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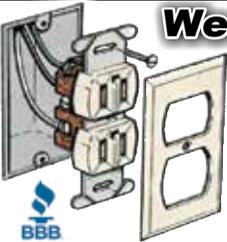
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March is named for the Roman god of war, Mars
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March Flower: Daffodil

March Bird: Robin

March 8th is International Women's Day.

We think of March as the beginning of spring, as March brings the vernal equinox, the Full Worm Moon and the return of Daylight Saving Time.



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY-MARCH 17th

19th Century

March in U.S. history saw pivotal moments like the **Boston Massacre (1770)**, leading to revolution; the formal adoption of the **Articles of Confederation (1781)**; the establishment of **Yellowstone (1872)**, the first national park; the organization of the **Republican Party (1854)**; President Kennedy creating the **Peace Corps (1961)**; and the beginning of the **Spanish Flu pandemic (1918)**, shaping early American governance, conservation, politics, and global health.

20th Century

The first recorded case of the **Spanish Flu** emerged in the U.S., marking the start of a devastating pandemic; 1918

The kidnapping of **Charles Lindbergh Jr.** shocked the nation, 1932

President John F. Kennedy established the **Peace Corps**, sending volunteers abroad, The first **Starbucks** store opened in Seattle's Pike Place Market, 1961

21st Century

September 11th attacks, launching the War on Terror; the **rise of digital technology** and social media, transforming communication and society; the **2008 financial crisis** and subsequent recessions; the **election of Barack Obama**; major natural disasters like the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami; the Arab Spring; the **COVID-19 pandemic**, causing global disruption; the **Black Lives Matter movement**, highlighting racial injustice; and recent geopolitical shifts like the **Russian invasion of Ukraine**, alongside growing **all**.

Condolences

When there are deaths of CV residents, we give mention to them in the bulletin. In addition, they will be recognized in the clubhouse in the Memorial Book, with flowers and a sympathy card for residents to sign. Relatives of recently deceased residents should notify and provide information to the office. The staff will lower the two flags for a few days. The clubhouse is available for memorial services for residents. Thank you Evelyn Van Duyne, Unit 57.

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Memory

March Birthdays

- 3 Myra Sonneborn, Unit 149
- 6 Wayne Watson, Unit 123
- 7 Margaret Martello, Unit 89
- 13 Peter Grenon, Unit 101
- 17 Peter McKenna, Unit 66
- 19 Barbara Burton, Unit 122
- 24 Ferdinan Sauser, Unit 33.



Welcome to the 90th Birthday Club, Fern!

March Anniversaries

- 1 John and Beatrice Siddall, Unit 97



Thinking of You

Requesting prayers for long-time park resident **Ilah Meddles** for her speedy recovery. She and Ernie were loading the car for their FL journey when she fell on the ice. Ernie visits Ilah every day at the rehab facility. Send Ilah some “Thinking of You” cheer: 6081 Hughes Road, Prospect, Ohio 43342.

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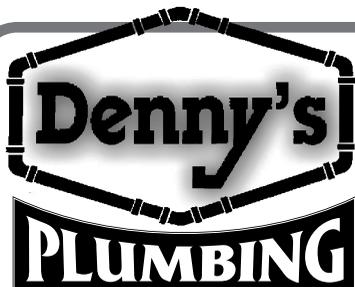


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Social Activities Committee - SAC

Check the bulletin board for up-to-date information on the activities. **What's new?** Ping Pong League on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2. Bingo on Wednesdays in March and April. Pickleball changed to Monday and Fridays at 2. Poker changed to 1:15 on Monday and Friday, no Wednesdays. The Chair Exercise led by Brenda is popular for about 16 people.

February was another busy month: Fridays' Coffees, Football Championship Party/Peter Palmieri, Pancake Breakfast/Grace/Roy Joeveer, Chicken Dinner/MaryJane/Charlie Preble, Soup&Sandwich Lunch/Betty Skelly, Dance with East Bay/Jack Sonneborn and the Welcome New Residents coffee/ Terry B/Susan B.

For **March's entertainment**, we have the Ice Cream Social/Betty and Donna on the 8th, Pancake Breakfast/Grace on the 13th, Potluck Dinner/MaryJane on the 14th, Kitchen Party/Potluck on the 15 and the Still Rockin' dance on the 21. Don't miss the last big event on **March 28th - the Spring Fling** – with lots of fun games and pizza. If 'Up North' would warm up, many residents will start to head north.

The **SAC meets on the first Thursday of the month at 9:30; everyone is encouraged to attend** to offer ideas and volunteer. We are most fortunate to have so many volunteer residents who pitch in to guarantee our events are successful and fun. Many hands make for less work, and friendships.



Flea Market

We Did It ...after months of planning, collecting, storing, recruiting volunteers and assembling items, we are prepared for another successful event this week. Thank you all for the endless hours of your labor of love. In the next issue we will have a summary and give accolades to the leaders. Special thanks to the leaders: Brenda, Susan, Terry B, Sue P and Boutique leaders: Donna and Effie.





New Directory of Residents



When you receive the office email via Constant Contact this month, clap your hands together and applaud Board Member/Secretary Susan Collins, Unit 85 and Linda Chamblis, Unit 167 for it. They work endless hours on this major project. It is a current data-base directory that you can save on your computer to access, and print it anytime. It will be updated as new information is acquired. Thank you, Susan and Linda.

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Tonic Water Glows In The Dark

Source: *Interesting Facts* <hello@interestingfacts.com>

Tonic water is best known for adding a little bite to cocktails, though it has a hidden talent: It glows when exposed to ultraviolet light. While modern tonic waters often include citrus flavors or sweeteners to ease their bitter taste, the mix is traditionally crafted from just two ingredients — carbonated water and quinine, the second of which is capable of illumination. Quinine's ability to glow, technically called fluorescence, occurs only when the substance is exposed to the right conditions, particularly when its molecules absorb invisible ultraviolet light (such as that projected by a black light). The excited molecules then quickly release that energy, which appears as a blue hue to the human eye in a darkened room.

Though tonic water is now a bar cart staple, its initial purpose wasn't enjoyment — it was to prevent and treat malaria. Quinine, which comes from the bark of the South American cinchona tree, was first used by the Indigenous Quechua people as a cure-all for stomach ailments; by the 1600s, Europeans had documented its fever-reducing properties. In the 1700s, Scottish doctor George Cleghorn discovered it could also effectively treat malaria. As the only known treatment for nearly 300 years, quinine was paired with water to create a “tonic”

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and distributed to British soldiers stationed in India and other malaria-prone regions. Some historians believe soldiers began adding the medication to gin and other alcohols to make the bitter flavor more palatable, eventually creating the “gin and tonic” drink we know today. However, other researchers suggest it wasn’t until the 1860s that the classic drink emerged, served to victorious patrons at horse racing tracks in India.

Eight Drugs In Your Medicine Cabinet

Source: [Interestingfacts.com/stories-medicine-cabinet](https://interestingfacts.com/stories-medicine-cabinet). By Nicole Garner Meeker

Benadryl

The tiny pink tablets that can clear up allergic reactions may never have been invented if chemist George Rieveschl had succeeded in his first career. The Ohio-born scientist initially planned to become a commercial artist, but couldn’t line up much work thanks to the Great Depression. Instead of pursuing his art dream, Rieveschl studied chemistry at the University of Cincinnati, where his experiments years later on muscle-relaxing drugs uncovered a histamine-blocking medication. “It seemed like bad luck at the time,” Rieveschl once told the Cincinnati Post about his unexpected career shift, “but it ended up working pretty well.”



Tums

Creating a new medication is sometimes a labor of love — at least, that’s the case for Tums. In 1928, Missouri pharmacist Jim Howe developed the chalky tablets to treat his wife’s indigestion. However, it wasn’t until Nellie Howe gave out samples of her husband’s concoction to seasick travelers on a cruise ship that Jim was inspired to sell his acid relievers. Tums hit pharmacy shelves two years later, sold for 10 cents per roll, with a name chosen from a radio contest in St. Louis, the same city where 99% of Tums have been made for nearly 100 years.

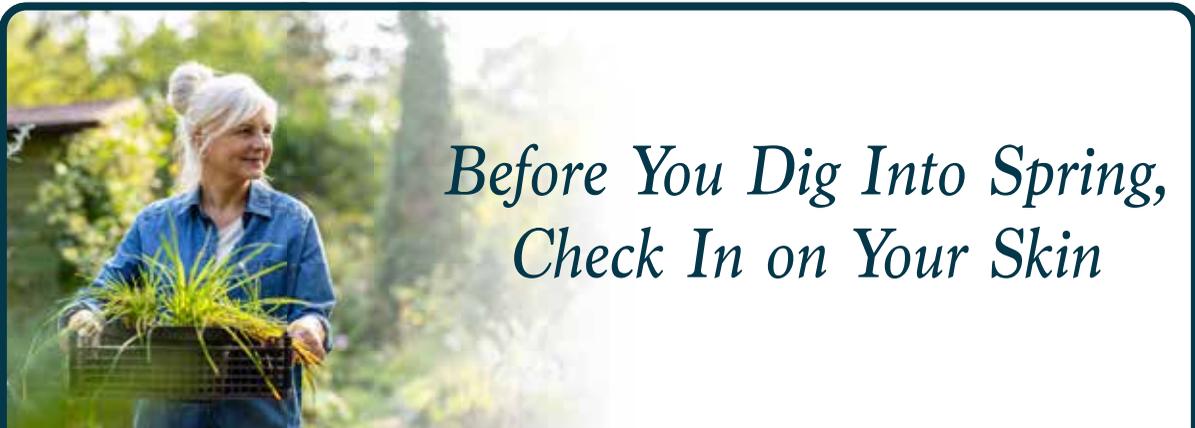
Eye Drops

Soothing irritated eyes isn’t just a modern problem — researchers believe humans have been using some form of eye drops for at least 3,500 years. Medicinal recipes from ancient Egyptians included heavy metals like copper and manganese. Modern eye drops are far removed from these early origins, but most contain saline, which was first used for medical treatment in 1832.

Pepto-Bismol

No one knows why the original maker of bismuth subsalicylate, aka Pepto-Bismol, chose to dye it a bright pink, considering the solution is actually beige before coloring is added. However, the unnamed physician from the early 1900s who first mixed up the stuff is credited with trying to cure cholera, a deadly food and waterborne illness that causes severe

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stomach distress. Initially called “Mixture Cholera Infantum” and meant for small children, the stomach-soothing blend contained zinc salts, oil of wintergreen, and a now-iconic pink coloring, among other ingredients. While the early version of Pepto couldn’t cure cholera (which requires rehydration and sometimes antibiotics), it did help treat symptoms, which is why it became popular with doctors. In the early 20th century, New York’s Norwich Pharmacal Company sold its version, called Bismosal, in 20-gallon tubs; today, name brand Pepto-Bismol is manufactured by Procter & Gamble, who continue to dye it the recognizably rosy hue.

Aspirin

The headache-melting ingredient in aspirin, acetylsalicylic acid, is a human-made substance, though it’s a cousin to salicylic acid, a naturally occurring substance found in the bark of willow and myrtle trees. Humans have gathered those ingredients for medicinal remedies for millennia; ancient Egyptians and Greeks used them to tamp down fevers and pain. Synthetic versions were first made in 1874, and by the turn of the century, German chemist Felix Hoffman created the first aspirin — initially sold in powder form — as a remedy for his father’s rheumatism.



Acetaminophen

American chemist Harmon N. Morse first developed acetaminophen, which would eventually become the world’s most widely used pain reliever, in 1878. However, it would take decades for the medication — called paracetamol outside the U.S. — to become an over-the-counter medication, thanks to fears that it could cause methemoglobinemia, a blue skin discoloration that signals issues with how blood cells carry oxygen throughout the body. (The fears turned out to be unfounded.) In 1955, McNeil Laboratories began manufacturing its version of the drug, called Tylenol, which would eventually be purchased by Johnson & Johnson and marketed as more safe and effective than aspirin. While many scientists didn’t agree with this claim, Tylenol became an over-the-counter medication within five years and soared in popularity in the following decades.

Ibuprofen

The inventors of ibuprofen created the inflammation-relieving drug with one health condition in mind: rheumatoid arthritis. Pharmacologist Stewart Adams and chemist John Nicholson began their hunt for an aspirin alternative in the 1950s, with the goal of creating a safe, long-term option for patients with the autoimmune condition. Testing one experimental compound on his own headache following a night of drinking, Adams found the prizewinning formula, which was patented in 1962 and rolled out to U.K. pharmacies under the name Brufen. By 1984, ibuprofen had become an over-the-counter medication in the U.K. and U.S., and by the time its original patent expired in 1985, more than 100 million people in 120 countries had taken the medication.



Multivitamins

Vitamins are more preventative than reactive; they can't cure indigestion or discomfort. But in their earliest forms, vitamins were meant to ward off health conditions caused by nutritional deficiencies. The first commercial vitamin tablets emerged in 1920 following decades of research into illnesses such as beriberi (a vitamin B1 deficiency), and gained traction during World War II due to fears of nutritional constraints caused by rationing. Vitamin consumption held on after the war ended, and today nearly 60% of Americans take a daily vitamin or dietary supplement.

6 Surprising Facts About Flowers

Source *Interestingfacts.com* by Rachel Gresh



Flowers are among the most diverse and abundant forms of life on Earth, with more than 350,000 known species and more yet to be discovered. The largest family of flowering plants, *Asteraceae* (better known as the daisy family), includes such garden staples as sunflowers, marigolds, chrysanthemums, and black-eyed Susans — blooms found in backyards around the world. But flowers aren't merely ornamental. For centuries, they've played an essential role in human society — they've been used in food, medicine, rituals, fragrances, and cultural traditions. Flowers have taken root in our daily lives, often blending beauty with utility. But just when you think you've seen it all, these beautiful blooms still manage to surprise us. Here are six facts that just might wow even the most seasoned gardeners.

Each Sunflower Is Made Up of Hundreds of Tiny Flowers

When you pick a sunflower, you aren't just holding one flower — you're actually holding hundreds of them. This is because a sunflower's petals are actually "ray flowers," tiny, individual flowers made up of one or several petals that form a ring around the sunflower's center, giving the appearance of one flower. Depending on the species, a sunflower can have between 13 and 30 ray flowers. The petals of ray flowers measure between 1 to 2 inches long and give sunflowers their signature sunny color.

Inside the ring of ray flowers is a dense cluster of tiny yellow "disc flowers" that come in a much larger quantity, ranging from 150 to upwards of 1,000 per stem. This means one sunflower comprises hundreds — or even more than 1,000 — tiny disc flowers, along with larger ray flowers. All of these miniature flowers function like full-size flowers to promote pollination. Behind the disc flowers are seeds, which give the center of some sunflower species their brown appearance.

Victorian England Went Wild for Orchids

Modern plant lovers can purchase an orchid whenever they'd like, but a few centuries ago, these flowers were much harder to come by. In Victorian-era England, people went wild for the exotic blooms in a craze dubbed "orchidelirium."

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Price tags for orchids reached into the thousands as orchid hunters traveled to remote jungles to track down rare varieties for collectors to enjoy in their private greenhouses. According to the Smithsonian’s orchid specialist Tom Mirenda, orchids were considered “one-of-a-kind, true rarities,” a luxury reserved for royalty and the elite.

Fast-forward to today, and most orchids are now mass-produced using an inexpensive tissue culture technique. Growers clone orchids with ideal shapes, sizes, and colors, making it easy to produce flawless flowers at a fraction of what it cost in the past. As a result, orchids are among the most popular houseplants in the world, with the Moth orchid outselling even the iconic poinsettia.



Some Spices Come From Flowers

While most spices come from roots, fruits, seeds, or stems, a few of the most prized seasonings actually come from flowers. This includes saffron, the world’s most expensive spice. Those delicate red threads are actually “stigmas” — the tiny stalks at the center of each bloom. The flower from which saffron originates, *Crocus sativus*, only produces three threads, which explains this spice’s steep price tag. To produce just 1 ounce of saffron requires a harvest of 1,000 flowers. Because of this, genuine saffron costs at least \$10 per gram.

Cloves, one of the most popular and versatile spices, also come from flowers, specifically from the flower buds of the evergreen tree *Syzygium aromaticum*, native to Indonesia. These buds are harvested by hand after they turn a vibrant red and just before they open into a flower. They consist of a short stem and four unopened petals, which are laid out to dry until they take on their signature dark color and aromatic flavor.

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The corpse flower isn’t just one of the tallest flowers in the world — it’s also one of the stinkiest. Officially known as *Amorphophallus titanum*, the aptly named flower emits a pungent odor — often compared to the smell of roadkill or rotting flesh — when it blooms. However, blooming is a rare occurrence that happens for just a few days every two or three years. This powerful odor also serves an important purpose: to attract pollinators. Insects such as flies and carrion beetles can pick up the flower’s stench from miles away, luring them to pollinate the plant.

A blooming corpse flower is quite a sight. While the average healthy corpse flower grows to 8 or 9 feet tall in a greenhouse, in its native Indonesia, it can reach a whopping 12 feet in height due to the optimal growing conditions there. Its massive flower petals are often reddish or purplish in hue, with a gigantic yellow spadix (fleshy spike with clusters of tiny flowers) emerging from the center, lending it its otherworldly appearance and height.



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Some of Your Favorite Vegetables Are Actually Flower Buds

We often think of vegetables as the roots, stems, and leaves of their plants — and in many cases, this is true. Carrots and beets are roots, for example, while celery is a stem. However, a few vegetables are in fact flowers. Broccoli and cauliflower florets are actually made up of dozens of tightly packed, tiny flower buds that are harvested before they can bloom. If left to nature, these would bloom into clusters of white or yellow flowers. Similarly, artichokes grow brilliant purple flowers (which look much like thistle) if not harvested before bloom.

Capers, while not technically a vegetable, are a popular seasoning and garnish that also come from flower buds. These are the unopened buds of *Capparis spinosa*, a prickly bush native to the Mediterranean and Asia. Once harvested, the buds are dried and cured in salt or pickled in brine, giving them their unique, tangy flavor.

A Thousand-Year-Old Rose Bush Grows in Germany

The Rose of Hildesheim, otherwise known as the Thousand-Year Rose, is believed to be the oldest rose bush in the world. According to legend, it was planted in the early 800s when the first chapel was built on the site, though the chapel has undergone extensive renovations in the hundreds of years since then. While the bush's exact age has been lost to history, documentation suggests it's at least 700 years old. The bush, a *Rosa canina*, or "wild dog rose," climbs a wall of the eponymous Hildesheim Cathedral in Lower Saxony, Germany, soaring 33 feet high and studded with pale pink blooms.

The bush has survived plenty of hardships, including a devastating World War II bombing in March 1945 that left the church and its surroundings in rubble. The rose bush seemed to have perished during the bombardment, with only a charred stump remaining. However, defying all odds, the bush sent out 25 new shoots later that spring. Within a few years, the resilient bush was again covered in delicate pink roses and it's continued to bloom annually ever since.

Edible Flowers You Can Grow

Source: the.pionerwoman.com/home-lifestyle/gardening by Arricca Elin Sansone

Squash Blossoms, Chamomile (English daisy), Calendula (Butterfly lovers), Rose, Chive Blossoms, Pansy and Violet, Thyme, Mint, Marigold, Arugula, Lavender, Lovage, Borage, Cilantro, Nasturtium



There's a California flower that only grows after fire.

Source: *Interestingfacts.com* by Kristina Wright

Wildfire can be devastating for humans and wildlife, yet some plant species rely on fire as a vital part of their life cycle. Known as fire followers, those species have evolved to take advantage of landscapes cleared by flames.

Take, for example, the fire poppy (*Papaver californicum*), a delicate orange-red wildflower that emerges almost exclusively after wildfires in California's chaparral and foothills. Its seeds can lie dormant in the soil for decades, waiting for the precise combination of heat, smoke, and mineral-rich ash that only fire provides. When those conditions align, fire poppies bloom briefly and brilliantly, turning barren slopes into living proof that destruction can also bring renewal.

But that poppy isn't the only plant to thrive in a fire-ravaged environment; fire followers exist in dry ecosystems around the world, from Australia's savannas to the Mediterranean basin and South Africa's fynbos biome. Fire removes dense vegetation, returns nutrients to the soil in the form of ash, and alters the chemistry of the ground and air in ways that signal it's finally safe to grow.

Some fire-following plants respond to heat that cracks open tough seed coats, while others are triggered by compounds found in smoke. In the months after a burn, when competition for growing space lessens and sunlight floods the ground, those plants can suddenly appear in extraordinary numbers, transforming charred land into fields of colorful growth.

Ecologists have studied the relationship between fire and plant life for more than a century.

In the early 1920s, botanists observed that certain chaparral shrubs in California only sprout and produce fruit after a wildfire, uncovering the evolutionary connection between fire and plant reproduction. Those early studies helped lay the groundwork for fire ecology, the scientific field dedicated to understanding how fire influences ecosystems.

Fire ecologists examine how burns affect plant growth, nutrient cycling, seed dispersal, and interactions between species, revealing that fire is not just a destructive force but also a vital process for many landscapes around the world. Since those early observations, fire ecology has developed into a structured field of research. By the mid-20th century, scientists had begun studying how fire shapes vegetation patterns, soil chemistry, and ecosystem recovery.

Facts: The University of Idaho was the first college to offer a Bachelor of Science in fire ecology and management.

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How Is the ‘Feels Like’ Temperature Calculated?

Source *Interestingfacts.com* by Kristina Wright

Weather forecasts often list two temperatures side by side: the actual air temperature and the “feels like” temperature. While the first is straightforward, the second is more complex — and often more important.

The “feels like” value reflects how your body perceives temperature in real-world conditions rather than how a thermometer measures it in a controlled environment. It accounts for the fact that humans warm up, cool down, sweat, shiver, and respond to the environment in ways that can make a mild day feel sweltering or a breeze feel freezing. These factors can dramatically impact your comfort level and, in some cases, your safety.



This adjusted temperature is the result of careful calculations that combine physics, meteorology, human biology, and environmental science. Multiple elements interact to determine how heat transfers between your body and the surrounding air, and each of those elements can push the perceived temperature higher or lower.

Whether you’re wondering why humid days feel oppressive or why a winter wind seems to cut right through your layers, the “feels like” temperature offers a scientific explanation for the sensations you experience every day.

Wind Chill and Heat Index



The “feels like” temperature is based almost entirely on two standardized measures, the wind chill and the heat index. Those formulas estimate how efficiently your body exchanges heat with the surrounding air under cold or hot conditions.

Wind chill represents how cold your skin feels on a windy day, while the heat index reflects how hot it feels during summer humidity. Both indices assume standard, shared conditions, typical clothing, and dry skin (as opposed to wet conditions such as rain).

While those formulas can’t capture every variable, they provide a far more accurate picture of real-world conditions than air temperature alone. With this metric, meteorologists can interpret raw data and apply it to the human experience, giving people clearer guidance on how to dress, how long to stay outside, and when to take precautions against extreme weather.

How Does Wind Chill Work?

On winter days, the wind can make temperatures feel lower than what the thermometer reads. This effect is captured by the wind chill index, which calculates how much faster heat leaves your skin when the wind is blowing.

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Normally, your body warms a thin insulating layer of air around your skin, helping retain heat. Wind sweeps that warm layer away, forcing your body to lose heat at a faster rate. The stronger the wind, the more intense the heat loss, and the colder you feel.

Meteorologists use formulas that account for wind speed and air temperature to produce the wind chill number, which reflects how quickly skin will cool under those conditions. While wind chill doesn't lower the actual air temperature, it can increase the risk of frostbite and hypothermia, making it an important measure in winter weather advisories.

How Does the Heat Index Work?

If you've ever visited Florida or another notoriously humid area, you've probably heard someone say, "It's not the heat, it's the humidity." That's because humidity makes the air feel warmer than the measured temperature. The body cools itself by sweating, but sweat only reduces heat if it can evaporate. High humidity slows evaporation, meaning the body struggles to release heat efficiently.



The heat index combines air temperature and relative humidity to estimate how hot it feels when evaporation (and therefore cooling) is impaired. So a humid 90-degree day may feel like 100 degrees or higher because your body can't shed heat efficiently. This is why deserts can feel scorching yet tolerable, while humidity in places like the Southern U.S. can feel oppressive even at lower temperatures.

What Other Variables Affect How Cold or Hot You Feel?

Although wind chill and heat index are the only standardized components of a "feels like" forecast, real-world comfort is shaped by a much wider set of factors. Sunlight, for example, can significantly raise perceived warmth because radiant heat warms skin, clothing, and surrounding surfaces — something the heat index doesn't account for. Moisture plays a major role, too: Wet skin, soaked clothing, or heavy sweat accelerates heat loss in cold conditions and interferes with efficient cooling in hot conditions.

Even the landscape can influence comfort — paved surfaces, shaded parks, waterfronts, and wind tunnels between buildings all create microclimates that feel warmer or cooler than the official forecast may indicate. In urban areas, this effect is especially pronounced due to the "urban heat island" phenomenon, in which asphalt, concrete, and dense building clusters absorb and re-emit heat, raising temperatures relative to surrounding rural areas.

Even small changes in street orientation, building height, or surface materials can create noticeable temperature differences, meaning two locations even just a few blocks apart can feel significantly different to the human body.



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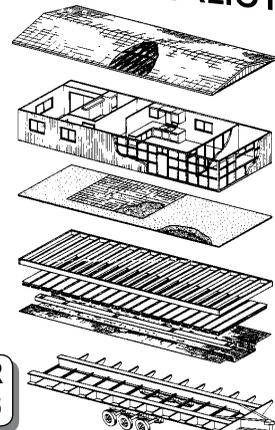
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Another Measure for Assessing Human Comfort

While meteorologists don't build those additional variables into the standard "feels like" number, other experts often do. Occupational safety specialists, sports science experts, the military, and public health researchers use more comprehensive tools — such as the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) — to assess heat-related stress on the human body. This metric takes sunlight, humidity, wind speed, cloud cover, and other environmental conditions into account for the most precise assessment.

Ultimately, however, comfort is personal and can vary greatly between individuals. Your clothing, activity level, location, sun exposure, and even your own physiology can shift how conditions truly feel to you. The "feels like" forecast provides a helpful baseline — the rest is up to your body and the environment around you.

Interesting Fact About Wood Frogs

Source: *Interestingfacts.com* by Michael Nordine

Frogs are found all across the world, but only one species lives as far north as the Arctic Circle: the wood frog. That might surprise anyone who's seen the small, brownish amphibians in Alabama or Georgia, but these tiny creatures are as widespread as they are resilient. They've adapted to cold climates (including Alaska and the Northeast) by literally freezing during the winter, with their hearts no longer beating and their lungs no longer breathing air as they enter a kind of suspended animation. How, then, do they not die? By producing a sugary sort of antifreeze that keeps their actual cells from freezing — which would be lethal — even as the space between their cells does. They thaw out when temperatures rise in the spring, ready to live their best frog lives (read: mate) once again.

Most other animals in the Arctic are a little less surprising: polar bears, walrus, musk oxen, and other hardy creatures are well suited to harsh conditions. None of them need to freeze in order to survive the winter, which only makes wood frogs more impressive. Their ability to make it through the season unscathed — which has been described as a biological miracle — also has to do with location. Wood frogs nestle on the leafy litter of the forest floor, hiding from potential predators and partially insulating themselves from the cold to come.

Facts: A wood frog can remain frozen for 8 months a year.
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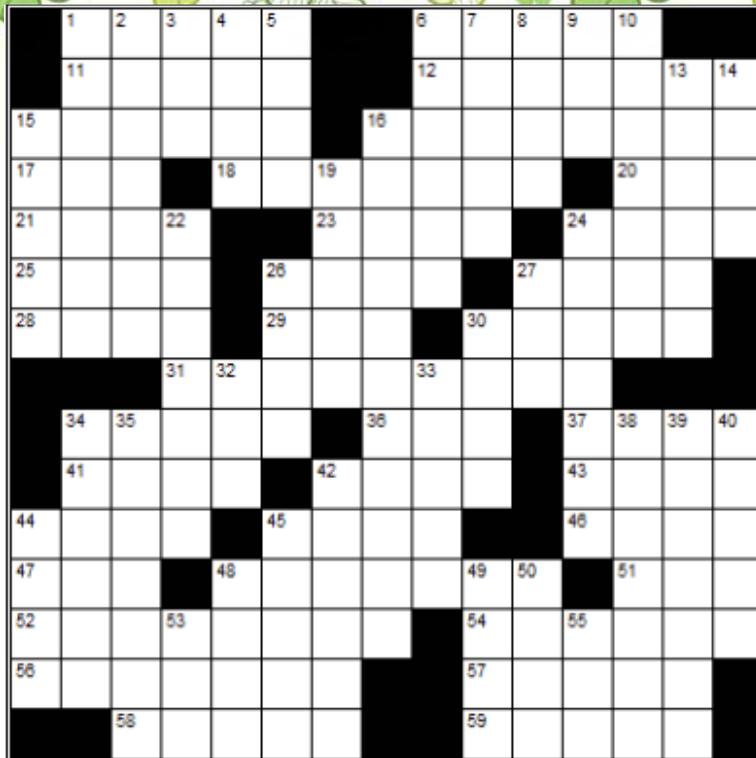
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Quiz – Famous Streets and Avenues

1. New Orleans ‘French Quarter’ is home to which famous street?
Beale Street, Bourbon Street, Frenchmen Street, Market Street
2. In what U.S. city will you find the curvy Lombardi Street?
San Francisco, Baltimore, Atlanta, Pittsburg
3. London’s Abbey Road is famous for its association with what band?
The Beach Boys, The Monkeys, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones
4. The Hollywood Walk of Fame can be found on which Los Angeles street?
Rodeo Drive, Hollywood Boulevard, Sunset Strip, Mulholland Drive
5. In what European city is La Rambla, a famous tree-lined pedestrian street?
Rome Italy, Prague Czech, Barcelona Spain, Vienna Austria
6. Paris’ Avenue des Champs-Elysees is home to what monument?
Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, Louver Museum, Arc de Triomphe
7. Chicago’s ‘Magnificent Mile’ is a shopping district on what street?
Wacker Drive, Dearborn, Michigan Avenue, Lake Shore Drive
8. Where is Shibuya Crossing, the world’s busiest pedestrian intersection?
Beijing China, Tokyo Japan, Seoul South Korea, Singapore
9. Which of these famous New York City streets is the longest?
Broadway, Wall Street, Fifth Avenue, Canal Str
10. Which country is home to the world’s steepest street?
New Zealand, China, Norway, U.S.
11. Which bridge does the Pacific Coast Highway cross?
Coronado Bridge, Royal Gorge, Golden Gate Bridge, Sydney Harbour Bridge
12. The Royal Mile is the primary route through which city’s Old Town?
Brussels Belgium, London England, Moscow Russia, Edinburgh Scotland
13. Which highway runs along the scenic southern coast of Australia?
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13. Breathes noisily while sleeping
14. Cease
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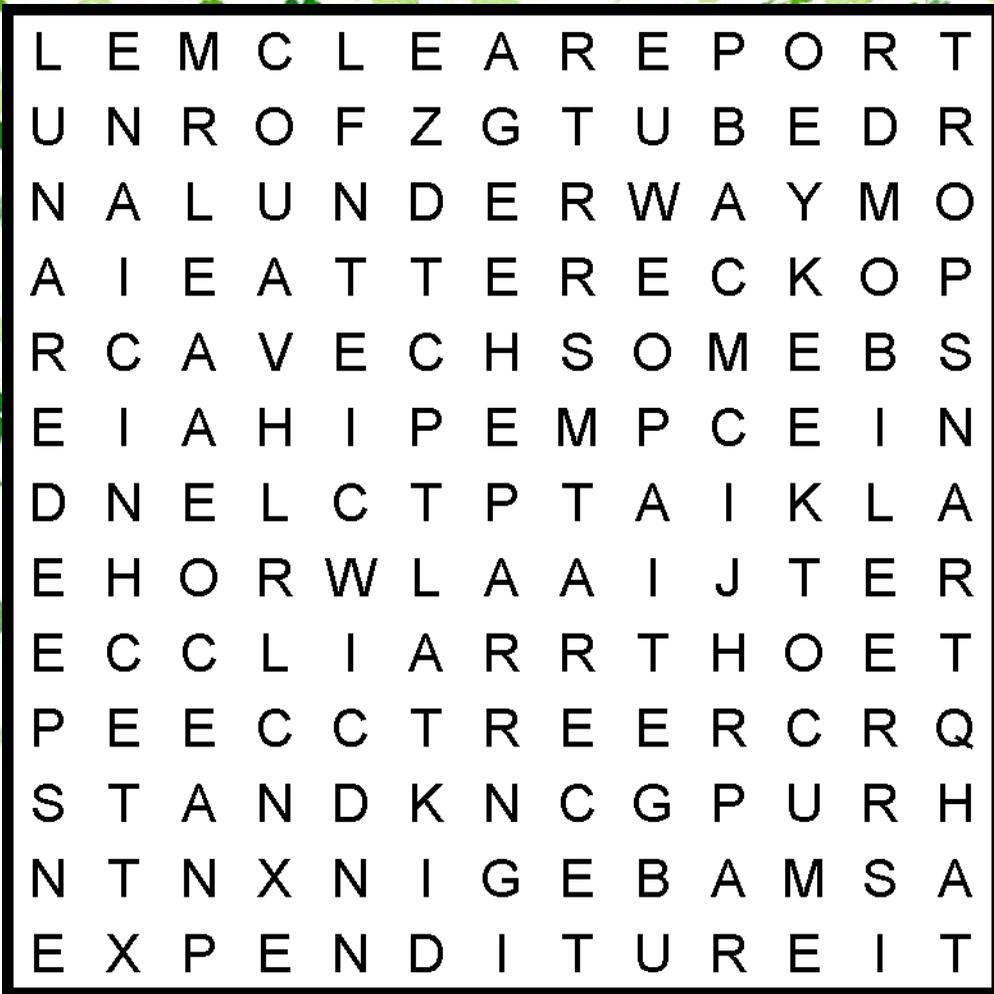
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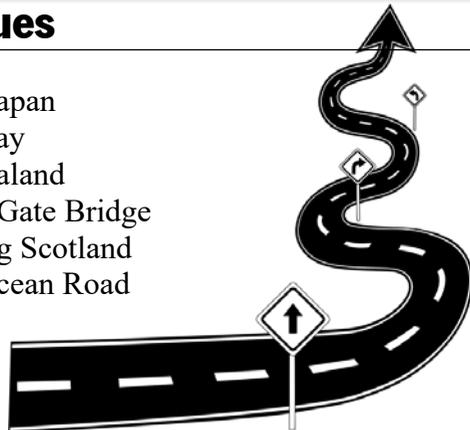
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Answers - Famous Streets and Avenues

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| 1. Bourbon Street | 8. Tokyo Japan |
| 2. San Francisco | 9. Broadway |
| 3. The Beatles | 10. New Zealand |
| 4. Hollywood Boulevard | 11. Golden Gate Bridge |
| 5. Barcelona Spain | 12. Edinburg Scotland |
| 6. Arc de Triomphe | 13. Great Ocean Road |
| 7. Michigan Avenue | |



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Euchre	Tuesday	7:00PM	Carmel Foster.....#171
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Flea Market	Each February		Social Activities Committee
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Monthly Media Magazine	10th of Month		Barbara Roos
Pickle Ball			Scott Oke
Ping Pong League			Scott Oke
			Gary Dible
Shuffleboard	Tues. and Thurs	10:00AM	Bill Andrews
Spring Fling	Each March.....		Social Activities Committee
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Water Aerobics.....			Marie Clement
Website.....			Lois Jensen.....#6
			Barb Roos

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<p>EVENTS & PROGRAMS</p>	<p>Golden Acres ROA Bazaar. Saturday, March 7, 9am-12:30pm. Clubhouse, 1040 Main Street, Dunedin Florida</p>	<p>Spring Craft Fair, Sunset Palms MHP, 3401 Gandy Blvd., Pinellas Park. March 21st, 9:00am until 2:00pm. Handmade arts and crafts: quilted items, resin art, handmade cards, diamond art creations, jewelry, wreaths and so much more. Homemade baked goods.</p>
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