



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



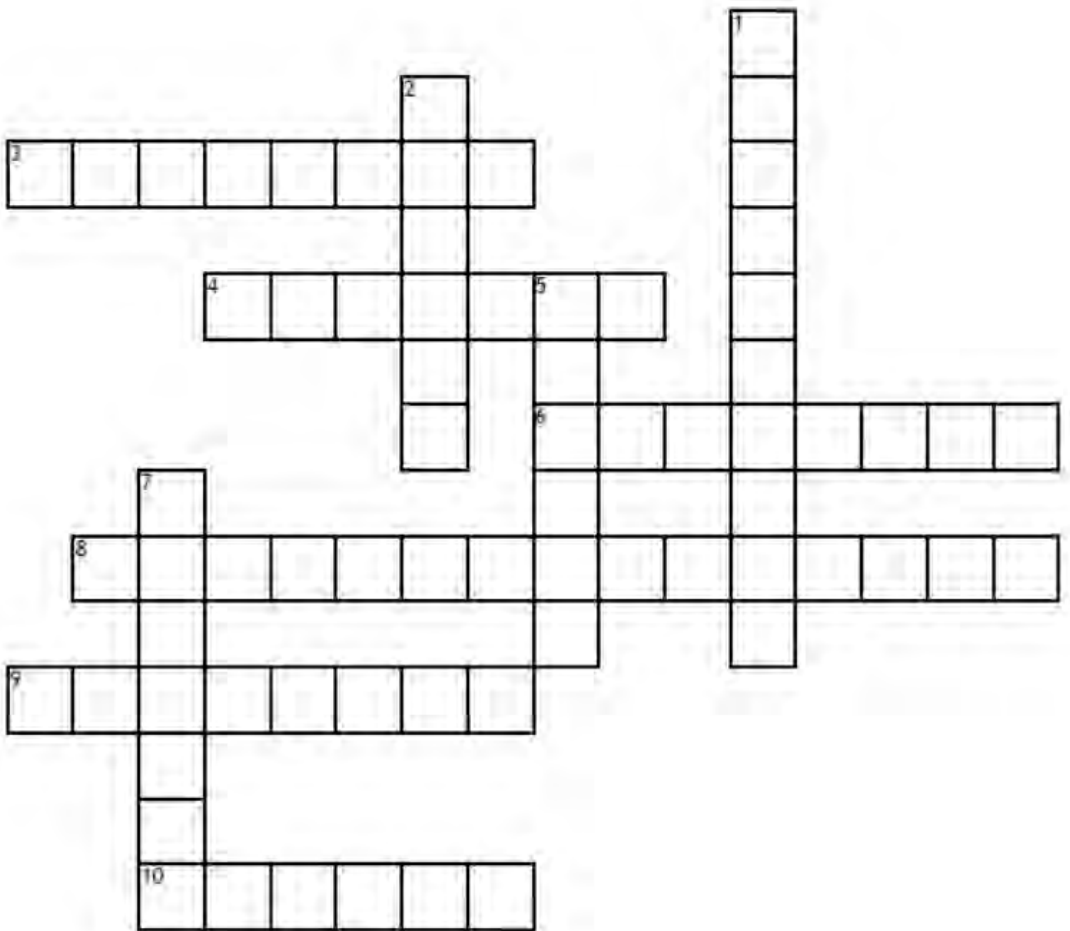
INGREDIENTS:

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 Rent Due	2
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends	4	5 Election Day	6	7 Dodson Pest Control Building 1	8	9
10	11 Late Notice at 10:00 am Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Dodson Pest Control Building 2 & 3	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Office Closed Thanksgiving	29 Office Closed	30

COMMUNITY CORNER

- Reminder: Daylight Saving Time ends on November 3rd. Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour.
- Veterans Day is November 11th. A special thank you to all veterans for your service.
- Happy Thanksgiving!
- A friendly reminder rent is due on the first of the month. Late fees will be applied to rent not paid in full by 10:00 am on November 11th (as the 10th falls on the weekend). Also, please remember that the only forms of payment we accept are checks, money orders, or credit/debit cards (with a \$5 fee). Please do not drop cash or change in the drop box for payments.
- Residents, please note the extermination date for your building above. You will not get another notice. Maintenance or Management may assist Dodson in the apartments.

COMMUNITY CORNER CONTINUED

- Please remember to **remove all valuable items from your vehicles**, roll your windows up, and lock your doors! Please note this is private property, and we cannot be held responsible for any damages/thefts.
- Sidewalk chalk has been used on buildings, window screens, and columns and, therefore, is no longer allowed. Also, please do not draw with crayons in the breezeways or sidewalks.
- For everyone's safety, please remember there is a ball field/ballpark next door. Please be mindful of the many vehicles in the parking lot. Please do not kick/throw balls in the parking lot around the vehicles, against the buildings, sheds, and fence around the dumpster. Please remember you are responsible for your tenants/guest(s).
- Please keep a slow speed in the parking lot as young tenants are outside. We also ask that you not throw any objects in the parking lot.
- Our property is a non-smoking property.
- Our property is a DRUG-FREE PROPERTY. NO DRUGS ALLOWED!
- Please throw trash in the dumpsters, not on the ground. Please do not leave trash in the breezeways by your door, as it is not allowed. Do not place furniture in the dumpsters or leave any furniture outside the dumpsters, and please break down all boxes before putting them in the dumpsters. Doing so will help keep the dumpsters from filling up quickly.
- Reminder - There is only 1 pet allowed per apartment (25 lbs and under - Breed Restricted). Pets are not allowed in your apartment until the office has been notified first. All pet vaccinations must come from a vet. Visitors/guests are not allowed to bring pets, nor are you allowed to keep/maintain pets that are not yours.
- **If you have a maintenance emergency after hours or when the office is closed, please call 1-800-224-4787. Do not call the office phone after hours or on the weekends.**