



**Dancing
Marlin**
[event guide 2019]

eat. drink. share.

our space

Celebrate the big moments in life at Dancing Marlin. Located in Frankfort, Illinois, Dancing Marlin Restaurant has all of the essentials to host your next event. Our two-level restaurant provides the perfect setting for private dining and group events ranging from cozy family affairs for birthdays, anniversaries or showers, to large corporate dinners and client cocktail parties. Customers may create their own custom menu from our regular selections, and tailor a menu as unique as the party you're planning! Dancing Marlin staffs each private party with dedicated servers to ensure you have the best dining experience.

Located minutes from I-80, just south of Orland Park on LaGrange Road, Dancing Marlin offers your guests plenty of free parking. We recognize dining is as much about the experience as it is the cuisine, and we take pride in creating an atmosphere as rousing as our food. Our interior design elements are re-claimed or re-purposed, and serve as a reflection of our responsible and sustainable values. We offer versatile private and semi-private spaces for groups from 10 up to 120 people.

our menu

At Dancing Marlin we take fresh, quality food seriously. Dancing Marlin boasts a from-scratch kitchen and we are proud to offer a seasonally evolving menu that highlights innovative, responsible, and sustainable fare with a purpose. We offer customized, shared and individual plate menu options tailored to your tastes. Let Dancing Marlin help you achieve party planning perfection with our friendly hospitality and unique dining experience as the top spot for group dining in Chicago's South Suburbs.

our drinks

Dancing Marlin is proud to provide patrons with cutting edge wine & hand crafted cocktail programs featuring beverages guests will not see at every restaurant. We offer a state of the art tap wine program with 16 selections to choose from. Each wine is served on tap to ensure perfect air and temperature control for every glass poured. Plus, we have eight cocktails on tap, many of which are seasonally inspired. Additionally, we offer premium top shelf and super premium open bar packages from our full liquor bar. Our knowledgeable staff has a passion for food and drink and we encourage you to ask them for pairing suggestions to highlight your special event.

Dancing Marlin also knows when it comes to quality, details matter.

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Dancing Marlin is proud to be the first South Suburban Chicago restaurant to offer a shared plates concept featuring fine American cuisine in an ultra hip, yet informal setting. The rules for sharing? There are no rules! And a party or special event is a great time to embrace the Dancing Marlin sharing philosophy. Whatever your dining preference, sharing or individual plating, our dedicated and knowledgeable event planners will assist with every possible detail to assure a fun and memorable evening for you and your guests.

[event spaces]

the kitchen table

[up to 16 guests]

We can accommodate up to 16 guests for a party right next to the kitchen. See the chefs and kitchen in action! There's lots of energy & fun to be had at the "KT", so bring the fun group! The "KT" is great for any event. Girls night out? Last minute birthday get together? Maybe it's just time to get the best friends together for a night out.

the cove

[semi-private room • up to 20 guests]

This semi-private room can host an event up to 20. It's a bit quieter than the kitchen table & gives your event the warmth of booth style seating, yet you still can see the main dining room & bar area.

Available sunday - thursday

the anchor room

[private room • up to 60 guests]

The lower level dining room can host an event for up to 60 guests. This room is perfect for wedding receptions, showers, anniversaries and corporate events as well. The anchor room is equipped with a 70" led tv and wi-fi. We also offer full AV/Smart TV capabilities and the option to listen to your own music from an iPod or iPhone.

the main dining room

[up to 120 guests]

The main floor dining room can host a daytime event for 60 to 120 guests. The spacious dining area has a combination of both booth, regular seating and the "Kitchen Table" seating if requested. The room also has a bar and is perfect for reception style events, social gatherings and is ideal for corporate gatherings, networking events & all types of informal affairs.

[share]

Each course is customized from our current menu and meant to be shared for the event.
This menu allows your guests to experience dancing marlin as our regular dining guests do.
Your event coordinator can add any other specialty items upon request.

share menu [1] \$35 per guest

- fries** triple cooked, pickled shallots, fried herbs, garlic aioli [gf, v]
- salmon dip** house smoked salmon, capers, horseradish, cream cheese, dipping chips
- general tso's cauliflower** crispy buttermilk brined cauliflower bites, general tso's spicy sauce [gf, v]
- chicken flatbread** chicken breast, pistachio pesto, mozzarella, red peppers
- mozzarella flatbread** grande mozzarella, wine braised grape tomatoes, torn basil [v]
- chopped salad** romaine, chicken, cucumbers, onions, bacon, tomatoes, blue cheese, citrus vinaigrette
- meatballs** choice of "gyro" style meatballs with tzatziki sauce, or turkey meatballs with nino's red sauce
- gnudi** our version of italian gnocchi made with fresh ricotta. seasonal preparation
- cachaca chicken** grilled boneless chicken thighs, brazilian rum, garlic, olive oil, aioli dipping sauce [gf]
- mac daddy** a creamy blend of hook's cheddar, wisconsin parmesan, gruyere & bechamel sauce, penne pasta noodles
- cheesecake bites** topped with the chef's selection of seasonal fruit toppings

share menu [2] \$45 per guest

- salmon dip** house smoked salmon, capers, horseradish, cream cheese, dipping chips
- bruschetta** fresh mozzarella, aged balsamic, torn basil, heirloom tomatoes [v]
- seafood guacamole** hass avocados, tomatoes, onions, garlic, shrimp, crabmeat, tortilla chips [gf]
- burger slider** 21 day dry aged beef burger, american cheese, caramelized onions, house cured pickles
- mushroom flatbread** wild mushrooms, braised leeks, montamoré cheese, cream sauce, truffle oil [v]
- chopped salad** romaine, chicken, cucumbers, onions, bacon, tomatoes, blue cheese, citrus vinaigrette
- the fig & the pig** house bacon rolled & stuffed with italian sausage, preserved figs, fennel, honey & goat cheese [gf]
- mac daddy** a creamy blend of hook's cheddar, wisconsin parmesan, gruyere & bechamel sauce, penne pasta noodles [v]
- crab stuffed peppers** jumbo lump crabmeat stuffed piquillo peppers, pickled shallot remoulade, tarragon & chili oil, micro greens
- coffee and doughnuts** brioche doughnuts, sea salt, caramel sauce, whipped coffee cream

[appetizer package]

Includes: coffee, hot tea, iced tea and soft drinks

\$15 per guest
[your choice of 3 selections]

Add \$3 for Friday through Sunday evening package. Additional selection available at \$4 per person.

\$23 per guest
[your choice of 5 selections]

Add \$3 for Friday through Sunday evening package. Additional selection available at \$4 per person.

We can offer shared, passed or buffet style appetizer menus for your event. Custom options are also available including gluten free and vegetarian selections.

[appetizer package options]

sides and salads

fries
smoked salmon dip
seasonal salads
baked onion dip
caprese skewers
general tso's cauliflower

taco bar

shrimp & chorizo
avocado or cauliflower
braised chicken

sliders

dry aged burger
mozzarella
blt

flatbreads

chicken
mushroom
mozzarella

specials

meatballs +\$1
mini fig & the pig +\$2
cachaca chicken +\$2
bbq shrimp +\$3
scallops +\$3

desserts

(add \$3 per person)
cheesecake bites
chef's selection

Package requires a non-refundable room fee of \$100 for Anchor Room, Cove or Main dining room (main dining room available for 11:00am packages only). Prices are subject to change and do not include tax or gratuity. See full menu for descriptions as well as new & seasonal options.

[lunch package]

Includes: coffee, hot tea, iced tea and soft drinks

starting at \$20 per guest

Available for parties beginning between 11:00am - 4pm. Time reserved 3 hours.

first course [shared]

[choose 2]

fries

smoked salmon dip

caprese skewers

general tso's cauliflower

bruschetta

second course [shared]

[choose 1] caesar, mixed greens, napa

third course [shared]

[choose 2]

sliders

dry aged burger

mozzarella

blt

flatbreads

chicken

mushroom

mozzarella

mac daddy

upgrade your course (plated)

chicken breast +\$4

pork tenderloin +\$4

sirloin steak +\$4

crab stuffed peppers +\$4

fig & the pig +\$4

salmon +\$6

plated with choice of potatoes or risotto & choice of seasonal vegetables

dessert course [shared]

cheesecake bites

chef's selection

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[dinner package]

Includes: coffee, hot tea, iced tea and soft drinks.

starting at \$27 per guest

Available for parties beginning after 5pm. Time reserved 3 hours.

first course [shared]

[choose 2]

- fries
- smoked salmon dip
- baked onion dip
- caprese skewers
- general tso's cauliflower
- bruschetta

second course [shared]

[choose 1 salad & 1 flatbread]

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| mixed greens | chopped | chicken | mushroom |
| napa salad | caesar salad | mozzarella | |

third course [plated]

[choose 1]

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| chicken breast | crab stuffed peppers | +\$2 |
| pork tenderloin | 6 oz filet | +\$3 |
| sirloin steak | sauteed shrimp | +\$3 |
| salmon | mahi mahi | +\$3 |

plated with choice of potatoes or risotto & choice of seasonal vegetables

dessert course [shared]

[choose 1]

- chef's selection
- plated dessert trio +\$3

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[corporate packages]

Includes: coffee, hot tea, iced tea and soft drinks. Also includes 2 bar drinks of your choice

starting at **\$70 per guest**

Available for parties beginning after 5pm. Time reserved 3 hours.

..... first course [shared]

[choose 2]

bruschetta	meatballs
smoked salmon dip	baked crab dip
seafood guacamole	crispy calamari
general tso's cauliflower	

..... second course [plated salads & shared flatbreads]

[choose 1 salad & 1 flatbread]

chopped salad	choice of flatbread
caesar	mushroom
napa	chicken
mixed greens	mozzarella

..... third course [plated]

[choose 1] surf & turf [choose 1]

6 oz filet		mahi mahi
chicken breast		salmon
pork tenderloin		scallops
		sauteed shrimp

..... dessert course [plated]

chef's selection of a trio of desserts

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[brunch]

Includes: coffee, hot tea, iced tea and soft drinks

starting at **\$22** per guest

Available for parties beginning at 10:00am. Time reserved 3 hours.
Minimum 15 guests reserved for the cove & 30 guests for the anchor room

..... first course [shared]

biscuits, gravy & seasonal jam
early flatbread
fresh fruit
pork roast hash

..... second course [shared]

house bacon
breakfast potatoes
scrambled eggs
pancakes or french toast +1
morning mac & cheese
chicken & waffles +\$3

..... dessert [shared]

coffee and doughnuts
cheesecake bites

add on:

..... bloody mary or mimosa bar

make your own "bloody mary" bar | \$6 each
prosecco, fresh fruit & juices | \$25 per setup

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[chef's tasting menu]

Each course is uniquely paired with a wine specifically chosen for the dish.
Dinner is subject to discussion with the culinary team - entree suggestions, restrictions, allergies, etc.

starting at \$75 per guest

Seated at the kitchen table for parties of up to 14. Time reserved 3 hours.

..... first course

starter paired with wine

..... second course

salad paired with wine

..... third course

entree paired with wine

..... fourth course

entree paired with wine

..... fifth course

entree paired with wine

..... dessert course

dessert paired with wine

The "Chef's Dinner" package is available Tuesday - Thursday. The size of the group is limited to 20 guests maximum. Our culinary team will meet with you two weeks in advance to discuss the menu, allergies, and the general wishlist of you and your guests.
Prices are subject to change and do not include tax or gratuity.

[add-ons]

Select any of the following appetizers to be added to any event packages at a per piece cost

appetizers and bites

meatballs	\$2.5 ea	jumbo cocktail shrimp	\$3
bruschetta	\$2.5 ea	cachaca chicken	\$2/skewer
mini fig & the pig	\$3 ea	smoked salmon crostini	\$3 ea
scallops	\$4 ea	crab stuffed peppers	\$5 ea
seafood guacamole	\$3 ea	caprese skewers	\$2 ea

sliders \$4.50 each

blt	dry aged burger
mozzarella	italian roast beef
braised chicken	

flatbreads \$10 each [8 pieces]

chicken	mozzarella
mushroom	sausage

desserts \$2 each

doughnuts	chef's selection
cheesecake bite	

prosecco toast & dessert bite \$10 per guest

Start the event off with a prosecco toast and end the evening with a dessert truffle or chocolate covered strawberry

kids meal \$6 per guest

All kids menu items include soft drink, fries, and choice of entree:

hamburger/cheeseburger	mac & cheese
cheese flatbread	buttered noodles
chicken bites	

[bar packages]

The Dancing Marlin features a large selection of drinks including red and white wines, hand-crafted cocktails, domestic and premium beer, soft drinks, juices and mixers.

[wine & tap cocktails]

1 hour = \$20 per guest

2 hour = \$26 per guest

3 hour = \$32 per guest

wine and tap cocktails package includes:

wine & tap cocktails & domestic beer

[add to any package]

non alcoholic punch \$4 per guest

[min. 20]

open bar [premium brands]

1 hour = \$28 per guest

2 hour = \$34 per guest

3 hour = \$40 per guest

premium bar package includes:

wine & tap cocktails, domestic & premium beer plus

tito's vodka

bacardi rum

maker's mark whiskey

malibu rum

effen vodka

captain morgan rum

hendrick's gin

1800 silver tequila

jameson's whiskey

baileys

open bar [call brands]

1 hour = \$24 per guest

2 hour = \$30 per guest

3 hour = \$36 per guest

regular bar package includes:

wine & tap cocktails, domestic & premium beer plus

tito's

corazon tequila

tanqueray

jack daniels

dewars scotch

open bar [super premium brands]

1 hour = \$30 per guest

2 hour = \$36 per guest

3 hour = \$42 per guest

super premium bar package includes:

wine & tap cocktails, domestic & premium beer plus

grey goose vodka

don julio silver tequila

ocean vodka

appleton estate

ketel one vodka

21 year old rum

bulleit bourbon

johnny walker

tanqueray #10 gin

black label scotch

[cocktail style hors d'oeuvres]

All prices are per dozen.

scallops	\$48 per dozen
crab stuffed peppers	\$60 per dozen
meatballs	\$30 per dozen
chicken cachaca skewers	\$24 per dozen
bruschetta	\$30 per dozen
seafood guacamole	\$36 per dozen
mini fig and the pig	\$36 per dozen
oysters rockefeller	\$40 per dozen
sliders	\$54 per dozen
smoked salmon crostini	\$36 per dozen
jumbo cocktail shrimp	\$36 per dozen

[frequently asked questions]

Thank you for your interest in Dancing Marlin restaurant. The following is an event information sheet that should answer many of the questions you may have about our booking procedures and requirements.

reservations

Your group reservation is guaranteed when we receive a signed contract with a credit card number to hold the date (regardless of final payment method). The number of guests must be guaranteed 5 business days in advance of your reservation, or the original number confirmed will be charged. Final payment is due upon completion of the event.

minimums

[All minimums exclude tax & gratuity]

The Anchor Room and Cove may be assigned a food and beverage minimum based on the day of the week and the time of the event. The minimum represents the dollar amount that must be spent to secure the private room.

If the room minimum is not met, an additional charge will be added to the final bill.

All food and beverage charges can be split on a maximum of (2) checks.

deposits

To reserve your space, we require a credit card number with a signed contract. For restaurant buy-outs, we do require a 50% deposit. Deposits are non-refundable.

the holidays

During the holiday season (nov 15 - jan 15), due to increased demand for large parties, there will be a two week cancellation policy. If a party cancels less than two weeks before the event, 50% of the total will be charged.

private rooms

To reserve a private room there is a food and beverage minimum purchase. The prices quoted do not include sales tax or gratuity, presented on the final bill. All food and beverages must be charged on one check.

room & table arrangements

We will do our best to accommodate your group in the space you prefer, although we do reserve the right to relocate your group to a more appropriate area should your expected attendance significantly change.

Up to 16 guests [kitchen table] • Up to 20 guests [cove room] • up to 60 guests [anchor room]

60 - 120 guests [main dining room] available for Saturday & Sunday noon - 3pm events.

service fees

Gratuity will be added to the final bill equal to 20% of the food and beverage charges. Dancing Marlin welcomes all major credit cards, cash or company checks. No separate checks please.

room charge

The fee of \$100 is your room charge for a private event in our cove, anchor room or upper level. Once the room charge is collected the date will be held for your party. The room charge is non-refundable.

anchor room amenities

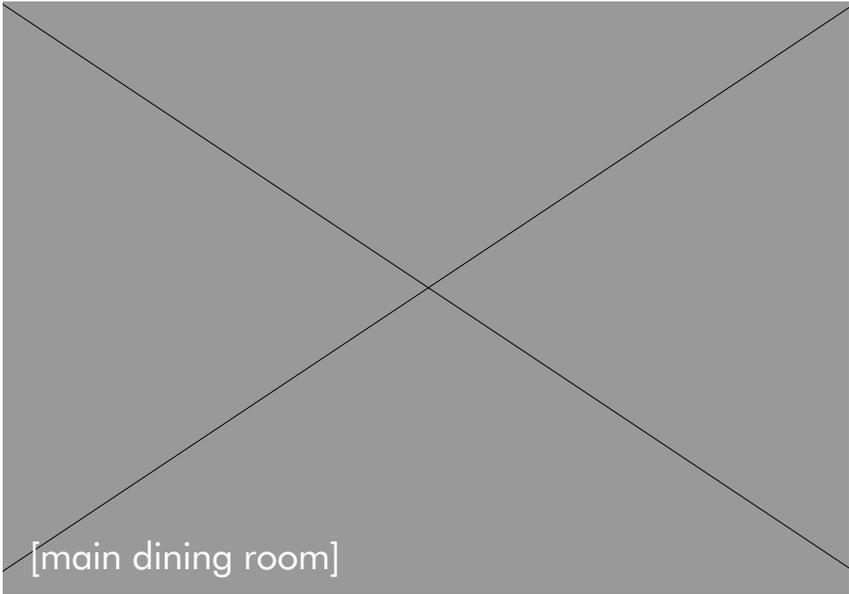
We offer video equipment at (\$50 fee) including a 70" flat screen tv in our anchor room.

We also offer the option for your music selections from an smart phone or computer device at no charge.

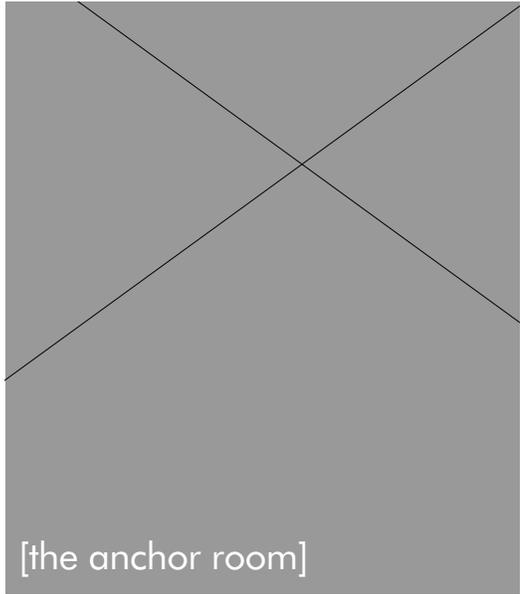
48 hour notice required for audio/video equipment usage.

decorations

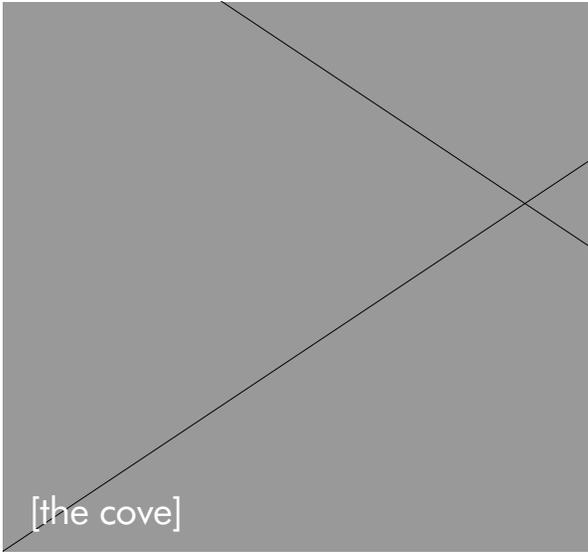
We offer our natural seaside décor at no charge. You can choose to add additional décor to tables. All décor must not damage any of the surfaces (no tape on walls). Room must be left in the original condition or additional fees will be charged to return the room to original condition if necessary. Use of paper confetti, glitter, rice, birdseed, etc, is not permitted inside or outside of the building. Party host assumes responsibility for guests in this matter. If the items or materials mentioned above are used, customer agrees to pay a \$250 cleaning charge.



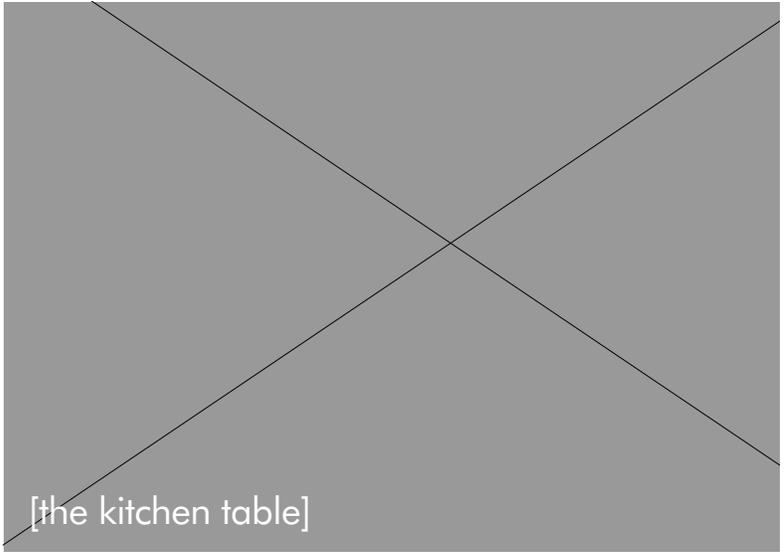
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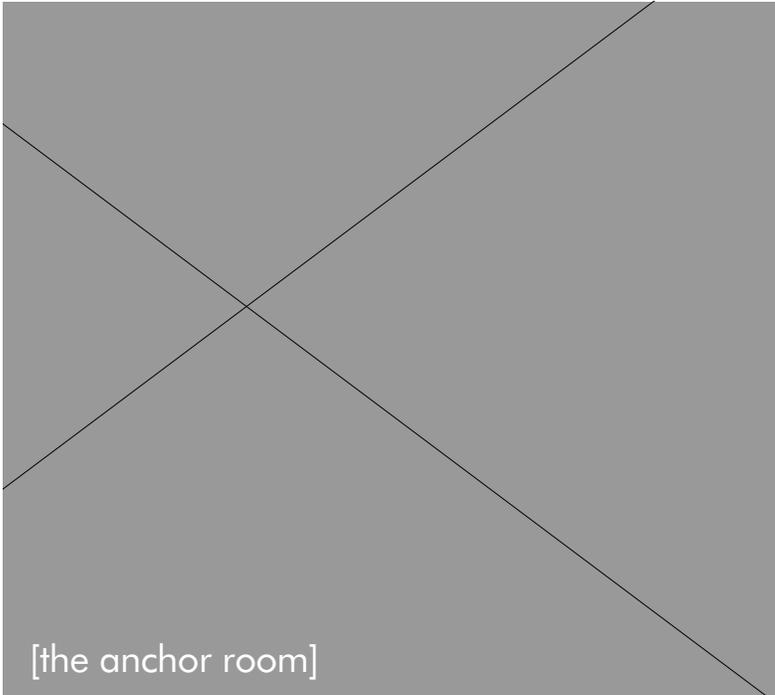
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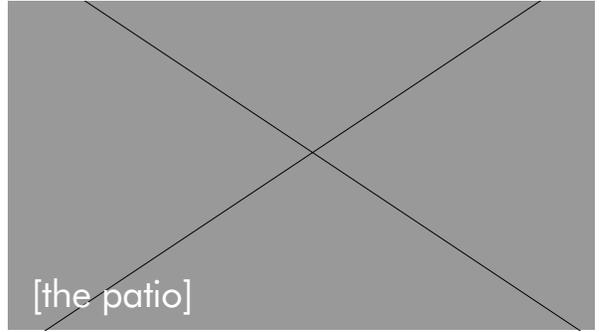
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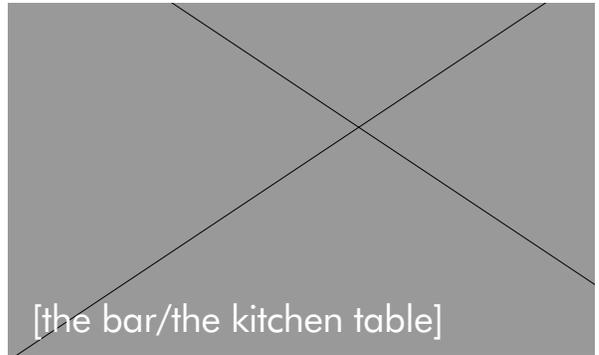
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[the anchor room]



[the patio]



[the bar/the kitchen table]

[book now]

To book your event or if you have any questions please email us

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or call 815.464.6646

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