



December 2025

## DECEMBER MOMENTS THAT BRING US TOGETHER

December is a special month in every Mark Dana community. The days feel shorter, the air gets colder, and many of us find ourselves spending more time at home. Even though winter can be chilly, this season brings many chances to slow down, enjoy simple moments, and feel connected to the those around us.

One of the nicest things about December is that it invites us to enjoy the little things. A warm cup of cocoa, the sound of a favorite holiday song, or the glow of lights in a window can make our day brighter. Families may enjoy

cooking a warm meal together or watching a classic movie at home. Seniors might enjoy sitting with a good book or looking through old photos that bring back happy memories. Kids often love crafting, drawing, or helping decorate the home. These small activities make the season feel cozy and full of joy.

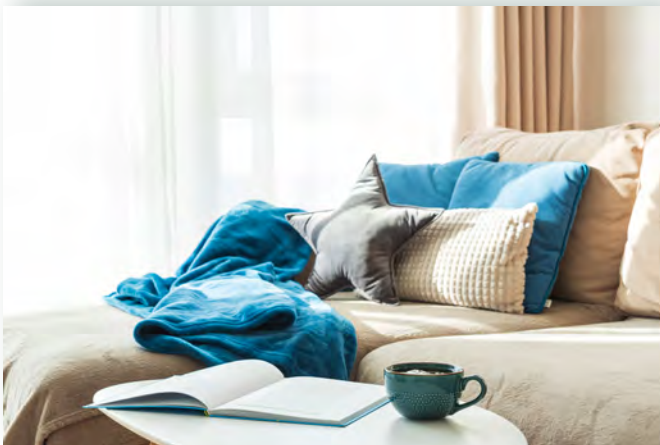
December is also a time when many people like to show kindness. A simple wave to a neighbor, holding the door for someone who has their hands full, or checking on a friend who lives alone can make a big difference. Even the smallest acts can help our communities feel warm, safe, and welcoming. You never know how much a kind word or a friendly smile might mean to someone during this time of year.

Another special part of December is the feeling of togetherness. Even

though all of our Mark Dana communities are in different parts of Virginia, we all share the same wish for a peaceful and joyful season. Some of us celebrate holidays, while others simply enjoy the quiet calm that winter brings. No matter how you spend the month, we hope you feel supported, connected, and at home.

As we wrap up another year, we encourage everyone to take a moment to reflect on the good things—big or small—that happened over the past twelve months. December gives us a chance to start fresh, look forward to a new year, and celebrate the strength of our communities.

From all of us at Mark Dana, we wish you a warm, safe, and happy December filled with comfort, kindness, and moments that make you smile.



# BROWN SUGAR BANANA HOT CHOCOLATE

## INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups Milk (any type)
- 1 cup Heavy Cream
- 1 medium ripe Banana
- 2 Tbsp Brown Sugar
- 1 Tbsp Cocoa Powder
- 1 tsp Cinnamon
- 1/2 cup Chocolate Chips
- 1/2 tsp Cinnamon
- 1 tsp Vanilla Extra
- Pinch of Salt

## DIRECTIONS:

### 1. BLEND THE BANANA BASE

In a blender, combine the banana, milk, and brown sugar. Blend until smooth.

### 2. HEAT THE MIXTURE

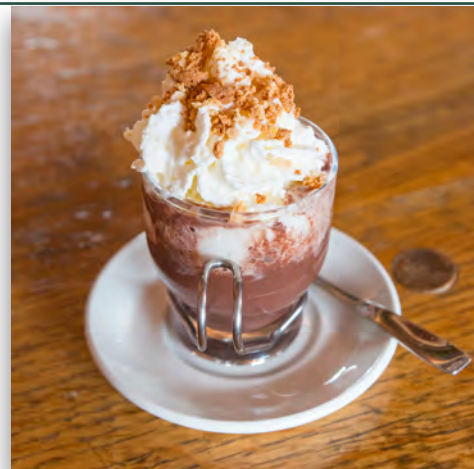
Pour the blended mixture into a medium saucepan. Add the heavy cream, cocoa powder, cinnamon, and salt. Warm over medium heat until hot but not boiling.

### 3. ADD THE CHOCOLATE

Stir in the chocolate chips until fully melted and the drink becomes creamy and smooth.

### 4. FINISH AND SERVE

Remove from heat and stir in the vanilla extract.. Pour into mugs and top with whipped cream and extra chocolate or cookie crumbs if desired.



# HOT CHOCOLATE WORD FIND

BEVERAGE  
PEPPERMINT  
CANDY CANE  
SPRINKLES  
CHOCOLATE  
DELICIOUS  
SUGAR  
CREAM  
MILK  
HOT



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## DECEMBER 2025 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>Rent Due</b>	2 Pest Control 220-300	3	4	5	6
7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9 Pest Control 300-400	10 <b>Late Notices at 10:00 am</b>	11	12	13
14 Hanukkah begins at sundown	15 Drawing for Gift Cards	16 Pest Control 500-600	17	18 <b>Office Closed</b>	19	20
21 Winter Begins	22	23 Pest Control 700-800	24 <b>Office Closed</b> Christmas Eve	25 <b>Office Closed</b> Christmas Day	26 <b>Office Closed</b> Kwanzaa Begins	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve			

## COMMUNITY CORNER

- Happy Holidays to all!
- A friendly reminder, rent is due on the first of the month. A late fee will be applied to rent not paid in full by 10:00 am on the 10th of each month (if not otherwise stated).
- 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.
- Pest control comes on Tuesdays. Please note the extermination date for your building. You will not get another notice. Maintenance or Management may be assisting Dodson in the apartments.
- We ask that you please keep a slow speed in the parking lot as there are younger tenants outside. We also ask that you please keep from throwing any objects in the parking lot.
- Our property is a non-smoking property.

## COMMUNITY CORNER

- Our property is a DRUG FREE PROPERTY, NO DRUGS ALLOWED!
- Please dispose of trash in your trash can or community dumpsters. Trash thrown on the ground or left in the hallway is not acceptable. 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.**