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*Have A
Happy
Labor Day*



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EQUAL HOUSING
OPPORTUNITY

America's Labor Day

by Ann Woodbury Moore

The Labor Day holiday is one of the best-known achievements of America's labor movement. Children and adults look forward to the first Monday in September as the last chance for recreation before fall and the new school year. Labor Day was created, however, to honor the contributions of working men and women. The first Labor Day celebration occurred in New York City on September 5, 1882. Four months earlier, the Central Labor Union (CLU, part of the Knights of Labor) had voted to hold a "monster labor festival." Early September was chosen because it was halfway between Independence Day and Thanksgiving and the weather was still warm. The CLU's goals were to give workers a day off, to bring difficult working conditions to public attention, and to demonstrate organized labor's strength and unity. Nobody knew whether the first Labor Day would be successful. Many workers were warned not to participate, and ninety percent of the unions would not commit themselves. When the parade left City Hall at 10 A.M., there were only four hundred marchers. As the parade proceeded along its route, accompanied by brass bands and horse-drawn wagons displaying crafts, more and more laborers joined in. The final count was more than ten thousand. Nearly fifty thousand people then gathered at Elm Park for picnicking, speeches, dancing, concerts, and fireworks.

After such a triumphant start, Labor Day became an annual event. Oregon was the first state to recognize it, in 1887. By 1894, when President Grover Cleveland made Labor Day a federal holiday, thirty states honored it. It is now a holiday in every state. Labor Day celebrations have changed considerably since 1882. In the past, workers often used parades to protest unfair work practices. They carried signs with slogans such as "Eight Hours Constitutes a Day's Work," "Stop Child Labor," and "Shorter Hours, Fairer Pay." Labor leaders reviewed past developments and outlined future goals. Politicians took advantage of Labor Day activities to boost their visibility. Some companies and unions still observe the Labor Day weekend with special celebrations, such as barbecues or athletic contests. The connection between Labor Day and the labor movement has diminished, however, as workers' lives have improved. For most Americans today, Labor Day primarily marks the end of summer.



Special Baked Potatoes

- 4 medium baking potatoes
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
- ¼ cup finely shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 tablespoons grated parmesan cheese
- 2 teaspoons dried parsley flakes

With a sharp knife, slice potatoes thinly but not all the way through, leaving slices attached at the bottom. Fan potatoes slightly. Place in an ungreased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking dish. Sprinkle with Italian seasoning and salt. Drizzle with butter. Bake, uncovered, at 425 degrees for 50 minutes. Sprinkle with cheeses and parsley; bake 10-15 minutes longer or until lightly browned.

Soda Fountain Pie

- 1-1/2 cups crushed sugar cones (about 12)
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3-1/2 cups fresh strawberries, divided
- 1 quart vanilla ice cream, softened
- 1/3 cup malted milk powder
- 1-1/2 cups fudge ice cream topping, softened

Additional strawberries, optional
Combine crushed sugar cones, butter and sugar. Press onto the bottom and up the sides on an ungreased 10-in. pie plate. Freeze.



Place 3 cups of strawberries in a blender or food processor; cover and puree. Chop remaining strawberries in a large bowl. Add ice cream and malted milk powder; stir to blend. Pour into prepared crust. Cover and freeze overnight. Spread fudge topping over pie to within 1 in. of edge; freeze for at least 2 hours. Remove from freezer 20 minutes before serving. Garnish with additional berries if desired.

Chuckle & Grin...

For the birds....

A baby turtle was standing at the bottom of a large tree and with a deep sigh, started to climb. About an hour later, he reached a very high branch and walked along to the end. He turned and spread all four flippers and launched himself off the branch. On landing at the bottom in a pile of soft, dead leaves, he shook himself off, walked back to the bottom of the tree and with a sigh started to climb.

About an hour later, he again reached the very high branch, walked along, turned spread his flippers and flung himself off the branch. Again, he landed on the bottom, shook himself off, went to the bottom of the tree, sighed and started climbing.

Watching these proceedings from the end of the branch were two little birds. Mommy bird turned to Daddy bird and said, "Don't you think it's time we told him he was adopted?"

Talking Dog for Sale...

This guy sees a sign in front of a house "Talking Dog for Sale." He rings the bell and the owner tells him the dog is in the back yard. The guy goes into the back yard and sees a mutt sitting there.

"You talk?" He asks. "Yep," the mutt replies. "So what's your story?"

The mutt looks up and says "Well, I discovered this gift when I was a pup and I decided to help the government with it, so I told the CIA about the gift, and in no time they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, cause no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping.

I was one of their most valuable spies eight years running. The jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger and I wanted to settle down. So I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security work, mostly wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings there and was awarded a batch of medals.

Had a wife, a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired. The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

The owner says "Ten dollars."

The guy says he'll buy him but asks the owner, "This dog is amazing. Why on earth are you selling him?"

The owner replies, "He's such a liar."

From the Managers...

Have You Seen My Children?

In the past month, we have had numerous complaints concerning the fact that there are a few small children wandering the community. Please ensure that your children are properly supervised at all times. We are not here to baby-sit your children nor to police them. There are many dangers within the community that could put your child in harms way, such as getting hit by a car, slipping into the pool area unnoticed, or even being abducted by a stranger. We as a concerned Community would feel badly if any of these things were to happen, but we must reiterate that we in no way will be held responsible, so please keep your children within a safe distance of their home.



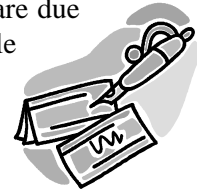
Pool Days/School Days

As we get closer to the ending of summer and the starting of the school year we're sure that many of you are wondering about how long the pool will remain open. As of now, we plan to continue to keep the pool operating through the last weekend of September, weather permitting. As the days get shorter we will adjust the hours of operation. We would also like to remind everyone that the pool rules are still in effect. There have been a few complaints on older children rough housing in the pool and toys and tubes in the pool. We will not tolerate rough play in the pool and there is no room for toys or tubes. Remember there are a lot of residents using the pool and we must be courteous of others. In addition, we have noticed some residents not following our strict policy that children be potty trained to use the pool. Swimmer shorts do not offer adequate protection from feces entering the pool water. So far we have been very lucky to have had only some close calls but have had no known accidents in the pool. We would like to thank all residents that have been cooperating with this policy. We realize that it may be difficult to tell your little ones that they can't use the pool, but please realize that it is for everyone's safety.



Late Rents

Please note that although all rents are due on the first of the month and payable by the 5th even when the 5th falls on a weekend your rents are still due by the end of that day. Burkhart Ridge management will collect the rents in the drop box on the morning of the 6th. If your rent is not in the drop box before it is emptied on the 6th then it will be deemed late and a late fee will be assessed. In addition, when paying late rents, please see that the late fee is added to your check.



Trash Cans and Pick-up

We are seeing more and more plastic bags and cardboard boxes along side the road and we do not recommend this. We have quite an abundance of wildlife here in and around the community and they do tear at the bags and create a mess. So if you do not have trash cans please invest in them. You are allowed three per household that is all Mr. Rubbish will pick. If you need a large garbage pick-up, you must make your own arrangements for this and you are responsible for paying for the pick-up. We would like to remind you that garbage is not supposed to be at curb side until after 6 P.M.. on Sunday evening and we would appreciate it if you would put cans back as soon as possible on Mondays. Any garbage cans that are still remaining curb side Tuesday morning will be an automatic violation. If you are away from home, please make arrangements for someone to do this for you. Do to the fact that Mr. Rubbish does not pick up yard clipping, you will have to find a way of disposing of these items yourself. We do not have a dumping area for this.



Clubhouse Update

As many are aware, the clubhouse is currently undergoing its final trim out and interior finishes. For those of you who would like to reserve the clubhouse for an event, reservations will not be taken until all inspections are completed and final certificate of occupancy (C of O) is received. Thank you for your patience.



Did You Know...?

Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15th through October 15th

- The dollar symbol was taken from the pillars of the Spanish Imperial Coat of Arms and that in 1775 the United States adopted the "Spanish Dollar" as the basic monetary system.
- The first Thanksgiving happened, 23 years before the Pilgrims arrived, when the Don Juan de Onate exploration arrived in El Paso after a treacherous trip from Mexico.
- When George Washington ran out of money during the Revolutionary War, Cuban Society ladies contributed \$12 million to the war effort.
- Alfonso Alvarez Blade invented the Safety Razor in 1911.
- San Augustine, founded by Pedro Mendez de Avilles, was the first city in the U.S. in 1565.
- The Spanish founded the first free integrated public school in San Augustine, Florida, in September 1787.
- Rita Moreno is the only entertainer to have won the Oscar, Emmy, Tony and Grammy Awards.
- Cinco de Mayo is the most celebrated holiday in Hispanic History. It celebrates the courage of the Spanish people during the La Batalla de Pelba War, the war between the French and Spanish.



National Grandparents Day

The impetus for a National Grandparents Day originated with Marian McQuade, a housewife in Fayette County, West Virginia. Her primary motivation was to champion the cause of lonely elderly in nursing homes. She also hoped to persuade grandchildren to tap the wisdom and heritage their grandparents could provide. President Jimmy Carter in 1978, proclaimed that National Grandparents Day would be celebrated every year on the first Sunday after Labor Day.

HERE'S TO YOU GRANDMA & GRANDPA

*Few can bring the warmth
We can find in their embrace,
And little more is needed to bring love,
Than the smile on their face.
They've a supply of precious stories,
Yet they've time to wipe a tear,
Or give us reasons to make us laugh,
They grow more precious through the years,
I believe that God sent us Grandparents
As our legacy from above,
To share the moments of our life,
As extra measures of His love.*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 RENT DUE <i>Labor Day</i> Office Closed	2	3 Treaty of Paris (1763)	4 <i>Newspaper Carrier</i> Day	5 First Continental Congress (1774)	6 LATE FEES ASSESSED FOR ALL LATE RENTS
7 <i>Grandparent's Day</i> Office Closed	8	9 California Became 31st State (1850)	10	11	12	13
14 Office Closed	15	16	17 U.S. Constitution Signed (1787)	18 U.S. Air Force Established (1947)	19	20
21 Office Closed	22 U.S. Post Office Founded (1789)	23 Autumn Begins	24 Supreme Court Established (1789)	25	26 Johnny Appleseed's Birthday (1774)	27 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>
28 Office Closed	29 U.S. Army Established (1789)	30				