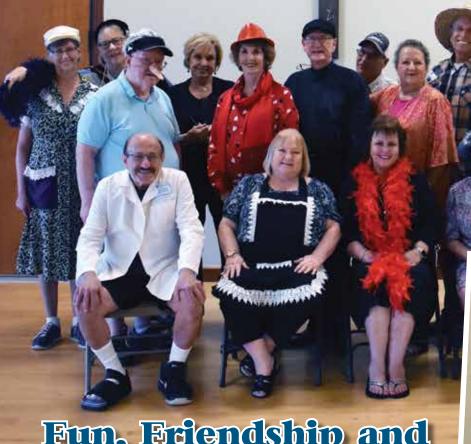


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Feature Story



The Reader's Theater group of Joyce Bunch, Barbara Sobkowiak, Sharon Lutz, Lorelei Sullivan, Barbara Reynolds, and Peggy Norman performed at Jane Long Elementary School on October 1.



Sweetgrass Drama Club

"Places everyone!" It's time for rehearsal to begin, and the cast of Act I moves into position. Members of the Sweetgrass Drama Club have been running their lines for weeks under the guidance of Director Sandy Barkerding. Now they are putting the final touches on their fall production of Chatterton Country Club (November 8 and 9). Chatterton is three acts set in a 55+ retirement community with intertwining stories exploring the crazy cast of characters and themes. If Chatterton sounds familiar, it's because they did the play five years ago. Some actors are returning, but most of the cast is new to the community since 2014.

Besides the challenge of learning lines, there is much more going on in every Drama Club production. From the Script Committee selecting the play to the crew turning off the ballroom lights for the show to begin, a lot has happened. Actors have been working on their 'blocking' or placement and movement on stage; costumes and makeup are set. Props have been obtained or created and placed in the proper spot. The stage has been decorated with set pieces or furniture along with painted background flats. The tech crew has set up stage lights and microphones; music and sound effects have been cued; all sequenced on a laptop. The Stage and House Crews are on hand to assist actors and patrons. When everything is ready, the ballroom doors are opened. Showtime!

This production continues a tradition set in motion sev-

en years ago. In April 2012 the first play by "Stars of Sweet-grass" was All in a Day's Work, and it was performed in the Sales Pavilion! The Drama Club was chartered the next year and Bank Robbery was the first play in the Lakehouse. They started with no stage, lights, or sets. Through ticket sales they have been able to purchase the stage (along with HOA and the Men's Club), stage lights and iPad with lighting program, speakers, microphones, sound board, stage curtains, and more.

They now have two performances a year, in the spring and fall. Shows are Friday and Saturday nights with a Saturday matinee. For the hearing-impaired they offer CART (Communication Access Realtime Captioning) at one of the performances.

Like all Sweetgrass clubs camaraderie develops as they work together, especially supporting each other on stage. However, they have lost some dear friends, starting with founding member and first president Andrea Braver who passed away in 2015. On the set of every performance there is a small table honoring these members.

This fall the Club started a new outreach program organized by Peggy Norman. Four groups of 4-6 members are reading age-appropriate stories in local grade schools. This Reader's Theater brings fine arts into the schools by performing a play in a non-traditional fashion. The schools have been very receptive to this new program and several have sched-



The Pie Ladies (2018) with Pat Miller, Dena Rosenberg, Thelma Rubin, Kathy Siegel, Susie Stern, Barbara Reynolds, and Linda Hail.

uled the groups to perform this fall.

Many in the Drama Club haven't been on stage since high school, if even then. They all thought they'd give it a try and went to an open audition. "We're always looking for more to join our merry group," says President Sandy Barkerding. She encourages newcomers to attend an audition to see what it's all about. For those not wanting to be on stage, there are always plenty of jobs off stage, behind the scenes.

Meetings are the third Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Primrose section of the ballroom. They are always seeking new members both on and off stage. Annual dues are \$10. For more history and photos, go to mysweetgrass.net, Lifestyle/Chartered Clubs, and scroll to Drama Club to view Drama Club Page.

From Producer to Stage Crew it takes many team players to put on a show with lots of laughter along the way. Actors put in many hours on the script while the crews work hard to present a quality production, all to entertain their neighbors. It's all worth it when they hear the audience respond with laughter and applause.

After many months it's finally time for "House lights down, cue the music, stage lights up, action!"



Doctor, Doctor (2016) with Gary Carlyle and Phyllis Ransom.







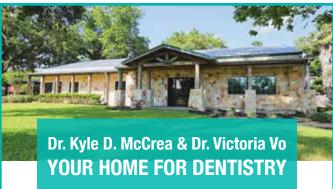
Photos top-bottom: Act 2 from 2014's Chatterton **Country Club with Kathy** Siegel, Nancy Bravman, Phyllis Ransom, and Pat Miller; Any Body for Tea? (2018) with Nancy Bravman, Phyllis Ransom, Barbara Sobkowiak, Teri Wathen, and Karen White-Havden: Men's **Ensemble performing** 'Officer Krupke' from West Side Story for Cabaret 2015; Tech crew setting up stage, lights, and sound.



Sweetgrass Volunteers Responds to Project S.M.I.L.E.'s Plea for Help

On Wednesday, August 7, 2019 several volunteers from Sweetgrass participated in a service project sponsored by Project S.M.I.L.E. with other community volunteers at Bethel Ministry in Stafford, Texas to assemble approximately 1, 300 bags of school supplies for the children of Fort Bend, grades K-12. Without this effort, these children would not have had





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the supplies that schools expect students to have on the first day of the new school year because their families couldn't afford the out-of-pocket expense.

Sugar Land resident Carolyn Tarver founded the program after the tragic death of her 17 year old son, Stan, in

1983. Project S.M.I.L.E. (an abbreviation of Stan's Memory Includes Loving Everyone) has served thousands of Fort Bend students over the past 26 years through donations provided by individuals, service clubs and businesses in the community, including the Sweetgrass Women's Club. "We don't get them everything, but we get them the



basics to start. Parents have told me numerous times that the gifts have made a big difference in their children's self-esteem and confidence level," said Tarver.

For additional information about Project S.M.I.L.E. and how you can help, contact Carolyn Tarver at 281-491-5234 or email carolyntarver37@live.com.





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he Sweetgrass Social Canasta Club has been growing rapidly over the past few months, with lots of new players attending lessons and joining the group. Our play days every Wednesday and Thursday (12:15 pm) continue to expand, and members enjoy the monthly special events and the new Thursday rotation format. Haven't joined us in a while? Now is a great time to come play! In the spirit of giving (FRIENDSGIVING), the Canasta Activities Committee has designated the month of November as an open giving fundraiser to benefit Lunches of Love. Each play date throughout November, we will have a basket or bucket set-up for voluntary contributions from members. Lunches of Love is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to helping end childhood hunger in FORT BEND COUNTY by providing a free nutritious sack lunch during extended school holidays and weekends. On November 14th, Thankful Wild Two's Turkey Trot will NOT be a dollar day. The twist for this game is to make





canastas of wilds using 2's only (no jokers). For every wild 2's turkey trot, you get another ticket for a chance to win. The committee will be providing treats for all members attending, and a couple baskets of goodies will be given away as door prizes. Participants of the 11/14 event who collect the most wild 2's turkey canastas by 3:00 pm will be awarded a gift. Pumpkin bars will be provided by the committee as a thank you to all. Save The Date - DECEM-BER 5th - RAZZLE DAZZLE RECOGNITION EVENT honoring our many volunteers! This is also our quarterly meeting, and we will be electing the 2020 officers. We are inviting any interested members to contact the Nominating Committee if they'd like to run for the 2020 Board. Contact us at SweetgrassSocialCanasta@gmail.com or at any play date.





THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

That's Entertainment celebrated its 1st Anniversary, September 26th at the Lakehouse. The reception began with a delicious buffet provided by our local HEB. Daniel Wolfe and his assistant Jay did a splendid job of catering the food; they stayed, kept the food warm and served it to our 130 guests. We encourage you to consider them for your catering needs! Dinner was followed with a showing of the Emmy nominated film, "Fireworks with George Plimpton", produced and directed by our very own Cyrus Bharucha. It was a stunning documentary, noting the history of fireworks with breathtak-

ing displays of these events all over the world. Coming up in November is a trip to the Round Top Festival. It will include a tour of their grounds, a gourmet lunch and the brass band concert. The Board of Directors appreciates our members for their support and especially wants to thank all the volunteers who helped with our 1st Anniversary Reception. This past year the Board brought 33 wonderful events to our Club and hopes to continue providing them with a wide variety of events that should please each individual's taste. Our next meeting is November 17th, 3:00 PM at the Lakehouse. For information about That's Entertainment, please contact Valerie Kavalewitz at veliak@yahoo.com.







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coastal boat tour with a guide and spotted many birds in Rockport.

Photo by Jim Skarzynski





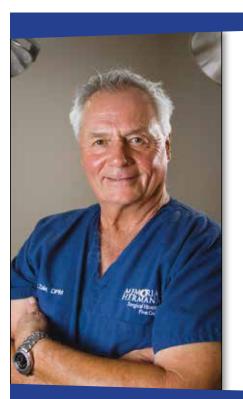
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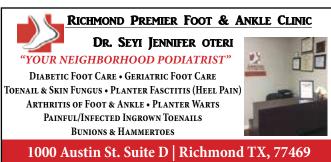


MEET N GREET

Our September Meet N Greet was well attended as always. Sweetgrass resident, Steve Leeser, played delightful tunes as residents mingled. There were also a few new faces!

Who doesn't love a rejuvenating stress releasing massage?

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Bunco is a popular game played by many at Sweetgrass. We try to have a "Boozin" Bunco night at least twice a year. Although we didn't sell out this time, everyone had a great



The Women's Club of Sweetgrass



The Women's Club of Sweetgrass Board of Directors is excited to announce the 2020 Kick-Off Luncheon at the beautiful Junior League of Houston Tea Room scheduled for Tuesday, January 14th, at 11:30am. This exclusive venue is located in a beautiful Southern setting and offers a number of culinary favorites. Tickets for this event are \$45.00, which includes a three-course plated lunch and bus transportation to and from the venue. A Cash (only) Bar will be available for anyone wishing to enjoy a cocktail beverage while socializing and listening to piano music by our very own Ron Ellis.

For those of you that may not be familiar, the Junior League of Houston has been a training ground for Junior League volunteers to learn and practice the discipline of service that is so critical to their mission. By participating in functions in the Tea Room or private events on the grounds of the Junior League, you are supporting the organization's commitment to "Building a Better Community". You can also pick up favorite foods from The Pantry while there

We cannot think of a better setting for kicking off the Women's Club of Sweetgrass 2020 Membership Luncheon in support of other women committed to promoting volunteerism and whose purpose is entirely educational and charitable. Space is limited for this special event and open to Women's Club members only. Future signature events will be announced for this fun and exciting year ahead for





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Dialogue and Learning Group

The next meeting of the Dialogue and Learning Group will be on Thursday it."

November 21st at 6:30 p.m. in The Learning Center. The subject will be "Depression – Let's talk about

Hear More

Can hearing aids be as cool as glasses? Come to the Hear More meeting on November 14th and maybe you will find out! As always, Teri will share any new pertinent information and updates about hearing loss. Additionally, we are hop-



ing to address some of the frustrating situations that affect both the hearing and the hearing loss persons. Frequently, other members of our group have had some of the same experiences and will be willing to share how they successfully addressed the problem. Two examples to get you started thinking are: My doctor has an accent and I find it difficult to

understand him/her. My husband/wife thinks my hearing is "selective," but I honestly have a difficult time hearing him/ her. Since this is the last meeting for Hear More for 2019, we will be serving light refreshments and we would appreciate an RSVP by Monday, November 11th to Jane Van Note at (713)-828-2590 or jane.vannote@gmail.com

Garden Club

On November 5th, we will be taking a field trip to Brazos Bend State Park. For club members who plan to attend, please be there by 8:45 a.m. so they can divide us into groups for our guided tour. Our tour begins at 9:00 a.m. In December, we will be celebrating the holidays. Danny Dunton from the Card Craters Club will be our speaker. This will be a "hands on" workshop. Not only will we take home a beautiful card, we will also be introduced to the art of card crafting. What a great way to kick off the Holiday Season!



Sweetgrass Quilters

The Sweetgrass Quilters meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Lakehouse from 12 noon until 4 p.m. Since we convene at noon, members can feel free to bring their lunches and/or snacks with them. The business part of each meeting is during the first hour, leaving the remaining time for members to work on quilting projects that sometimes are provided or that they bring with them. Last month we made scissor cases as a Make It 'n' Take It project and Block-of-

the-Month # 7. Our own Dena Rosenberg taught classes at the Houston Ouilt Festival while members went there by van or on their own. Future plans include going on the trip to the Texas Ouilt Museum that







Bayou Buzz Clubs and Groups

earlier had to be postponed due to inclement weather, going to Spring to see the holiday decorations, and having another Saturday Sew Day at the Lakehouse. Quilters at all levels (from "I want to learn to quilt." to "I've been quilting all of my life!") are always welcome at our Sweetgrass Quilters' meetings so please invite friends and new neighbors to come with you. Our tagline is "We don't collect dues. We just have fun!"

Social Mah Jongg

Social Mah Jongg meets every Monday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Lantana. Players collect winnings from suc-

cessful hands, with a daily loss not to exceed \$3. Any player that loses the entire \$3, retains the seat and plays for free. Tutorials and free play is held every Wednesday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. No RSVP is necessary. We invite all residents to learn this challenging game of skill and strategy in an atmosphere of patience and unlimited fun. For more information, contact Susie Stern at srstern7911@gmail. com.

DW Sweetgrass Line Dance Club

Line Dance Schedule
Monday,10:00 a.m. - Beginner
Monday, 12:30 p.m. - Intermediate
Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. - Beginner
Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. - Intro to line dance
Thursday,11:00 a.m. - Intermediate





Poker Club

The Sweetgrass Poker Club meets in the Lakehouse on Mondays and Thursdays, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Buy-in is \$10 and all men and women are welcome. Games include variations of draw, stud, Texas Hold-em, Omaha, high-low split pots and more! The deal rotates with the dealer calling the game. There is also a high hand jackpot most nights. Come join us! For more information contact Mark Hochstein at hochstein@comcast.net





















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	(BLUEBELL) 6p-8:45p Cockfails & Games					
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On the Calendar...

NOVEMBER

Dr. Mefford

Friday, November 1st – 6:00 p.m.

Come out to hear everyone's favorite, Dr. Mefford! He is going to discuss holiday entertaining and tastings. He will also give an informative speech regarding heart disease.

The Energy Big City Band Saturday, November 2nd – 7:00 p.m.

Join us on Saturday, November 2nd as we present The Energy City Big Band! The band was formed in 2010. It's 17 members are from the greater Hous-

ton area. The group performs music in the swing, rock, latin, and pop styles. The ECBB has performed twice here at Sweetgrass to rave reviews. Our own Steven Leeser plays tenor saxophone! Tickets are on sale now for only \$13.00!

Presented by the Sweetgrass HOA







RV Club Open House Sunday, November 3rd – 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Sweetgrass RV Club Open House Have you thought about the RV lifestyle, but aren't sure if it is for you? The Sweetgrass RV Club is hosting our first ever RV Open House on Sunday, November 3 from 1-4 p.m. in the Lakehouse parking lot. Members will bring their RV's and open them

up to allow our neighbors a peek inside to see how we live on the road. RV's come in several different sizes and styles, and while space limitations mean we can't bring them all, we will be providing a variety for you to look at. One of our favorite things to do as a club is talk

about RV'ing and road tripping,

so we will have many members available to talk with you in a casual setting similar to that found when on the road. Feel free to bring a chair and stay awhile. We would love to meet you! For more information about the Sweetgrass RV Club, or to get on our regular distribution list, contact Miche' Broussard at SweetgrassRVClub@gmail.com.

Medicare Educational Seminar Wednesday, November 6th - 5:00 p.m.

Jane Scott Healthcare Professional, will be here to present on the following:

- ◆ The basic components of Medicare, Parts A B C & D
- ♦ What's best for me? A Medicare Advantage plan or a Supplement?
- ◆ Different Medicare options available in 2020; you may qualify for additional benefits
- ◆ RX plans...save money by reviewing your plan

RSVP online or at the Lakehouse front desk!

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SEE AN OUTDOOR FILM AT MOVIES ON MORTON.

Enjoy an outdoor movie on the First Friday of the month while taking in the backdrop of historic Morton Street.

HEAR LIVE MUSIC

Experience a live show at the Lone Star Saloon or during a festival at the beautiful Wessendorff Park.

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Experience a one-of a-kind meal at local favorites including Sandy McGee's, Larry's Original Mexican Restaurant, Trough Juice Bar, Joseph's Coffee Shop, Buena Vista, Unwine'd Wine & Cheese Lounge, Blockhouse Coffee and Kitchen, or a farm-to-table dinner at The Guild.

SHOP LOCAL

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OF RICHMOND

Tour the Fort Bend History Museum, visit the grave of Mirabeau B. Lamar in the historic Morton Cemetery, take a ghost tour with History & Haunts of Richmond, or visit Blockhouse Coffee & Kitchen to pick up a walking map of the historic district.

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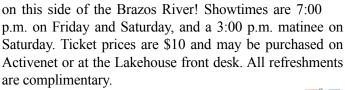
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Chatterton Country Club

November 8th and 9th

The Sweetgrass Drama Club is proud to announce its upcoming production of "Chatterton Country Club" on November 8th and 9th. Chatterton Country Club, a 55+ retirement community, is the setting for this hilarious three-act comedy, with the zaniest cast of characters



Veterans Day Ceremony Monday, November 11th 1:00 p.m.

Be on the lookout for more information regarding this event.

Poetry Reading

Wednesday, November 13th - 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Come out and meet local author, Sheryl Harris. She has written My Truth & Inspiration Poetry and Puzzles of My Life in Poetry. RSVP now on Activenet or at the Lakehouse front desk.

Tip Your Glass to Good Health Wednesday, November 13th – 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Bonnie Gregory is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at McGovern Medical School at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth). She will be here on Wednesday, November 13th, 6:30 p.m. discussing "What's New in the

Treatment of Shoulder Pain? From Rotator Cuff Repairs to Replacements."

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injuries in athletes of all ages, with a special interest in the demands of competitive athletes. She has an active interest in clinical research and is an expert in nonsurgical management and rehabilitation of sports-related injuries.

Mimosas and Dementia Talk Friday, November 15th – 11:30 a.m.

Clayton Oaks Living will be here to share helpful information about dementia. They will also be serving mimosas and light bites. RSVP now on Activenet or at the Lakehouse front desk.

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Whiskey and Cigars Friday, November 22nd

Come out and join us at the firepit for Whiskey and Cigars! There will be snacks available as well. This event is only \$5.00. RSVP now on Activenet or at the Lakehouse front desk.

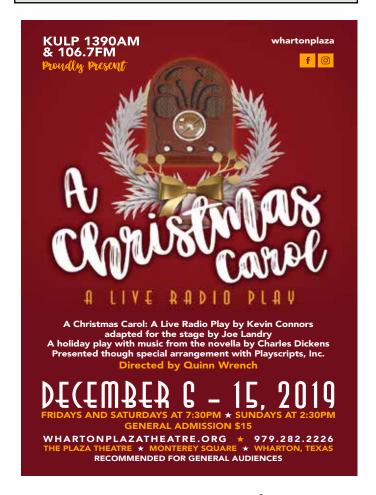




The hourly value of volunteering

Volunteers often note that they benefit more from volunteering than the organizations they're helping. Helping others through volunteering is incredibly rewarding, and volunteers should know that their efforts really help charitable organizations overcome the financial hurdles of meeting their missions. According to a 2017 study from Independent Sector, a United States-based national membership organization that brings together the charitable community, the value of a volunteer hour is more than \$24. So for every hour volunteers are working for their favorite charities, they're saving those charities \$24. That money can then be used to help charities achieve their missions. The Independent Sector study was based on data estimates from 2016, when roughly 63 million Americans volunteered about eight billion hours of their time. Calculated at \$24 per hour, that volunteering was worth more than \$193 billion to charitable organizations.





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Honoring all heroes this Veteran's Day



eteran's Day, which is celebrated annually on November 11, commemorates the hardworking men and women who sacrifice their time and put themselves in harm's way to defend the country's core values of freedom and opportunity. While Veteran's Day certainly is a chance to honor those who have donned the uniform during wars and military installments, it also can be a chance to recognize the unsung heroes of wartime — those who step into roles so that soldiers and strategists can focus their attention elsewhere.

Take for example Naomi Parker Fraley. In 1942, Fraley was a machine shop worker at the Naval Air Station in Alameda, Calif. She was one of scores women who worked in factories and shipyards during World War II, helping to produce munitions and war supplies. Parker was 20 years old in 1942 and served as the inspiration for what would become one of the most indelible images of the era, known as "Rosie the Riveter." Parker unknowingly inspired the iconic image after she was photographed at work bent over an industrial machine in a jumpsuit with her hair tied back in a polka-dot bandana. In 2018, Naomi Parker Fraley died at the age of 96, not nearly the household name she perhaps should have been.

male war employees who were defending America by working on the homefront. Rosie was a successful morale-booster, and some may be surprised to learn that Rosie has various incarnations.

Norman Rockwell's depiction of a female riveter, which

Rosie the Riveter helped to tout the contributions of fe-

Norman Rockwell's depiction of a female riveter, which appeared on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post on May 29, 1943, became an iconic staple of that time. Muscular, with a rivet gun on her lap, a sandwich in hand and a boot stomping on a copy of "Mein Kampf" — and timed perfectly to coincide with the release of a song called "Rosie the Riveter" by Redd Evans and John Jacob Loeb — Rosie became a household name. But another Rosie image actually predates Rockwell's Post cover.

Naomi Parker Fraley was reportedly the inspiration for an ad created by a lesser known artist named J. Howard Miller. Miller produced a "We Can Do It!" poster for Westinghouse Electric in 1942 aimed at boosting spirits among the company's workers. The poster helped to recruit new female personnel, according to scholar James J. Kimble. This Rosie was portrayed in a red bandana with her bent arm flexed, rolling up her shirtsleeve.

Both Miller's and Rockwell's depictions of female war workers became ingrained in popular culture. Rockwell's cover art was eventually loaned to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for use in war bond drives for the duration of the war. Miller's version has been emulated for generations and still epitomizes a strong female presence in the workforce.

This Veteran's Day is a prime time to delve into American wartime history, with interesting stories like the origins of Rosie the Riveter, and pay homage to all of the heroes that help ensure America's reputation as a great nation.





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How Memorial Day and Veterans Day differ from each other

Memorial Day and Veterans Day each honor the military, though the two holidays are not the same. Memorial Day, which is celebrated annually on the last Monday in May, honors the brave men and women who lost their lives while serving in the American military. Many communities host memorial ceremonies honoring their fallen soldiers on Memorial Day, ensuring such soldiers' bravery and sacrifices are never forgotten. While many people now view Memorial Day weekend as the unofficial start of summer, the weekend should not be celebrated without also pausing to reflect on and recognize the military personnel who lost their lives in defense of freedom and the American way of life.

Veterans Day is celebrated annually on November 11 and recognizes all men and women who have served in the military. Veterans Day coincides with Remembrance Day, which is a celebrated by the Commonwealth of Nations, an association of 53 member states with connections to the British Empire. Though Veterans Day and Remembrance Day are each celebrated on November 11, the latter recognizes armed forces members who died in the line of duty, making it more similar to Memorial Day than Veterans Day. It's not uncommon for people to recognize fallen soldiers on Veterans Day, but many use the holiday to express their appreciation to existing veterans.

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Interesting facts about fall

Weather is often the first indicator that the seasons are changing. For many people across the globe, the hot days of summer will soon be giving way to the more crisp days of fall.

For those who live in regions where summer only subtly gives way to fall or is seemingly gone before the end of August, the 2019 autumnal equinox occurs on September 23. That marks the official beginning of fall, also known as autumn. In fact, that the season the follows summer seemingly goes by two different names is just one of many interesting facts about fall.

A season by any other name ... Fall is the term most often

mer in the United States. But the season is referred to as "autumn" in other parts of the

world, including Great Britain. Fall was once even known as "harvest" because of the harvest moon, which appears close to the autumnal equinox.

The colors of fall foliage are actually present year-round. Fall is known for its colorful foliage. But the pig-

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ments responsible for those colors are actually present year-round. According to the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, green, yellow and orange pigments are present year-round. However, during spring and summer, the leaves serve as factories where many foods necessary to help the tree grow are manufactured. That process takes place in the leaf in cells containing chlorophyll, which gives the leaves their green color. This process ceases as hours of daylight decrease and temperatures drop. As a result, chlorophyll breaks down, the green color disappears and the vivid colors of fall foliage begin to appear.

- Squirrels have a (sophisticated) plan out there. Squirrels hiding food in autumn for the upcoming winter is a familiar sight. And squirrels are more organized than many people may know. Groundbreaking research released in 1991 found that, even when squirrels bury that stash of nuts closely to one another, they will each return to the precise location of their personal cache. Recent research also has shown that squirrels bury their stash based on certain traits, such as the type of nut being buried.
- Babies born in fall are more likely to see the century mark. Researchers at the University of Chicago studied more than 1,500 centenarians born in the United States between 1880 and 1895. They then compared birth and death information with those centenarians' siblings and spouses so they could compare their early environment and genetic background and their adult environment. Their research found that most centenarians were born between September and November.



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How to Help Veterans in Need

and make the sacrifices that such service requires. Risking their lives to serve their countries, veterans sometimes endure mental and physical trauma, returning home to face uphill battles as they deal with their injuries.

Many veterans in need are not just in need of medical attention. Learning that their efforts and sacrifices are recognized and appreciated by the ordinary citizens they protect can make a world of difference to veterans as they recover from their injuries. Men, women and children who want to help veterans in need can do so in various ways.

Visit a veterans hospital. Contact a local veterans' hospital to inquire about their volunteer programs. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs notes that each year more than 75,000 volunteers spend more than 11 million hours in service to America's veterans. Visiting veterans at the hospital to hear their stories can lift their spirits and aid in their recoveries. In addition, veterans' hospitals may have volunteer opportunities that make it easier for hospitals to operate at optimal capacity.





Help a neighbor. Unfortunately, many veterans return home with injuries that affect their ability to make it through a typical day without assistance. Disabled veterans may be unable to do their own grocery shopping or maintain their homes. If a neighbor or nearby veteran is facing such hurdles, offer to do his or her shopping or mow his or her lawn. Such tasks won't take much time but can make a world of difference to veterans.

Offer professional services free of charge. Professionals who want to help veterans can offer their services free of charge. Accountants can offer to prepare veterans' tax returns for free, while attorneys can provide legal advice to veterans who need it. Contractors can help disabled veterans by offering to make alterations to their homes for free or at cost.

Employ social media to help local veterans. Many people who want to help local veterans might not be able to do so more than one day per week. But some veterans may require daily assistance. Men and women can start a locally-based Facebook group for fellow members of their community who want to pitch in to help local veterans. Such a group can make it easier to share information and arrange help for veterans in need.

Many veterans return home from serving overseas in need of help. Offering such help can improve veterans' lives while letting them know their efforts and sacrifices are appreciated.







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Incorporate eggnog into your holiday brunch

Food is a big part of the holiday season. Big meals are typically the focal point of holiday gatherings with family and friends. Seasonal beverages also have a special place at holiday dinner tables and parties. This holiday season, hosts can incorporate a beloved beverage into their holiday brunches by whipping up the following recipe for "Baked Eggnog French Toast with Cranberries and Apples," courtesy of Betty Rosbottom's "Sunday Brunch" (Chronicle

Baked Eggnog French Toast with Cranberries and Apples

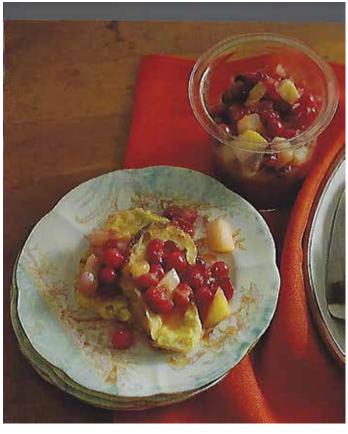
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Glazed Cranberries and Apples

- 2 cups apple cider
- 6 tablespoons light corn syrup
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter, diced
- 3 Golden Delicious apples (about 11/4 lb.), peeled, cored and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries (see note 1)
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar, plus more if needed





Eggnog French Toast

- thick (3/4-inch) bread slices, cut on a sharp diagonal from a day-old baguette (see note 2)
- 21/2 cups purchased eggnog (see cooking tip)
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg Pinch of ground cinnamon
- 3 tablespoons melted unsalted butter Confectioners' sugar

1 For the Glazed Cranberries and Apples: Whisk together the apple cider, corn syrup and brown sugar in a large, heavy saucepan over high heat. Boil until reduced to 1 cup, about 15 minutes. Whisk in 4 tablespoons of the butter until melted. Remove from the heat and set aside.

2 Melt the remaining 4 tablespoons of butter in a large, heavy frying pan over medium heat until hot. Add the apples and sauté, stirring, for 2 minutes. Add the cranberries and granulated sugar, and stir until cranberries begin to pop, about 2 minutes. Stir in the reduce cider mixture and cook un-



til the mixture has reduced to a syrup-like consistency, about 6 minutes. Taste and stir in more sugar, if desired. (The cranberries and apples can be prepared 1 day ahead; cool, cover and refrigerate. Reheat, stirring, over medium heat.)

3 For the Eggnog French Toast: Arrange the bread slices in a 9-by-13-inch shallow baking dish. Whisk together the eggnog, nutmeg and cinnamon in a medium bowl. Pour the mixture over the bread. Cover the pan with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 6 hours, or overnight.

Arrange a rack at center position and preheat the oven to 450 F. Butter a large, rimmed baking sheet with some of the melted butter. Using a metal spatula, transfer the bread slices to the baking sheet. Brush the bread with the remaining melted butter.

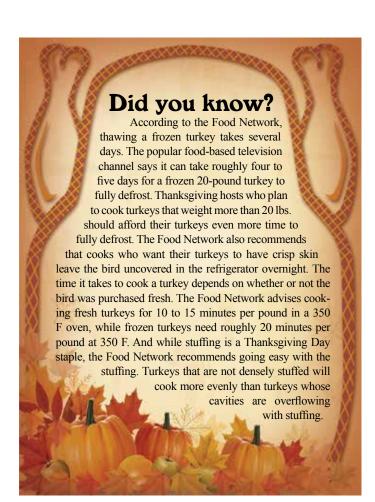
5 Bake for 10 minutes, and then turn and bake until golden brown on the outside and still soft inside, 5 to 6 minutes more. Watch carefully so they do not burn.

6 Arrange 2 slices on each of six dinner plates and mound the warm fruits on top. Dust generously with confectioners' sugar and serve.

Note 1: If using frozen cranberries, defrost and pat dry.

Note 2: You also can use a good, crusty sourdough bread; cut 3/4-inch slices from it, and if they are large, cut them in half.

Cooking tip: If eggnog is not available at the supermarket, whisk together 4 egg yolks, 1/2 cup sugar and 2 cups light cream to blend. Then proceed with the recipe.





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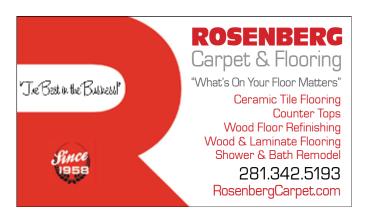
Autumn is a prime time to tend lawns and gardens

Autumn is gardening season. That statement may not seem right to those who think of the spring as the peak time to care for lawns and gardens. However, autumn is an ideal time to get into the garden and ensure that flowers, trees and garden beds will over-winter successfully.

A number of things make autumn a prime gardening season. The cooler days of fall enable gardeners to spend ample time outdoors without the threat of blazing heat. In addition, soil harbors a lot of residual warmth in autumn. Also, the colder temperatures haven't yet arrived in autumn, nor have the leaves completely fallen, making fall a prime time to assess what's already in the landscape, what needs pruning back and where to address planting for next year.

Gardening enthusiasts can focus their attention on these areas this fall.

- Pamper perennials. As annuals and perennials start to fall back, mark the spots where perennials are located so they can be easily identified later on. This way, when planning spots for spring bulbs or other spring layouts for next year, perennials won't be overlooked or covered over.
- Prune shrubs. Look at shrubs and trees and cut out dead or diseased wood.
- Clean up borders. Weed and tidy up borders and lawn edging.
- Install pavers or rock wall. Embrace the cooler temperatures to work on labor-intensive projects, such as putting in a garden bed, retaining wall or walkway.
- Remove spent summer veggies. Take out vegetable garden plants that have already bloomed and borne fruit. Tidy up vegetable gardens and start to sow cooler weather plants, such as onions, garlic, beans, and sweet peas.
- Rake and compost. Rake the leaves and gather grass clippings to add to the compost pile.





- Plant spring bulbs. Get tulips and other spring bulbs ready for planting so they'll burst with color next year.
- Dig up herbs. Relocate herbs like parsley or basil to indoor gardens. Otherwise, strip all leaves and freeze for storage during winter.
- Consider mums. Chrysanthemum plants are perennials. While they look beautiful in pots, if planted, maintained and winterized, they can bloom every fall.
- Fertilize the lawn. Fertilizing in autumn helps ensure grass will stay healthy throughout the winter.
- Add mulch and compost to the garden. Replenish spent soil with mulch and compost so garden beds will be revitalized for spring planting.
- Prune hedges. Tidy up hedges, as they won't be growing much more this year.
- Clean and store equipment. Clean, sharpen and oil all equipment, storing lawn and garden tools properly so they are ready for spring and not lying out all winter.

Autumn may not seem like gardening season, but there are plenty of lawn and garden tasks to tend to during this time of year.



HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN

Tuesday, September 25, 2018, marks the three-month countdown to Christmas and just about the two-month point until Thanksgiving 2018, which occurs on November 22 this year. There has never been a better time to start thinking ahead to plans for turkey-roasting and gift-wrapping. To put anyone in the holiday mood and prime for planning, check out these holiday fun facts, courtesy of Nationwide, Pew Research, Statistics Canada, and Good Housekeeping.

Sarah Josepha Hale spent 36 years campaigning to make Thanksgiving a national holiday. She finally succeeded in 1863.

- It is believed that 50 pilgrims and 90 Wampanoag tribe members attended the first Thanksgiving feast.
- Ninety-six percent of American families gather each Thanksgiving.
- While it takes an average of seven hours to cook a turkey, the average time spent eating the Thanksgiving meal is just 16 minutes.
- About half of all Americans say it doesn't matter how people greet them around the holidays, with "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Holidays" being non-preferential.
- → Nine in 10 American's say they celebrate Christmas.
- Canada is a net exporter of fresh-cut Christmas trees. In 2016, the country exported close to two million trees.
- Coca-Cola is largely responsible for the red coat and ensemble Santa Claus wears. The company made the image popular in its 1930s advertisements.
- "Jingle Bells" originally was a Thanksgiving song, and it was first performed by composer/organist James Lord Pierpont at his church's Thanksgiving concert.
- The highest-grossing Christmas movie of all time is "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," starring Jim Carrey in the titular role.



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Children with special needs often benefit from gifts with specialized purposes. While general gifts certainly can be fitting, customizing the gifts to the recipient's particular emotional or behavioral needs can be a great way to ensure kids get the most use out of their toys. To get help with making selections, gift-givers may want to visit Miniland Educational USA (www.minilandeducationalusa.com/able-play/), which offers a variety of ideas, comprehensive information on toys/ products and its own rating system, known as Able-PlayTM, for special needs individuals. In addition, the company offers solutions for smart growth, care, fun activities, and learning opportunities for all children.



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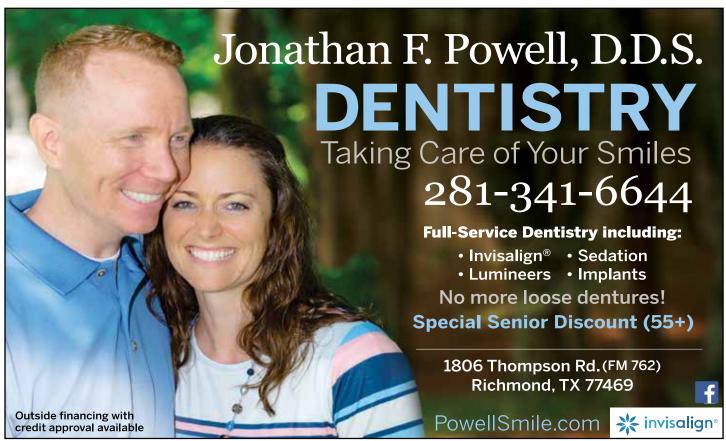
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