The Portland Housing Authority
Newsletter
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5 Things You Didn't Know About the Fourth of July

-Eating Salmon on the fourth is a tradition in NEW ENGLAND.

-Massachusetts was the first state to recognize the holiday.

-The Declaration wasn't signed on July 4 (or in July at all) It was signed Aug.2,1976.

- 3 presidents have died, and one was born, on the Fourth. Thomas Jefferson/ John Adams/ James Monroe all died on the 4th. Calvin Coolidge was born on the 4th of July.

-Benjamin Franklin proposed the turkey as the national bird but was overruled by John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, who recommended the bald eagle.
DIRECTIONS
1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Butter an 8-inch round baking pan and line with parchment paper. Butter the bottom and sides of the pan and dust with flour.
2. Prepare boxed cake mixes according to package instructions. Divide the white cake batter in half in two separate bowls. Stir in about 6 drops of blue food coloring into one of the bowls.
3. Divide the three colored batters evenly between three squeeze bottles. (You can also use liquid measuring cups.) You will only need about half of the prepared red velvet batter. Use the rest for cupcakes.
4. Start with red. Squeeze about a 1/4 cup of batter into the pan. Then squeeze about the same amount of the white batter directly on top of the red, followed by an equal pour of the blue batter. Continue alternating between the three batters, making a bulls-eye pattern, gradually decreasing the amount of batter you pour.
5. Bake for 30-35 minutes until a toothpick inserted in the middle of the cakes comes out clean. Let cool in pan for 10 minutes, then transfer to cooling rack to cool completely.
6. Make the Frosting: Beat together butter and cream cheese until combined. Add the sugar and vanilla and beat until fluffy, 3-5 minutes.
7. Frost the cake and decorate with sprinkles. Slice and be amazed.

AMERICA CAKE RECIPE

INGREDIENTS
- 8 oz. butter, plus more for buttering pan
- Flour, for dusting
- 1 box red velvet cake mix
- 1 box white cake mix
- Blue food coloring
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 3 c. confectioners' sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- Red, white and blue sprinkles

Do your patriotic duty and serve-up some of this July 4th party recipes.

Automatic Laundry Superior Service Solutions

New Washer and dryers have been installed at both locations. If you have not yet picked up your NEW LAUNDRY Card you can do so. See BJ for Quarry Height’s and Carol for Chatham Court laundry cards.

Need To Know:

The Executive Director and The Board of Commissioners have decided to change the time and date of the Board Meetings. Board Meetings will be held every 3rd Monday of the month at 5pm at Chatham Court or Quarry Heights.

In Observance of Independence Day Our Offices will be closed: July 4th

I wish you all a Happy Independence Day.