



November, 2024



*Peaks of Otter, VA*

## NOVEMBER IN VIRGINIA

As we step into November, it's the perfect time to embrace the fall season and the vibrant communities that make up the Mark Dana family. With properties spanning some of the most scenic and charming areas of Virginia—from the rolling hills of Berryville to the coastal charm of Exmore —our communities, though geographically spread, are united by a sense of belonging and togetherness.

November brings a mix of local events, seasonal activities, and opportunities to connect with neighbors and experience the unique flavors of fall. Here are some local community events and highlights from across Virginia to help you make the most of this beautiful time of year.

### Local Festivals & Farmers Markets

November is a fantastic time to visit local farmers markets before they close for the season or to catch the tail end of fall festivals. In Henrico look out for the local fall craft fairs where you can pick handmade goods and seasonal treats. Residents near Parksley and Exmore on the Eastern Shore may enjoy coastal markets offering fresh produce, artisanal crafts, and seafood that reflect local heritage.

If you're in the Shenandoah Valley areas like Elkton, Grottoes, or Buena Vista, be sure to visit nearby fall festivals or scenic hikes that highlight the region's natural beauty. Take advantage of the crisp air and colorful leaves before winter sets in!

### Gatherings & Holiday Kickoffs

As Thanksgiving approaches, many localities kick off the holiday season with tree lighting ceremonies and community feasts. Check out Warrenton's Holiday Parade (12/6) or the holiday craft shows in Craigsville and Berryville for festive shopping and family fun.

For those in Lexington and Aylett, November is the perfect time to volunteer at a local food drive or

ensure that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving, and your involvement can make a difference!

### Staying Connected Across VA

No matter where you're located—from the peaceful surroundings of Raphine to the historic streets of Locust Grove—Mark Dana communities share a common thread: a commitment to fostering a warm and inviting environment. We may be spread across the State, but we're one community at heart. Whether you're attending a local festival or simply enjoying time with family and friends, we encourage you to embrace the spirit of togetherness this November.



Urbanna Oyster Festival, November 1-2, 2024

As the season of gratitude arrives, we want to thank each and every one of you for being a part of the Mark Dana community. We hope you take advantage of the wonderful happenings around you and find joy in the connections and opportunities this time of year offers.

Happy November!

charity event. These areas often host community gatherings to

# HOT CHICKEN SALAD CASSEROLE



## INGREDIENTS:

1. 3 cups cubed cooked chicken breast
2. 2 stalks celery, sliced
3. 1 large yellow pepper, chopped
4. 3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
5. 1 10.75 oz cream of chicken soup
6. 16 oz plain low-fat yogurt
7. 2 green onions sliced
8. 1 TBS lemon juice
9. 1/4 tsp black pepper
10. 1/2 cup crushed cornflakes
11. 1/4 cup sliced almonds

## DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 400. In a large bowl, stir together chicken, celery, pepper, cheese, soup, yogurt, green onions, lemon juice and black pepper. Transfer to a 2-quart rectangular baking dish.
2. In a small bowl, stir together cornflakes and almonds. Sprinkle evenly over chicken mixture.
3. Bake uncovered about 30 minutes or until heated through. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

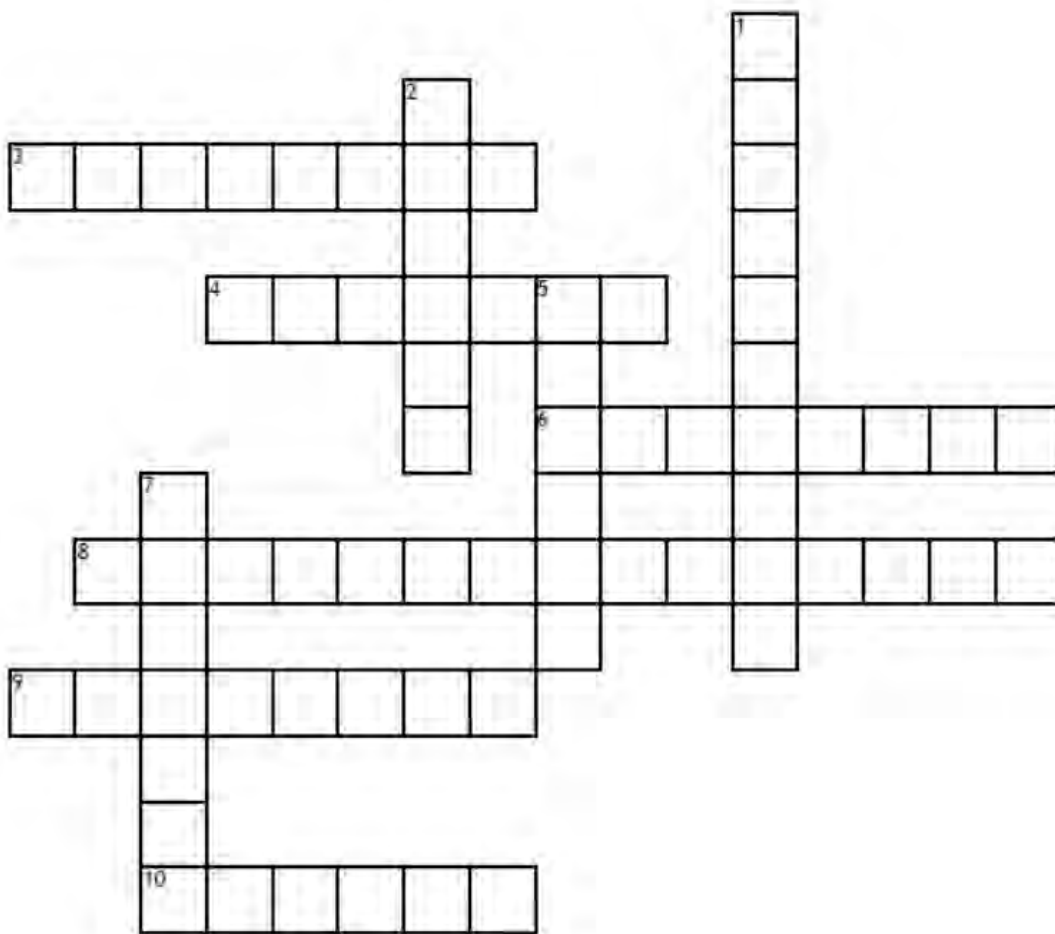
## PUZZLE CORNER

### Down

1. After finishing dinner, we always have a yummy dessert of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. On Thanksgiving, we give thanks for being with \_\_\_\_\_.
5. What season do we celebrate Thanksgiving in?
7. On Thanksgiving, we celebrate the last fall \_\_\_\_\_ of crops.

### ACROSS

3. Thanksgiving occurs on the last \_\_\_\_\_ of November.
4. Thanksgiving is also a \_\_\_\_\_ in Canada, except it occurs in October.



6. This Thanksgiving, think about what you are \_\_\_\_\_ for.
8. On the first Thanksgiving, the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ showed the Pilgrims how to harvest crops.

9. What month does Thanksgiving happen in?
10. What meat do Americans eat on Thanksgiving?

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## NOVEMBER 2024 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>Rent Due</b>	2
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends	4 No School	5 Pest Control No School Election Day	6	7	8	9
10	11 <b>Late Notice at 10:00 am</b> Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 No School	28 <b>Office Closed</b> No School Thanksgiving	29 <b>Office Closed</b>	30

## COMMUNITY CORNER

- ▶ A friendly reminder that rent is due on the first of the month. Please be sure you are paying on time to avoid extra fees. Late fees will be applied to rent not paid by 10:00 am on the 10th of the month. If you pay your rent/water online remember to include the \$5.00 service charge.
- ▶ All residents who pay their rent by 10:00 on the 11th will be entered into a drawing for 1 of 3 prizes: (1) \$100 Food Lion gift card, (1) \$50 Food Lion gift card, (1) \$25 Food Lion gift card.
- ▶ Daylight Saving Time ends on November 3rd. Remember to turn clocks back 1 hour.
- ▶ Pest Control will be coming on Tuesday, November 5th. You do not need to be home, but please be sure if you are not home, you take your keys with you as the technician will lock each apartment when he leaves.
- ▶ November 11th is Veterans Day. A special thank you to all veterans for your service.
- ▶ Happy Thanksgiving!
- ▶ Call 800-224-4787 for all after-hours maintenance emergencies. If you have a maintenance issue during business hours please call the office not the emergency number.