

# POQUITO BAYOU TIMES

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings everyone. We have worked on a variety of things to improve our wonderful neighborhood. We kicked off our 2021 PBCA membership drive. Back in early January, I emailed all of 2020 PBCA members with valid email addresses asking them to renew their PBCA membership for 2021. For the first time, we publicized our PBCA membership drive on the Poquito Community Facebook webpage. Our goal is to double our PBCA membership to over 200 members. We have around 60 memberships!! What's nice to see that 23 members paid extra for donations!! Thank you very much. Please do your part by renewing your PBCA membership. Enclosed is a 2021 PBCA Membership form in the Poquito Times. Please drop it off along with a check for your dues at the PBCA drop box at 17 Magnolia. You can also update your PBCA membership by going to: <https://www.poquitobayou.com/memberships>. We appreciate your support!

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## LONGWOOD ELEMENTARY NEWS

We have finished our first semester of school and the second semester has started with the addition of some of our students from online returning to the building. We are continuing to take extra precautions in our school to help keep our students and staff safe.

Our students have completed their second iReady Diagnostic which is a progress monitoring tool we use to measure student growth. We are happy to say that many of our students did meet their expected academic growth. Way to go Leopards!!

Our January Students of the Month were chosen for showing examples of being courteous, and these students were recognized in front of their peers. We also recognized Logan Larkins as the winner of the MLK poster contest. He represented Longwood well at the district contest. Way to go Logan. We are so proud of you!!

Our next School Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and is open to the public. Please follow us on Facebook for exciting things that are happening around the school- <https://www.facebook.com/Longwood-Elementary-School-1261954677180100/>

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*The Mentoring program is on hold at the present due to guess what? COVID. Longwood welcomes mentors for our students as soon as we are able to re-start.*

## SOME HISTORY OF LEO NORRED PARK

Pat Hollarn

With all the recent issues about Leo Norred Park—well and sprinkler system repairs, fencing, events—a few of us who have been around since the beginning of PBCA in April 1996, have had to “think back” and dredge up the past, to bring the present issues into perspective. It just so happens that I was the treasurer from the first day in 1996 until December of 2019, and as an OCD records keeper, I have the paperwork to review! In the process, Dave asked me to write this article as a matter of interest for those who wonder why and how this park especially came into existence under PBCA's responsibility.

As we had already lived here 25 years at the time (soon to be 50, in September) and all too aware of the many issues we wish could be addressed, I quickly responded to a flyer sent around by Mary Rush in mid-winter 1995-96. Mary had been very much involved with a similar community organization in Hawaii before moving here and decided to start one here. She and Jerry were mainly concerned with water issues, for waterfront homeowners, but once this invitation to organize ignited interest, it soon became obvious it involved a whole lot more than getting a no-wake zone on Poquito Bayou itself. And I was hooked!

It is unfortunate that many of you never had the opportunity to meet Mary, who passed away in September 2013, as she made us all believe there was no obstacle we could not get over to make the 423 parcels of the great neighborhood of Poquito Bayou the best ever. She spent many hours of the day and half the nights providing everything we could possibly need, from the by-laws and procedures to being the motivating president for the first few years, and you just did not want to disappoint her! Of course, behind the scenes, husband Jerry was not only totally supportive but added much, especially physical labor in the park, to Mary's success.

It would take me no less than a book to talk about the 25 years of PBCA history, so this article will only address the park and why PBCA is responsible for it. It all started with speeding, running stop signs, and that silly “arm” of Poplar shortcutting over to Magnolia. Before Holly was opened all the way to the west end of Poquito, Poplar was the main drag for Longwood, most of west Poquito, and traffic was heavier than now with more choices of cross streets. As traffic piled up at east end of Poplar and Mr. Norred decided to build those few houses on what was then just a dirt road (glorified truck path) and left the triangular piece of property to the county when he finished building here, cars then zipped over to get on Poquito at Magnolia. As there was only one stop sign, on Magnolia, those on Poplar usually just went faster to get ahead of the cars on Magnolia and basically ran the stop sign to get on Poquito. I live on west Poquito (139) directly across from the stop sign at west end of Magnolia, I drove on Magnolia to work every morning, and had to proceed carefully and cautiously to avoid those zipping through that intersection. So, guess what the first issue I wanted addressed? Close that street!! (Cont'd on following page)

**President’s Corner cont’d:**

We had some great events this month. On Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>, Kiki Higginbotham organized our first-ever Mardi Gras Parade. Parade participants set up on Holly and went up every street in Poquito Bayou, eventually winding up at Leo Norred Park. We had a number of golf carts, two trucks pulling trailers and at least one bike participate!!! Kiki had some Mardi Gras themed treats and non-alcoholic beverages at Leo Norred Park after the parade!! We had three PBCA renewals and two wonderful individuals together donated \$80!!! We appreciate

On Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>, Shannon Patch-Bentz organized the first-ever Valentines Scavenger Hunt for our neighborhood!! Prior to this event, they requested on the Poquito Community Facebook page that the community participate by placing hearts in visible spots in windows or yards. They had about ten kids for the cupcake decorating and Valentine exchange, which went very well. We appreciate everyone’s creativity in planning these events!! It’s great to see more events/activities for our kids!

**Corona Virus vaccinations.** According to <http://okaloosa.floridahealth.gov/> website, the Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County has a drive-thru vaccination clinic. Please check when the next registration is scheduled. To make an appointment visit [myokaloosa.com/bcc/covid-19/vaccine](http://myokaloosa.com/bcc/covid-19/vaccine) to register online. Registration is also available by calling 850-344-0566. Appointments are unavailable by email or in-person at the health department. There is no waiting list for appointments. Publix is now offering COVID-19 vaccinations in selected counties in Florida. Unfortunately, Okaloosa County isn’t one of them. I did check with CVS and Walgreens and neither are providing COVID shots in Florida. So, it looks like the Okaloosa County Department of Health is your best bet.



**Statewide Vaccine Appointments.** On Friday, January 29, the State of Florida announced the launch of a statewide pre-registration system to schedule vaccine appointment for eligible individuals: people 65 and older, frontline health care workers, and long-term care facility residents and staff. Individuals can pre-register for vaccine appointments and be notified when appointments are available in their area by visiting <https://myvaccine.fl.gov/>. This website will allow individuals who are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine to be proactively contacted when vaccine appointments are available at state-supported vaccination sites. On the site, residents can select their county and submit their contact information. Once appointments are available, individuals will be contacted by phone call, text or email and will be assisted in scheduling an appointment. Additionally, as part of the statewide registration system, each county has a designated phone number that individuals can call and pre-register if they do not have Internet access. For Okaloosa County, you can call 866-200-3599. Please remember to bring proof of residency for any appointment. I scheduled Jane and myself using our cell phones to be placed on the waiting list. It was easy to accomplish. Hopefully next month, I’ll provide an update on our vaccination status. Enjoy.

Dave

**Leo Norred Park History cont’d:**

I had others equally interested, especially dear Ramon Torres, who recently passed away, and our newly formed PBCA took that on as one of our first main issues, and obviously, we succeeded. I admit, being an elected county official, I had a deeper knowledge of “the system” to weave through, and access to all the county commissioners, but it was a joint effort of at least four of us who convinced the county it was a safety issue. So, that section of street was closed. Now what? Suddenly, kids were riding their bikes and skating on the closed street and ended up playing in the open green space. A light goes off in Mary’s head, and she comes up with the idea of a park.

As I had to work with a very lean county budget in my job, I knew asking for anything that cost money would not get much support from the board. We had already come up with \$10 per family a year for the association, and we were all young enough at the time and eager to work at it, so we came up with a proposal to ask to use the “park” area and we would pay for it, with a long-term commitment to maintain it ourselves. The county was surprised but pleased, and after I made the personal commitment to the board, along with Mary’s well documented organization plan, to not ask for their financial support but prove that we would be self-sustaining, the board made it official.

We raised the money, did all the work, and have continued for over 20 years. At the beginning, parks were not a big item for the county, what parks they had got mowed a couple times a year and they were not a priority at all. Low taxes are attractive when you buy or rent a house and move in, and eventually you realize that low taxes mean low level of services. *PBCA provided the well, sprinkler system, electrical power, fencing, and a few other minor items at first. Eventually we wanted a playground and raised the money for the swings,* so the commission installed the rubber safety-oriented surface (per OSHA requirement) and to thank us for all the time, effort, money, and good looks of the park, they gave us the gazebo. They totally appreciate all that we do for ourselves; even though the county parks now get more attention and care, our independence and contribution are highly regarded. We hope to keep it that way. At one point we researched the actual history of the “park” and learned that a prominent local builder, Mr. Leo Norred, deeded the park property to the county (now required by developers and builders in land use law) and PBCA officially named our park for Mr. Norred.

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**GIVE OUR WEBSITE A LITTLE ONCE OVER  
(And Join or Renew Your PBCA Membership)**

[PoquitoBayou.com](http://PoquitoBayou.com) is where you can find it. We’re going to try hard to keep the site up to date and provide another source where one can keep up with what’s going on in the ‘hood. You can now go to the website, register your 2021 membership, and pay with PayPal or Venmo. There are also instructions on how to register and drop off your membership form and check to our PBCA box at 17 Magnolia. Remember, dues are only \$10 per year and your participation helps us pay for the various events and projects the PBCA undertakes. Fence rails that were installed about 15-20 years ago are nearing the end of their lives and we will be replacing as required. Just one of the park projects that will be ongoing. We are dedicated to making Poquito Bayou a better place of which we can all be proud.

## PBCA Position Openings by Dave Hensley

Everyone possesses unique skill sets. We have several openings that your unique skill set may benefit not only the PBCA Board, but more importantly our wonderful neighborhood. For those in our neighborhood who are in the military, you should have some community involvement for your annual performance reports. What better way to accomplish that than by serving the PBCA board?

### We're still looking for a Street Director for Hickory.

Street Directors represent the residents on their respective streets. They are the focal point for issues that are occurring on their street. They will attend PBCA monthly board meetings to voice concerns of these issues to the PBCA board. They will conduct door-to-door PBCA membership drives. Street Directors should coordinate with the PBCA Welcome Committee Chairperson on following up with new Poquito Bayou residents.

### We're also looking for an Emergency Action Chairperson.

The Emergency Action Chairperson position's primary focus is to keep the community informed of any issues arising in the neighborhood from a safety perspective. They coordinate with local public safety organizations with issues affecting Poquito Bayou. He/she submits articles to the Poquito Times that are relevant to safety-related issues affecting our neighborhood.

Finally, we're looking for someone to take over the **Poquito Times Advertising**. Jane Fedosky is ready to transition out of this position. This position coordinates with all advertisers with their ads for publication in the Poquito Times. This usually takes place at the end of the year. In addition, coordinate with advertisers that they pay for the advertisement space in the Poquito Times. If you have additional questions about the position, please contact Jane at [DJinshalimar@gmail.com](mailto:DJinshalimar@gmail.com) or call her at 850 651-5300.

If you are interested in any one of these positions or wish to assist in any of our PBCA positions, please call me at 850 582-3780. We love to have all these positions filled.



## PBCA GOALS FOR 2021

### Get back to normalcy.

- ◆ Schedule more public events at Leo Norred Park (while maintaining social distancing)
- ◆ Concerts
- ◆ Block parties
- ◆ PBCA meetings – General Membership meeting
- ◆ Other planned events
- ◆ Increase PBCA membership to 200 members.
- ◆ One hundred percent contact with new families moving into the Poquito Bayou Subdivision.
- ◆ Increase use of emailing current PBCA members reminding them to renew their membership.
- ◆ Reach out via email to Poquito Bayou residents who are in the email notification system
- ◆ Use PBCA's PoquitoBayou.com website to facilitate PBCA membership drive.
- ◆ Fill any vacant PBCA Board, Street Director and Activity Chairperson positions.
- ◆ Improve Leo Norred Park
- ◆ County-approved fencing around children's playground area.
- ◆ Replace fencing around Leo Norred Park
- ◆ Improve the appearance of Poquito leading into the Poquito Bayou Subdivision.
- ◆ Proposed project at Poquito Road and Sunset intersection.

### POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION YEAR 2021

Complete this form and submit along with your \$10 dues to your Street Director or drop it off at the PBCA mail box located at 17 Magnolia Ave (Pam Martin's house). Or you can mail to the PBCA P.O. Box 1124, Shalimar, FL 32579 Checks will be accepted, made payable to PBCA.

**(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)**

Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution (specify area): \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor Children: Boys ( ) Ages: \_\_\_\_\_ Girls ( ) Ages: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Please enter current E-Mail Address**  
(If it changes, notify pcmartin1@outlook.com)

Concerns: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_

# PBCA MARDI GRAS 2021



**POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
JANUARY 4, 2021, 40 POPLAR AVE**

**CALL TO ORDER:** DAVE HENSLEY, PRESIDENT  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** DAVE HENSLEY, BILL MILLER, BOB DAVIS, NANCE WENDEL, PATRICIA BRYANT-FLAHERTY, JACKIE SCHMID, PAM MARTIN, SALLY DAVIS, DEB FRANK, KRISTIAN (Kiki) HIGGINBOTHAM, KEITH MYERS, PAM MARTIN, CATHY HALPRIN  
Minutes and financial report of December were accepted and approved. A revised budget will be completed with exact ending funds.

Emergency Action and Neighborhood watch-NTR- Position open

Leo Norred Park- Bill Miller Heavy discussion about fencing, ownership (County Park) PBCA maintains. Bill recommends a manmade substrate for fencing due to deterioration. Many questions on if we need a fence, what kind, around what, county recommendation and requirements. A survey will go on Facebook/ Poquito Times to discuss with concerns and recommendations. Keith will talk to Amy Allen of county first to get county requirements as they carry the insurance. It was also recommended that a history of the park be put in the Poquito Times. Jerry Rush will be consulted to get history.

Welcome-NTR

Membership – Pam Martin. To date, only Twelve residents have paid their 2021 dues. Email to go out from President with forms. There are approximately 400 residents and only 128 residents joined last year. Sign to go up at entrance as a reminder and Venmo set up to pay easier.

Children’s coordinator- Kiki Higginbotham- Ideas were listed to 2021, Mardi Gras for children parade (February 13<sup>th</sup>), Easter egg hunt, End of school party, Block at the Dock, Halloween costume contest, Backpack drive and Santa in the Park.

CERT-NTR

Poquito Boat Ramp Park- Keith Myers- Shoreline deterioration, Choctawhatchee Bay alliance is to be contacted for a master long term plan. Two pavilions have been washed away. The county is putting in a new dock longer and further west of present dock. Keith and Bill will be on the committee to gather information.

Traffic-NTR

Old Business-Christmas decorations and cash awards (as in previous years). Our lifetime achievement award for 24 Birch was given the award in 2020 instead of another home. There was a lack of communication. It was decided to bring up Christmas decisions to October meeting. There are five categories and award signs are placed in winner’s yards as reward congratulations. Digital sign prices and recommendations are still in work.

New Business- Need someone to take over advertising for the Poquito Times.

Need an Education Liaison for Longwood Elementary. The school is not highly rated. It will help all our property values if we can help

Meeting time for monthly board meeting has been changed from 7pm to 6pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm. JFS

NTR– Nothing to report.



**More Mardi Gras pictures on PBCA Facebook**

## January 2021 Financial Report

**Balance Forward from December 31, 2020** **\$4,996.08**

	<b>January</b>	<b>Year to</b>
	<b>2021</b>	<b>Date</b>
	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
<b>Income</b>		
Membership Dues	\$180.00	\$180.00
Contributions	\$150.00	\$150.00
Donations for Park Well/Pump	\$90.00	\$90.00
Veteran's Memorial	\$0.00	\$0.00
Advertising	\$120.00	\$120.00
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$540.00</b>	<b>\$540.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Gulf Power	\$93.18	\$93.18
Postage/P.O. Box	\$59.00	\$59.00
Veteran's Memorial	\$0.00	\$0.00
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00
Candidates Night	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00
Children's Christmas Party	\$0.00	\$0.00
Project/Repairs	\$260.00	\$260.00
Leo Norred Mowing	\$130.00	\$130.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$542.18</b>	<b>\$542.18</b>

**Reconciled Balance January 31, 2021** **\$4,993.90**

If you see this notice and email [bobbyz55x@gmail.com](mailto:bobbyz55x@gmail.com) or text 850 685-4759—enjoy lunch for two at Knife's Edge Café. Sorry but no repeat winners.

**POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS and ACTION CHAIRPERSONS**

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Maple	Cindy Henry (Richard)	9 Maple	(850) 803-3841	<a href="mailto:dianne4016@aol.com">dianne4016@aol.com</a>
Poplar	Keith Myers (Sue)	37 Poplar Ave	859-368-2126	<a href="mailto:poquitobayousailor@gmail.com">poquitobayousailor@gmail.com</a>
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52-94 Poquito	Tricia Bryant Flaherty (Bud)	68 Poquito Road	(850) 585-8334	<a href="mailto:tblm81@aol.com">tblm81@aol.com</a>
95-149 Poquito	Ralph Johnson (Dianne)	147 Poquito Road	(850) 651-7906	<a href="mailto:dirajo147@yahoo.com">dirajo147@yahoo.com</a>
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Poquito Boat Ramp	Keith Myers (Sue)	37 Poplar Ave	859-368-2126	<a href="mailto:poquitobayousailor@gmail.com">poquitobayousailor@gmail.com</a>
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XMAS Décor Com	Tricia & Nance			
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Updated on: 1/2/2021

# February

MON. – FRI. 11AM-1PM



30 HOLLY AVE.  
SHALIMAR, FL 32579  
(850) 376-1916  
CALL FOR AFEV CAMPUS  
DELIVERY

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>CHICKEN FRIED STEAK,</b> mashed potatoes & vegetable	2 <b>POT ROAST,</b> potatoes & carrots	3 <b>CHICKEN PICCATA,</b> orzo pasta & vegetable	4 <b>MEATBALL SUB</b> & chips	5 <b>TAILGATE PARTY</b> grilled burgers & hot dogs (no regular menu)	6
7	8 <b>SLOPPY JOE,</b> tots & coleslaw	9 <b>CHICKEN POT PIE</b> & side salad	10 <b>PORK TENDERLOIN</b> <b>SANDWICH,</b> & French fries	11 <b>MEATLOAF,</b> mashed potatoes & vegetable	12 <b>CHEESE RAVIOLI,</b> bread & side salad	13
14	15 <b>CLUB SUB,</b> chips & pasta salad	16 <b>BOURBON CHICKEN,</b> rice & vegetable	17 <b>TUNA CASSEROLE</b> & side salad	18 <b>LASAGNA,</b> garlic bread & salad	19 <b>MAHI SANDWICH</b> fries & coleslaw	20
21	22 <b>GYRO SANDWICH</b> & tots	23 <b>FRIED CHICKEN,</b> mac-n-cheese & vegetable	24 <b>BEEF GOULASH</b> & side salad	25 <b>CHICKEN CORDON</b> <b>BLEU,</b> rice pilaf & vegetable	26 <b>SHRIMP BASKET,</b> French fries & coleslaw	27
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**KNIFE'S EDGE CAFE' AT BOB HOPE VILLAGE**  
**30 HOLLY AVE, SHALIMAR, FL 32579**  
**850-376-1916 CALL FOR ON CAMPUS DELIVERY**  
**WWW.KNIFESEDEGENWF.COM - CATERING AVAILABLE**

### KNIFE'S EDGE RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

This is the full policy for off campus visitors: Knife's Edge Cafe' is a Covid Compliant Business Partner certified by the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce.

We remain vigilant in the prevention of Covid-19. **After 10 months of our cafe' being closed to off campus visitors, we will begin accepting reservations for our off-campus friends to join us for lunch once again beginning Monday, 18 January.**

Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance by calling the cafe' at 850-376-1916. We are extremely excited to have you back in the cafe' but the following rules will apply as the safety of our Air Force Enlisted Village residents continues to be the number one priority of our staff.

-Masks are required for entry to the Commons building, they are highly encouraged to be always worn while you are on campus.

-It is imperative that you follow social distancing guidance by remaining at least six (6) feet apart.

-All guests will be screened at the Sunset gate, and anyone refusing to be screened will be denied access to the campus. Please assure all members of your party can honestly pass the COVID screening questions below...

- ◆ Have you been in contact with anyone who has or is suspected of having COVID-19? Are you experiencing any of the following? Fever (over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit)? Cough? Shortness of Breath? A recent loss of taste and smell?
- ◆ The Holly Ave gate remains closed until further notice. Please use 92 Sunset Lane, Shalimar, FL 32579 for GPS directions to the Sunset Ave gate.



### Poquito Bayou Association Logo

The little committee that was formed to establish a website to better serve the community with the latest information in a more accessible format, also came up with the thought that we should update our Poquito Bayou Community logo. The current logo is shown above:

We'd like to solicit ideas for a new logo from our readership. If you only have an idea and not the graphics skill to design it, tell us about your idea and maybe it can be made into a logo. If you can submit an actual logo, all the better. Hit us with your best shot! bobbyz55x@gmail.com.



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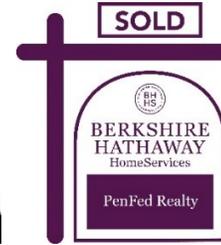
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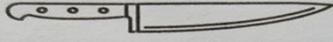
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## Health & Safety

### On the Brighter Side: Positive Thinking in the New Year

**T**he New Year is a great time to set goals and plan ahead. Having the right mindset can influence whether you reach your goals. Here are a few steps to positive thinking that will help set the tone for the rest of the year.

- List your achievements from last year. Checking accomplishments off your list is motivating and will energize your enthusiasm to create and achieve your new goals.
- View past failures as valuable lessons. Mistakes happen, and without them, we'd never learn how to grow. In fact, that failure could be the key to your future success.
- Begin each day on a good note. Listen to a playlist of upbeat songs or read positive daily affirmations. Even a quick walk outside can help set your day on the right path.
- Be mindful of how you spend your time. If the news or social media is a trigger for negativity, reduce your exposure and schedule a digital detox. Know someone whose life is full of drama? Try to spend less time with them and surround yourself with people who radiate good vibes instead.
- Remember that positivity is contagious. Approach every person and situation you encounter with a positive attitude to spread joy wherever you go.



## Helpful Hints

### Habits of Highly Successful People

**D**o you ever wonder what sets highly successful people apart? According to Tom Corley, author of *Change Your Habits, Change Your Life*, the answer might surprise you. He interviewed 233 wealthy individuals and found they share the following habits.

**Wake up early** – 50% of those interviewed wake up three hours before they begin working.

**Exercise regularly** – It's no secret that exercise is beneficial for your mind and body. Turns out it can benefit your financial success, too!

**Spend time reading** – 88% of people said they read for at least 30 minutes a day. Self-improvement and education are among the popular topics.

**Get plenty of rest** – Seven to eight hours of sleep is essential for optimal brain function.

**Don't waste any time** – Since time is not something you can get back, make your investment worthwhile. Plan your day to get more done.

**Goal focused** – Most successful people are obsessed with pursuing and accomplishing their goals. Be relentless and never give up!



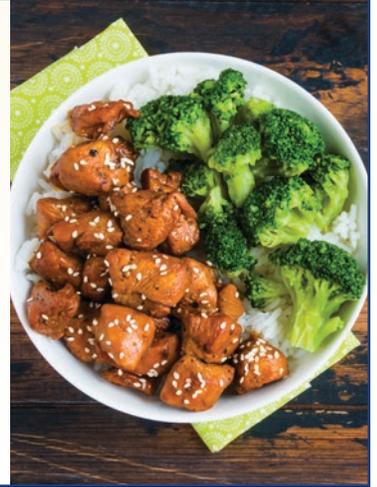
**1 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil**  
**3 chicken breasts**  
**1/3 cup soy sauce**  
**1/2 cup hoisin sauce**  
**5 cloves garlic, minced**  
**1 cup long grain white rice**  
**2 cups water**  
**1 bunch broccoli, steamed**  
**3 scallions, sliced**  
**(optional, for garnish)**  
**Sesame seeds**  
**(optional, for garnish)**

In a slow cooker, add the following ingredients in order: olive oil, chicken, soy sauce, and hoisin sauce. Cook on low for 8 hours.

About 25 minutes before the chicken is done, add rice and water to a rice cooker, if you have one. Otherwise, bring water to boil in a medium saucepan. Stir in rice and bring to a simmer. Cover pot and reduce heat to low. Continue to lightly simmer the rice. Check after 17 minutes to ensure the liquid is absorbed. The rice could take up to 25 minutes to cook. Fluff rice with fork and let it sit for 2 minutes.

Meanwhile, steam broccoli using a steamer or boil in water for 2 minutes on the stove before draining.

Cut chicken into small pieces or shred with a fork. Serve over a bed of rice with the broccoli. Garnish with sliced scallions and sesame seeds (optional).



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## Household Tips

### House Cleaning Resolutions

**M**any people make plans for life improvement in the New Year. But have you thought about goals for cleaning your home in the year to come? Here are a few house cleaning tips worth adding to your list of resolutions.

**Make a game plan** – Create an easy-to-follow schedule with daily and weekly cleaning tasks. Hang your schedule on the wall to serve as a reminder of what to work on each day.

**Come clean** – Be honest with yourself about any bad habits you have when it comes to cleaning. Think of new ways to address each habit and practice making those changes.

**Push it to the limit** – Start the year off with a top-to-bottom deep clean. Once you've done the hard work, the rest is just maintenance.

**Room to grow** – Add some new houseplants to liven up your home. Houseplants improve the air quality and add a relaxing vibe to your environment.

**Go green** – Energy upgrades can lower utility costs and reduce your home's carbon footprint.

**Have fun** – Cleaning doesn't have to be a downer. Crank up the music and get moving! You'll be relaxing in a clean home before you know it.

