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HAPPY LABOR DAY 2020!

Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day weekend also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans, and is celebrated with parties, street parades and athletic events. Labor Day, an annual celebration of workers and their achievements, originated during one of American labor history's most dismal chapters. In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts' wages.



People of all ages, particularly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced extremely unsafe working conditions, with insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities and breaks.

As manufacturing increasingly supplanted agriculture as the wellspring of American employment, labor unions, which had first appeared in the late 18th century, grew more prominent and vocal. They began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions and compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay.

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May, June & July 2020

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16 Crocus Lane	Single	4 2-1/2	385,000	12
4 Holly Circle	Townhome	3 2-1/2	391,900	7
2 Cottonwood Street	Townhome	3 2-1/2	388,000	3
42 Honey Locust Lane	Townhome	3 2-1/2	385,000	23
13 Spruce Court	Townhome	3 2-1/2	385,000	5

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Many of these events turned violent during this period, including the infamous Haymarket Riot of 1886, in which several Chicago policemen and workers were killed. Others gave rise to longstanding traditions: On September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in New York City, holding the first Labor Day parade in U.S. history.

The idea of a “workingmen’s holiday,” celebrated on the first Monday in September, caught on in other industrial centers across the country, and many states passed legislation recognizing it. Congress would not legalize the holiday until 12 years later, when a watershed moment in American labor history brought workers’ rights squarely into the public’s view. On May 11, 1894, employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago went on strike to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives. On June 26, the American Railroad Union, led by Eugene V. Debs, called for a boycott of all Pullman railway cars, crippling railroad traffic nationwide. To break the Pullman strike, the federal government dispatched troops to Chicago, unleashing a wave of riots that resulted in the deaths of more than a dozen workers.

Who Created Labor Day?

In the wake of this massive unrest and in an attempt to repair ties with American workers, Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed it into law. More than a century later, the true founder of Labor Day has yet to be identified. Many credit Peter J. McGuire, cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, while others have suggested that Matthew Maguire, a secretary of the Central Labor Union, first proposed the holiday.

Labor Day is still celebrated in cities and towns across the United States with parades, picnics, barbecues, fireworks displays and other public gatherings. For many Americans, particularly children and young adults, it represents the end of the summer and the start of the back-to-school season.

Source: <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/labor-day-1>



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2 Clean your chimney & fireplace



3 Check windows



4 Wrap indoor pipes



5 Inspect your Roof



6 Inspect your heating system



7 Stock up on Supplies



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Natalie's Notes - September 2020

Clubhouse and Pool – The Rec Center will remain closed for the rest of 2020 due to the Covid Pandemic and the last day for the pool is September 7th. (Labor Day) The pool season went wonderful! Management and the Board thank everyone for their ongoing patience and cooperation during these difficult times. We had little to no complaints during the pool season and we appreciate all the comments and suggestions we received over the summer. Management wants to thank, Sergio and George for all their hard work getting the pool ready this year! It was greatly appreciated!

Weeds & Property Maintenance - Please take the time to remove crack/sidewalk weeds from the sidewalk and the street. Property owners are responsible to remove street/crack weeds along the curb lines pursuant to the Master Association Rules and Regulations. Management will be sending notices to those owners that do not remove them.

Annual Garage Sale – Due to the Covid Pandemic, the Board of Trustees has decided to cancel the Annual Garage Sale this year.

Updating Homeowner Contact Info – Did you know that you have access to the Resident Portal to update your contact info?? Please take a few minutes to log into <https://www.fsresidential.com/connect/learning-center> with your homeowner account number and check it out! Updating your contact info is important so we can contact you.



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Halloween Safety Tips

Autumn is a wonderful time of year and comes with colorful Fall Festivals and Halloween Celebrations. It's always good to take precautions to make sure that all family members, including pets, enjoy a safe experience as well. The American Academy of Pediatrics provides some great advice to make Autumn time Safety time:

Costume Suggestions for Fall Parties and Trick or Treating

- Plan costumes that are reflective and brightly colored. Be certain that shoes fit well and that costumes are short. Long costumes can cause tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- When shopping for costumes, only consider materials that are flame-resistant.
- Instead of a mask that can limit eyesight, consider a decorative hat or non-toxic face make-up.
- Children and grownups should carry flashlights with fresh batteries when outside trick-or-treating
- Never use decorative contact lenses as part of a costume. These lenses can be dangerous and can cause infection.
- Children should be taught to never trick-or-treat alone. Go in a group or with a parent.

Safe Pumpkin Carving

- Never allow young children to carve their own pumpkins. Instead, ask your child to draw the face on the pumpkin that the parents can carve. Or decorate your pumpkin using colorful paints, glue, and accessories.
- Instead of putting a candle in your pumpkin, consider lighting your pumpkin with a glow stick or flashlight. If you prefer a candle, use a votive candle.
- Candle-lit pumpkins should be placed on a sturdy surface away from curtains and other flammable materials. Don't leave a candle-lit pumpkin unattended.



Making Your House Safe for Visitors

- When getting ready for visitors at your house, remove anything that a visitor could trip over in the dark. Make sure garden hoses, decorations, toys, and bikes are not in walkways or on porches.
- Make sure bulbs in outside lights are working, and change any burnt out bulbs.
- Restrain your pets so they are not tempted to follow visitors out of your yard. Restraining pets also provides safety for your visitors.
- Sweep any wet leaves away from walkways, steps, and porches to prevent slipping and falling.

Monitor Your Kids' Treats

- Though tampering is rare, inspect treats that come home from trick-or-treating or from holiday gatherings. Make sure nothing is spoiled, unwrapped, or looks suspicious in any way.
- Don't let children have unlimited access to festive candy and treats. Teach them to eat sweets in moderation only, and save some candy for another day.
- Keep candy, especially chocolate out of the reach of pets. Any type of candy is not good for pets, and chocolate can be lethal.



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251 Sequoia Drive	Townhome	3	2-1/2	363,000	3
154 Laurel Circle	Townhome	3	2-1/2	355,000	1
32 Quince Circle	Townhome	3	2-1/2	351,000	4
323 Sequoia Drive	Townhome	3	2-1/2	327,000	22
2704 Society Place	Condo	2	2	272,000	8
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NEWTOWN GRANT HALLOWEEN VIRTUAL WALK/RUN 5K

2020 has been a very different (scary) year for all of us but Halloween is around the corner. So we have decided to have a Halloween virtual walk at Newtown Grant. What is a virtual walk/run? You can run walk your 5K at any time and anywhere between October 17 and October 31, 2020, while socially distancing.



Registration will open Saturday, September 12, 2020 at www.newtowngrant.org/events. Registration is \$30 per person and you will receive a medal and a face mask. You will be able to download your walking/running bib, your completion certificate, upload your time and photos. We hope to see your photos in October.



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WINTER SQUASH SOUP

This winter squash soup is a great for a simple fall dinner on a chilly weeknight.

Cal/Serv	Yields	Prep Time	Total Time
145	8 Servings	15 Minutes	45 Minutes

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tbsp. unsalted butter
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- chopped onions
- 1 1/2 lb. butternut squash
- 3 c. chicken stock or broth
- 1 can pumpkin purée (not pie filling)
- Kosher salt
- black pepper
- 1 c. half-and-half
- Crème fraîche
- Grated Gruyère
- Croutons



DIRECTIONS

1. In heavy-bottomed sauce-pot, heat butter and oil on medium-low heat. Add onions and cook 10 minutes or until translucent, stirring occasionally.
2. Add butternut squash, stock, pumpkin, 2 teaspoons salt, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper; heat to boiling on medium-high heat. Cover and simmer on medium-low heat for 20 minutes or until squash is very tender, stirring occasionally. Process mixture with hand blender until smooth (or put through food mill and return to pot).
3. Add half-and-half to soup; heat slowly. Serve with garnishes, if using.

From Country Living

WINTER 2019-2020 OUTLOOK FOR PHILADELPHIA: CHANCE OF ABOVE AVERAGE SNOWFALL

TEMPERATURES

During the month of December, temperatures will be two degrees above average. January will be around average. February will be at least one degree above average and in March temperatures will be below the monthly average by at least one degree.

SNOWFALL BY MONTH

The Weather Authority predicts we will see below average snowfall during the month of December. There's only a 30 percent chance of a white Christmas. January will likely end with average snowfall coming in at around 6.6 inches. In February, we should expect around the average of 7.3 inches. During the month of March, we will be above the average in snowfall with an expected 4-6 inches. The average for March is usually 3.8 inches.



SNOW TOTALS

The FOX 29 Weather Authority is forecasting 20-26 inches of snow in Philadelphia and its suburbs, which is above the annual average of 22.5 inches. The Lehigh Valley will see 26-32 inches of snow while the Poconos will get between 32-42 inches. The shore and beaches should expect 14-20 inches of snow for the winter of 2019-2020.

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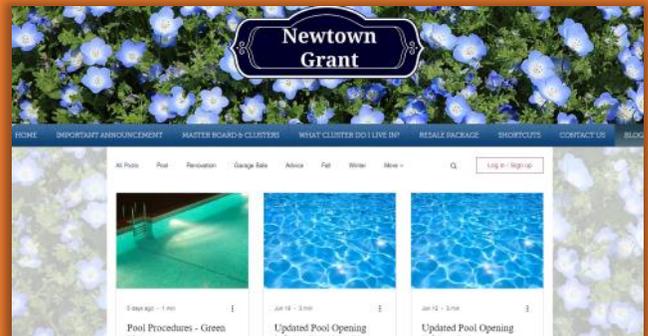
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