

**November  
2011**

**Carrollton Housing  
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THE CITY OF CARROLLTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

**On The Senior Side**



Housing Authority  
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# Elderly/ Disabled Services Program

## The Origin Of America's Annual Thanksgiving Day

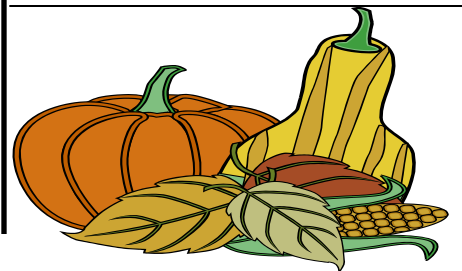
The Pilgrims left Plymouth, England, on September 6, 1620. Their destination? The New World. Although filled with uncertainty and peril, it offered both civil and religious liberty. For over two months, the 102 passengers braved the harsh elements of a vast storm-tossed sea. Finally, with firm purpose and a reliance on Divine Providence, the cry of "Land!" was heard. Arriving in Massachusetts in late November, the Pilgrims sought a suitable landing place. On December 11 just before disembarking at Plymouth Rock, they signed the "Mayflower Compact" - America's first document of civil government and the first to introduce self-government. After a prayer service, the Pilgrims began building hasty shelters. Nearly half died because of starvation and sickness because of the harsh winter before spring. The Indians helped them and they reaped a bountiful harvest the following summer. The grateful Pilgrims then declared a three-day feast, starting on December 13, 1621, to thank God and to celebrate with their Indian friends. While this was not the first Thanksgiving in America (Thanksgiving services were held in Virginia as early as 1607), it was America's first Thanksgiving Festival. President Abraham Lincoln in 1863 set aside the last Thursday of November as a national day of Thanksgiving. Then, in 1941, Congress permanently established the fourth Thursday of each November as a national holiday.

## Thanksgiving Thoughts

Thanksgiving brings on happy thoughts,  
Of turkey roasting in the pan,  
Of pumpkin pies and golden corn,  
The yearly gathering of the clan.

With all the best-loved recipes,  
On tables laden down with love,  
The heartfelt prayer of simple faith,  
Of thankfulness to one above.

The country church bell's golden song,  
Ring's cross the land, and though we roam,  
Our thoughts return time and again,  
To family and harvest home.



## REMEMBER:

**Shopping and Lunch  
On Wednesday  
Pick Up 11:00 A.M.**

<b>Make Plans To Come</b>	
<b>R.C.A. Meeting Elder Circle 1:30 P.M.</b>	<b>November 1</b>
R.C.A. Can Drive Pick Up 9:00A.M.	November 3
R.C.A. Thanksgiving Dinner Elder Circle 12:00—1:00 P.M.	November 10
Council on Aging Thanksgiving Fellowship East Carroll Rec.	November 17
Shopping At Ross, Kohl, &	November

**Mark Your  
Calendars**  
**R.C.A. Meeting**  
**R.C.A. Can Drive**  
**R.C.A.  
Thanksgiving  
Dinner**  
**Bible Study**  
**Council On Aging  
Fellowship Dinner**

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