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The History of Thanksgiving in America

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States. This year, it occurs on November 28th, but the date is known to change from year-to-year.

It all began in 1621, when the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

In America, Thanksgiving centers on cooking and sharing a bountiful meal with family and friends. Turkey, a Thanksgiving staple so ubiquitous it has become all but synonymous with the holiday, may not have been on offer when the Pilgrims hosted the feast in 1621. Today, nearly 90 percent of Americans eat the bird on Thanksgiving, according to the National Turkey Federation, however. Other traditional foods that are served include stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie.

Volunteering is a common Thanksgiving Day activity, and communities often hold food drives and host free dinners for the less fortunate. Parades have also become an integral part of the holiday. Presented by Macy's department store since 1924, New York City's Thanksgiving Day parade is the largest and most famous. As you can see, this annual celebration is full of good food, loved ones, and a whole bunch of thankfulness!



Green Living Tip

Even if your apartment home is well insulated, you can still lose some heat through your windows. One easy solution to this is to use blackout curtains. These curtains have a backing that is made from very tightly woven fabric which blocks most of the light, along with preventing up to 25 percent of heat loss through your windows. You can open your curtains during the day to allow the heat of the sun to come into your home, and then close them up at night to block light, noise, and heat loss.

Reduce . Reuse . Recycle. 

Playing @ The Movies

A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

This film tells a timely story of kindness triumphing over cynicism, based on the true story of a real-life friendship between Fred Rogers and journalist, Tom Junod. Once a jaded magazine writer is assigned a profile of Rogers, he learns about empathy, kindness, and decency from America's most beloved neighbor.

Movie Stats

Rating: PG

Release Date: November 22, 2019

Director: Marielle Heller

Starring: Tom Hanks, Matthew Rhys, and Chris Cooper



Your Monthly Internet Tidbit

"If you're looking to save money this holiday, one website you should consider is RetailMeNot.com."

Are you looking to start your holiday shopping early for once? If you are looking to save money this holiday, one website you should consider is RetailMeNot.com. This easy-to-use site lets you search through online coupons to find great deals. There are even coupons you can print and use at stores like Target and Old Navy.

Retail Me Not is easy to navigate and gives you the ability to search by store or category. Users report back on whether the coupon was successful, giving each coupon a success ranking and the average saved. Be sure to check this website every time you are making a purchase online.

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November Is National Scholarship Month

National Scholarship Month is annually observed in the month of November. While applying for scholarships isn't the most exciting way to spend the month before Christmas break, it's well worth it and basically free money!

This month, students, looking to attend college for the first time or get back in the saddle, are encouraged to organize themselves and apply for as many scholarships as possible to help them pay for a higher education. It's essential to take these measures since college is expensive, state support has decreased, and 70 million Americans are in debt due to college costs. If you are preparing for college, start filling out scholarship forms and inform your friends on social media!



For more information, visit [NationalDayCalendar.com](https://www.NationalDayCalendar.com)



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