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It "Dawned" On Me... *a message from Dawn Giganti*

Dear Creative Carpet & Flooring Friends and Family,

As we head into November, I have a little tip to share for a joyful holiday season: let go of your perfectionism! I mean, really, who needs that stress? Writing it out feels like a bit of pep talk from me to me. I'm convinced that if I say it enough, maybe I'll actually listen and glide through the holidays without the weight of perfectionism dragging me down. Let's be honest... that perfect postcard holiday vibe only exists in paintings or Hallmark movies. And you know what? That's perfectly okay! Imperfections are part of the charm of the holidays.

Think about it, how many times have you felt your holiday spirit dimmed because your home didn't meet Martha Stewart's standards? Or when you spent hours hunting for that one perfect gift, only to realize it doesn't exist? And let's not even get started on trying to be the glue that holds everyone together during family gatherings. We all know that overextending yourself usually leads to more chaos than harmony!

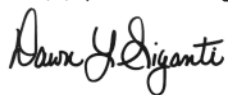
Remember, even holidays celebrated with a few hiccups are still brimming with blessings. The love, laughter, and shared moments with family and friends are what truly make the season special.

**"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)**

As we prepare for this time of thanks and celebration, this verse is a gentle nudge to embrace our imperfections and focus on what really matters... serving and loving each other.

So, let's make this holiday season memorable without the pressure. Here's to a little less perfection and a lot more joy!

Happy Thanksgiving, and God Bless,



Dawn Giganti, Marketing & Administration  
Creative Carpet & Flooring

**Month at a Glance:**

**3rd Daylight Savings Ends** – Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour at 2 AM... because who doesn't love a free hour of sleep or an extra hour to wonder why you stayed up late binge-watching that questionable reality show?

**11th Veteran's Day** – We honor and express our heartfelt gratitude to the brave men & women who have selflessly served our country, recognizing their sacrifices & unwavering dedication to protecting our freedoms.

**15th Clean Your Refrigerator Day** – Celebrate by discovering that mystery container hiding in the back & finally finding out if that leftover lasagna is a science experiment or dinner!

**28th thru 30th Thanksgiving** – Happy Thanksgiving! We'll be closed on Thanksgiving & the weekend after, giving our team a chance to feast, relax, & recharge for all your flooring needs when we return!

**Employee birthdays this month:**

November is a big month for the Bouquet family! Join us in wishing Jake Bouquet, our Chief Operations Manager, a happy birthday on the 13th & his brother Cody, our Operations whiz, a fantastic birthday on the 20th!



Mark  
Bouquet



Mark  
Bouquet Jr.

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**November 2024**

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## Welcome Back Valued Friends!

Brian Francis  
Carol Krozal  
Carolyn Riordan  
Daniel Plattner  
Danielle Didrickson  
Debbie Jarigese  
Dianna & Tom Buckner  
Fred & Angie Arana

Gina & Gary Bonk  
John & Gina Mazzorana  
Joyce & Brian Mulheran  
Karen Cozen  
Karen Ortega  
Kelly Netjes  
Kim & Chuck Aleshire  
Kim VanRyn

Lizzy McGough  
Marilou Gerlich  
Megan Burns  
Michael Hickey  
Rachel Strozewski  
Rob & Donna Vimarco  
Roseann Boike  
Ryan Reeves

Sandal Mayer  
Sherry Crowley  
Shirley & Rich Pawela  
Tom Kleven  
Valerie Thomas

## November Bucket List Fun Activities Before Winter Rolls In

As the days get shorter and cooler, now is the perfect time to bask in the beauty of the changing leaves and the crisp air. From outdoor adventures to cozy indoor moments, here are a few fun ways to make the most of this picturesque season.



**Take a Fall Hike** - Catch those last vibrant leaves and crisp air.

**Backyard Bonfire** - Roast marshmallows and cozy up with friends.

**Make Chili** - Perfect cold-weather comfort food for cozy nights.

**DIY Fall Crafts** - Try your hand at pumpkin painting or wreath-making.

**Friendsgiving** - Host a laid-back potluck with your favorite people.

**Read & Relax** - Curl up with a good book and a hot drink.

**Gratitude Journal** - Reflect on the small joys before the holiday rush.

Whether you're savoring the outdoors or embracing the coziness inside, these activities will help you make November a month to remember!

## Let It Grow and Enjoy the Fun of No-Shave November

Yep... it's time to toss your razor aside and unleash your inner mountain man! Join in on the celebration of all things fuzzy that also raises awareness for men's health issues like prostate and testicular cancer. It's a month of laughter, fun, ... and a little bit of itchiness!

This month is a fantastic excuse for all you guys out there to rock that rugged look while doing your part for a great cause. But ladies, don't feel left out. Join in on the fun! While the guys are growing beards, you can embrace your own fuzzy side. Consider going for a bold leg hair statement or letting your underarm hair flow like a majestic waterfall. Who needs a salon when you can create your own winter wonderland?

Whether you're aiming for a full-on lumberjack beard or just letting your stubble flourish, embrace the itchiness, the awkward phases, and the surprised looks from friends and family. After all, every great beard starts somewhere.

Get your pals on board for a little friendly competition to see who can grow the wildest beard by Thanksgiving. Snap some goofy selfies along the way and share your progress online for extra laughs. Don't forget to pamper those wild hairs with some quality oil because nobody wants to be known as "that person with the scraggly hair."

So grab a flannel shirt, channel your inner Viking, and let those whiskers fly. Make it fun, make it memorable, and let your beard... or leg hair... tell the story of a month well spent!



## Games and Puzzles to Keep You Entertained

As the leaves turn and the temperatures drop, November invites us to cozy up indoors and enjoy some quality time with friends and family. What better way to warm up the chilly evenings than with games and puzzles?

From classic board games to brain-bending puzzles, there's something for everyone. Whether you're a strategy enthusiast or a word wizard, there's a game or puzzle that's perfect for you. Host a game night filled with friendly competition. Bring out the Monopoly board and watch as rivalries spark over property deals. Or dust off that Scrabble set... just be prepared for a heated debate over whether "qi" is a legitimate word!

If you're looking for something a bit quieter, puzzles are the perfect way to unwind. Grab a cup of hot cocoa, settle into a comfortable spot, and challenge yourself to complete a jigsaw puzzle. The quiet concentration and the satisfaction of fitting that last piece into place will bring a sense of calm and relaxation.

For an added twist, create a puzzle tournament with friends. To make it more engaging, set a time limit for each puzzle. Who can complete their puzzle the fastest? The winner gets bragging rights... and perhaps a slice of pumpkin pie as a reward!

So, as you gather around the table this November, embrace the joy of games and puzzles. They're not just a great way to pass the time but also the perfect recipe for laughter and memorable moments with loved ones. The shared laughter and the joy of solving a puzzle together will surely lift your spirits. Happy puzzling!

## Roll Out the Welcome Mat for Our Newest Friends!

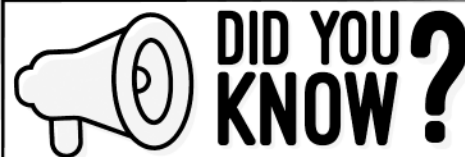
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Brendan Cunningham  
Bruce Werth  
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Chris & Linda Demas  
Cindy Borowitz  
Dana Houston  
Dave Gath  
Diane Boss  
Diane Dublin  
Doris Catizzone

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Jack Marcinkewicz  
Jamie McGrath  
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John Renaud

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Laura Smith  
Linda Legler  
Marilyn Smits  
Megan Sutter  
Nancy & Richard Vandenberg  
Nate Sutter  
Pam Lamarche

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Michael Carpen  
Sandra Vilcak  
Sarah Enz  
Scott & Beth Voorhis  
Shay & Tim Hayden  
Sue Patzke  
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## **Creative Carpet & Flooring Gift**

**Cards:**

### **The Ultimate Holiday Gift!**

Have a friend or family member who already has everything? This holiday season, give them something they didn't know they needed: a flooring upgrade! They'll be walking all over your thoughtful gift and thinking of you with every step—no pressure, right?

Or how about a carpet cleaning? Because who doesn't love the look, feel, and smell of carpet so fresh it practically sings? With our professional services, you can be confident that your loved ones will be delighted with the results.

Our gift cards never expire! So, they can use them whenever they want—no rush! And the best part? These cards can be used for any product or service at Creative Carpet & Flooring, giving your loved ones the power to choose what they need.

**Don't wait, swing by your local showroom or give us a ring at (888) 910-6585 to grab yours today. Because nothing says "I care" like a clean carpet!**



# MEGA Trivia Contest

Win \$100 off our online store  
Shop.CreativeCarpetInc.com or a  
\$50 restaurant gift card to



## This month's Mega Trivia question:

The primary goal of Giving Tuesday is to what?

- (A) Encourage holiday shopping
- (B) Promote charitable giving
- (C) Celebrate a specific holiday
- (D) Advocate for political causes

Join the fun at creativecarpetinc.com! Hit the 'MEGA Trivia' tab under 'Specials,' and take your guess on our monthly question between the 1st and the 15th. The drawing will occur on the 16th from all who answered correctly. The winner will be announced in next month's newsletter. Don't forget, entries close on the 15th. Best of luck!

## Last month's question:

What is Burgoo?

**Answer: (B) A traditional stew**

Burgoo is a traditional pioneer stew made with beef, vegetables, and special spices. Utica, Illinois, hosts a yearly Burgoo Festival every Columbus Day weekend, featuring over 375 vendors. The highlight is the famous Burgoo Stew, slow-cooked outdoors for 12 hours over a wood fire. Volunteers chop vegetables and stir the stew overnight. It's served only on Sunday at 9 a.m., so get there early — once it's gone, it's gone until next year!

**Congratulations to last month's winner:**

**LARRY SEPER**

OF ORLAND PARK, IL

Claim your prize by visiting your nearest Creative Carpet & Flooring showroom from November 1 - 27, 2024. Thanks for taking part in our contest! Enjoy your prize!

## MEET OUR CARPET CLEANING CIRCLE...

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Chad Johnson	John & Lisa	Randy Gordon
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Doris Reed	Karen Madsen	Tammy
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**Get a Thanksgiving discount on gorgeous, new floors for the holidays.**

Minimum Purchase	Thanksgiving Discount	<b>DOUBLE your discount by helping a family in need for our Thanksgiving Food Drive!</b>
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\$2,000	- \$100	
\$3,000	- \$175	
\$4,000	- \$250	
\$5,000	- \$300	

**Bring in at least 10 non-perishable items, and we'll DOUBLE your discount!**

Food must be brought in BEFORE the installation date to double your discount.

Valid November 1 - 30, 2024. One discount per household on new orders of flooring material with installation only. Please be sure to check the expiration dates on all non-perishable items before donating. Not to be combined with other coupons or offers.



**Items brought to Mokena, IL showroom will benefit:**



FOOD PANTRY

## Frankfort Township Food Pantry

The Frankfort Township Food Pantry assists families in need in Frankfort, Mokena, parts of Tinley Park and Orland Park.

[frankforttownship.com/p/food\\_pantry](http://frankforttownship.com/p/food_pantry)

**Items brought to Highland, IN showroom will benefit:**



GRACE BEYOND BORDERS

## Grace Beyond Borders

Your donation allows Grace Beyond Borders to serve the most vulnerable in the Northwest Indiana community.

[gracebeyondborders.org](http://gracebeyondborders.org)

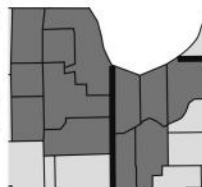
**Please help us feed those in need this Thanksgiving...**

## Food Insecurity around us in Illinois & Indiana -

Percentage of population who lack adequate access to food in 2022 by county per Feeding America.

[<https://map.feedingamerica.org/>]

ILLINOIS COUNTIES	FOOD INSECURITY POPULATION	FOOD INSECURITY RATE
Cook	634,280	12.1%
DuPage	83,520	9.0%
Grundys	5,160	9.8%
Kane	52,690	10.2%
Kankakee	14,350	13.4%
Kendall	10,130	7.6%
Will	61,000	8.8%



INDIANA COUNTIES	FOOD INSECURITY POPULATION	FOOD INSECURITY RATE
Jasper	4,190	12.7%
La Porte	16,270	14.5%
Lake	69,660	14.0%
Newton	2,080	15.0%
Porter	21,300	12.3%

# Fall Flooring Fest

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**HARDWOOD FLOORING SALE**

*Oct 3 - Nov 16, 2024*

**\$0.50/sq.ft. rebate on Mirage Hardwood Floors purchase**



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**Special Drawing! Opt-in for text updates to be entered to win one of three Visa gift cards: \$250, \$500, or \$1,000! Winners will be announced on December 4, 2024.**

Thank you for helping us go green!



## How about a night out at one of your favorite restaurants through Creative Carpet's Referral Rewards Program

As you probably know, advertising is very expensive. Instead of paying the newspaper or other place to advertise, we'd rather reward you. Every time you refer someone who becomes a client and purchases, we will send you a \$25 restaurant gift card!

### Big shout out & thank you to...

Annie & Mike Nowacki	George & Gerri Hoeksema
Bonnie & Tony Malzone	James & Kristine Angio
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*thankyou*

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Share your project photo with your review on our website within 30 days of installation and be entered in our monthly drawing to win a \$25 gift card!

[www.creativecarpetinc.com/share-your-review](http://www.creativecarpetinc.com/share-your-review)

The flooring selection & installation process was a great experience from the beginning to the end. Dana was excellent & made it so easy for us. The delivery guys were great, & the installers did a fantastic job. We absolutely love our new floors. This is a quality company that deserves support.

~ Stacy Vanderwoude of St. John, IN  
This month's \$25 Target gift card winner!

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