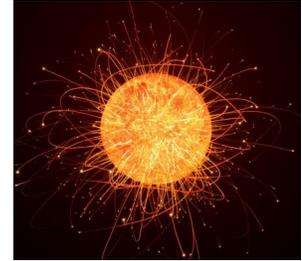


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“Summer has a flavor like no other. Always fresh and simmered in sunshine.” - OPRAH



Dates to Remember

**Gubernatorial Primary
Early Voting**

06/16 through 06/23/2022

**Primary Election Day
June 28, 2022**

**Gubernatorial General
Early Voting**
10/27 through 11/03/2022

**General Election Day
November 8, 2022**

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How do you celebrate?

The holiday commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, carnivals and cook-outs marked with patriotic displays of red, white and blue.

The Declaration declared the history of repeated injuries and usurpations by the Kingdom of Great Britain and explained why the Thirteen Colonies regarded themselves as independent sovereign states.

The American Revolution was in full swing by the time the Declaration of Independence was drafted and signed in 1776. In the face of growing support for independence, some colonies still held back from issuing their backing and were not authorized to take any steps towards the separation from Great Britain. A complex political battle was waged from April through July 1776 to bring about the signing of the Declaration. On July 2, 1776, the colonies voted with 12 affirmative votes and one abstention to formally cut political ties with Great Britain. In a letter to his wife, John Adams wrote that July 2nd would become a great American holiday.

“I am apt to believe that [Independence Day] will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this day forward forever more.” - John Adams

It was not foreseeable to Adams at the time that Americans would instead celebrate on July 4th, when the announcement of the signing was finalized and not on the day it was voted in. So, how do you celebrate? [Tell us here.](#)

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No-Bake Cheesecake Flag Cake

Ingredients:

Crust:

- 1 ½ cups finely crushed graham cracker crumbs
- ¼ cup white sugar
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted



Filling:

- 1 cup cream cheese at room temperature
- 1 cup mascarpone cheese at room temperature
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ⅓ cup white sugar
- 1 ¼ cups cold heavy whipping cream
- 20 large fresh strawberries, hulled and halved lengthwise, or as needed
- 24 large fresh blueberries, or as needed

Directions

Instructions Checklist

1. Combine graham cracker crumbs, 1/4 cup sugar, cocoa powder, and melted butter in a bowl until mixture is thoroughly combined and crumbly.
2. Transfer crust mixture to a 9x11-inch baking dish. Press crust into bottom of dish until smooth and even. Cover dish with plastic wrap and refrigerate until set, about 30 minutes.
3. Mix cream cheese and mascarpone cheese in a bowl until thoroughly combined. Stir in lemon zest, lemon juice, and vanilla extract into mixture.
4. Whisk 1/3 cup sugar into whipping cream in a separate metal or glass bowl until the cream is fluffy and forms soft peaks. Add whipped cream to the cream cheese mixture and gently whisk until filling is soft, fluffy, and well combined.
5. Spoon filling on top of the graham cracker crust, spreading and smoothing the top. Tap the pan gently on a work surface several times to settle the crust and filling. Cover pan tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate until chilled and set, at least 3 hours.
6. Starting at the bottom long edge of the cake, arrange strawberry halves in a horizontal line with the pointed bottoms of the strawberry halves pointing to the right. Start a second stripe of strawberry halves at the top right of the cake, arranging strawberries with the bottoms pointing right in a line stretching about 2/3 of the length of the cake.
7. Continue to make strawberry stripes, starting about 3/4 inch up from the bottom stripe and laying down 3 more stripes stretching the full length of the cake. Make 1 more line of strawberries beneath the short stripe to leave a square space for the blue field of stars.
8. Lay a line of blueberries with the blossom ends pointing up in the upper left square space. Continue to lay down blueberries in lines, berries touching the previous line, until the square is filled with blueberries. Cut cake into squares to serve.
9. ENJOY!