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OCTOBER 23 @ BOB HOPE VILLAGE GATES CENTER

6:00PM SOCIAL TIME

6:30 MEETING

NEW BOARD MEMBERS NOMINATED AND VOTED INTO OFFICE....

SEVERAL POSITIONS OPEN

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NOMINATIONS

President, 1nd & 2nd VP, Corresponding Secretary, Newsletter Editor, St Directors

GUEST SPEAKER

BROOKE MCLEAN, CEO OF THE AIRFORCE ENLISTED VILLAGE

URGENT NOTICE!!!

Volunteers Needed to Keep our Community Association Alive

The Poquito Bayou Community Association thrives because of passionate volunteers who give of their time and energy. Right now, we're facing a critical shortage. Without new volunteers stepping up, we may have to suspend all our community services—and that means saying goodbye to all the things we've built together

What we May Lose Without Your Help:

- Maintenance and upkeep of Norred Park

 - Landscaping

 - Irrigation

 - Electrical system

 - Playground equipment inspection and upkeep

 - Fencing

 - Other miscellaneous upkeep

- Liaison with County Government

- Yard of the Month Contests

- Monitoring Streets and Roads Condition/coordinate with County

Also, all the great activities that the neighborhood enjoys will have to be cancelled or severely curtailed to include semi-annual garage sales, Easter egg hunts, Halloween trunk or treat, Christmas parade and Santa with kids, Friendsgiving, and the Veteran's Day ceremony.

How can you make a difference?

Attend our general membership meeting at 6 PM, October 23rd in the BHV Gates Center.

Meet the current members of our board of directors and become better informed about the PBCA.

Email: Michael.aid@outlook.com

Call/Text: 334-379-2901

Step up and take ownership of your neighborhood. No experience required—just a willingness to pitch in.

Your willingness to help ensures our park stays green, kids stay entertained, and our neighborhood stays connected.

You need to act now! If we don't secure some new leaders by the end of this calendar year, we may have no choice but to limit or terminate our services. Let's come together to protect the heart of our community.



GUEST SPEAKER

BOB HOPE VILLAGE NEWS

If you like the Air Force Enlisted Village, aka Bob Hope Village, as a neighbor, you will be pleased with the planned development of Victory Village. Last summer we completed the purchase of 80 acres of land from Eglin AFB and our plan is to develop a sister community which will help joint service enlisted retirees and spouses as well as be a home for wounded warriors as they age. We are in the early phases of zoning and future land use map updates with Okaloosa County and we're also looking at what additional community services and infrastructure will be needed for our neighborhood. We are already working on adding additional sewer capacity along with a larger water main which will benefit everyone with more water pressure! We have also allocated space on the property for a small EMS station to be operated by Ocean City Wright Fire Department. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. We are proud to be part of the Poquito Bayou community and want to be good neigh-

Brooke P. McLean, CMSgt (ret)
Air Force Enlisted Village, Inc.
President/CEO

The future of the Air Force Enlisted Village (AFEV) includes the development of Victory Village, a specialized community for aging wounded warriors and their caregivers, built on 80 acres of recently acquired land from Eglin Air Force Base. This expansion, beginning with the Victory Village project, will broaden AFEV's mission to serve not only Air Force families but also wounded warriors and their families from other military branches, with a long-term vision of providing a continuum of care for these aging service members. 

JOIN THE FUN

POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Please complete this form and submit it along with your \$20 dues. Drop off at the PBCA mailbox located at 17 Magnolia Ave (Pam Martin's house). Checks are accepted, made payable to PBCA. Or mail to 68 Poquito Road, Shalimar, FL 32579 or pay via Venmo/PayPal at www.poquitobayou.com. THANK YOU!!

Date Paid: _____ Dues: _____ Donation: (specify area): _____

Check# _____ Cash: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Spouses Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone No.: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Concerns: 1. _____

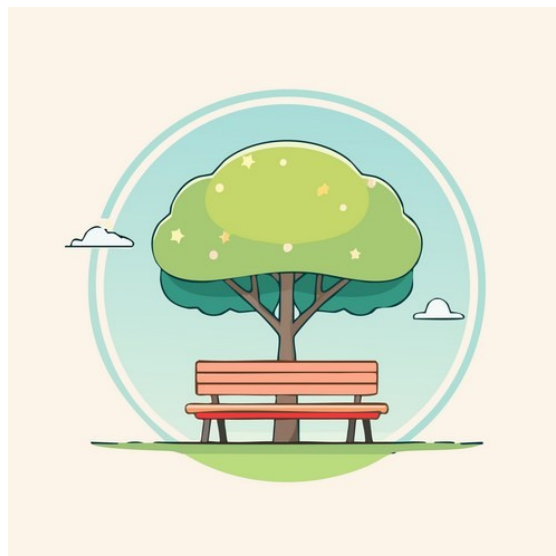
2. _____ 3. _____

Would you be willing to help with: Events for Kids _____, Baking _____, Adult Social Events _____, Leo Norred Park & Clean-Up Days _____, Garage Sales Event _____, Interest in Action Committees? Street Maintenance & Traffic Safety _____, Environmental Matters _____, Emergency Action & Neighborhood Watch _____

Are you interested in serving on the PBCA Board of Directors? _____ Street Director _____

Other interests, ideas; things you'd like addressed? What are they? _____

(USE BACK OF FORM IF NECESSARY)



ADVERTISING IN THE POQUITO TIMES- FOR 2025!

PBCA MEMBER: \$50 YEARLY FOR BUSINESS CARD SIZE. \$100 YEARLY FOR DOUBLE THE SIZE.

NON-MEMBERS: \$70 OR \$120 DEPENDING ON THE SIZE.

PLEASE DROP OFF PAYMENTS MADE TO PBCA, AT 66 POQUITO ROAD, ALONG WITH A BUSINESS CARD.





PBCA'S ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT



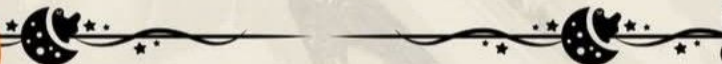
JOIN US FOR A FRIGHTFULLY
FUN HALLOWEEN!



PBCA is looking for volunteers to set up trunks in the park for Halloween. Participants will need to be set up by 5pm. This is a great way to still see all the cute kiddos and their costumes if your house doesn't get a bunch of trick or treaters.

OCTOBER 31 5- 7 PM

LEO NORRED PARK



**Busy on Halloween? That's Okay,
you can still help by donating candy
to give to everyone that signs up.**

**TO SIGN UP : comment here or contact Tricia at 850-585-8334
tblm81@aol.com**

POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY FACEBOOK OR

POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FACEBOOK



**PBCA's
COMMUNITY**

GARAGE SALE



Contact Nance for sign up by 11/5

850-461-8537

**\$10 *see
attached flyer
for signup
information**

Nov. 8th & 9th

**7:00AM TO
12:00PM**

nance.wendel@era-american.com

Poquito Bayou 2025 Semi-Annual Fall Community Garage Sale
Saturday Nov 8th and Sunday Nov 9th – 7 am-12 noon



Time again to gather your 'extra' stuff for the semi-annual sale!! Some folks thought it would be great to Sell MORE STUFF!! So, let's go again! Gather your stuff, price it and set it up for the yard sale junkies to come out and peruse!!!

Saturday Nov 8th will be the start up and instead of having a rain date, we will just advertise that the sale carries over into Sunday the 9th. This also acts as a rain date. 7 am to 12 noon is the time. PBCA will sponsor an ad in the NWF Daily News that will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday, ending Nov 9th to invite our neighbors to COME ON OUT and see us. Sharing the date with each other tends to draw a greater number of shoppers and pickers... Everyone Wins! YAY!

For Everyone in Poquito Bayou subdivision who wants to participate.... Fill out the Below Form and get it to Nance either drop it off at 16 Walnut, text me a photo of it, or email it to nance.wendel@era-american.com and bring me \$10 for the ad and balloon!! Cash or a check (Payable to PBCA)! Or go ONLINE to <https://www.poquitobayou.com/events-1> . If you drop it by the house, please let me know so I can be looking for it 😊 **RETURN PLEASE BY Wednesday 11/6/24.**

If you wish, fill out the PBCA Annual Membership form in this newsletter and include that additional \$20 with your payment to take care of both at once! I will get it to our Treasurer with all due haste.

Late Friday afternoon, I will deliver the Balloon for your mailbox and maps will be placed at the northeast corner HOLLY and POQUITO for the shoppers denoting the addresses of participating neighbors.

PBCA Garage Sale Coordinator: Nance Wendel, 16 Walnut 850-461-8537

PBCA Garage Sale COUPON

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ \$20 paid by _____ Cash _____ Check # _____

Summary of Items for Sale: _____

Kill 2 Birds! Combine w/membership and drop off to Nance – 16 Walnut Ave....

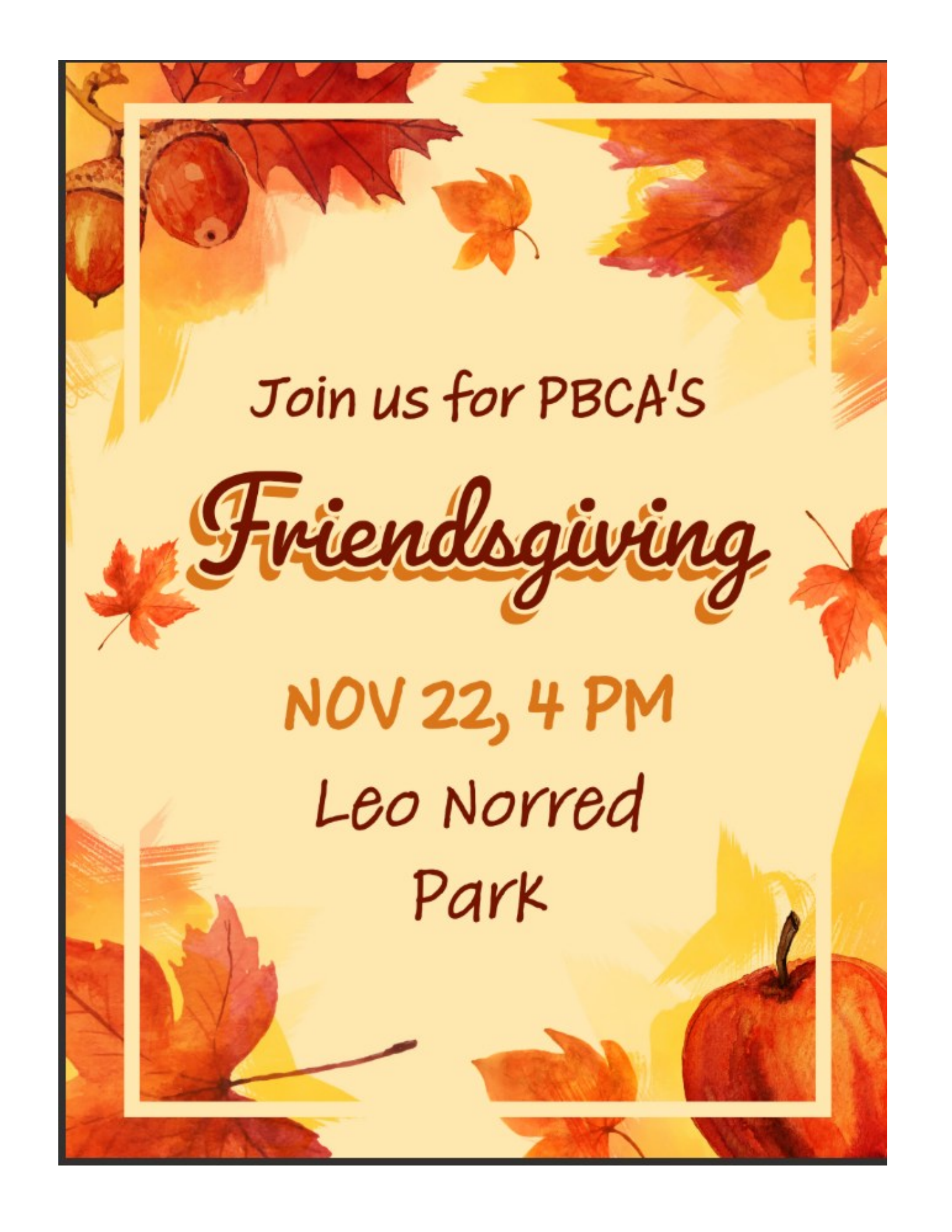
POQUITO BAYOU
LEO NORRED PARK

VETERAN'S DAY EVENT

IN HONOUR OF ALL WHO HAVE
SERVED

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11:00
4:00pm**

DEDICATION: QUILTS OF VALOR

The background is a warm, yellowish-orange gradient. It is decorated with various autumn-themed illustrations: large red and orange maple leaves, smaller yellow leaves, two acorns with caps in the top left, and a large red apple in the bottom right. The text is centered within a white rectangular frame.

Join us for PBCA'S

Friendsgiving

NOV 22, 4 PM

Leo Norred
Park

POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the October 6th, 2025 meeting

Leo Norred Park, Shalimar

Meeting called to order at 18:00 (by Michael Aid)

Present: Michael and Tammi Aid, Felicia Murphy, David Boyd, Tricia Flaherty, Bob Davis, Mary Ann Leone, Pam Martin, Nance Wendell, Mary and Kenny Travis, Jef Marsh, Nancy and Steve Ellison, Julene Hasty, Carla Hunt, Ryan Voisard, and Lendy Edwards.

Minutes of the September meeting had been distributed; motion to approve was made by Bob and seconded by Nance, minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's reports for September was presented by Tricia. Income was \$20.00 and expenses were \$510.94. Total funds are \$10,445.80 and available funds (not obligated) are \$8,684.85. The report was approved after a motion by David, seconded by Mary Ann. Tricia also presented a draft budget for 2026, which was reviewed, and should be approved at the General Membership meeting, with time for changes in the interim.

Old Business: The General Membership meeting is planned for 23 October, at 1800 (program to start at 1830), at BHEV (Gates Building at Sunset entrance), with guest speaker CMSgt (ret) Brooke McLean, President of AFEV, discussing growth of AFEV. After his presentation, votes for election of officers and budget will be taken. Two important openings are for two VP positions, since Carla has volunteered to run for Corresponding Secretary, and Felicia has volunteered to run for President. Refreshments will be provided by PBCA (up to \$250) under the direction of Mary and Pam.

New Business: Trunk or Treat will be held Friday 31 October at Leo Norred Park, from 1700-1900. The neighborhood garage sale will be held 08-09 November (Saturday principal, Sunday rain date), and Nance (POC) already has supplies. The Veterans Day Ceremony is tentatively set for 11 November at 1600. Friendsgiving is scheduled for 22 November at 1600. Tricia has volunteered to host the PBCA storage shed instead of a more vulnerable position in the park. A motion was made by David and seconded by Mary Anny to approve the new location. Pam will head a committee to consider a sign or signs designating Leo Norred Park; she was appointed after a motion by David and second by Mike.

Committee Reports: No reports (by exception) due to discussions regarding upcoming events.

Announcements: Newsletter articles for next newsletter due to Tammi Aid by 12 October. Next PBCA board meeting scheduled for 1800, Monday, 03 November, location Leone Residence, 30 Poquito.

Meeting adjourned 18:59 pm.

David Boyd, Recording Secretary

POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
DRAFT PROPOSED BUDGET
September 30, 2025

Balance forward 12/31/2024		\$9,746.96		
	2025	YTD Actual	Projected YE	Projected
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>9/30/2025</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Dues (Residents)	\$2,900.00	\$1,871.91	\$1,931.91	\$2,000.00
Dues (Corporate)	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Advertising	300.00	220.00	220.00	300.00
Movie Night	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Special Event	500.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
Easter Event	150.00	256.00	256.00	275.00
Mardi Gras Event	75.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Halloween Event/Fall Festival	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Christmas Event	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Garage Sale	400.00	178.32	378.32	400.00
Crawfish & Shrimp Boil	1,000.00	991.50	991.50	1,000.00
New Sign Fundraiser	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Veterans Memorial	300.00	0.00	250.00	750.00
Misc/Contributions	900.00	695.00	695.00	900.00
Actual Income Total	\$6,875.00	\$4,312.73	\$4,922.73	\$6,300.00
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Administrative	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Corp. Renewal	61.25	61.25	61.25	61.25
Bank Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Park Mowing	0.00	300.00	400.00	600.00
Gulf Power	650.00	448.68	600.00	750.00
Projects/Repairs	1,000.00	1,623.92	2,823.92	2,000.00
Veteran's Memorial	1,500.00	0.00	505.00	1,500.00
Easter Event	250.00	423.65	423.65	450.00
Mardi Gras Event	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Halloween Party/Fall Festival	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Christmas Event	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
Crawfish & Shrimp Boil	600.00	540.39	540.39	600.00
Movie Night	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Special Event	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Garage Sale	250.00	0.00	200.00	250.00
Annual Membership Meeting	100.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Candidate Night	375.00	0.00	0.00	375.00
Website	216.00	216.00	216.00	216.00
Miscellaneous (*Christmas Decorations)	300.00	0.00	200.00 *	300.00
Actual Expenses Total	\$6,452.25	\$3,613.89	\$6,520.21	\$8,452.25
Cash Balance 9/30/2025		\$3,111.64	Net Loss 2026	-\$2,152.25
Venmo Balance as of 09/30/2025		5,363.88		
Paypal Balance as of 09/30/2025		1,970.28		
TOTAL CASH BALANCE		\$10,445.80		
Reserve for Veteran's Memorial		760.95		
Obligated Funds (Shed)		1000.00		
Actual Funds Available		\$8,684.85		
Income/Expenses through Year End 2025 Projected		1,297.00		
Projected YE 2025 Funds Available		\$ 7,387.85		