

# May Flowers Are On The Way!

A WISER, SAFER CHOICE!

## **NORTHSTAR ELECTRICAL SERVICES**

PENNSYLVANIA \* NEW JERSEY \* DELAWARE

### FREE DINNER

[Respond to this email](#) and we will enter you in our drawing for a \$50 gift card to your choice of restaurants or other gift card choice\*. Good luck!

Congratulations to April's Winner:

**Christina McGeough**

Levin Management

Respond by May 12th to be entered.

\* PF Chang's, Maggiano's, Chili's, Cheesecake Factory, The Capital Grille, Legal Seafood, Season's 52, California Pizza Kitchen, Ruth Chris's Steakhouse, Flemings Prime Steakhouse, Home Depot, Barnes & Noble, Nike, Zappos.

### Frequently Asked Questions: Neon Edition

While many companies are choosing to opt for new LED fixtures and signs,

neon is still very prevalent in the industry. Since we work with it so much, we get asked the following questions and thought we would share the answers with everyone!

**Q: How long does it take for neon to be fabricated?**

**A: It takes up to two weeks for fabrication due to the intricacies of the process. All pieces are made by hand and only use glass tubing.**

**Q: What determines the color of a piece of neon?**

**A: Neon gas shows a red glow naturally when combined with electricity. To make other colors, different types of gas are used. Argon, for example, has a blue glow. Another option is to use a different color glass during fabrication so that it illuminates a different color.**

**Q: How long does neon last?**

**A: There are many factors, but generally about 30,000 hours.**

**Fun fact #1: Neon was first**

**discovered in 1675—before electricity had even been discovered! It wasn't until much later in 1902 that neon gas was first combined with an electrical current in a sealed tube!**

**Fun fact #2: Neon is the 5th most common element in the**



### TIME OF NEW BEGINNING



As we still mourn the loss of Sonny & Frado, we are excited to introduce two of Northstar's newest mascots, Max (L) & Dino (R)!

Bill had only intended to get one puppy after the loss of Frado, but when he went to pick up the new puppy, he was told that he could have two—very similar to how he ended up with both Sonny and Frado!

You may hear their voices in the background when you call in. We love having them in the office!



### MAY HOLIDAYS

May 1st—Liz's Birthday!

May 5th—Cinco De Mayo

May 14th—Mother's Day

May 20th—Armed Forces Day

May 29th—Memorial Day

### APRIL GIVES BIRTH IN APRIL!

We have been anxiously awaiting the birth of April the giraffe's calf for the past month and half and he is finally here!

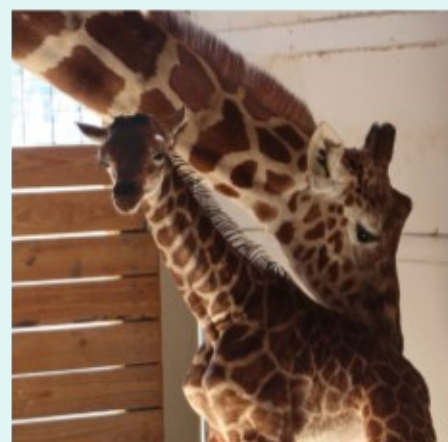
If you haven't heard of April, she is a 15 year old giraffe at Animal Adventure Park in New York. The zoo officials had been live-streaming video from her enclosure in anticipation of her giving birth during their off season while they are closed to visitors.

April had her baby boy the morning of April 15th. The zoo is holding a contest (and fundraiser—it costs \$1 to submit a vote) to name the calf. Mom and baby are both doing well!

Here are a few quick facts that we were curious to learn:

- Giraffe pregnancy lasts about 15 months
- Calves are about 6 feet tall and weigh 150 pounds at birth

- It's estimated about one million people watched the live feed during the birth
- Giraffes naturally hide when they are in labor to protect themselves and the calf from any predators. This is why the live stream spanned such a long time!
- The baby calf only took about 45 minutes after birth to begin standing on his wobbly legs!



The Kentucky Derby is May 6th! You can watch it on NBC Sports Network. Don't forget to partake in some of the fun traditions such as fancy hats and mint juleps!

