

September

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September Events

September 1st
September 7th
September 11th
September 14th
September 18th
September 21st
September 26th
September 27th

Labor Day
Grandparent's Day
911 Remembrance
Pet Memorial Day
National Cheeseburger Day
World Gratitude Day
Johnny Appleseed Day
Hunting and Fishing Day



Remember What Labor Day Is All About

As you fire up your grill one last time for the summer, remember that Labor Day is about more than barbecuing. This yearly celebration of the American worker is a tribute to labor's contribution to the economic and social well-being of the United States.

Labor Day originated in an age of 12-hour workdays, seven-day-a-week schedules, child labor, and terrible working conditions. Its origins aren't clear. Some say that Labor Day originated in 1882 with Peter J. McGuire, a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor. Others claim that a machinist named Matthew Maguire proposed the celebration while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York.

However, there's little dispute that the first Labor Day parade was held on Sept. 5, 1882, when 10,000 workers in New York City marched from City Hall to Union Square. The Central Labor Union selected the first Monday of September as its annual holiday in 1884.

The first state to recognize Labor Day officially was Oregon, in 1887. By 1894, 23 more states had followed suit, and in that same year Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September a legal holiday throughout the country.



What To Know About September

It's September! Summer is over, school has started, and the leaves are starting to turn. As we're getting ready for fall and winter, remember these factoids about the ninth month of the year:

- September was originally the seventh month, according to the ancient Roman calendar, and that's where it gets its name. It became the ninth month after the calendar changed in 451 B.C.
- The Romans associated September with Vulcan, the god of fire, possibly because as the seventh month it was in the middle of the hot summer.
- The Anglo-Saxons called September Gerst Monath, which meant "Barley Month," because barley was harvested at that time of year. The barley was also brewed as a popular beverage in celebration of the harvest.
- In another calendar change, the British eliminated Sept. 2-14 in 1752 to bring the month in accordance with the Gregorian calendar, which replaced the Julian calendar.
- Fall begins in the northern hemisphere on the equinox, which falls between Sept. 21-23. In the southern hemisphere, the equinox signifies the beginning of spring.

Do You Have A Question About Car Maintenance That You Want Answered?

We love to hear from all of our good friends and clients who enjoy reading our monthly newsletter. If you have a question about anything related to your vehicle, feel free to reach out to us...

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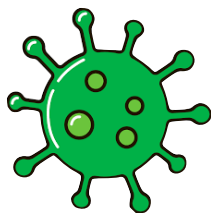
Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Special thanks go out to all of our clients and friends who graciously referred our shop to their friends and neighbors last month! Our business is built based on the positive comments and referrals from people just like you. We just couldn't do it without you.

Germs Like These Hiding Places

You might think your bathroom is the germiest place in your home. You'd be wrong, according to the MSN website. Watch out for these locations that have lots more germs than your toilet:

- **Cutting boards.** To keep them free of germs, don't just rinse them in the sink. Wash your cutting board in water and dish soap, then soak in water mixed with bleach—two teaspoons for plastic, two tablespoons for wood.
- **Dish cloths.** These have everything that's necessary for bacteria to thrive: warmth, moisture, and organic material from food. Wash them often on a hot cycle and tumble-dry them in a dryer.
- **Smartphones.** You take them everywhere, including the bathroom, and you usually don't wash your hands every time you pick yours up. Clean your phone with a cloth soaked in a solution of 60% water and 40% rubbing alcohol. Wring the cloth out well so that the moisture doesn't damage your phone.
- **Keyboards.** Computer keyboards can be covered with 20,500 more bacteria than the average toilet seat. Clean your keyboard with a cotton swab dipped in rubbing alcohol while it's unplugged. Use compressed air to get rid of dirt around the keys.
- **Steering wheels.** You probably don't wear gloves when you drive, which means you're coating your wheel with germs and bacteria. Clean your wheel and other parts of your car regularly.



Keep Your Family's Budget Under Control

No one knows whether inflation will get better or worse, but it always pays to save money whenever you can. The Mama Mia website offers these smart budgeting tips for every family:

- **Track your spending.** Record every dollar you spend throughout the month, logging where it went. This will give you an idea of where your money is going and can help you identify places to cut back.
- **Shop secondhand.** Not everything has to be brand new. You can find clothes, tools, books, and other necessities in good condition at secondhand stores around your community. Many of them donate their proceeds to charity, so you'll be helping out people in need at the same time.
- **Search for bargains.** Don't buy anything without checking competing prices. Whether you're shopping in person or online, you can often find a better deal if you take a little extra time to look around.
- **Use social media.** Many people sell or give away items on Facebook and other social networks. Keep an eye open for deals and giveaways. Websites like Freecycle also allow people to give away unwanted but still usable goods.
- **Clean out your kitchen.** Go through your pantry and refrigerator for items you've forgotten about before you buy more. Get rid of anything that's spoiled. You'll be better able to see what you really need before you go to the store.
- **Use coupons.** Whether you clip from them the paper or gather them online, coupons and other discounts can save you lots of money. Make a habit of checking what's available and saving them where you won't forget about them when going shopping.
- **Just say no.** Train yourself to resist temptation before buying something you don't really need. Try the 24-hour rule: Wait 24 hours before purchasing anything that isn't a necessity like food or gasoline. Often you'll find that the impulse has faded because you realize you don't actually need it.



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Congratulations To Our Client Of The Month!

Every month, we choose a very special client of the month. It's our way of acknowledging our great clients and saying thanks to those that support our business with referrals and repeat business.

This month's Client of the Month is

Jenny Gruhn



Stargazing Made Simple: Your Backyard Guide

Want to explore the wonders of space without breaking the bank? Look no further than your own backyard! With some easy steps and everyday items, you can turn it into a stargazing haven.

First, find a dark location away from bright lights. Spread out a blanket and let your eyes adjust to the darkness for about 20 minutes. This allows your pupils to dilate and capture more starlight.

Download a free stargazing app to your phone. These apps identify constellations, planets, and even satellites visible in your location. Many apps offer sky maps that update in real-time, allowing you to pinpoint celestial objects with ease.

Astronomy is a fascinating hobby that connects us to the universe around us. So, step outside on a clear night, grab your phone, and prepare to be amazed!

Saying Goodbye To College Students

September is when many young people leave for college for the first time. It's exciting, but it can be traumatic for parents. Here's some advice, from the Yahoo website, for handling the separation without tears:

Keep busy beforehand. There'll be lots to do to prepare—buying new clothes, making sure electronics are up to date, and so forth. Immerse yourself in activity.

Think of the positives. Remember, this is a chance to watch your child learn and grow. Embrace the opportunity instead of dwelling on your sadness.

Let them make decisions. Giving your college student a little extra leeway in making decisions about things can build your confidence in his or her judgment—and in the future.



Do You Want To Win A \$25.00 Gift Card To The Centreville Luncheonette?

The first 10 people to call with the correct answer will be eligible to win. At the end of the month we'll draw one lucky name. That winner will receive a \$25.00 Gift Certificate to The Centreville Luncheonette from us! Here is this month's question... What state was the first to officially recognize Labor Day?

(Hint: the answer is somewhere in this newsletter)

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| a) New York | c) Oregon |
| b) Texas | d) Washington |

Call right now with your answer!

Last month's trivia challenge was, What simple game can play a crucial role in a baby's development?

Answer: D) Peekaboo

Congratulations to last month's winner...

Jackie Bryson

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