



November



Engaging Thanksgiving Activities to Create Lasting Family Memories During the Holidays

The holiday season is just about here, and everyone needs a list of fun things to do over Thanksgiving. From “thankful” to “really full”, these ideas are sure to create many fond memories:

1. **Thanksgiving Potluck:** Host a potluck-style dinner where each guest brings a dish or dessert. This way, everyone can showcase their culinary skills and enjoy a diverse and delicious meal.
2. **Gratitude Jar:** Decorate a jar and encourage everyone to write down things they are grateful for throughout the year. Read the notes aloud during dinner or before dessert.
3. **Thanksgiving Movie Marathon:** Set up a cozy movie corner and enjoy a Thanksgiving-themed movie marathon with classic films like "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles" or animated favorites like "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving."
4. **Scavenger Hunt:** Organize a Thanksgiving-themed scavenger hunt. Hide clues or small objects related to the holiday around the house or backyard and have participants find them.
5. **DIY Thanksgiving Decorations:** Spend an afternoon creating homemade Thanksgiving decorations. You can make wreaths, centerpieces, or even design personalized place cards for the dinner table while kids make handprint turkeys.
6. **Board Games and Puzzles:** Gather your favorite board games and puzzles for some friendly competition and quality time with family and friends. Choose games with a holiday twist if available.
7. **Recipe Exchange:** Have everyone bring printed copies of their favorite Thanksgiving recipes. Share and exchange them with others, creating a collection of tried-and-true holiday dishes.
8. **Gratitude Circle:** Sit together as a group and take turns expressing what you are thankful for. This activity can help foster a sense of gratitude and appreciation during the holiday season.

DID YOU KNOW....

...that in 2013, a rare event occurred when the first day of Hanukkah coincided with Thanksgiving Day. It was dubbed "Thanksgivukkah," and it won't happen again for over 70,000 years.





WEIRD, BUT TRUE!

November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) for aspiring authors to challenge themselves. The goal? Write a 50,000-word novel during the month, embracing the creativity of storytelling.



Real Estate & Taxes: What You Need to Know for Your Year End Tax Return

1. **Gather all relevant documents:** Collect all your homeownership-related documents, such as mortgage statements, property tax statements, and receipts for home improvement expenses.
2. **Mortgage interest deduction:** If you have a mortgage on your property, you may be eligible to deduct the mortgage interest paid during the year. Ask your lender for the proper forms.
3. **Property tax deductions:** Homeowners can typically deduct property taxes paid on their primary residence. Collect your property tax statements to accurately report the amount paid.
4. **Home office deduction:** If you have a dedicated space in your home used exclusively for work, you may be eligible for a home office deduction.
5. **Energy-efficient home improvements:** Homeowners who made energy-efficient improvements to their homes may qualify for certain tax credits or deductions. Keep records of the expenses incurred for items such as energy-efficient windows, insulation, or solar panels.
6. **Home sale considerations:** If you sold your home during the year, understand the tax implications. Depending on the circumstances, you may be eligible for capital gains exclusions or need to report capital gains on the sale.
7. **Deductible home expenses:** Be aware of other deductible expenses related to homeownership. These may include points paid on a mortgage, home insurance premiums, and any home-related repairs or maintenance.
8. **Consult a tax professional:** Tax laws and regulations pertaining to homeownership can be complex. Ask me for a referral from my network.



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