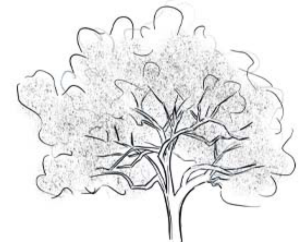




Gardens of Oak Hollow

A SMALL COMMUNITY WITH A BIG HEART

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Kids Come First



Hostess: Adrith Hearon

I've been looking forward to hosting you all for the November Gardens Gals Gathering. Now that my turn has come, I have a scheduling conflict with my son's rained out baseball game being rescheduled to Thursday, November 16th. This is his last game of the season and I want to be there to support him and cheer him on.

Instead of canceling or finding a substitute hostess, I decided to keep the gathering for this week but move it to **Saturday, November 18th at 6pm**. I know this is a last-minute change, but I hope you will still be able to join us.

Friendsgiving

I plan to have a Friendsgiving theme and propose the topic of discussion for the evening could be the possibility of a community project that we can do for this 2023 Holiday Season. I will have a couple

of ideas ready to present but feel free to bring yours along too for us to discuss. If you prefer you can email the idea(s) to me at adrith13@yahoo.com ahead of time and I will put together a list of ideas to present to the group.

**Garden Gals Gathering
Saturday, November 18th at 6pm
12510 Misty Creek**



**Gardens of Oak Hollow
Home Owners Association**

The minutes from the last HOA Board meeting, November 6, are now available on our website. In addition, a link is also provided for the revised "Design and Review Application" form that was discussed.

<https://gardensofoakhollow.com/hoa/>

Thanksgiving Trivia



1. How long was the first Thanksgiving celebration?

2. Who was the first President to pardon a turkey?
3. Which President made turkey pardoning an annual event?
4. How many women were at the very first Thanksgiving celebration?
5. Which President made Thanksgiving a permanent national holiday?
6. Which President first ordered a national day of Thanksgiving?
7. Which President tried to make Thanksgiving the third Thursday in November to help boost the economy for the holiday season?
8. How many turkeys are prepared for Thanksgiving in America each year?
9. How many Americans prefer Thanksgiving leftovers to Thanksgiving dinner?
10. What turkeys actually gobble?

Thanksgiving Day Parades

1920 in Philadelphia

That first Thanksgiving parade was in



Philadelphia. It was the brainchild of Ellis Gimbel, the 10th of 14 children born of Gimbels Department store founder, Adam Gimbel. Ellis conceived of the parade as a marketing ploy designed to remind his

fellow Philadelphians that the holiday season was upon them.

The parade terminates right in front of Gimbels to further serve as a reminder that his store stocked everything that they would need to get through the holiday season.

Whereas that first procession was comprised of a mere fifty Gimbels employees, it quickly grew. The parade typically closes with a float containing jolly old Saint Nick himself.

The parade ends at Gimbels Department store and Santa would scale a fire truck ladder to the eighth floor of the building which, of course, housed Gimbels' "Toyland."



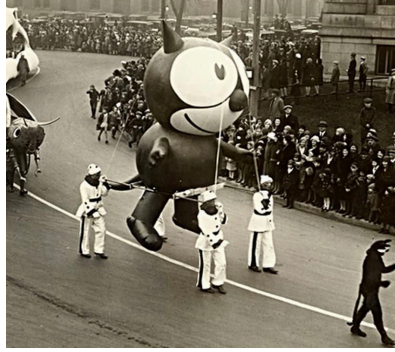
1924 in New York

In New York, Macy's launched their "Christmas Parade" (on Thanksgiving) in 1924. To match the nursery-rhyme theme in Macy's Christmas window display, the floats featured Mother Goose favorites and Macy's employees dressed as clowns, cowboys and sword-wielding knights. A menagerie of animals on loan from the Central Park Zoo—including bears, elephants, camels and monkeys—offered a circus-like atmosphere.

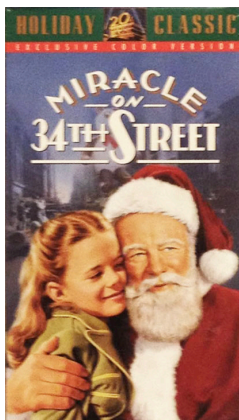
Macy's Parade quickly became a New York holiday tradition to the joy of nearly all except the zoo animals. So the animals were replaced by less-surlly and more-obedient character balloons.

After the balloon debut with Felix the Cat in 1927, the balloons quickly became the parade's signature attractions.

During World War II, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was suspended, due to demand for rubber and helium.



In 1945, the parade resumed and two years later, the film *Miracle on 34th Street*, featuring footage from the 1946 parade, made the Macy's



Parade a household name.

The following year, the parade was broadcast on national television for the very first time. Television made the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade become a nation-wide tradition.

Save The Dates



6PM, Thursday, December 21

Hostess: Mary Lou Lybecker
1821 Shoal Run

Come and join us for a casual evening to catch up with one another and look forward to the end of summer.

Thanksgiving Trivia

1. How long was the first Thanksgiving celebration?
Answer: Three days
 2. Who was the first President to pardon a turkey?
Answer: John F. Kennedy
 3. Which President made turkey pardoning an annual event?
Answer: George H.W. Bush
 4. How many women were at the very first Thanksgiving celebration?
Answer: Five
 5. Which President made Thanksgiving a permanent national holiday?
Answer: Abraham Lincoln
 6. Which President first ordered a national day of Thanksgiving?
Answer: George Washington
 7. Which President tried to make Thanksgiving the third Thursday in November to help boost the economy for the holiday season?
Answer: Franklin Delano Roosevelt
 8. How many turkeys are prepared for Thanksgiving in America each year?
Answer: About 46 million
 9. How many Americans prefer Thanksgiving leftovers to Thanksgiving dinner?
Answer: About 80 percent
 10. What turkeys actually gobble?
Answer: Male turkeys
- Bring your favorite beverage and join the fun!!