

# resident experience

## NOVEMBER



### Hosting Thanksgiving Dinner



Hosting a group for the holidays can be stressful, so here are some tips for throwing a successful Thanksgiving dinner:

- Make a timeline and master list: Start at dinner time and count backwards to schedule the prep and oven times
- Start prep early: Complete all the cleaning, grocery shopping, and setting up of decorations and table settings the week of Thanksgiving.
- Make as much as you can ahead of time: Many desserts, side dishes, and cranberry

sauce can be made the day before and reheated the day of.

- Clear out the fridge: To accommodate dishes and ingredients; rearrange, toss expired goods or leftovers, and maximize space.
- Do NOT forget to Defrost your turkey

It's never fun to wake up Thanksgiving morning and find a frozen turkey. Follow the old adage of 1 day of thawing for every 4 lbs of turkey.

- Make it a potluck: Delegate, divide, and conquer. Usually the host makes turkey and gravy and guests can bring sides and desserts.
- Stick to the basics: This is not the time to experiment. Untested recipes could go wrong, throw off your cooking times, and might not even taste as you expected.
- Set out small snacks ahead of time: Appetizers don't need to be complicated! Simple snacks like Chex Mix, cheese and crackers, chips and dip etc. should suffice.
- Plan time for getting ready: After hovering around a hot stove and oven all day, set aside some time for showering and getting ready for the dinner itself!
- There is no shame in buying premade dishes: Outsourcing several dishes can cut down on your prep and cook time, but will taste just as good!

### Office Hours

Mon	8 am to 5 pm
Tues	8 am to 5 pm
Wed	8 am to 5 pm
Thurs	8 am to 5 pm
Fri	8 am to 5 pm
Sat	Closed
Sun	Closed



### Property Updates

We are excited to announce that Metro Lofts has brought in a new cleaning company to maintain and exceed our expectations of cleanliness. Our Management team strives to work hand in hand with our residents to maintain the common areas of the building, while ensuring a safe and inviting property for all to enjoy. Metro Lofts will also be moving forward with an update of the Fitness Center during the month of November!

On **November 1<sup>st</sup>** we will have bagels and coffee in the office for residents!

### Community Updates

Metro Lofts will be hosting a food drive for the Youth Emergency Services & Shelter (Y.E.S.S.) A drop off point will be set up in the office to collect any non-perishable food items brought in. The office will be open from **8am-5pm Monday-Friday** to collect donations.

We would like to remind residents of the recent changes to the parking meters downtown. Parking meters now operate 9am-9pm Monday-Saturday. The Parking Garage is a paid for amenity for residents only. All unregistered or unauthorized vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.





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01   THU	
02   FRI	Iowa Wolves Basketball @ Wells Fargo Arena
03   SAT	Drake Football @ Drake Stadium (12:30pm Kickoff)
04   SUN	Daylight Savings Day Ends / Iowa Wild Hockey @ Wells Fargo Arena
05   MON	
06   TUE	Don't forget to vote!
07   WED	
08   THU	Iowa Wild @ Wells Fargo Arena / Drake Basketball @ Knapp Center
09   FRI	
10   SAT	Iowa Wild Hockey @ Wells Fargo Arena
11   SUN	Veteran's Day
12   MON	Veteran's Day (Day)
13   TUE	
14   WED	Iowa Wild Hockey @ Wells Fargo Arena
15   THU	
16   FRI	Iowa Wild Hockey @ Wells Fargo Arena / Winter Farmers Market @ Capitol Square (9am-2pm) / Drake Basketball @ Knapp Center
17   SAT	Winter Farmers Market @ Capitol Square (9am-2pm)
18   SUN	Living History Farms "Off Road Race" @ 9am
19   MON	Santa Pet Pictures @ Family Vet Pet Center (5:30pm-7:30pm)
20   TUE	
21   WED	Disney on Ice @ Wells Fargo Arena (Nov 21-25) *showtimes may vary*
22   THU	Thanksgiving Day / Des Moines Turkey Trot
23   FRI	Black Friday
24   SAT	Milk and Cookies with Santa @ Younkers Tea Room (Starts @ 6pm) / Small Business Saturday
25   SUN	
26   MON	Iowa Wild Hockey @ Wells Fargo Arena
27   TUES	Drake Basketball @ Knapp Center
28   WED	
29   THU	
30   FRI	