not be able to vote in person, you can still **absentee vote.**

Unsure if you are **registered**?

For more information or help finding your polling location, follow this **link**.





RPAC: Your Best Investment in Real Estate

Since 1969, the REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC) has promoted the election of proREALTOR® 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 ac-

complish 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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| 1 | 2 | Board of Director Meeting at 11:30 am at Board Office | 4 | 5 | 6 LEAP Community Engagement Se- ries 7:30 a.m. LP Library | 7 |
| 8 SPRING FORWARD | 9 | 10 Membership Mtg @4:30 p.m. at Por- tofino Grill, LP | 11 | 12 | 13 State of the County- PNW @11:00 a.m | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 Happy ** St. Patrick's Day | 18 | 19 Shanning the spring | 20 | 21 |
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Office Closed: March 12-20, 2020