



La Porte County Association of REALTORS®

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Monthly Newsletter

April 2021

Membership Meeting Special Presentation

The LaPorte County Association of REALTORS® and
The City of LaPorte Present

HEART OF LAPORTE WORKSHOP

April 20, 2021

1:00 p.m. CST

CIVIC AUDITORIUM

Open to the Public



Featuring Guest Speakers:



**Tom Dermody, Mayor of
La Porte Indiana**



**Tom Casey, Director of
Community Planning &
Development**



**Jeff Batchelor, Director of
Code Enforcement**



Register today at

www.laportecountyrealtors.com

Letter from Board President



Hey everyone, I can't believe it's April already! This month we celebrate **Fair Housing Month!** We are hosting a Fairhaven Challenge Give Away on our website for a chance to win a \$100 Visa Gift Card and we will be having a virtual meeting with Bill Dedman, one of the lead investigative reporters for the Newsday Long Island undercover investigation. Remember we aren't out of the woods yet, Covid-19 numbers are spiking again, and we need to be community role models still, and do our part in social distancing and wearing our masks! Make April a great month!

Brad Anderson
LPCAR President

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As a courtesy to those attending we kindly request that face coverings be worn during our session!



Board Office Reminder: Our board office is open by appointment only. We require face masks to be worn when entering the office and ask all those entering to comply with this policy.

April is Fair Housing Month

Fair Housing Month-Take the Fairhaven Challenge for a chance to win a \$100 Visa Gift Card

Every April REALTORS® commemorate the passage of the **Fair Housing Act of 1968** with events and education that shine a light on housing discrimination and segregation, and a re-commitment to expanding equal access to housing. Implicit bias is often a manifestation of muscle memory. A go-with-your-gut unconscious choice, act, or opinion with immeasurable consequences that can, and have impacted generations. Slow down, course correct, and take action. Throughout the year we must remain steadfast in our commitment breaking down biases, holding ourselves accountable, and upholding the letter of the law. So, refresh your memory, and open your mind. There's always more to know, and we can all do better.

NAR is committed to making housing fair for all. And yet, many don't realize the broad scope of NAR's Code of Ethics and its commitment against all forms of discrimination in housing. [Fairhaven](#) is an innovative training platform available to all 1.4 million NAR members at no additional cost. The website is part of NAR's ACT! Initiative, a fair housing action plan that

emphasizes accountability, culture change, and training to promote equal housing opportunity within the industry.



Your association would like all of our REALTOR members to take the [Fairhaven simulation](#) during the month of April and asking you to take the **Fairhaven Simulation challenge** for a chance to win a **\$100 Visa Gift Card!** Every LPCAR REALTOR member (primary and secondary) who completes the challenge during April will be entered in a drawing.

To enter:

- 1)log on to www.nar.realtor
- 2)complete the Fairhaven Simulation
- 3)download and email your certificate of complete to the board office before the end of the month.

All entries will be verified with NAR. One name will be drawn from all completed and verified entries and will win a \$100 Visa Gift Card.

Fair Housing Month Special Presentation

Mark your calendar for a special presentation! The La Porte County Association is pleased to present a special virtual event with guest speaker **Bill Dedman**. Pulitzer Prize winner and No. 1 bestselling author Bill Dedman was a lead reporter on Newsday's three-year investigation. Bill developed the methodology for the investigation, including recruiting, training, and deploying 25 testers with hidden cameras. This investigation revealed how Long Island, New York's dominant residential real estate brokerages helped reinforce racial segregation through illegal steering of customers. Bill will take us through a guided tour inside the investigation that has prompted investigations by federal and state authorities across the country. It has also led to changes at the National Association of REALTORS® that include anti-bias training for agents and developing an interactive training simulation to help agents identify and confront discrimination in home homebuying.



This event will be presented virtually via zoom on **April 29, 2021 beginning at 1 p.m. CST**. Please reserve your spot online on our website, www.laportecountyrealtors.com.

SPECIAL FAIR HOUSING PRESENTATION

TESTING THE DIVIDE: LESSONS LEARNED FROM LONG ISLAND DIVIDED

Featuring Pulitzer Prize Winner Phil Dedman



Join Us
Via Zoom

Thursday, April 29, 2021
1:00 p.m.- 2:15 p.m. CST

Register Online

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Fair Housing Declaration



I Agree To:

- Provide equal professional service without regard to the race, color, religion, gender (sex), disability (handicap), familial status, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity of any prospective client, customer, or of the residents of any community.
- Keep informed about fair housing law and practices, improving my clients' and customers' opportunities and my business.
- Develop advertising that indicates that everyone is welcome and no one is excluded; expanding my client's and customer's opportunities to see, buy, or lease property.
- Inform my clients and customers about their rights and responsibilities under the fair housing laws by providing brochures and other information.
- Document my efforts to provide professional service, which will assist me in becoming a more responsive and successful REALTOR®.
- Refuse to tolerate non-compliance.
- Learn about those who are different from me, and celebrate those differences.
- Take a positive approach to fair housing practices and aspire to follow the spirit as well as the letter of the law.
- Develop and implement fair housing practices for my firm to carry out the spirit of this declaration.

Reaffirm your commitment to Fair Housing. Show you support equal opportunity in housing by displaying this declaration of following fair housing laws and your commitment to provide professional service with the REALTOR® Fair Housing Declaration.



**APRIL IS
FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

Rolling through your day on autopilot? Just because it's second nature, doesn't mean it's right. Slow down and make sure you're providing equal service to all.

April is Fair Housing Month and a great time to affirm you're helping to build thriving, inclusive communities. Fair housing impacts all NAR members, all markets, and all neighborhoods.

Check yourself. Educate yourself. Hold yourself accountable. Because That's Who We R®.

Visit nar.realtor/FHM to access tools to help you prevent discrimination in real estate.



2021 Annual Food Drive is kicking off early!



La Porte County Association of REALTORS
P.O. Box 248
La Porte, Indiana 46352
Phone: 219-324-8120
Fax: 219-324-9323



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. Any amount is appreciated. Every cent of your donation goes toward buying food and all contributions stay in our community.

We will once again partner with a local grocery store and will be able to purchase our food at a reduced rate. This simple act of kindness helps so many!

Donations are being accepted through May 17, 2021. Please make all checks payable to "La Porte County Association of REALTORS." You may use our GoFundMe page too... <https://www.gofundme.com/f/2021-food-drive>. **Please note the following if using GoFundMe link:** *There has been a change to their platform. It will ask a donor for a "tip" to offset costs. You may elect to bypass the tip by changing the percentage to "other" and entering 0 as the amount. This is an optional feature added by GoFundMe but not required.*

Please feel free to call anyone on our committee if you would like any additional information or if you would like someone to pick up your donation.

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

Amy Blind
Food Drive Co-Chair
Pine Lake Realty
219-608-4213

Robin Umphrey
Food Drive Co-Chair
RE/MAX County Wide 1st
219-363-9330

Committee Members:

Jamal Agemy/ Century 21 Affiliated MC - 219-877-8567
Brad Anderson/ RE/MAX County Wide 1st – 219-369-3330
Annette McIntyre/Century 21 Affiliated MC-219-363-1117
Iris Muccigrosso/LPCAR – 219-324-8120

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Have confidence in a professional – see a REALTOR®

REALTOR® is a registered mark which identifies a professional in real estate who subscribes to a strict Code of Ethics as a member of the National Association of REALTORS®

National Association of REALTORS®

Monetary donations may be sent to the board office now through May 17th. Please make checks payable to 'LPCAR'. Funds received will be used to purchase food items and donated to our local area pantries. Our goal this year is raise \$7000, help us reach that goal while helping our community!

Sunshine Committee

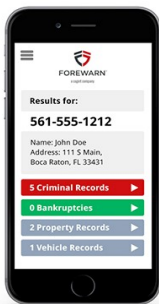
The sunshine committee for our association is Robin Umphrey/REMAX County Wide 1st. Please contact her at 219-324-6600 for any news relevant to our association. A reminder: this committee sends get well cards/sympathy arrangements/etc for REALTOR and Affiliate members of LPCAR

Member Benefit

REALTOR Members: Don't forget to take advantage of your LPCAR member benefits. Tech Helpline can help out with most of your tech issues, whether it is a printer problem or you need to connect to apple Play in your car.



Forewarn is a safety application designed for the real estate industry



to help better assess your risk when working with clients.

Please contact the board office for more information.

Membership Update

Please welcome the following members in our Association:

- **Angie Pritchard ~ Addresses Unlimited LLC**
- **Jordin Agemy ~ Century 21 Affiliated Michigan City**
- **Kelly Gaussein ~ @Properties**
- **Joseph Stack ~ D'Aprile Properties**
- **Patrick Vance ~ Weichert Realtors/Merrion Grou**
- **Eva Clinton ~ Blackrock Real Estate**
- **Jessika Wallen ~ First Centennial Mortgage**
- **Meghan Maddox ~ MTM Realty**
- **Robin Willoughby ~ MTM Realty**
- **Thomas Thomasino ~ Coldwell Banker 1st Choice**
- **Kelly Goranson ~ Century 21 Affiliated La Porte**
(September 2020 through March 2021)

Lockbox Request Procedures for Offices

Just a reminder to all offices: To request lockboxes for pickup please follow the procedure below. Please allow adequate time between your request and scheduling your pickup. (Both GNIAR and LPCAR offices are operating by appointment only).

1. Please begin your request by contacting GNIAR. Please send your request to one of the following:

joe@gniar.com,
matisha@gniar.com,
brianna@gniar.com, or
veronica@gniar.com

Please note that GNIAR is operating by appointment only so please allow for an adequate response time to your request.



2. Complete a [lockbox request form](#) and submit to one of the emails listed above.
3. **Managing Brokers** - if you would like to authorize an agent in your office to pick up lockboxes on your behalf, please complete an [Authorization for Pick Up form](#) and submit to GNIAR
4. Once you have received approval for additional lockboxes, please contact our board office to schedule a pick up time. (219-324-8120) . All those entering the office will be required to wear a facemask and we thank you for your cooperation.

Deserving Children Charity Auction Give Back Event

Please print out the coupons below and present to
your server on April 15, 2021 4-8 p.m.

GALVESTON
STEAKHOUSE

**Give Back
Event**

A Prime Eating Establishment

Group: La Porte County Association of REALTORS
Deserving Children Charity

Date: April 15, 2021

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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2021 LPCAR Scholarship Update

We are pleased to announce that the LPCAR scholarship award has been increased to **\$1000!**



LPCAR awards up to **3 (three)** scholarships per year for students of LPCAR family members. This award is available to high school seniors who will pursue higher education as well as current college students. Students of family members, both **REALTOR** and **Affiliate** members, may apply. To be eligible the student must be related to an LPCAR member in good standing (active member).

The application have been posted on our website at www.laportecountyrealtors.com or you may access the form below, and the deadline to submit the application is **April 30, 2021.** Please make sure your student submits the application before the deadline.



Scholarship Application Form

New Member Orientation via Zoom-April 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

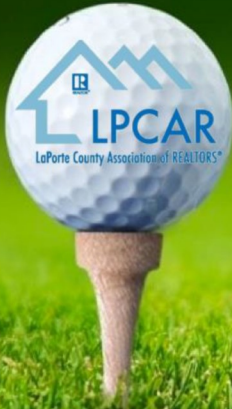
The spring session of new member orientation will take place on **April 14, 2021** online via **Zoom**. This session will begin at 9 a.m. and will last approximately 4 hours. Those needing to attend this session will receive information and registration information.



This year a portion of the session—Code of Ethics for New Members, will be taken online via www.nar.realtor and all attendees will be required to complete this section on their own. NAR sends notification to local associations when a member has completed this course.

A reminder that new member orientation is a **required membership obligation of the National Association of REALTORS**. Please contact the board office with any questions.





LaPorte County Association of REALTORS
Annual Golf Outing

Friday August 27, 2021

Briar Leaf Golf Course

Registration @ 9:30 AM Shot Gun Start @ 11 AM

\$250 per team

Deadline: **Aug 11th**

Each Golfer Receives:

**18 Holes of Golf with Cart,
Lunch, & Dinner**

\$100 Hole Sponsor, Lunch for 2,
Dinner for 2, & Sign

Beverages sponsored by:

T.A. Roberts

IKnowTARoberts.com

800-906-8326

**4 Person Scramble
Fundraiser
(24 Team Limit)**

Closest to the Pin
Longest Drive (Men & Women)

\$1st Place Team Award

\$2nd Place Team Award

\$3rd Place Team Award

Duffer Prize

**Mardi Gras Golf Cart
Contest: dress up your cart!
1st and 2nd place prizes for
best decorated carts**



Committee Co-Chairs:
Brad Anderson: 219-369-3330
Lisa Daniel-King: 219-608-1950
Gary Jones: 219-363-9496
Tracey Cummins: 219-363-6619

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Register Now

Team Name: _____ Contact Name: _____ Contact # : _____

Player #1 : _____ Player #3 : _____

Player #2 : _____ Player #4 : _____

Make checks payable to LPCAR. Gary Jones will collect all payments and entries: jonesrealtor@yahoo.com



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



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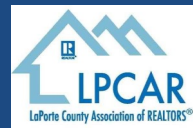


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April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April is Fair Housing Month!				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Board of Director Meeting @ 11:30 a.m.	14 New Member Orientation 9:00 a.m. via Zoom	15 Galveston Give Back: 4-8 pm Dine In only	16	17
18	19	20 Heart of La Porte Workshop: 11 a.m. Civic Auditorium	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Fair Housing Month Special Presentation: 1 p.m.	30	