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call this meeting to order at 533 How's everybody doing tonight? So happy you're all here. So I was like scrambling around today figuring trying to figure out how I was going to get everything done and get here and then I thought about being here and how much I like it. So, here we are approval minutes from last month. Anybody



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can listen to them but I accept them. Yeah. Somebody would like to make a motion to approve the minutes from last month. Approved. Sheets motions accepted. It looks like there anybody



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Okay. Anybody opposed to approving the minutes from last month all right.



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Nobody knew showed up. Even though I asked them all to Oh, really? Has everybody signed in and put your business card in the box



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I did. Yeah. I wasn't meant to talk to you about it before. Yeah, that's a good idea. Because well, like I don't we Amanda, isn't coming. So our presentation. Oh, really? Yeah, they're gonna be out here. Gotcha. Okay, so um, well, while they're getting signed in, we'll get started on our 45 second business pitch. Tell us something that you need. Something that maybe somebody here can help you about. And your cleaning and painting services, all kinds of stuff. currently looking for more interior work and exterior houses. Get me coffee.



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I'm not standing up. Everything. I end up cleaning and everything else that does not help anything. Yeah, so we are looking to hire a painter and possibly two cleaners. So if you know anybody that's looking for part time or cleaning looking for a full time painter has to have some experience. We have an apprentice that I need somebody with some experience. So if you know anybody send them our way. You can even

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Oh, that's a fastball there goes your phone.

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Back in Shelton, mass you want to accept for all your signage each this time of year I always speak about vehicle lettering because people are out driving their vehicles whether it's a custom vehicle or just a regular vehicle that you cruise around. And if you own a business, you're doing yourself a disservice by not having good letters, but if you have commercial fleets, you're paying close commercial fleets. They shouldn't be working for you your vehicle probably gets 1000 hits a day basically where if you drive fine and people see it. That's the best tool to get your stuff out there especially if you're not a person who likes to advertise in other mediums. So you meet people every day, can you call

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Terrapin Director of Planning and Development the town of Thompson as always I am here for you guys rather than as a member of the association. Any questions you have always asked whether it's here or through email or phone I'm very accessible in the office. And so I always like to say but I'm gonna answer I'll make up something incredible.

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All right. Missy. Rocher is an

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excavator. We own JJ construction. He's extremely busy right now. I don't know if you could take anybody else but I do need flawless cleaning for painting into area had an issue. So you Gotcha. I'll find you guys. Yeah, it's not like you don't know. Anybody that No. I'm Chris

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Kristensen from System Solutions, LLC. And as you probably have heard, yes, I am closing my outside office. The only reason is we're plenty busy. It's just that there's not enough walking traffic. It's really difficult with the parking the parking lot up and back and things like that. So it


was great to try it for two years but as you all know, because I think everybody here works out of the house. It's it was just an added added expense. But like I said we have up and running fully both commercial residential for Ireland, Connecticut, Massachusetts. Same numbers same email address, same website for selsun system solutions your trusted business technology partner Thank you.

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If you don't mind me saying real quick that I didn't know that and it's probably really important to tell people that a lot put it on the webs put it on your website, our website if you want to whatever you know, make sure so when people see your sign disappear, they don't think you disappeared.

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Right. Good point. Yeah.

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Hi, I'm Celeste. Gorani Insurance Services, also known as the health group. I am your insurance person who can help you with any of these you can possibly have, like brought up a good point earlier when he talked about signage on your vehicles. Yes, it's important and you get tons and tons of hits. But remember, not all of your personal carriers will allow you to have signage on your vehicles. You need a commercial policy for that you cannot be on your personal auto policy and if it is written that way that carriers don't have the right to come in and find coverage for you because you are using it for business. Okay, I want to give a couple of kudos out. So Nick from Donahue landscaping has taken over all the landscaping and work at our condo complex The place looks amazing. It looks so fantastic. It was great. That sharing a lot of Dan's posts and things like that. I also wanted to give a shout out to Bethany from liquidation lady she's doing a fantastic job. If we can just keep sharing her stuff that would be great. And I will also need to speak to you about a little bit of painting job

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Joanne from tea on the agenda so even a bit

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okay. And I just want to congratulate David

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that's why you're I got a you were away for a week or so. Yeah. Nice. Yeah. Good for you, man. Awesome.



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You don't have to say anything anyway.



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Delta make hometown. Basically, send people our way you know the checking accounts. You can earn \$50 By referring a friend if they you know say that they sent you so send send them your way they can also earn up to \$300 so send them our way. I'd love to help. Thanks, Stephanie.



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Let me hold up Yeah. Oh.



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My name is Stephanie and I own SP digital services as my love partner. So my services can be intertwined with many different like providers, like Jodi's website, I can help with like SEO press, get your name out there get good credibility. I can also work with like me and push for content, push it out there and people actually engage more, build your followers. Many different things like that. I always love hearing how people got started and how people want to see their their future possibly help them get to the future. So that's a bit about me. Thank you, Sandy.



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I'm Sandy from karega tax service. And I do everything from personal taxes to business taxes, new business setup, payroll, bookkeeping. That's what I do, but I it's summer I really don't want to do any of it. So. So that's, that's what I do. And if you need help in the fall, call me.



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Hi, I'm Jody Erickson, owner Bureau page. Today. I do custom website design and development have been in business for 21 years. A great referral for me would be anyone who has a brand new business or an existing business who would like to see more visibility online who would like to establish a presence let's see or anyone who needs ongoing blog writing ongoing website maintenance or just an all over website makeover. That's a great approach to me. So if you know anybody visit yesterday.com We're always on the same page.



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And I'm Dan Bennett, the owner of dBC solutions where we transform the space you live in to a

place you'll love to be in and I've talked about it plenty of times are Digital's 3d renderings in the wall, the just the digital stuff that we do, but it's something that I've started to realize more recently that it's really how I can differentiate my company from from our competition. A lot of companies do 3d renderings, but it's it's typically not to the level that we're taking it to. So, we start out by taking a digital scan with my iPhone. It's LIDAR technology of your current conditions. Scan the inside of say your kitchen if that's what you want. to remodel. We upload that into our computer, remodel it digitally, and then produce photorealistic 3d renderings of your new space along with 3d walkthroughs. We already do it with like the iPad, I can hand you the iPad, and you're in the room and you go like this and you're looking around the room. But we're very soon I haven't bought them yet because I'm doing a lot of research to make sure I get the right ones. We're going to be able to put VR glasses on and then you can just walk around in your new space. So that's very cool. I'd bump into the wall but it'd be so fun I know. Right. All right. Um, so unfortunately, Amanda Lincoln was going to do our presentation tonight and she had an emergency camp recreation meeting pop up there so she couldn't make it so I have I was going to do this anyway, but I'm going to do it now because because of that



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so we were talking about this the other day when I saw you at the at that other meeting other networking.



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I'm at the bank.



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Oh yeah. It was bank hometown. Yeah. Um, and so I just wanted to take a minute to reaffirm our goals here. Well, so what me and Sandy were talking about was succession, you know, how is how are we going to we've talked about this before, but how are we going to keep this thing going long term, and, you know, get new people to step up into leadership. And so I wrote this out. I'm going to read it off here because there's no way I can memorize stuff like this. Our mission is pretty simple. We want to create a kick ass business association that welcomes all types of businesses, no matter where they're at in their journey. Our goal is for the TV. Our goals for the TBA are big, but they're totally doable. We want to grow the membership to over 100 members and set up solid solid systems that will keep the association growing strong for many years to come. We want business owners to see us as a place of support and collaboration where they can get advice from folks that have been through it all before. It's all about connections and meeting other awesome people from our community who are on the same wavelength. We're here to help each other and reap the benefits together. Some of you might be here because you need all the support and guidance you can get. That's cool. Others might be here to lend a helping hand and show some love to fellow businesses. And you know what, when we stick together we had we showed Sorry, I lost my spot. When we stick together and have a big group backing us up, we can make a real difference in our community. Giving back becomes so much easier when we're strong and our numbers are greater. We've got some pretty ambitious goals but we have to not forget the importance of sticking around for the long haul. We're putting a lot of effort into creating a secession plan. That means we're

going to find and develop future leaders within our association through mentorship. Will will lay out clear guidelines for passing the torch getting everyone involved in the process and holding on to all their valuable knowledge by having a strong succession plan in place. We're making the team we're making sure the TBA keeps growing and thriving even after the current leaders move on.

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We're all about nurturing and culturing of leadership development and laying out a sturdy foundation for our business association. So let's join forces and make the TBA The Best Business Association out there we're not just talking about opportunities here we're talking about a place where we can all grow and succeed. Some of us will be sowing the seeds while others are reaping the benefits but together we're unstoppable. That's very nice. Thank you so I want to just propose that we have a meeting the leadership sometime soon, and figure out that plan. That's

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all right. Do you wanna do it now? Are you just gonna text me and figure it out? Oh,

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yeah, we'll figure that out. Okay. Yeah.

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Okay, so Jody, you're up. Okay. So, got your little notes.

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So it's kind of the same report as last month except the top part of it instead of being the mealtime mix. ins that pitstops pub mixer. So that's online now with the ability to register the same as the other mixer that we had. So you can register right online. You don't have to pay online if you don't want to, you can opt to pay at the door. There's a QR code if you'd like to register right away. Hang on to this and just register anytime. So good news on website search visibility. So our previous months show that we had approximately 290 website visits. But for the most recent ones, we had approximately 643 With it's a huge increase the most the keywords in the lead word companies Association and golf tournament.

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Oh awesome.



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took the lead. Yeah, so that's really the most remarkable stuff that I have to report. There's three different QR codes there. Again, one for the pitstop mixer, so register for that. And then another one for just general upcoming events with all of the events listed that I'm currently have. There's any events that you guys want me to list, email me, let me know, any event that you want in there, I'll put it on there. And then sharing the benefits of joining the TBA. So share with your friends or colleagues, business professionals and get them to join. That's all I got guys.



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I want to just add about that mixer that it's going it's gonna be if anybody doesn't know Chuck perks from radio, pike 100 FM or whatever is going to be he does a a trivia night at the pitstop every Tuesday night anyway, so he's going to come early MCR event and then it's going to roll right into it. So should be a good night. Hopefully a lot of us come out and hang out and we can stay after after the mixer and do some trivia.



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Also regarding your mixer, the banner from the last one



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you know, I gotta ask you something about that too. We we did it this time and we just use the Sharpie to write on it. Yeah, but then I saw that one you did for Heather that has letters that stuck on it. Can we do something change the you can change the lettering? Heather was telling me? Oh, yes.



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So So basically all it is, the better the better final, right? Yeah, all I knew was cut vinyl letters out of it. And you can just basically heat it up a little bit and peel the layers off and find a letter.



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Oh, so changing. It's not just we can't just change them real quick.



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No, no no, no.



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Unless you can make us



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anybody with five minutes of your life can do it. I mean, it's it's not a big deal, right? Usually when stuff like that comes up that someone wants something for a repetitive use of changing dates and stuff like that. What I usually do is I'll make the banner and then there'll be like a white area so to speak, that you put the date in with the white area. I usually put a piece of white vinyl on there. And the white vinyl works is almost like an eraser board. So then you can take a dry erase pen on your date and dry erase 99% of time is weatherproof, right so to stay on the weather for our lawn, and then we just come by with a little spray of water and alcohol wipe it off and wipe it off and go and we haven't



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tried yet. Like a



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QR code to put on there. You know for because it's like last time it was the Milltown this time. It's a pitstop pub, so it's always going to be different a different venue different link different registration, so yes whatever



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I should do it okay.



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And while we're while we're here, can we look at those stats real quick and honorable mentions. Matt has been hammered down on posting on well I know like I



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said, I know that America was one of the leads, but they're not on this particular. There's some strange reason but everybody else's. Well, we pulled



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it last minute so I don't know if we did something. I don't know why. Because I'd fully expected that to be like in the lead and this is exactly Matt flawless I know for sure. Yeah, so yeah. It says that I'm top with 21 post. I'm waiting. Yeah. Definitely you got like 60 day. Age. Thank you.

Here with all these six. Are you always supposed to? I don't know if something isn't right. Hold it at the last 28 days,

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but I don't think it's up to date. Something's up with it.

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So the posting is that like so if somebody goes into system solutions? through Facebook through Facebook? Yeah. It's going to show ahead. No, you go

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to CBS in Business Association Facebook business page. If you're logged in as system solutions, and you do a post on Thomson Business Association on Facebook, that's a post for you. You can also post as your personal or as your business you can you can post his book.

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So copy it from your page. Like if you make a post on your page, you can share it just share it well that count as a post on the TBA page. If you share it,

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I believe so and maybe wait maybe that's

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I have mine set up your shows. As soon as I hit post it pulls up the group Yeah, yes and yeah.

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But maybe that's why because share with a group of shares. Yeah, but me I think if you to put an actual direct post, you could copy it, paste it, like put up with shares to give me give me five. Okay.

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We'll go back to that if you find something. Okay, so moving on anyway, Brian's not here. So and so we're good with that. Chair has got some stuff that pertains to EDC and stuff when we get there. Sandy Treasurer's Report. Okay.



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So this reminds me of something okay. So the main account has \$4,009.63 in it. There's a checkout there for \$80 to why and why. The Weekend Warrior account has currently available \$556.46 We do have a crew had to rent a truck to pick up our order yesterday. And you know, they charge you like the deposit and all that junk. Anyway, we've got a credit coming back from them. And that'll go back to that account. The backup account if we go weekend warriors still has \$12,609.57 in it. Thanksgiving account has \$423.80 and the golf tournament account has \$1,579.49 I knew Brian wasn't gonna be here. I saw his email. So I just double checked we have 66 members currently. And I think Celeste answered my question because I had received a check and then a direct deposit into our bank account from the hill filled group. But I wasn't sure if that was dirty, but I thought it also came from I thought like,



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thrive insurance is the dry insurance.



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The Hill, the hill. Okay, company. Actually, you



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should have the chat. Chris got an email said that they were sending it.



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Right. I got an email that they were sending me but it never says Gerardi on here anywhere. So I had no idea and I thought the hotel also uses them or they use some other payment processing place



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do you think get a check from them? Rodale company



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wrote down nevermind I was wrong. Anyway. I had no idea who this money was coming from. So you guys Dorado. So I got a \$95 which I'm assuming as they are renewing there because it says really nothing. So it was unsure like it was \$95 is the membership so I'm assuming is our fee. So I'm assuming that's what that is. Last week, maybe that's the one I know and I sent

invoices a long time ago, so I don't know. So that's got to be from you guys for sure. And then there was a deposit for 125 which I'm guessing is a T sponsor. It went into our main account, so I just transferred it over to the new one. No, your I transferred it over

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from the Jeep let's find them Chrysler Jeep replacement. Okay, one thing I just want to I know the Treasurer's Report is super boring. People have other compensation. It's a good way Oh, hello, guys. Okay, um, I got a letter from Thomson rep today because kind of thanking us for the turkey trot giving us like details about the third Turkey Trump and asking us if we could sponsor we would like to sponsor again, but it has no sponsorship form. So I emailed Brian. He said, Yep, we're gonna send a second mailing. This was confusing. We're gonna send a second mailing. So I just wanted to confirm that when they get it is it okay for us to do what we've always done which is be a silver sponsor? Yeah, well, yeah. Okay, so I don't have to like wait till the following month. I can just send it in. Yeah, okay. Um, also, I have phone calls in the the bulletin board across from the bank. I have phone calling the company that owns it's called Standish Johnson. And number we talked about

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that for a year,

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I had to leave a message. That's that crooked billboard, the crooked billboard. But we had Dan and I had a little conversation about that. Do you want me to talk about it like right now or no? I'm sure. So the billboard has fallen down. Right. But we have a lot of people here who might make it not so falling Downey. So our thought was, let's say call them and we know it's crappy. We don't necessarily want to buy advertising on it. If it's crappy, but maybe we can offer to try and repair it and then get some advertising out of it. And what we did when what we did when this TVA group first started kind of backup when Missy and Charlene and Kathy were here, we had taken TVA had secured I think six months of advertising. Yeah. And we had like the TVA logo in the middle and we had six businesses around it, and three months went by and then we put six more businesses around it. So I'd love to be able to do that again. But we just need to get hold of those folks, but there's nothing on it right now. Yep, those are them. Yep. So just trying to get ahold of 12 202 that didn't get a hold of them for eight years.


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He paid someone to put his own advertisement on the gold board.


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They just kind of disappeared. Yeah, I


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got a message. I've tried your website and I've tried.


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I tried there. So why don't we go? He's gonna yell at us.


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I don't know about all that. I mean, maybe we're

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talking all the time. They get these new ones put out so someone

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keeps putting ads on some of their billboards. I have one in platinum.

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I am and I'm all about that billboard are either being gone or being fixed up and nice and having a nice advertisement on it is great, but I don't know how about just walking on that property and starting to fix something that doesn't belong to us. That's a bad idea. We all hate that.

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condition and its location is a terrible place for a billboard right in the downtown core. It's like everything about

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it. It's it's I feel like it's a lot of visibility, though to like

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a lot of visibility, but in terms of like a downtown presence. It's a terrible place. Obviously a crappy condition come down but like



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now I'll call the members



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you know, if they're gonna maintain billboards, the one that is crossed, which obviously changes after



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that one changes. So that's what I was gonna say. Is it the same



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Jodi's got their website up here, this



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website says that the website was updated recently. 2023 So I don't think they're out of business. The website is being maintained. So good. That's a



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plus their offices in in Rhode Island. I was almost thinking of going



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right down there and be like, knock, knock.



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I know. That's what I was gonna do. I'm just gonna go there if they didn't respond. So someone Yeah, yeah.



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But that's great. That's great visibility from the bay.



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So all right, well, let's, let's see if they reply or whatever. If anybody can get a hold of them. Then next month, we can talk about this again, or in between or whatever, but it's enough



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for them to sign it off and say do what you want with it. Something Right, right.



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Right. Right. They were right. Do they own that little piece of land, though? And they pay taxes on I think that was a thing. They are taxed on it. Oh, okay. Do that because



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they do pay and I think that's been a thing. So yeah. The lender in particular does not like statically does not like that billboard. I agree with him on that. And he said to me in the first selectman, what if we offered them to waive their bill, if they would just take the thing down? Nobody ever gets response from them. Yeah. And it never gets to the point where we're closed on. Eventually they pay the tax bill. And yeah, then when you can, that's the challenge. We leveraged how patient do we just go knock?



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That's what it was. If they didn't, I was literally going to drive there. If they don't respond.



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I don't want to go there. I think it's too cold you down. See what falls off first, the drop with the middle board. Don't pull it down. I did not hear this conversation.



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I rather I'd rather cut it off. Like fix it like see what's it's up a tire broke to entirely the to it let her pull when you guys are doing something opposite right now.



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Whatever you want to do, but see



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what like the ground is like there and what needs to be done to fix it.

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i If we talk to the company and they say go fix it. We have permission to go fix it. Otherwise I have not driving on private property. You know, how dare you just park on anybody looking at any sign without permission, I'm not doing it. You know, like somebody

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would love to do it. And then like sign people aren't just Oh, right. Hundreds of people see it every day. It's good.

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All right, let's move on now. Nick and Kathy, did you guys sign in, put your business card in the box. And take take 45 seconds to tell us why you're here tonight. Please.

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I got to take care of something. So a Holiday Inn Express in Auburn. And we are a hotel obviously. We are really busy right now. So it's wedding season is so nice new season. It's baseball season. So we've got a lot of groups coming in and anybody that knows any companies in our town during business for the summer, we do have some project people in town and need a room to stay for a while. Or sports groups or weddings. You know we do a lot here in Thompson with the wedding. Venues please refer them to us

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Nick data your data in lawn care data transportation company I think we've been meeting a while five to five varies very hard to make from you. As you guys can probably imagine. crazy busy fertilization, mowing everything. We made that just wanted to come and say hello, touch base network little get on the same page with some stuff. I've been working seven days a week on my cruise for the past 15 weeks or so. So Um yep good to see everybody

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it's rainy. I'm glad you could make it. Yeah.

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Okay, I'm Teague Joanne.



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So I was just recently working on



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some reporting these numbers stood out to me so I thought I'd share them with you. So in our food markets, we have three we have one in Thomson one. We have a mobile market. During this one month we serve as 204 households, which is 447 people. 275 of them are Thompson residents. That also includes 122 students in that one month we provided 7800. Wow. And we review our food pantry which we're most known for, as a way to get folks into us and once they're there, we've worked with them on other services that they may need an other services that we provided to 538 households which could happen which is 11 167 individuals made up of 419 children's online activities. Wow.



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It is significant. I had no idea. Thanks for sharing that.



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sad to hear that. That's me. And I really think that there's so many people that are that are hungry and



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we always fake like we those numbers. We would like to think that those numbers are going down because we're helping people right but they're not they're going up. I don't think it's I don't you know it's it's the government This is Eileen, what's going on inflation all the craziness is making it worse. It's not something that we can fix. On a local level. It's like he doesn't do this alone. Community Right. Yeah, huge. Thanks for sharing that. Do you have any other events or anything that you want to tell us about this coming up?



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Nothing immediate. Our next big event will be our Back to School Program backpacks and supplies for kids. That's going to be in August I don't know exact date but I can tell you that



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well yeah, just obviously send the stuff over. We'll put it up.



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August could be all breakfast the next month. From that ground something



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doing Do you have a list of what your Yeah, so I got a list of what's needed. Okay, cool. Thank you, Tara.



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Okay, so I have a lot of things I could update you on. So you guys give me as much or as little time as you want. I'll start with a little EDC update.



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I was just gonna say you got an EDC. And



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so because the budget passed, thank all of you came out and voted particularly those of you who voted in the affirmative, but everybody who voted regardless of your choice voting is important. That means that the EDC budget is not going to be subject for additional cuts. That means that the plan to initiate a marketing campaign for the revitalization of downtown will be the project that EDC can take on in the next fiscal year which starts on July 1. And that is something that the commission has been working towards and now because we have some important things that have been completed or are, you know, queued up, it's a good time for them to do that. There is a little technical assistance grant thing out that was supposed to have been announced by the end of May, which hasn't been announced yet that EDC put the match funds up for. I will find out before their meeting next week whether whether they've made those decisions because the commission is a municipal entity has to make those choices status and creative placemaking Technical Assistance Program, which if it goes through, they'll be looking for folks to join that it would be a local Design Workshop sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts where they'll send somebody for I think it's a long weekend and they do like an intensive workshops come up with ideas around a certain project and I believe what we I think what we just didn't get even though I wrote it was additional creative design for a potential developer to come in at 630 Riverside which is developing coordinate Celli site, and we're getting some interest of



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the building cordage Oh, yeah.



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We had a project that did a partial site concept for recreational space for the part that can't. So if we could come up in that technical assistance program with concepts for an actual development area that enables the town to create something like an RFP, or to actually give to a developer who might make an offer on it, and saying, Hey, if you're interested in the property, but you're looking for what the town would like to see, this is what we have in mind. So those things are so that's the EDC update. I will segue that into some of the stuff that EDC is related to. Brian wasn't able to be here tonight when he was on a con call that we had today for the first partners meeting for the programming of the 65 main facility. As you guys know, I was awarded a grant earlier this year from the USDA for urban agriculture and innovative production. Yeah, and innovative production grant programs roughly \$25,000 to develop the incubator program that's going in there. It's a two year performance period. We actually last two months because apparently they signed a contract in April and didn't get it to me until weeks ago. That's okay. So over the next four weeks, a couple two things are going to happen. One is the Eastern conservation district who was one of our partners is going to develop an RFP for a consultant to do a design for a permaculture and free food forest on the 3.2 acre parcel which is adjacent to 65 main is actually the back half of Riverside Park which is currently inaccessible and that would be exactly what it is public green space that has who value landscaping with native species. So it'll it'll add public sort of recreation space. The other piece of the next four months is that the rest of the project partners will be coming up with the structure for the public engagement workshop, which will then take a 12 month period probably monthly meetings that may be accelerating for the end to get local stakeholders in to say, Okay, now that we're getting it renovated, and I'll get to that next how do we want it to look once it's done, how do we want it to function? So there's an obvious role for TVA and that I was doing the sort of when do we have to launch that? I would expect we're going to launch the public workshop process in October. And that first launch, the first election on it, were also talking about this afternoon called is probably going to be a general economic development in Thompson. Presentation, run down, get the interest. So one of the things I want TVA members to think about it, that is what not only what services would be valuable to the community, but those of you who have businesses that have intersecting value for people learning business skills, thinking of you What would it cost for you to offer that curriculum if we were to bring that in? Right? So this is where we're starting to develop the plans. Right? Not just not just what do you want to receive? But what do we want to offer? Not necessarily as a volunteer, right? The ultimate goal at the end of the 12 month period is not only to have a curriculum, but to have a business plan that I go out and look for another grant for for startup content. I'll get to that in a second. So to the renovation, the first RFP has been published for the renovation of 65 main, Brian Santos and I are essentially CI seeing that together. The town has pulled the permit so the town is technically the GC Santos who has massive construction experience. And I as the Czech writer are the GCS there, so the roof is out to bid now. We're going to close that bid on the 30th of June, if you know roofers locally they do not have to be commercial Roofers in this case, but they do there is a prevailing wage requirements because it is through a federal award. So keep that in mind and the prevailing wage information for the region is published as a part of the RFP he has to demonstrate that you will pay your workers wage as a part of that contract. So that's the first piece of the next piece that's going to come up is going to be the hazmat abatement. We know there's lead we know there's asbestos Los Santos was communicating with us and Emile, who was the the engineering firm that that did the hazmat report for us to develop that RFP properly so that will be published because as we've said all along, what happened in Putnam, well, not to us. I feel terrible for everybody who was involved there. If there is a silver lining for Thompson in that it was a big red flag. Do not let this happen here that's going to be that is going to be absolutely 100% clean, probated before any human

being uses that facility. So we're going to keep publishing those RFPs until we've exhausted the fun that we have. So that gets on to my next big grant program. I am currently writing and have to submit by the 30th. This is the biggest ask I put in for it's a \$3.8 million ask to the department of economic and community Development under the Community Investment Fund program. This is how this program works only 55 of this 168 towns are able to apply you are eligible based on one or two criteria. If you are a distressed community which means the bottom 25 according to their metrics, or you are an alliance district. So Thompson isn't in your school system. Thompson is an alliance district so that is how we get qualified. There's no difference in what you can apply for you just have to fall into one of those two distress categories. There is zero match requirements from the municipality. You can however leverage investment dollars so those two federal grants were 65 main, the work that we put into for the design of the Main Street sidewalks. What we got from lots of DLT for lots of what the ECD has already put into the Brownfields grant, the the bar grant that created some of the plans that we pursued we can show that as investment and leverage. Right we have a great story to tell when I'm asking for that three point a million is roughly 3.3 million, which is the biggest part of it to redo the road surface and full depth three, reconstruction of the road surface and the sidewalks for Main Street and Main Street extending up to where it currently terminates. A little further north on route 12. We know that that's about a \$3.3 billion project. Second biggest part of the Ask is to close the renovation funding gap that we were left with after we got the federal award for 65 Man guys for reasons that are too complex to go into. We submitted a lowball estimate on that. We got awarded the whole thing I could have submitted a much higher ask but the timing was such that I had to use this a certain lowball estimate that's left up with probably about half of what we need to accomplish what we have the design for. So we're going to ask to close that gap. Again, great story to tell 360 or \$370,000 of federal investment already in their leveraged, right that's what the department wants to see. And then the third piece and I forget how much this adds up to off the top of my head is read renovations to Swanson Park, which is the Veterans Memorial Park on the corner and probably to this little tiny Veterans Memorial



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island here.



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Either moving those monuments down to join the rest and then landscaping there or leaving them their landscaping around them. We have some stuff are still working out there. So the whole thing adds up to about \$3.8 million. I just finished my first draft and the narrative today. I'm going to be looking for another letter of support from you president of the TVA so this is the stuff I'm I'm transitioning to now from the narrative to gathering the documentation and strong letters of support are part of that. I am I want to say optimistic, always cautiously optimistic these programs are very competitive, even though there's a limited number of people who can apply for them. If we are successful, what that tees up is my ability to submit to more applications to do some other very important things. One is to fund whatever we come up with for a business plan for the incubator including startup funds, that can be then sub rented to small businesses coming out of the facility. That's a separate track that they have available. Right and you see them all agencies love to build on the investments that they've already made. They'd like to see that you've made a profit progression. And then the other piece would be the implementation of the food forest as a separate capital improvements fund. So if it all

goes through, if it's a successful application, it not only as the \$3.8 million now or almost \$3.9 million now is probably another million going into subsequent rounds, but obviously also object to whether they buy my pitch. So keep all of those things in mind going forward. And the last thing that I'll say about that has to do with the recent budget process. You will hear a lot of people some of it anxiety driven some of it let's just say to make a point, using the Economic Development Commission for the people working on economic development in the town is a kind of punching bag. Nothing's ever happened. Nothing's going on. Well, none of that is true. Right. A lot of the stuff that we've been doing over the last certainly 40 years since I've been here and before I even got here has been setting the table and that was hard work, rewriting the zoning regulations rewriting the subdivision regulations. Some of the reconstruction that we've already done getting grants in place on the big buildings. It's starting to come to fruition, and there are businesses making applications right now. Right, that we haven't seen before. They're not necessarily super visible businesses, the self storage place it's going to go into superior banks



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to the store sign route, right like the permit



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is approved. His purchase and sale is not final because they do have some other background work to do, but they're still moving forward. So self storage, not necessarily something that's exciting on its own, but because that property has other space that can be used for office space. still important. geologies a new a new lessee coming in, right 300 units here of housing, four units here of housing, all the people who complain that you don't want more housing. If you had a service oriented business, do you want fewer or more people great, right? There's no infill development possible unless there's population density to support it. So just anytime you hear somebody in the background, you know, in a bar online, whatever making these claims, they are patently untrue. Right? So without being confrontational, just say, hey, look, it's not true. These things are happening. And listen, and by the way, every one of those things that I just mentioned as an economic development piece that's falling into place. People making those same arguments came out to complain about and say we don't want it we don't want this. We don't want that. So just be aware when you hear people talk that is not always from first and foremost what you can say. That's my questions as well.



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We got to we got to move on.



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Yeah, your your option is to



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go back real quick and look at those stats because we found them. So we will design all underground, like screaming at 21 posts this month, followed by

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anyone one way more than 21 posts every damn day. Yeah, posts like

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this. We'll have to figure out what the difference every

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DVC solutions with 10 Flowers cleaning and painting with six it's gotta be more we know it's gonna be six things this week and then Sarah James with to

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blissful Tea Party was up there with a couple Max obviously you know we don't max out everyday every few days, Vicki definitely she was right up there. Oh 17 So she was actually in second place knockdown Russia, right.

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Yeah, I don't know why it's out of the water. Anyway, we will. We'll get better stats coming for you, but we'll figure out how to do the best we can all right. Hosting Missy.

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Not let someone else post. Like a team is winning. We have one signed up so far. Bethany Tara

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Wait, what did you say? 718. What not this month? June at June 8. I want to be in July. It's June 28. I happen to my calendar.

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So I jumped in. So I don't think there's anybody signed up into this month but I do have something signed up for can you look for me while you're out there because I looked on my phone and it was really global. In my events. So the first time last time I didn't look

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yes, Jared James and I and Angela from simply suits. Why? We have to have a 10 minute phone call and that'll all be fixed. Okay, let's do that. Okay. So there we go. So Sarah, and it's coming out in June, right and then if we like I said we got Bethany Bethany. And that's it for right now. It says yeah, you gotta go online. And then we already have Olivia signed up for the following month in August and then I that's all I say. Okay. Yep. Okay, so we're good with that. All right, Sandy, we can were your report.

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I was just counting Matt some posts to 21 or

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Well, no, no, I'm only on May 20th. A week to go. Let's see where we are. We can warrior so this is a busy week schools over so we don't have our weekly deliveries which is takes the pressure off a little bit. We do have our senior deliveries This is that's why I'm saying this is a busy week yesterday went to the food bank picked up our food came back we put it away sorted it today we packed 75 bags for the seniors and then tomorrow I'm picking up the food that we're purchasing from Price Chopper putting together 75 bags for the perishables and then the crews coming in to go deliver them. So honestly right now, if anybody is available tomorrow afternoon to deliver we have two small routes that need coverage. One has six P six bags, the other has eight so I don't know if anybody has time tomorrow afternoon to take care of that nobody's making eye contact. So I'm assuming no. That would be awesome. One other thing that we have decided to do is sort of partner with the free lunch program for the summer. We do have quite a bit of stock left of some kind like cereal, like kids kind of cereal and just some things that we have a lot of them that we're able to get our hands on this. We were able to get a bunch of baby food this time. So I'm going to be posting and trying to keep up with Matt posting that we have baby food so the first summer lunch starts on the 26th so I spoke to the jury and and we are going to like go down randomly with like boxes of cases of whatever we have. And then the families that go to get the lunches can take what they want. What they don't want what to take back with us. So we're hoping to do with that with like several times a week and I'll I'll post what we have so that and we'll send it out to the Thomson groups and so forth. So we can so we can let people know what we have so they can come and grab it. By but yeah, that's kind of what's going on right now. We were talking about doing a fundraiser as you all know, like the golf tournament takes care of really like our expenses. For the year. But one thing we need to really look into is that's okay, is I think we need to get our own box truck. I really, really truly do. So we were talking about this and we're going to hold another fundraiser

like what's it going to be even be called like a pool tournament thing? Yeah. And trying and the goal of that would be to raise funds to potentially buy vehicles. Yeah, hello. My house is adjusted when Miss Yeah, Mike.

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You should know. Yeah. So that's gonna be our goal and the whole the whole main point of that fundraiser will be to raise funds for our vehicles. So yeah. And then once we have it, very, very cool. It'd be the hazmat side it and then that'll be advertising for us. We give more years. And yeah. And maybe we can work something about a business in there somehow. have to think about that. Maybe we could do like a lottery thing and advertise one of our businesses on the back or something like that once a month. And we drive around a lot and we can park in different places. So if we'll be at the park this exam is actually a great idea just came up with Yeah, you can park on that same note with a box truck if anybody here yeah, he's or has a connection. We don't want to spend a fortune obviously reasonably priced

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your budget. We haven't nirvash trucks 5009

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Oh, a new one is yeah, what are we talking you

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keep 30 cheaper, cheaper.

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We tell them the number you said yesterday.

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Oh, I said \$5,000. Well, I've messaged some guy and marketplace to have one for five

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No, no, I'm just kidding. I know that's unreasonable. But we do have \$12,000 Still in the budget. If you think about it, our budget year is over June 30. And we still have \$12,000 to earmark and the next golf tournament is in September. And all our big expenses are already taken care of like furnishing that room that furnishing it but you know what I mean getting freezer the refrigerator all our big expenses are out of the way. Okay, guys, both of us. Yeah, it's not \$20

Oh, no. \$257 Because we rented a truck yesterday, because so it was governed at 66 I will tell you Yeah, it was a pain in the butt. I know it's not that bad. But keep in mind that we need something that's dark light have a level otherwise it's a pain to get all those pallets off the truck or has a lift, lift all right. Yeah, I know. He looked over like what was going on. So that's what's going on with that



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Celeste. Golf Tournament update.



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Okay, so golf tournament is moving along. We're getting sponsorships can send me a couple more tonight that are coming in. So just anyone need sponsorship but I've gotten back. I might have a loved one. Anybody need anybody?



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So we don't we're talking about buying drugs. We're talking about buying things. We need to make this huge, huge. We're also hearing that we're getting more. For horses. Chris has been able to pick up a couple of new horses this year already. But we can't do this alone. We need everybody to help us. You know, talk to your friends, your family. Lots of people go and lots of people want to help in some sort of way and different aspects of it.



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Post some stuff on the Facebook page. Yep.



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And I'm going to post it on mine and anybody can take these brochures and most of my Facebook page. It takes two seconds. I think you share



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it to the Thompson Business Association page that we can all share it right. So if you post it on there, yeah, you know as you and then and then we'll I'll share it. Okay, yeah, that's the best way to go.



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I've been working with some of the carriers or some of the carriers but some of the vendors that I've worked with even at work that have been able to say, oh, yeah, well, we can't sponsor

but we can send a foursome. We can do some of these things



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you want to add to it? Yep. So differenti has been going out and working on getting us sponsorships. If you can't sponsor a because it's you know, it's too expensive for some. If that's baskets, something that we get to do is H roaring. Remember, you always tell somebody that it's a draw, right. It is not a raffle. We are not pulling state permits and spending hundreds and hundreds of dollars and taking that money away from the children. And the seniors. So it's a drawing.



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All right. Cool. Thank you. Oh



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yes. Oh, that's another thing. We Trotsky's for the bags the goodie bags has been some 100 204 this year so Charlotte Mason number one drop dead date.



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You got to pick you pick them already.



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You did nothing I get it.



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That will be working at the beginning of September putting these bags together including my new six year old mother and her mother and just getting things together. So any



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little things that you want to put in these how many bags like how many things can be put



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in about 125 bags? You know a great tchotchke maker. So we don't little thing we know Do you have something



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that's an opportunity for you to maybe to put a tchotchke in the bag for yourself? Yeah, because we



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can just stick misdescribed in there if we don't have anything. Yeah,



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of course. Yep. There were a bunch last year we put in Yeah, of course. Okay, amazing stickers.



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Oh, I'm sorry, Chris.



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Chatzky what do you what is that? It's a thing. You've said it before but I thought you were talking like I didn't understand. Oh, swag.



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Term swag. Chris, you're up for that. meeting this morning



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and I was approached by someone who said that they had said to me that you're free to go to their website. And you can we can put a grant off them or whatever branch and they will try to back it up as much as possible and get us get a step grant. So lately we've got a walkthrough because they they're big on food and shelter for children for children. So Celeste and I are going to take care of that and write a grant and hopefully we get some good news was



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a decent amount of money. That's who's offering the grand what's the company



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I didn't want to sit down because suddenly

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Oh, you don't tell us what bank? Let's see if we get I never gonna tell us who you're applying to a grant for you. Tell us that information. No, I will. Oh, well, bank is offering the Grand

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Central allows them to go out into the city because they also do grants and things like that. So I'm going to write two grants and send them off to them and see what we can do. So maybe a little bit of data from you. To get some of that information. They come down to wonderful they are always our gold sponsor or one of our gold sponsors for the golf tournament. And we so appreciate they do a fantastic job. They're also still a drop off location for food when we get Maurier. We still have things in their lobby. And to be honest with you, they're going through and cleaning it out because one of the HLR told me that there was stuff in there that was expired in 2012 that people had put in there. So they go through it, they clean it up, they get it organized for us. We just need to pick it up. Cool.

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All right, lovely village report.

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That we have nothing I emailed. Mr. Mike, what's his name the shop teacher at the school. I emailed him this morning. He was supposed to email me back after he did whatever his last crew was gonna go do and he never did. And then I saw I was on the agenda. So I emailed him this morning kind of CC Tierra you and a couple other people just Oh, Gary because Gary wants to stay involved in Allison. He didn't get back to me but yesterday was the last day of school. So I'm guessing he maybe either was not in the office or was busy doing a couple of things didn't check his email. I asked him specifically if it what his plan was how much he got done, and if he had any plans to work on it any more over the summer. And if he didn't if other people could work on it over the summer and how would that look? I mean, I know the funding would have to go through the school but we could work that out. My are my goals just get it done. But I want to obviously keep him in the loop. That's where we are. Sorry. He


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may be easier to reach for


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tablet. I don't have his water so once like


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functioning phone


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again. Oh, yeah. That's

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also has his


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he has it too. Okay, what's his last name? I couldn't remember it. Mike something. Joyce Joyce
Yeah.

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Okay, so you're gonna get a phone number. And I'll text you can do it.

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Right, right. Yeah. Yeah. I mean, we have plenty of people who could probably help but I just
want to know where he left off where we if we can pick up and if he has materials like give me
give him like tell me what needs to be done.

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Not that long ago some materials and I was under the impression he would come back down. I
know I will say that I have not been back down there since

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we I know I did not either.

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Probably gonna do it I'll do for now over there. So let's see.



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No, they cleaned it up. It was supposed to fix the roof but someone told me they did it. It's not done



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that he sent me an invoice for so he's got the materials you just put them up there and maybe because he couldn't get his students down there before the end of the school year that



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maybe then what did he do? He went there. I want to know



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that was the day that the community service hours kids go to and clean it up. They



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okay, that's okay. Okay, moving on. Yes.



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July mixer. Is there anything that we need to do for that at all? No,



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I have to I'm gonna order typical bots and napkins and stuff like that it did inventory told Matt about the oh we want to this what we have to do we have to nail down the fall, save the date so I can get that next match work by them. Okay. And then you know, I have like a few little things on the checklist. But honestly, Sarah at pitstop is taking care of like most everything, we don't really have to worry about it. We do have to bring well when the time comes. I'm going to need help because we'll need to take the tables from the weekend warrior room there so somebody with a truck and capable let me help get them there. But all the little stuff. I'll take care



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of cool, and we'll be here again the week before



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that. Yeah. Oh good. That's good to know.



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Okay. And then just gift baskets as usual. If anybody is so inclined to bring one to support your business and



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I didn't mean to snap



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Oh, and if anybody wants to say Andy has been stocking the bar at these things, the last few that we have done. She's okay doing that again. But, you know, we wanted to put it out there to everybody else. You know, that's a way that you can be like a primary sponsor of one of these events. It's, you know, what a just a few cases of beer and wine coolers that you buy. Yeah, last time



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I bought. But there are two different kinds of wines, like the little lines, but you can buy whatever you want. Like I'm done. I just picked everything I liked. You pick what you love. And people seem to like it. So So getting



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into business that is hosting it depends pitstop. Can we pay them XYZ and then they would just provide maybe



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I don't know like if you wanted to sponsor it, work with them.



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Oh maybe not being funny, but whatever. And then you no one has to worry about running around get attention. They're probably like an open box like you don't want to be





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but then remember so



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they can only allow Yeah. You Yeah, because you didn't like tab when you go to open bar and you say okay, well I'm gonna you can have a buy there but like when you can have this or that and I'm only gonna spend \$3 A beer. That's all



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potential liability off of TV. Yeah. Yeah.



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We have to insurance for that. Okay, so should we should check on that. So we're gonna check with her. Okay.



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Okay, so then it's the mixer after that, which I already asked. Nick about. Are we what do you think?



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I'm more than ever the host or the common things potential. Oh, very weather dependent. You gotta think they like to get excited by them. So it's gonna be getting dark at five o'clock.



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Something like that a potential venue for fall. Yeah. So well reach out to show it.



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Oh, yeah. Well, I mean, do you want to do your place? Is that something that you're interested in? Like I could



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have hosted my place but the comment I think given the lack of



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credit well I just wanted to make sure it's like something you would want to do. Okay, so Yeah, cuz we've we could do that. Yeah. Sally next time. I don't know. Do you know what they propose? They'll be open



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to her plan today. And obviously it's all dependent on her getting all of her permits lined up is the end of July I think she said wow, wow. was



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well, I mean, we, we you know, we I think we should stick with with you for this time. So because we have to start planning it you know, so that was that's the point is to get that locked in today so that they can start making preliminary plans. So if you



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just was gonna say FYI, the Daylight Savings Time doesn't end till November 5. This year. So that was Halloween ish.



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brick and mortar like I have plenty of power and stuff but like if we were like thinking more of a common up on the hill, like there's a little bit big person I gotta go to the heating after this ones and I know what the big personalities going



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to want to ask them first. Like I think that would be we never do anything up there. So it might be cool to have it up there.



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We have it up there. And then we gotta think weather shelter, power. There's two plugs up



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there. We have your generator. Like I just replace



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doesn't permit and it will be Yeah, because the shops. Yeah, right. Just down the street.



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What are we? What are we doing? Yeah, I think I mean, I know I feel like honestly, pretty much every night till 9pm Anyway, I feel like honestly, it would be good for you to do it at your business things people so let's just



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plan for so let's do next. What's the address at your place?



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lol Davis road



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10 What day are we going to do it? So we're gonna go to September?



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Yes, it would be the third Tuesday of September.



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We're gonna do it on.



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Oh, I got it right in front of me. We're gonna we're gonna do it. On a Tuesday. Yeah, that's just a Tuesday that I've got a fire station. Yeah.



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Yeah, obviously. Yeah, you're it's important to



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26 but I'd rather go 12 Because the 26 might be a little cool.

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So 12 is boat is is the Tuesday before our meeting. That's okay, though. Okay. And it's going to do the whole thing.

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Well, we'll talk about we'll talk about food and stuff what you want to do for food. Oh, we were thinking for God. And then people can bring chili

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like, that's fine.

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Yeah. I thought people chili and we could do no vote on it. Or anything we'll talk about. I don't think it's gonna work. I was actually gonna call her and just double check. Okay, so we don't need to worry about that part right now. We'll talk about that later. But I just want me to the address the date who it is, right? Your logo, okay. Send me your logo. You don't have it. I'll find it on Google. Nikki Nikki's logo.

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Okay, so we got that locked in. That's cool. fall theme chili cook off ramen cider pot rum and cider. That's my idea. Kind of a favorite. So throwing that out there. And then who brought up the idea of the winning booking was that Brian? Booking there's a we have to create a rule about this because we just don't have anything solid in place where for booking the weenie spotlights. I think Brian has seen on that brought that up and he's not here. So I'm just going to talk to him about that

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and pass it so it's fair. You mean so it's fair that everybody gets it

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right. There was a problem a couple months ago with somebody because



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they've got multiple months in a row. Right. That giving other people opportunity, but that was two separate businesses I was put to task on. Yeah, I was taken to the table. Right. But it's two separate businesses. It was that time of year. And that's why that kind of goes that way. But the bigger mix up was I was putting a lot of posts on winning on Facebook. And I was agreeing to who could come on, but they weren't actually signing up on the site on the on the website. So that was a big problem. So I didn't notice I haven't posted anything. Because I'm trying to make sure that when I do and I went over and I read I wrote the process and not to do with you have to secure on the website. So but that was the big deal. Right, so it



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sounds like we're good. Do we want to do like like on the bulletin board? I



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think there should be aggressive response. You can't do it more than once in a six month period of time. Consistency on your advertisement,



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the only the only problem that I think with that is a lot of times we weren't getting people to do it. So then if it's like we had that hard line rule and nobody's taking the spots Yeah,



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some people who really could care less about all the weights. I really just need to get on there. So yeah, right. And they grow those and think if you want to get on with it, you need to sign up. Just sign up. You got that you know you just don't let me right but you can go on at any time because book like six months



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and as long as as long as he made the dates available. If they're available, then you can book them if they're not available yet and you can



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Okay, I'll keep an eye on that. Check. Making sure to and right we Yeah, well.



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I can make some posts about that and just let people know, you know

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You think you have some time like maybe next week we can plan it really would take like 1015 minutes it'll be all straightened out. Cool. Okay, um, because I was in September. So that's it. Or does anybody have any special announcements that they want to make any events coming up or anything? Next week they're



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having a small business expo in New York City, a



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small business expo, New York City. Send email out the information and maybe somebody would want to go posted on TVA to



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reinvent you know, for free dollars. So it depends on how much you want in your service package.



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What is the visit what is it? What is it and what do you mean by business expo? What is that? What is there?



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There's like little there's like speed networking. There's little classes, there's keynote speakers, there's vendors that have stuff to talk to people about. So they have a lot of different classes




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and stuff. Okay, cool. Yeah. So now some information for everybody to check out. Any other announcements? No. Cool. So I'll adjourn this meeting at 653 Oh, yeah. Oh, my





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friggin can't hear my car. Outside. Did you do you have


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your phone? Yeah. I grabbed another one. I pay attention, sir.


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Everybody good. Yeah, well, my office is fine. I mean, if


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you want to know, somebody that's not in there may be configured. I'm not in there. Shake it up. By breaking the lid off


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I know where you live know who is it? Oh, my speed. There you go.

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Yes. Oh, and then Yeah, real quick. I almost forgot. Before we Jody brought up a great idea. We want to share

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Yeah, so my idea was what if we made it so that whoever is part of the feature business of the month not only gets their spot on, you know, the website homepage but also on the townhall billboard but what if they have the opportunity to be the featured speaker at the next meeting? Oh.

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Yeah, that's actually very cool.

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So Stephanie, you want to be the featured speaker at next month's meeting.

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You can say no, I don't want to be in someone else can do



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it right. Don't anybody else any



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Google Calendar, if you want to add Google Calendar, associates and Nokia



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Did you sent it to me or something? Email I said I didn't. I didn't know what the problem is with that is when it's when it's an email to info at Thomson Business Association. I don't look at them. Because it's



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meetings like this or events or to culture. Yeah, you have to have it



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on the calendar.



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Okay, then how would we share it with the rest? That's what oh, I think but how would we share it with everybody? Like, like,



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have like a QR code. People can opt in or opt out.



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Okay, well, we'll have to get that set up and figure it out before next month's meeting. I didn't I didn't know I missed it. So I had no idea.



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Is there a way of obtaining our email list of all our members so like if we wanted to send out something for the golf tournament, all town businesses that are part of GBA



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we have a MailChimp account set up for the Thompson Business Association. So once a month, we'll send them an email blast for you know, the upcoming meeting or we'll send them a separate email blasts for like upcoming events or anything important. So just let me know at the beginning of the month, and then I'll add it into the email blast. Well, digital, I don't



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have a digital book. Yeah, you do. You have the draft. You have the drought that gets



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you right. Yes. Send digital files and then I'll be able to include it. And if you have a very specific message or a very specific text you want in the email, let me know what you want that to be. Okay. Thanks



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guys have something to say back there. Record he's ready to go. Are you actually got to be Yeah.



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Okay, that's it. Nobody else. I will now officially adjourn this meeting at 657 Thank you all for coming. Everybody could ya just grabbed her chair back.



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How do we get on board? Are you gonna see Brian? So Brian usually brings us to the town hall. Yes.



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Oh, we can email it to buy.



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So



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with that, I know we didn't make it for last week. But would you be able to this week?



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I can't do that that time this week. I have to look again. Yeah, I I am I was gonna mention that to you. I'm sorry about that. But I didn't You didn't say anything back to me. You said anytime when you good and I put my phone down and fell asleep and then the next morning I just completely forgot. I need a reminder.



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It's all good. My son's actually going to be away for the week, starting Friday with his with his dad. So I'm pretty. Pretty free up to work or



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okay after that,