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History of Labor Day

The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday — a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

The character of the Labor Day celebration has undergone a change in recent years, especially in large industrial centers where mass displays and huge parades have proved a problem. This change, however, is more a shift in emphasis and medium of expression. Labor Day addresses by leading union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics and government officials are given wide coverage in newspapers, radio, and television.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker.



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Things to do

Facebook scams are on the rise, new report says ²

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is the latest to chime in with a recent alert about scammers who use Facebook Messenger to trick victims.

In its Scam Tracker alert, the BBB said it has “received dozens of reports” about scammers using Facebook Messenger to promote phony grants.

The key to the scam is the seeming familiarity of the sender: a friend, family or relative.

The scammers often do two things, according to the BBB. They will either hack into your account or create a “lookalike profile” by stealing your photos and personal information.

“Either way, scammers are banking that you will trust a message that appears to come from someone you know,” the BBB said.

Echoing the BBB alert, this week, Beth Anne Steele with FBI’s Portland office wrote about a personal experience with Facebook messenger.

In her post, Steele said that she got a message that looked like it came from a friend. The message included a video link that read: “Hey I saw this video. Isn’t this you?” She didn’t click on the link but was contacted the next day by the friend who said the scammers had hacked his account and that the link contained a virus.

There are variations on these friend-and-family scams on Twitter and other social networks. On Twitter, for example, a scammer will send you a tweet purportedly from a person you follow that uses phraseology such as “someone is saying bad things about you” or “someone is spreading rumors about you.”

“Scammers use two rules of thumb to lure victims. The first is to gain the confidence of their target through lent credibility...a friend, authority figure, or organization that the victim is likely to trust. The second rule of thumb scammers use is to create a sense of urgency; they want you to act now,” James Lerud, head of the behavioral research team at cybersecurity firm Verodin, told Fox News.

Facebook said it has made improvements to thwart scams.

“We have made several recent improvements to combat impersonation and scams, including improved reporting abilities and the release of a new feature that provides people with more context on someone they may not have previously connected with in Messenger,” a Facebook spokesperson told Fox News.

For example, when you receive a message on Messenger from someone you haven’t communicated with previously, you may see contextual prompts regarding whether the account was recently created or whether the person is using Messenger without a Facebook account.

If Facebook users see suspicious activity they should report problems to Facebook. The social network also offers tips on how to stay safe on Messenger.



The Child ID App

The Child ID app—the first mobile application created by the FBI—provides a convenient place to electronically store photos and vital information about your children on your smartphone (note: no information is stored or collected by the FBI). In the event your child goes missing, users can show the pictures and provide physical identifiers such as height and weight to security or police officers on the spot. Using a special tab on the app, users can also quickly and easily e-mail the information to authorities.

The app also includes tips on keeping children safe, as well as specific guidance on what to do in those first few crucial hours after a child goes missing.



Children

Take the mystery out of fire play by teaching children that fire is a tool, not a toy.

Store matches and lighters out of children's reach and sight, preferably in a locked cabinet.

Teach children not to pick up matches or lighters they may find. Instead, they should tell an adult immediately.

Never leave children unattended near operating stoves or burning candles, even for a short time.

Check under beds and in closets for burned matches, evidence your child may be playing with fire.

Keep combustible and flammable liquids away from heat sources.

Portable generators should NEVER be used indoors and should only be refueled outdoors or in well ventilated areas.

THINGS TO DO IN TARPON SPRINGS

Sponge Docks Arts & Crafts Show When: Sat-Mon September 1-3
10am – 6pm Where: Dodecanese Boulevard

Sunset Beach Concert When: Thursday, September 6, 7pm – 9pm
Where: Sunset Beach, Tarpon Springs
First Friday When: Fri September 7 6pm – 10pm
Where : West Tarpon Avenue

Rotary Triathlon When: Sat, September 8, 7:30am – 12:00pm
Where : Fred Howard Park 1700 Sunset Dr

Back to School Splash When: Sat, September 8, 10am – 2pm
Where: Tarpon Springs Splash Park, 508 Live Oak St, Tarpon Springs
Call 727-942-5628 for more information.



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