November Facts

November comes from the Latin word novem, "nine," because this had been the ninth month in the early Roman calendar.
(Note: Although it's our eleventh month, the name never got changed.)

Stone = Yellow Topaz Flower = Chrysanthemum

5. Wine, beer and whiskey are the three most popular Thanksgiving drinks
On Thanksgiving, people are in the spirit of celebration—literally! The average person enjoys 2.7 drinks on Thanksgiving, which is more than the recommended amount (one drink or less for women and two or less for men). It's a time for food, family and a little extra to toast the holiday!

6. Red wine wins on Thanksgiving
According to a survey by Instacart, Cabernet Sauvignon is the most popular type of wine Americans pair with their Thanksgiving dinner. Coming in second is Chardonnay, with a red blend placing third.

7. President Calvin Coolidge was gifted a raccoon to eat for Thanksgiving dinner
Here's a weird and funny Thanksgiving fact: In November 1926, Vinnie Joyce from Nitta Yuma, Mississippi, sent President Coolidge a live raccoon to serve for Thanksgiving dinner. But instead of putting it on the menu, Coolidge adopted the raccoon as a family pet and named it Rebecca! Not your typical Thanksgiving feast, right?

8. Most Americans love their Thanksgiving leftovers
Let's be honest: Nothing satisfies quite like Thanksgiving leftovers. According to a survey by Jennie-O, a whopping 96% of Americans enjoy their leftovers. Who can resist that next-day turkey sandwich or a second helping of stuffing?

9. It's estimated 50 million pumpkin pies are consumed on Thanksgiving Day alone.
This might surprise you, but Americans actually eat more pie than turkey on Thanksgiving.

10. Black Friday is the biggest shopping day of the year for Americans
Are we really surprised by this Thanksgiving fact? Not so much. But here's how huge our love of post-Thanksgiing deals is: According to Queue-it, a massive 80.3 million people shopped in-store on Black Friday in 2025.

11. The first presidential turkey pardon wasn't related to Thanksgiving
If you've ever wondered why the president pardons a turkey every Thanksgiving, you might be surprised to learn the tradition started with a different holiday altogether. That's right! The presidential turkey pardon can be traced back to 1863, when Abraham Lincoln granted clemency to a live turkey intended for his family's Christmas dinner.

12. Macy's has put on almost 100 Thanksgiving Day parades
The annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade has been a holiday fixture since 1924. In fact, the department store skipped only two years—from 1942 to 1944, during World War II.

In addition to floats with Mother Goose nursery rhyme characters the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe, Little Red Riding Hood and Little Miss Muffet the inaugural parade also included real bears, monkeys, elephants and other animals on loan from the Central Park Zoo. In 1927, the animals were replaced with giant balloon characters because their frightened growls scared the children.

PINE LAKES Country Club



By Tamara Gane

Fun Thanksgiving Facts

1. The first Thanksgiving was recorded in a letter
Pretty much everything we know about the first Thanksgiving was written in a letter by a colonist named Edward Winslow. Written to someone he refers to as a "loving and old friend," the letter is quite lengthy, and he touches on Thanksgiving only briefly. The full history of Thanksgiving is complex.

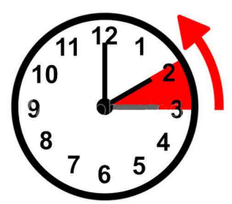
2. Americans eat more than 46 million turkeys on Thanksgiving Day each year
Roasted whole turkey on a table with apple, pumpkin and figs for family Thanksgiving Holiday.
We don't call it "Turkey Day" for nothing! Here's a fun Thanksgiving fact: According to the National Turkey Federation, around 87% of Americans enjoy turkey as part of their holiday feast each year. That adds up to over 46 million turkeys, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)—enough to feed the nation's love for this Thanksgiving tradition.

3. Thanksgiving wasn't always celebrated on the fourth Thursday of the month
Thanksgiving has been around for a long time. In fact, George Washington issued the first presidential proclamation of a Thanksgiving celebration in 1789. Other presidents followed in his footsteps, issuing proclamations of their own.

For decades, Thanksgiving was held on various dates. But in 1863, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed it should be celebrated on the last Thursday of November. In 1939, Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the date up a week earlier; however, some states refused to play along. In 1941, Congress stepped in and passed a resolution setting a fixed date for Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of the second-to-last month.

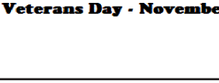
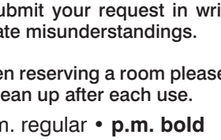
4. Not every president recognized Thanksgiving
Thomas Jefferson was the first president to refuse to declare a Thanksgiving proclamation. Since previous presidents had declared Thanksgiving to be a day of fasting, prayer and gratitude, Jefferson felt the holiday inappropriately crossed the boundary separating church and state.

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Year Round Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3:00-5:00 Ladies Only Pickleball/Courts Pine Lakes Country Club	7:30-9:30 Social Tennis 8:00-**3:00** GATORZ BOCCE/Cts **12:00-3:00** Mahjong/Card Rm **5:00** Mixed Bridge M&W/Card Rm **6:30** Texas Hold'em/AR	7:30-9:30 Social Tennis 8:00-9:30 Pickleball Lessons/Cts (by Appt Only) **12:45-4:00** Mahjong/Card Rm **2:30-6:30** Ladder Tournament/Cts **6:15** Hand and Foot/Card Rm **6:30** Trivia/AR **7:00** Shuffleboard/Cts	7:30-9:30 Social Tennis 8:30 Ladies Golf 8:30 Nifty Niners/GC 9:00-**5:00** Bocce/CT **12:30-4:00** Ladies Bridge/Card Rm For Beginner One Stroke Lessons, please contact Mo Keary @ 239-826-3673	7:30-9:30 Social Tennis 9:00-**12:00** Mixed Bridge/Card Rm 8:30 Men's Golf	7:30-9:30 Social Tennis **12:00-4:30** Pinochle/Card Rm	***Reception Hours:*** 9:30am til **3:00pm** Monday - Friday Changes made up till the 25th of each month.
1 **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS** **6:00-8:00** Bible Study/LR **7:00** Euchre/Card Rm/**6:45** Sign up 	**2** 8:30-**2:30** Management/LR 9:15-9:30 Beginner Tai-Chi/BR 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR 11:00-**12:00** Easy Does It/BR **1:00-3:00** Theatre/BR **1:00-3:30** Adv. One Stroke/CR **1:30-2:45** Beautification/lr **3:00-5:00** PLTA Bd Meeting/LR **7:00** Texas Hold'em/AR **6:30** Set-up	**3** 9:30-**12:00** Watercolor-Paint for Fun/CR 10:30-11:40 Beg Line Dancing/BR 11:45-**1:00** Int Line Dance/BR **12:00-3:00** Quilting/LFCH-MH **1:30-3:30** Veterans Group Mtg/AR/BR **3:00-5:00** Corn Hole/BR **4:00-5:00** Gardening/CR **6:00-9:00** 8 Ball Billiards League/BDS **6:15** Hand & Foot/Card Room **6:30** Trivia/BR/AR	**4** 11:00-**12:00** Easy Does It/BR **12:00-2:00** 90's Luncheon/LF Lounge **2:00-4:00** Theatre/LR **6:00** BINGO/BR/AR/K Doors Open **5:00** 	**5** **NO** Steering Committee Mtg 9:15-9:30 Beginner Tai-Chi/BR 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR 11:00-**1:00** Line Dancing/BR **6:30** Women's Club Mtg/BR/AR/K **6:00-9:00** Billiards Practice/BDS **6:30-8:30** Pictionary/Card Rm 	**6** 8:00-9:00 Yoga/BR 7:45 set-up 8:00-**4:00** PLGL/K 11:00-**12:00** Easy Does It/BR **12:00-3:00** PLGL/BR/AR 10am Set-up **2:00-4:00** Theatre/LR 	**7** 8:30 Pancake Breakfast/BR/AR/K 9:30 Bike Ride/PL **6:00** Military Appreciation Day Dance/All Rms Doors open at 5:30pm 
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