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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone! Well, autumn is upon us. The hurricane season still lingers. Covid restrictions went and came back, and now, looking forward, we're ramping up for the work ahead. Easing up on the mask requirements should help out.

We can't do much about the first three, but things are progressing with Mar del Plata projects. The architectural engineers have submitted their findings to the building contractors. Once those plans are submitted and approved by the city, we'll begin the repairs. We won't have a definite schedule of how long the work will take nor the costs until we receive approval from the city—hopefully, that won't take too long. Still, the constant task of replacing and maintaining equipment continues. We recently replaced the AC unit that cools the elevator mechanisms and refurbished one of our two water pumps. This was huge. Thanks to our staff, in this case, Ivan Estevez and Ricardo Cuba, we were able to rebuild our old pump saving us thousands of dollars in the process. We are very fortunate to have a crew like this at our disposal—both versatile and skilled.

On other fronts, we're in the process of sprucing up the interior of the building a bit. Touching up the floorboards and walls and redoing the trash rooms. Once we get a fix on the concrete and other equipment costs, we'll start on more enhancement projects. Till next time—Happy Trails!

DON'T FORGET...FALL BACK

Daylight Saving Time begins for most of the United States at 2 a.m. on the **Second Sunday in March** and lasts until 2 a.m. on the **First Sunday of November.**

Be sure to set your clocks back one hour at 2 AM on Sunday, November 7, 2021.



This is also a great time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Many fire departments encourage people to change their batteries in these detectors when they change their clocks, because it can be so easy to forget otherwise. "A working smoke detector more than doubles a person's chances of surviving a home fire," says William McNabb of the Troy Fire Department in Michigan. More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third are estimated to have worn-out or missing batteries.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

How can I find breast cancer early?

The best way to find breast lumps that may be cancer is to do 3 things:

- Have regular mammograms.
- Have your doctor check your breasts.
- Check your breasts yourself every month.
- Doing all of these things gives you the best chance to find cancer as early as you can. Finding breast cancer early makes treatment much easier and more effective. More than 90 out of 100 women whose breast cancer is found early will be cured.

Changes to look for in your breasts

- Any new lump (which may not be painful or tender)
- Unusual thickening of your breasts
- Sticky or bloody discharge from your nipples
- Any changes in the skin of your nipples or breasts, such as puckering or dimpling
- An unusual increase in the size of one breast
- One breast unusually lower than the other

For more information you can visit the American Cancer Society's breast cancer Web site at www.cancer.org/ or call 800-ACS-2345. You can also visit the Breast Cancer Network's Web site at www.breastcancer.net.





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Funny Epitaphs

Talk about getting the last laugh! These epitaphs are from actual tombstones around the world.

Ann Mann Here lies Ann Mann, Who lived an old maid But died an old Mann.

Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake Stepped on the gas Instead of the brake.

Harry Edsel Smith Born 1903 - Died 1942 Looked up the elevator shaft To see if the car Was on the way down. It was.

Sacred To The Remains of
Jonathan Thompson
A Pious Christian and
Affectionate Husband.
His disconsolate widow
Continues to carry on
His grocery business
At the old stand on
Main Street: Cheapest
and best prices in town.

"I told you I was sick!"









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PUMPKIN CHILI

Ingredients

1 tbsp. olive oil

1 lb. ground spicy Italian sausage

1 onion, chopped

1 red bell pepper, chopped

3 garlic cloves, chopped

1 1/2 tbsp. chili powder

2 tsp. ground cumin

1 tsp. kosher salt, plus more to taste

3/4 tsp. ground black pepper, plus more to taste

1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

2 15 oz. cans fire-roasted tomatoes, not drained

1 15 oz. can kidney beans, drained and rinsed

1 15 oz. can black beans, drained and rinsed

1 15 oz. can pumpkin puree

2 1/2 c. chicken broth

Roasted pumpkin seeds, sour cream, shredded sharp cheddar cheese and avocado, for garnish, if desired

- 1. In a large Dutch oven, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the sausage and cook, stirring to break into pieces, until browned and cooked through, 8 to 10 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the sausage to a paper towel lined plate to drain.
- 2. Add the onion and bell pepper to the Dutch oven. Cook over medium, stirring, until softened, 10 to 12 minutes.

Stir in the garlic, cumin, chili powder, 1 teaspoons salt, 3/4 teaspoon pepper and cinnamon. Cook, stirring, for 30 seconds.

- 3. Stir in the tomatoes, kidney beans, black beans, pumpkin puree, chicken broth and sausage. Bring to boil over medium-high. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until the flavors meld, about 20 minutes.
- Season the chili with salt and pepper. Serve, garnishing with pumpkin seeds, sour cream, cheese and avocado, if desired.



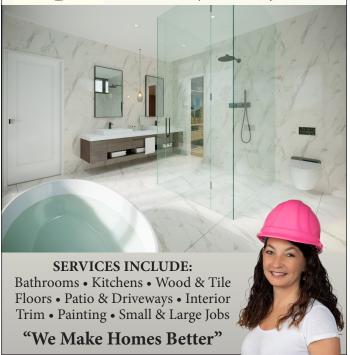




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