



125 Years of Protecting and Engaging People Where They Are

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What is NFPA?

The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) is a global self-funded nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property, and economic loss due to fire, electrical, and related hazards.



“National Food and Party Association”





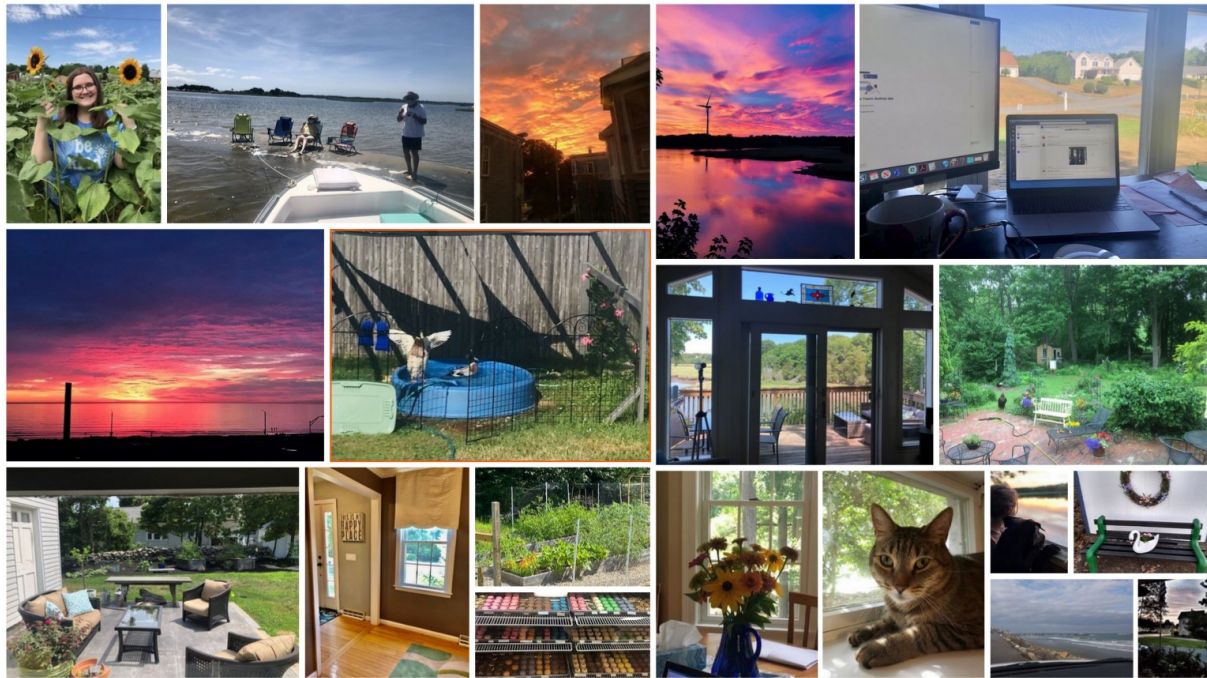
March 16, 2020:
The Start of “Remote Life”

Teams Channels

“Alice, turn your video on! No, it’s the button on the bottom. Not that one, over to your left! Jan, you’re on mute! Turn your microphone on.”



Room With A View



Boring (but accurate) Movie Descriptions



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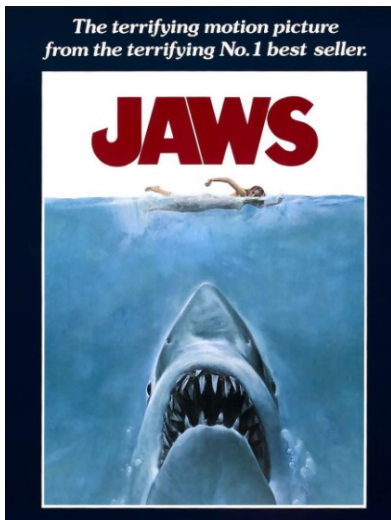
Describe your favorite movie in the most boring way possible.
Here are two examples:

- Man goes to Nakatomi Plaza to pick up his wife from work, eventually succeeds.
- Kids throw ball around, it goes over a fence and then they have to talk to an old guy about it.

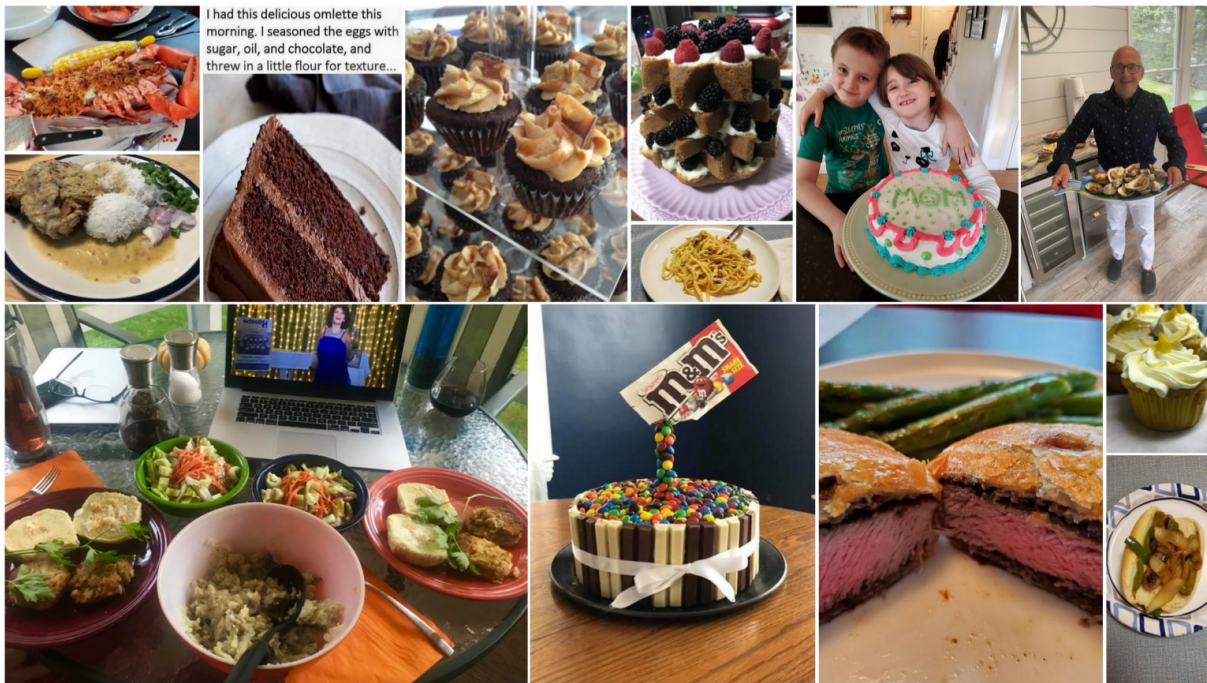
Share your boring movie descriptions below by clicking on "New Conversation"!

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Boring (but accurate) Movie Descriptions (cont.)



What's For Dinner?



December Events Calendar



December Events – Monday Trivia



This year, [Hanukkah](#) will begin on the evening of Thursday, December 10th and will conclude on the evening of Friday, December 18th.

Known as *The Festival of Lights*, this annual winter holiday is one of the most widely observed Jewish holidays.

It lasts for eight days and is marked by a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers and fried foods.

What's in a Name?

For many English speakers, this festival is also known for the confusion over the spelling of its name: Is it *Hanukkah* or *Chanukah*?

The answer is that both are considered correct, though *Hanukkah* is the most widely used spelling, while *Chanukah* is more traditional.

In addition, more than 20 other variations have been recorded. Why so many spellings? Transliteration.

The Hebrew language does not use the Latin alphabet, which is the standard script of many languages, including English.

Thus, when used in an English context, the sounds of the different Hebrew characters must be converted, or transliterated, into Latin letters.

However, the Hebrew word for the holiday uses sounds that aren't found in the Latin alphabet. The difficulty begins with the very first letter of the word, which is the eighth letter of the Hebrew alphabet—*het*, or *chet*. It is pronounced with a guttural sound that is similar to the /ch/ in *loch*.

So, when the Hebrew word was transliterated in the 17th century, the *het* became *ch* (*Chanukah*). However, when the English *ch* appears at the beginning of a word,



Today is December 21st. For those of us located in the Northern Hemisphere, today will be the shortest day and longest night of the year – The Winter Solstice.

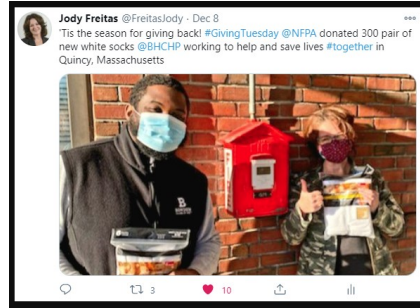
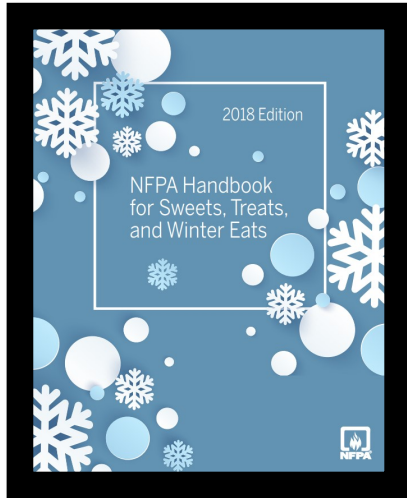
(At the same time, residents of the Southern Hemisphere are enjoying their longest day and shortest night of the year.)

People all over the world mark this time with festivals and celebrations. Long ago, cultures celebrated by lighting bonfires and candles to welcome the return of the sun.

Today we will take a closer look at how different cultures recognize the winter solstice.

Many present-day holidays have been influenced by early solstice traditions, as well as gone on to influence local celebrations, leading to a fascinating mix of solstice practices and end-of-year festivities throughout the world.

December Events – Coffee, Socks and More



Staff Anniversaries & Service Celebration



Kelly Carle
Support Representative, Fulfillment
22 years

"The best thing I have enjoyed about NFPA is that my job has a variety of responsibilities. The one responsibility that has been a constant in the 22 years has been working on Membership which is the responsibility that I have enjoyed the most!"



Nancy Schwartz
Health Operations Manager, Communication and Administration
25 years

"Over the 25 years at NFPA, I have been provided many opportunities to learn, grow, and have some fun all while doing a job that helps others. Doesn't get much better than that!"



Mike Hazell
Internal Communications Director,
Human Resources
30 years

"In my year at the Association, I've held communications roles that reported up through Member Services, Public Education, IT, Marketing, Engineering Dept's, Web Publishing, and Human Resources. No matter where I sat or who my manager or direct colleagues were, I've always felt supported and encouraged to grow and try new things."



Nancy Hurley
Director, Real Estate & Building Services
30 years

"As I reflect on the past 30 years at NFPA, first of all WOW! Time flies when you are having fun and being challenged and staying involved! That goal to have contributed to the financial success of NFPA with Real Estate as both an investment and for the cash we send to the bottom line. I am lucky to have a small but mighty team and we work to make the property and NFPA space the best it can be so that all of you can make the world a safer place. I am very grateful for all the opportunities NFPA has provided me over the years."



Linda Mackay
Administration, Building Fire Protection Life Safety, Standards Development
30 years

"In addition to the great people that work at the NFPA, working for the NFPA has been a rewarding experience for me knowing that I am part of a mission saves lives and ensures the safety of firefighters through online training. At the end of the day, it is a great feeling to know my work at NFPA affects many lives in a positive way."



Robert Sprawl
NicheBusiness Supervisor, Fulfillment
30 years

"Over the years, I have enjoyed being part of an organization that is truly committed to its mission. NFPA has afforded me the opportunity to not only grow with the association, but to grow and advance as an individual. After all, it has been 30 years!"



Olga Calandria
Director, International Development
25 years

"At the beginning of my career having the unique opportunity to take the framework of a proven, highly respected brand outside the US was the opportunity of a lifetime! I was met with nervous excitement that has helped me push my boundaries and take on challenges that helped me grow. Learning all aspects of the business was so much easier with the help of many talented and dedicated people both inside and outside NFPA, across cultures and geographies. What a gift! Looking back, it seems impossible a quarter century has passed by. I am truly excited for where we are headed next!"



Thomas Cavanagh
Warehouse Manager, Fulfillment
25 years

"Besides the many great people I have worked with and friendships I have made over my career. My second greatest joy is I enjoy the work that I do for NFPA and the NFPA mission of saving lives and the safety I am very proud of."



Thomas Derrahine
Shipper, Fulfillment
28 years

"You need a lot of wonderful and talented people here during my over 28+ years at NFPA. One of the things I like is knowing I'm doing something to fulfill the NFPA mission."



Chris Orsler
Vice President, Codes & Standards, Engineering
25 years

"I'm able to make use our information and knowledge on fire, life and electrical safety is getting aligned correctly to our stakeholders. My job can be challenging at times but I know at the end I'm getting the information out in a timely fashion."



Paul Sanderson
Regional Director, Central Region
25 years

"I joined NFPA following a long fire service career. I had served on Board of Directors and NFPA committees. The camaraderie at NFPA, the wonderful assignments, and it truly feels like family for me. I have been in the workplace for 15 years and will retire at the end of this year. I am with all gratitude for the better supervisors and with more dedicated peers. As I close out my NFPA career this year, I look back with only fond memories. I truly do feel blessed to be a member of the NFPA Team."



Ray Brant
Director, Regional Operations
20 years

"NFPA's business is safety, which is definitely a great cause. I really feel like I am (and have been for over 20 years been) building that mission by helping save lives and reducing loss."



NFPA's 125th Anniversary





Thank you!

Questions?

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