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Lake Royale Board Meeting Recap: Board Appointments, Community Updates, and New Business

The Lake Royale Property Owners Association Board of Directors convened its monthly open session on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 7:03 PM. Board President Steve Ragaglia called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Police Chief. During the agenda discussion, it was noted that the removal of cameras under New Business, Section D, was tabled until the February meeting. A motion was made, and the motion passed unanimously. The November 2025 meeting minutes were approved.

Board Appointments and Introductions: President Ragaglia introduced Carlos Bermudez, who was appointed to fill a residential board position with a term of one and a half years. He also announced Stan Joseph as the new Vice Chair. Both new board members addressed the community, offering a history of their experience and what they intend to bring to the Board.

Board President Report and Community Updates: President Ragaglia addressed several rumors circulating within the community. Regarding the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, he explained that the reason the community became aware of the matter was due to a public announcement made during a county commissioners' meeting, of which the Board was previously unaware. John Bell has been exploring options regarding possible involvement by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office to secure the lake.

- President Ragaglia stated that there is currently no contract or agreement for the Board to review. When and if a contract is issued, the Board will review it and bring it to the community's attention.
- President Ragaglia reiterated, as he has stated multiple times, that residents should not rely on social media for information and should instead reach out directly to Board members or the management company with concerns.
- He reminded the community that RedBird Water Company is a separate entity, and neither the Board of Directors nor the management company has authority over it. Residents with complaints were advised to file them with the North Carolina Utilities Commission, as it is the only agency that can direct RedBird.
- President Ragaglia also addressed a social media rumor regarding the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) entering the lake. He explained that Lake Royale operates entirely through established processes. If DEQ were to request information and contact the Board of Directors or management, that information would be provided and cooperation would occur. Management will reach out to DEQ to ensure the correct process is followed. He noted that it was unfortunate that a DEQ representative requested a resident to gather information that neither the Board nor management could legally authorize. He emphasized that the resident involved had several excellent ideas and was highly educated in erosion control, and that the discussion was not negative, but instructional regarding how processes work through the Board and management.

New Business: Discussion was held regarding Chippewa Cove boat docks, where erosion and sediment have prevented residents from using their docks. The Board determined that residents who cannot utilize their docks will not be charged dock fees. Dock fees will increase to \$400, reflecting dock repairs and replacements, with billing beginning in February. Residents are encouraged to either pay their dock fees or notify the POA office if surrendering their docks.

- Discussion was held regarding Christmas decoration removal, and the Board voted unanimously that removal will be at the homeowner's discretion.
- A motion was made to install a speed bump near the postal area due to speeding concerns. Discussion regarding converting an exit-only area to an entrance/exit resulted in a tied vote (4-4), and the matter was tabled until February. Public Works confirmed that a speed bump could be installed.

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Lake Royale Company Police Department
Service Calls/Citations/Arrests
(01/01/2026 - 01/23/2026)



911 Hang up.....1	Domestic....1	Public Service...30
Abandoned/Disabled Vehicle....1	Follow-up Investigation.....2	Suspicious Activity..2
Access Point Check....12	Illegal/Improper Parking....1	Suspicious Vehicle/Person...2
Alarm residential.....1	Medical Call.....1	Talk with an Officer...8
Assist EMS/Law Enforcement...3	Mental Call.....2	Traffic Stop.....7
Dispute/Disturbance....1	Noise Complaint.....1	Welfare Check....6

Message from the Chief:

The Lake Royale Company Police Department is actively interviewing and hiring several highly qualified cadets as part of our continued commitment to serving the community. Our goal is to have the department fully staffed by the beginning of the summer. Under the new administration, these efforts are already making a positive impact, with crime reduced by 25% compared to this same time last year. We appreciate the community’s continued support and partnership as we work together to keep Lake Royale a safe place to live, work, and enjoy.

To address the community’s concerns and demonstrate his commitment to transparency, he created the following systems:

- For general complaints about officer conduct, professionalism, or safety. Please email them to: **Complaints@lrpcpd.com**
- To report narcotic activity, you can send an email to: **narcoticscomplaints@lrpcpd.com**
- General Webiste for LRPCPD is **http://www.lrpcpdnc.com/**



The Members of the Board and how to contact them:



- Steve Ragaglia**- President sragaglia@lrpoa.com
- Phil Ackler**- Treasurer packler@lrpoa.com (Finance Committee)
- Rhonda Folks**- Secretary (Building/Recreation Committee)
- Missy Atkins**- Assist. Secretary matkins@lrpoa.com (Welcome Committee)
- John Bell**- Vice President jbelle@lrpoa.com (Golf Committee)
- Ray Grimes**- Director rgrimes@lrpoa.com (Dredging/Finance Committee)
- Diana Shaffer**- Chair dshaffer@lrpoa.com (Dredging Committee)
- Cheryl Lyster**- Director clyster@lrpoa.com
- Stanley Joseph**- Vice Chair
- Carlos Bermudez**- Director

New Business Continued:

Discussion was also held regarding a day dock at the pavilion due to safety concerns and lack of temporary docking space. A \$14,000 bid was presented, and the Board requested a CEAR report with multiple bids. The item was tabled until February while proper documentation is completed.

Restaurant Update – Mad Flavorz Wings Lounge of Lake Royale:

Ruth Moore, representing Mad Flavorz Wings, was introduced and provided an overview of the restaurant's upcoming opening. David Moore was unable to attend due to illness. Residents were invited to walk through the restaurant following the meeting to view the construction progress. The restaurant is expected to open no later than mid-February, pending the arrival of remaining equipment. David Moore holds a culinary arts degree and has been ranked as having the number one wings in the State of North Carolina. The menu will include wings, seafood sandwiches, homemade macaroni and cheese, collard greens, and more. Delivery services are planned, and the owners intend to pursue an ABC license for a bar at the restaurant. The Board encouraged residents to support the restaurant, noting that many restaurants fail due to lack of community support. The owners plan to offer a reasonably priced menu with high-quality food.

Dredging Update: President Ragaglia provided a brief dredging update, stating that the barges are complete and currently in transit. The final step before the project can begin is receiving engineered plans for the wall where the barges will be placed.

Financial and Committee Reports: Phil Ackler (Treasurer) reported that the Finance Committee, FSR, and management have been working diligently to prepare the budget for presentation to the community, Board approval, and timely billing. **(Treasurer Report Page 23)**

Committee Appointments: The following committee appointments were presented and approved unanimously:

Lisa Bermudez – Board of Adjustment
 Robin Williams – Amenities Committee
 Kenneth Morton – Amenities Committee
 Joyce White – Amenities Committee

A motion was made to accept all committee reports that were submitted, which passed unanimously.

Operational Updates: Lance Carlson (Public Works) provided an overview of maintenance accomplishments. Crews are finishing work on the golf course and beginning work on the front nine. Work has also been completed on previously undeveloped cul-de-sacs. Residents were urged to use caution due to inclement weather and to remain off the roads if possible.

Public Safety & Police Department Update: Police Chief Robert Smith reported that multiple major arrests have occurred within the community. The department continues regular patrols and has been assisted by Franklin County on two major cases this month.

Management Report: Jessica Stovall (General Manager) reported that over \$293,000 in delinquent debt has been collected since November through letters and the collections process. Lien letters will begin going out, with liens processed in compliance with updated laws. She emphasized that neither the Board nor management intends to take homes; however, paying assessments is a homeowner's responsibility and significantly affects the community's ability to prepare budgets. Jessica apologized for the incorrect issuance of non-compliance letters regarding Christmas decorations, which were later retracted. There is currently no timeframe in the governing documents for when decorations must be removed. Jason Rogers (Assistant Manager/ Compliance Manager) was present and also apologized.

Public Comment: Five residents addressed the Board, with discussion centered on the police department, collections, dredging, and the possibility of moving to a biannual budget cycle.

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:41 PM.

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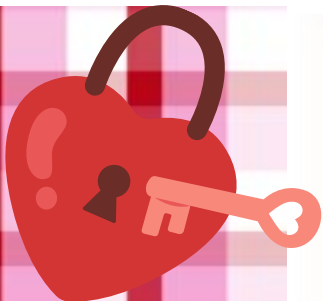
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Events



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7PM-10PM

B.Y.O.B

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\$9.00 GUESTS

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CASH BINGO

MARCH 6TH

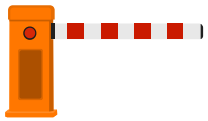
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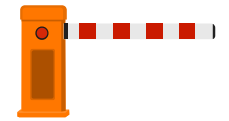
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Lake Royale Gatehouse Updates



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Need DWELLINGLIVE Access see below:

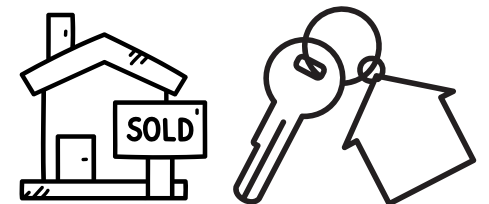
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Please make sure your account is up to date. Also, there's an app for that! DwellingLive has mobile apps available for both Android and Apple Devices.

If you do not have access or your user credentials, please contact the gatehouse or email the Gate Manger (Jennifer Volk) at jennifer.volk@fsresidential.com for assistance.

Additional Tip to Know about the Gatehouse:

Notify the gatehouse if you move or switch addresses within the community as soon as possible. We will need to manually transfer your account information to the new address in DwellingLive. This information does not automatically transfer and is cleared when new ownership occurs.



Lake Royale Property Owners
Association is managed by
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Access your Gate Entry Account here:

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LAKE ROYALE BASSMASTERS
TOURNAMENT

BY LYNNE SPERLING

Lake Royale Bassmasters had an awesome turnout for the Saturday, January 10th Tournament! 27 showed up to compete on this unbelievably, nice winter day! Highs got into the 70's with a fog in the early morning and a little breezy from time to time throughout the day.

Tournament
Results



1ST PLACE - 1st Place & Big Fish Winner - Joe Edwards, Jr.
Weighing in 5 fish for a total whopping weight of 14.2 lbs.
\$220.00 cash prize received
His Big Fish weighed 5.5 lbs.



2ND PLACE -2nd Place Winner : Eric Goff
Weighing in 5 fish for a total of 9.8 lbs.
\$ 180.00 cash prize received



3RD PLACE - 3rd Place Winner : Mike Ferrell
Weighing in 4 fish total of 5.2 lbs.
\$140.00 cash prize received
For every tournament this year, JOE EDWARDS, SR. has graciously donated \$25.00 for 10th place and \$25.00 for smallest fish!

Special Awards



Biggest Fish Winner
Joe Edwards, Jr.
Won \$220.00
Weighed 5.5lbs

Smallest Fish Winner
Ed Gerstenmier
Won \$25.00



Lucky10th place Winner
Chris Ferson, Jr. came in 10th place
Won \$25.00

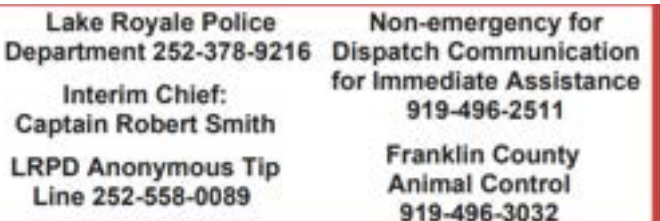


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Congratulations to all participating and fishing hard! YOU continue to make this club a great one!!!
Normally, all Bass Tournaments are the 2nd Saturday of each month but for February, it will be on Saturday, February 21st to allow everyone to spend Valentines Day with their sweethearts.

For more info: contact Rich Sperling (919-339-8371) or Follow the Lake Royale Bassmasters on Facebook for more pictures and updates for this fabulous club.



Mark your calendars!
Tournaments are always the 2nd Saturday of each month.





Protecting Our Greatest Asset

By: THOMAS MUELLER

Protect Our Lake Committee February 2026: Waterfront Erosion Control

On lakes like ours, boat wakes cause more erosion than wind-driven waves. Different types of erosion control methods make a difference on how they impact the lake as a whole. If your shoreline has erosion control features that need repair or replacement, you might consider some options.

What are the options for a Lake Royale property owner who wants to protect the shoreline? There are several basic types of shore protection, each with its own advantages and disadvantages, and some can be combined.

1. A common method of protecting the shoreline is to erect a bulkhead, sometimes referred to as a seawall. This generally consists of a vertical barrier made of wood, metal, or concrete. Typically, it serves as a retaining wall. This stops the erosion at the bulkhead, but the bulkhead reflects the waves rather than softens them, resulting in the erosion zone being transferred to the neighboring and underwater habitat. Bulkheads can be stepped or sloped, and this helps to spread out and reduce the wave energy. They tend to be the most expensive option, both for installation and maintenance.
2. Rip-rap, also known as Rock Armoring, does a better job of breaking up the waves. In addition, it is generally the least expensive of the options to install.
3. Finally, the best solution is what is known as a "Living Shoreline", making use of vegetation and roots to hold the soil in place. While installation costs vary a great deal, this method can turn out to be the most cost-effective option in the long run.

A note regarding construction site violations:

In following the quote, *"If you see something, say something,"* kindly direct areas of concern, i.e., mud on the road, trash at construction sites, curtain drains, etc., to the CC&R Director Jason Rogers at: jason.rogers@fsresidential.com or Jessica Hight jessica.hight@fsresidential.com at the POA office. If you would like to submit a complaint about a property, please contact them the address and photos of said site infractions.

(DO NOT send concerns of this nature to our LRCPD.)

Thank you for your cooperation!

A note regarding stubborn erosion problems:

Property owners facing erosion problems may get professional advice at no cost through the NCSU Cooperative Extension. Please contact POLC Chair Ron Intini at rintini10@gmail.com to get connected with this service.



Notify the Building Committee/FSR if you need to repair or remove an existing boathouse, dock or bulkhead. The Building Committee and FSR staff will work with you to determine if any applications and/or permits are required. Major rebuilds on boathouses and docks, may require an application and permits from the Building Committee, FSR and/or Franklin County to ensure local building codes are followed.

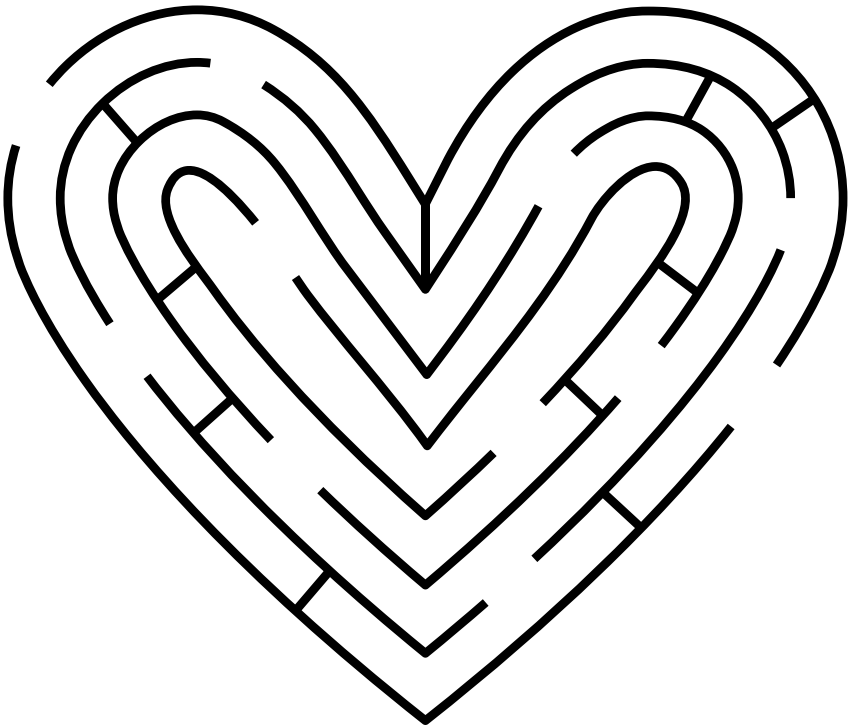


POLC meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, at the Clubhouse, 7pm. All are welcome!



ROYALE KIDS

VALENTINE MAZE

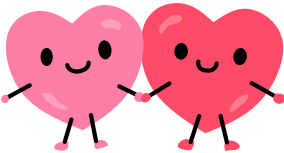
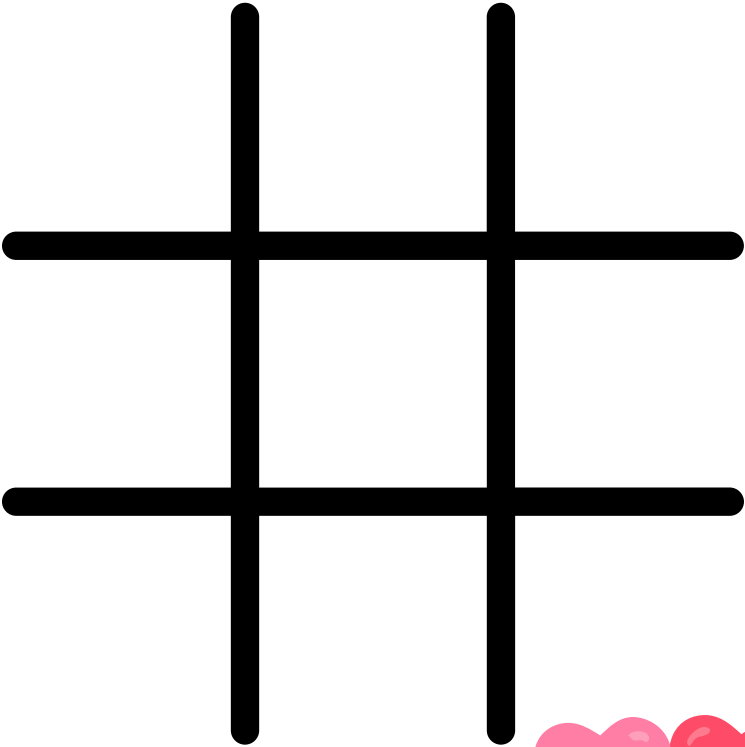


VALENTINE'S DAY
WORD SEARCH

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G	D	C	S	Z	T	M	A	U	D
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Who Else to Notify!

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A word to the reader - This series of general knowledge trivia quizzes are designed to challenge, entertain and inform. See how many you can answer before turning to the internet. Happy solving,
Papa Fred

Papa Fred's Trivia Challenge Number 27 (February 2026)
Send your questions or comments to: papafredlakeroyale@gmail.com

How many can you answer before turning to the internet?

1. Who did the Green Bay Packers beat in the first Super Bowl? A. Buffalo Bills B. Kansas City Chiefs C. New York Jets D. Oakland Raiders
2. Which of these was NOT a costume worn by the 'Village People' in the "YMCA" music video? A. Construction Worker B. Cowboy C. Firefighter D. Soldier.
3. TRUE or FALSE: Contrary to their name, there are no known millipedes with 1,000 legs.
4. Where is Timbuktu located? A. India B. Mali C. Nowhere (it's a mythical place) D. Thailand
5. TRUE or FALSE: Jackie Gleason's classic TV sitcom, "The Honeymooners", ran for an amazing 412 episodes.
6. Of the 43 men who have served as President of the U. S., how many also served in the armed forces. A. 19 B. 23 C. 27 D. 31
7. What are the three things on the Yamaha LOGO?
8. What was pictured on the first FOREVER U.S. postage stamp? A. Liberty Bell B. Statue of Liberty C. Uncle Sam D. U.S. Flag
9. If California were a separate nation, where would its economy rank? A. 4th B. 8th C. 12th D. 16th
10. Adele's first three album titles total what? A. 45 B. 55 C. 65 D. 75
11. Tetris, the puzzle video game, originated in which country? A. China B. Finland C. Japan D. Soviet Union
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(Answers on Page 19)



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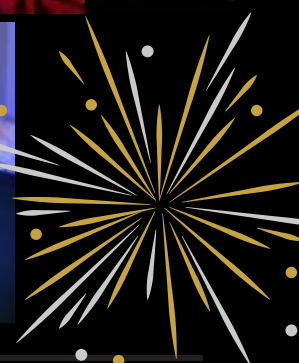
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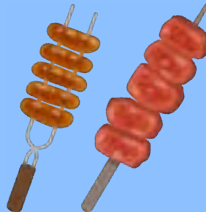
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NEW YEARS EVE PARTY



Grill Night



Cash Bingo





"Local Eats - The Opinion of a Lake Royale Dining Enthusiast"

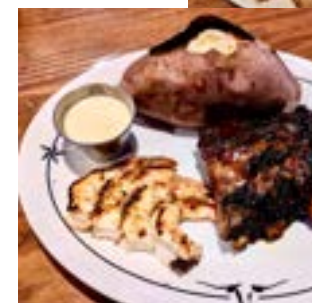
Saltgrass Steak House - Good Vibes



/ Good Food



Saltgrass Steak House is part of the Landry's restaurant group and promises to 'recapture the flavor of the open campfire'; and I think it delivers on that promise. The decor is rustic western, the lighting subdued and the smokey aroma of grilled steaks fill the air. The beef is certified Angus, nicely seasoned with 7 spices, chargrilled to order, and topped with fresh garlic butter. The menu also includes such classics as **Chicken Fried Chicken, BBQ Baby Back Ribs, Pork Chop, Burgers, Seafood and Salads.**



My lunch favorite is the **Chopped Steak** with grilled onions, sautéed mushrooms and cognac sauce (\$16.99 with a Side & Rolls). The tender, beefy steak has a distinct crusty char and is smothered in caramelized mushrooms. **Grilled Shrimp** is a good option for seafood lovers (\$22.99 with a Side and Soup or Salad). The 8 Jumbo Shrimp were juicy with a little snap - just right. The **Fried Mushroom** appetizer (\$9.99) is a real bargain. Plump, earthy mushrooms with a crunchy Parmesan Crust - a real winner. The **Queso Fresco with Brisket** app (\$15.49) was not so good. The queso blanco, brisket, pico de gallo, cilantro, onions and chips sounded interesting; but failed to deliver. We also enjoyed the **BBQ Pork Ribs & Shrimp combo** (\$28.99 with a Side & Soup or Salad). The 5 baby back ribs and 4 grilled shrimp made for a delicious and satisfying meal.

Steaks are the stars at Saltgrass, and **Ribeye** is my steak of choice. Options are either 12 oz. (\$31.49) or 16 oz. (\$37.49) - including a Side and Soup or Salad. The steak, while a little on the thin side, was nicely marbled, rich and buttery - and almost decadent when slathered with melted garlic butter. You can upgrade to a crisp **Lettuce Wedge** for \$4.99.

Saltgrass has an exceptional array of tempting **Sides**. The crunchy **Flash-fried Green Beans** are a nice addition to any entree. There's also **Asparagus** (+\$3.39), **Broccoli**, **Brussels Sprouts**, **Fried Onions**, **Herb Rice** and **Smoked Mac and Cheese**. **Potato** options include **Baked**, **French Fried**, **Mashed**, **Parmesan Truffled** (+\$2.99) or **Sweet** (fried or baked +\$2.49).

One caveat: The menu includes a lot of options that come with an added price. I found that some servers casually recommend these items without mentioning that there is an additional cost. On my first visit, my bill was several dollars more than I had expected.

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Ukrainian Borscht

This is a wonderful recipe for a great cold-weather, hearty, thick soup. It also includes several short-cuts that make preparation easier, but retain the original

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoon Olive Oil
- 2 cloves Garlic minced (*)
- 12 cups Beef Broth
- 2 Russet Potatoes (peel and dice) (**)
- 8 cups Coleslaw Mix (***)
- 2 tablespoon Tomato Paste
- 3 Bay Leaves
- 64 oz Jar Pickled Sliced Beets (drain & dice)
- 1 pound Pork Sausage
- 2 Carrots (grated) Pinch of Sugar Salt and Pepper to taste Sour Cream and fresh Dill for garnish,

Optional:

- * Substitute 1 to 2 tablespoons garlic powder. **
- Any potato will work as long as they are peeled.
- *** Use the pre-cleaned chopped bags of coleslaw mix

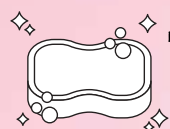
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Procedure:

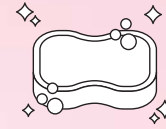
- Rough chop the Coleslaw Mix (makes the soup easier to eat).
- Heat Oil in a large pot over medium heat.
- Crumble Pork Sausage and sauté thoroughly.
- Drain and set aside. Add a little more Oil and Garlic and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds.
- Add Broth, Sausage, Potato, Carrot, Coleslaw mix, and Bay Leaves.
- Simmer 12 to 15 minutes or until vegetables are starting to soften, stirring occasionally.
- Stir in Beets, Tomato Paste and Sugar.
- Continue simmering about 10 minutes or until Potatoes are cooked through.
- Remove the bay leaf and season with Salt and Pepper to taste.
- Serve topped with Sour Cream and chopped fresh Dill



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TIPS FROM THE CLEANING GUIDE



As the season changes, it is the perfect time to refresh your home and prepare for what's ahead. A little seasonal cleaning can improve air quality, reduce clutter, and help your home feel lighter and more comfortable.



Seasonal Cleaning Tips:

- Clean windows and window seals to remove built-up dust and grime.
- Open blinds and curtains and give them a quick vacuum or wash.
- Rotate seasonal clothing and donate items you no longer wear.
- Wipe down baseboards, door frames, and light switches.
- Declutter closets, pantries, and storage areas one space at a time.

Often-Forgotten Cleaning Spots:

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TRIVIA ANSWERS FROM PAGE 13

Papa Fred's Trivia Challenge Number 27 (February 2026)

1. **"B"** Note: They beat the **Kansas City Chiefs 35** - 10 on January 15, 1967.
2. **"C" Firefighter** Note: The others were Native American, Policeman and Biker.
3. **FALSE** Note: While most millipedes have fewer than 100 legs, an underground millipede was discovered in Australia with 1,306 legs.
4. **"B" Mali** Note: Two-thirds of the participants in a recent survey thought Timbuktu was an imaginary place. The African city (population around 55,000) was famous for its salt, gold and ivory trade.
5. **False** Note: It lasted only one season (39 episodes). It was knocked off the air by the popular "Perry Como Show" in 1956.
6. **"D"** Note: All **31** were officers except James Buchanan, who was a Private in the Pennsylvania volunteer militia.
7. **Tuning Forks** Note: Torakusu Yamaha began producing Western-style musical instruments in 1887. Yamaha introduced its first motorcycle in 1955. It sold its first outboard motor in 1960 and first WaveRunner in 1966.
8. **"A"** Note: The **Liberty Bell** forever stamp went on sale on April 12, 2007 for 41 cents. There have been over 100 different forever stamp designs since.
9. **"A" 4th** Note: It would rank behind only the U.S., China and Germany.
10. **"C" 65** Note: They are her age at the time they were released (19, 21, 25).
11. **"D"** Note: It was created in 1985 by Alexey Pajitnov, a Soviet software engineer.
12. **"A"** Note: The soft-bodied **Beetles** are related to glowworms.
13. **"C"** Note: **Frankfurt** is not the capital of Germany.
14. **"C"** Note: 'Kara' means **'empty'** and 'oke' is the Japanese word for **'orchestra'**.
15. **"D"** Note: It's the multi-layered suit of armor designed to shield **Firemen** from intense heat and flames.

BONUS TOUGHIE: "B" Note:
Lincoln introduced the income tax in 1861 to fund the Civil War. The rate was 3% on income up to \$10,000 and 5% on income over \$10,000.

JUST CRUISING

BY JACK GREENE

JUST CRUISING!

Sometimes we all get to day dreaming and forget where we are going when we are bopping down the highway and listening to our favorite music.

When I traveled for work, a few times I would be cruising down the interstate and suddenly look up at a info sign and realize I had gone several miles past my exit and have to turn back. This was back in the days before we had GPS to prompt us when to turn or would give us directions on the fly, so we had to pay attention to our whereabouts.

I remember one time my wife and I were headed home from a family event and I had driven past the turn to go to our neighborhood. After a couple of miles down the road my wife looked over and said, "Honey, where are you going"? Not wanting to look stupid, I said, "Oh well, I guess that's enough sightseeing, are you ready to go home"? When someone was riding with you, it was important to always make it looked like you meant to do that!!!



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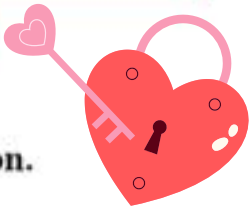
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FAQ

How do I get a new POA Membership Card?

To receive a POA membership card, you **MUST** be a property owner and a permanent resident, and your property **MUST** be in good standing with the Association.

To obtain a card: The owner of the Property will complete a POA Membership Form.

All members and permanent residents must present a valid photo ID that matches the Property owner's address.

Replacement cards are available for a \$15 fee.

Please Note: The association operates on a fiscal year from April 1st through March 31st.

How do I update my Contact Information?

You may update your information by contacting the POA Office. Staff can assist with updates in both Connect and DwellingLive including.

- Email address
- Phone number
- Mailing address
- Residents
- Permanent Guests

Residents may also use their DwellingLive account to add:

- Guests
- Vendors
- Permanent residents
- Etc.

If you need help, the POA staff is happy to assist you.

What is Connect and what can I use it for?

Each property has a Connect account, which allows residents to:

- View their account balance
- Make online payments for assessments
- Access forms and documents
- View the community calendar
- Stay informed on community updates

Forms such as permit applications, committee application, and other association documents are available online through Connect and in person at the POA Office.

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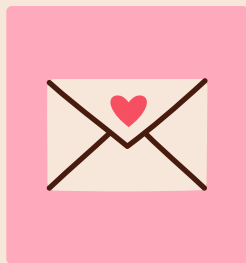
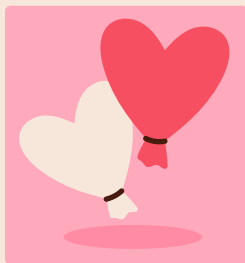
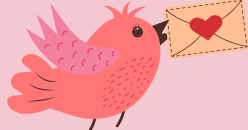
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