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ORIGINS OF Veterans Day



World War I was ignited on June 28, 1914, with the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand (and his wife), the heir to the Austro-Hungarian Empire, by a Serbian nationalist. Austria-Hungary blamed the Serbian government and requested German military support. Serbia sought Russia's help. The war was on.

President Woodrow Wilson pledged U.S. neutrality. However, economic/financial interests; Germany's indiscriminate sinking of passenger and merchant ships, many of which carried Americans; and a proposed secret alliance between Germany and Mexico (the "Zimmerman Telegram") forced his hand. The United States entered the battle in April 1917.

Fast-forward to November 11, 1918. An armistice was signed to end the fighting — the Treaty of Versailles made it official seven months later. The Allied forces (Russia, France, Great Britain, United States, etc.) had emerged victorious over the Central Powers (Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, Turkey, etc.). The war exacted a heavy toll: over 8 million soldiers killed, nearly 38 million wounded (military and civilian).

President Wilson proclaimed November 11 "Armistice Day" in 1919, a day to reflect on the heroism of Americans who served in the conflict and to express gratitude for the victory. Armistice Day became a legal holiday in 1938.

But the "war to end all wars" moniker was wishful thinking. In 1954, following World War II and the Korean War, Congress changed Armistice Day to "Veterans Day" to honor all veterans (wartime and peacetime) for their service, not just World War I vets.

The date of Veterans Day was messed with by Congress for a seven-year stretch in the 1970s with the whole long-weekend thing. However, after veterans and many state legislatures voiced their displeasure, November 11 again became a fixture in 1978.

To all U.S. veterans, thank you for your service! ■

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paws in the park

This is the 5th Annual Paws In The Park hosted by the Passaic County

Board of Commissioners, the Passaic County Sheriff's Department and the Passaic County, Paws inc.

Paws in the park supports the Passaic County K9 Unit, which patrols county parks and County- owned properties. Paws in the park aims to find forever homes for local pets in need of adoption and raise funds to support the Passaic County Sheriffs Department K-9 Unit.

This includes funding for the maintenance and care of the Sheriffs K-9 upon retirement.

Corradino & Papa are proud to sponsor this event.

Below are pictures from this wonderful day! ■



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WHEN SEASONS LEAVE drivers in the dark



In late fall and early winter, the amount of daylight greatly diminishes, thanks to Earth's journey around the sun, orbital planes, spin axis, and other matters of science. Bottom line, if we need to drive in the evening, it's going to be dark, which heightens the risk of auto accidents.

At night, limited visibility, compromised depth perception, reduced color/contrast recognition, and glare from oncoming headlights can make driving an unwelcome adventure. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 25 percent of driving is done at night, but night driving accounts for 50 percent of traffic fatalities.

We can't control Earth's orbit, but we're not powerless. Vehicularly speaking, make sure your headlights are aimed correctly. Fix any scratches in the windshield, as scratches can worsen glare. Mirrors, wiper fluid, and windshield wipers should be properly maintained. Keep the windshield, headlights, and mirrors clean. Dashboard lights that are too bright can be briefly disorienting when glancing at them — dim them if needed.

While driving after nightfall, slow down and increase your following distance, since reaction times are adversely affected.

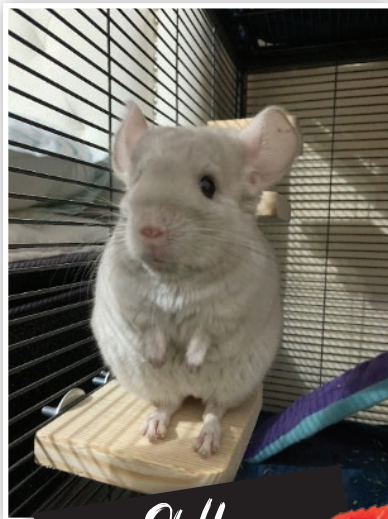
Annual eye exams are important at any age (or as often as your doctor recommends). An outdated eyeglass prescription doesn't do anyone any good, and once a person hits age 60, cataracts and other degenerative eye conditions can worsen night vision. For some, night driving may not be advisable.

Don't add to night-vision woes with distracted driving, impaired driving (which encompasses alcohol and illegal, prescription, and over-the-counter drugs), or lack of sleep.

In darkness or light, a driver is responsible for their actions. If you are injured by a negligent driver, contact [Corradino & Papa](#) to protect your rights. ■

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Stella

spotlight of the month

The Selvaggio Family has a new member. Meet Stella, a white chinchilla. Stella was born on June 14, 2021. We drove to Philadelphia to pick her up from her breeder. Stella takes dust baths 3 times per week. Her fur is amazingly soft. She has a 2-story cage with a lot of wood ledge platforms for her to sit and jump from. Stella loves her hammock and hide away house. Her favorite treat is a Cheerio. ■

keep fire pit outings cozy and safe

For many households, fire pits (whether portable or permanent) have become the perfect home accoutrement for outdoor entertaining during the crisp, chilly months. Fire pits add ambience (and warmth!) to holiday-themed parties, simple get-togethers with friends, marshmallow roasts with the kids, reading by firelight, or stargazing.



As enjoyable as fire pits can be, proper precautions are vital.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission reported that in 2017, fire pit injuries resulted in over 5,300 trips to hospital emergency rooms. Roughly 25 percent of incidents involved children under age 5.

A few safety tips can maximize one's fire pit experience:

- Make sure fire pits are legal; some municipalities don't allow them. Also double-check that your homeowners insurance covers fire pits (and in what capacity).
- Supervise children at all times.
- Check wind direction before lighting a fire to make sure sparks aren't dispersed toward flammable materials (e.g., pile of dry leaves).
- Locate the fire pit in an open area, away from the house, other structures, or trees.
- For wood-burning fire pits, use seasoned hardwood kindling and logs. Softwoods like pine and cedar throw off more sparks and smoke. Never add chemically treated wood or other objects to the fire.
- Maintain a safe distance. Hair and loose clothing can go up in smoke quickly.
- Forbid excessive drinking and horseplay around the fire.
- Never leave a fire unattended, always keep an extinguisher handy, and douse the fire pit completely when calling it an evening.

If you are injured by a defective fire pit or the negligent actions of another, contact [Corradino & Papa](#) discuss your situation. ■

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November 2021 – Mark Your Calendars

Nov. 2 — Election Day Nov. 4 — Check Your Blood Pressure Day Nov. 7 — Daylight Saving Time ends (2 a.m.) Nov. 11 — Veterans Day

Nov. 23 — Eat a Cranberry Day Nov. 25 — Thanksgiving Nov. 28 — Hanukkah begins (sundown)



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Quote of the Month: "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." —Mark Twain

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pumpkin spice doughnut holes

Ingredients for 8 servings

- 2 cups flour
- ¾ cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 ¼ cups pumpkin puree
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- oil, for frying

TOPPING

- ¾ cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons pumpkin pie spice



Directions

Note: make your own pumpkin pie spice by mixing 2 tablespoons cinnamon, 1 tablespoon ginger, 1 tablespoon nutmeg, and ½ tablespoon cloves; use 2 teaspoons in the dough, and 3 tablespoons in the topping mixture.

1. In a large bowl, mix together flour, sugar, baking powder, pumpkin pie spice, and salt.
2. In a separate bowl, mix together pumpkin puree, egg, and butter.
3. Pour wet mixture into dry mixture and stir together with rubber spatula until fully incorporated. Set aside.
4. Heat oil in a frying pan to 325°F (160°C).
5. While oil is heating, use your hands to shape and roll the pumpkin donut dough into balls. (Greasing your hands with oil will make this process much easier).
6. Fry the dough balls until golden brown, about 4-5 minutes. (For best results, fry only 3-4 at a time).
7. Drain them on a paper towel and immediately transfer to bowl of the pumpkin pie spice-sugar mix. Gently toss to coat.

Enjoy! ■