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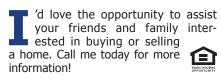


f you're considering buying or selling a home this summer, don't wait another minute! Call me ASAP to discuss the current local real estate market.

re you in the market to sell your home? Close with confidence by adding an Old Republic home warranty to your transaction. Seller's Coverage protects your property in the event a major system or appliance fails and requires repair or replacement while it's on the market. At close, the warranty seamlessly rolls over to the Buyer's Plan, protecting the home buyer against potential issues after the sale. A home warranty offers budget protection from the high cost of home repairs and peace of mind for both the home seller and buyer!



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# Health & Safety **Fireworks Safety**

egal fireworks are a sure way to entertain the family for Fourth of July celebrations. However, fireworks are dangerous, so follow these tips for the safest way to watch the sparks fly.

#### Always...

- Make sure fireworks are legal to buy and use in your neighborhood.
- Light fireworks outdoors.
- Read the instructions thoroughly before use.
- Provide close adult supervision if children participate.
- Move to a safe distance away immediately after igniting.
- Keep a water bucket or hose close by to fully extinguish fireworks after use.
- Soak spent fireworks in water before discarding.
- Store any unused fireworks in a cool, dry area out of the reach of children.

#### Never...

- Purchase or use illegal fireworks.
- Attempt to make your own fireworks.
- Let young children handle fireworks, including sparklers.
- Use fireworks if under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.
- Aim fireworks at another person. • Carry fireworks on your person
- (i.e., your pocket).
- Attempt to reignite a "dud" firework.
- Put lit fireworks in glass or metal containers.
- Place a body part over a firework after igniting.

It bears repeating that fireworks are dangerous, so you should always handle them with care. Implementing the proper precautions will ensure a fun experience that everyone can safely enjoy.

# Helpful Hints

### Tips for the Best Summer Ever



ummer is full of endless possibilities, and the longer days leave us with more time to live it up. Check out these ways to help you enjoy summer to the fullest.

Have a game plan. Keep holidays, school schedules, and travel plans in mind while mapping out your summer to-do list. Keep an overnight bag packed and ready to go in your car in case any last-minute activities come up.

Unplug and connect with nature. Don't be afraid to put your phone away and step outside to enjoy some fresh air. Go for a hike, plan a picnic, or schedule a camping trip. The outdoors is calling your name!

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Free up time to just chill. It's easy to get caught up in the day-to-day hustle, especially when trying to plan a summer full of fun and excitement. Schedule some downtime to relax without any plans. Take the opportunity to read a book, start a new hobby, or enjoy an afternoon nap.

# Savor the Flavor

## **Summer Lobster Rolls**

4 Tbsp. mayonnaise	In a medium bowl, mix mayonnaise, lemon juice, chives, Dijon mustard, sea salt, and black pepper until incorporated.	
4 Tbsp. lemon juice	Add chilled lobster meat and toss gently in mixture until fully	
2 Tbsp. chives, chopped	coated.	
2 Tbsp. minced celery (optional)	Butter both sides of the hot dog buns and place facedown on a non-stick skillet over medium heat. Cook buns until crispy and golden brown.	
1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard	Spoon in lobster salad mixture and serve immediately.	
Sea salt and black pepper to taste	Enjoy by itself or with a side of French fries.	
1 1/4 lb. lobster meat, cooked		
8 split-top hot dog buns		

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## Household Tips DIY Home Improvement Checklist

here's a lot to consider when preparing for a DIY project. Make safety a priority by following this DIY home improvement checklist.

- □ Always have a fully stocked first aid kit easily accessible.
- □ Dress for home improvement success. Avoid wearing jewelry and loose clothing that can get caught on anything, especially power tools. Wear the proper safety attire for your projects, such as safety glasses, gloves, and earplugs.
- □ Fully inspect your power tools before getting started. If borrowing or renting equipment, check for cracked or broken housings and frayed power cords. Never use a power tool that is not in proper working order.
- Always follow the power tool manufacturer's instructions. Double-check the device is set to "off" before plugging it into a power source.
- □ Be mindful of your surroundings to ensure the safety of yourself and others at all times. Keep children and pets away from the workspace and equipment.
- □ Store all tools, equipment, and materials on a high shelf or in a locked storage cabinet.

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