

Twinkle Lights & Starry Nights

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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 November's Winner:

Sarah Geiger

Boss Facility Services

Respond by December 16th to be entered.

* Maggiano's, Chili's, Bahama Breeze, Cheesecake Factory, The Capital Grille, Legal Seafood, Season's 52, California Pizza Kitchen, Olive Garden, Ruth Chris's Steakhouse, Longhorn Steakhouse, Morton's the Steakhouse, Home Depot, Barnes & Noble, Nike, Zappos.

Happy birthday to Andrew, Hektor & Dave R!



Northstar will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. We wish you a safe and wonderful holiday!



Northstar Promotes Safety: Holiday Fires

One of my favorite things to do as the holiday nears is to decorate for it! In our house we go all out on decorations. This includes outside lights, the Christmas tree, and the mantle as well.

The [National Fire Protection Association](#) has some alarming winter holiday fire facts. One that stood out to me was that between 2013-2017 US fire departments responded to an average 160 home fires that started with Christmas trees per year. Annually these fires caused an average of three deaths, 15 injuries, and \$10 million in direct property damage.

While you are decorating please keep a few safety tips in mind:

- ◆ Inspect lights for frayed wire or other defects before use
- ◆ Do not leave lights on unattended (this includes while you make a quick run to the grocery store and when you go to sleep at night)
- ◆ Use only non-flammable decorations
- ◆ Use only lighting evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL)
- ◆ Place your tree away from any heat source (fireplace, radiators, etc)
- ◆ Keep natural tree stands filled with water at all times to avoid them becoming too dry



- ◆ When using candles, do not leave them unattended and make sure the candle is away from anything that is flammable.
- ◆ While having timers on your lights can make life easy, please be wary of having them go on while you are not home—especially if you go away for the weekend!!
- ◆ If you decide to decorate your kitchen, keep the decorations a safe distance away from any heat sources.

Northstar wishes everyone a happy and safe holiday.

If you would like to learn more about holiday fires click [here](#) or [here](#)

Snowman Cupcakes

'Tis the season for snow! Some of us are really excited to have snow while others are dreading the winter—I am one of the ones dreading the snow. However, when it does snow I do enjoy making a snowman, a snowwoman, and depending on how much snow we get a snow-family. I am keeping my fingers crossed this winter that we will be light on the snow though and if that is the case we are going to bring the snow-village to our kitchen!

There are a variety of different versions of snowman cupcakes that I am sure you will be able to find on Pinterest. I personally chose this one because it is easy for my kiddo to help with.

The best thing about this is you can make the snowman your own and

use whatever you have around the house. I did my usual chocolate cupcake recipe and used a buttercream icing. When I am in a rush sometimes I will grab a box of cake from the store.

While the cupcakes are cooking I decorate the marshmallows with melted chocolate and colored icing. This is also when I will whip up my icing.

Once the cupcakes are cool from the oven I will ice them with my vanilla buttercream icing. I then place the decorated marshmallows on top.

My son enjoys helping at this point. We will put the heads on and then use M&M's for the buttons. We also use pretzel sticks for the arms.

You can find more decorative cupcake ideas here

<https://terlaluoke.com/25-cute-christmas-cupcake-recipes/>



Fun Facts for December

- * National Cooke Day is December 4th. Other snacks celebrated this month include pie, cotton candy, chocolate brownies, cocoa and cupcakes
- * December often marks the beginning of rain, snow, and cold weather
- * December in the Northern Hemisphere is similar to June in the Southern Hemisphere. This is also where Christmas in July comes from—since in the Southern hemisphere that is wintertime
- * The first day of Winter is on December 21st. This is the shortest day of the year and the longest night—called the Winter Solstice. On the flip side, Summer Solstice will be June 20th.
- * Birthstone: turquoise, zircon and tanzanite
- * Flower: Narcissus or Holly

