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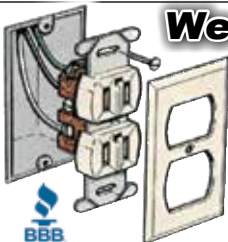
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<u>Weekday</u>	<u>Time / Activity</u>	<u>Coordinator(s)</u>
Monday	9:30AM Water Aerobics.....	Kathy Lesser
	1:00PM Cribbage	Chris & Jim Cook
	7:00PM Bingo	The Brown Family
Tuesday	1:00 PM Canasta	Carol Van Elsen
	1:00PM Rummikub	Debbie LeBlanc
	6:00 PM Poker/Texas Hold'em	Darlene Orvis
Wednesday	9:30 AM Bowling.....	Clark & Jo Patterson (summer)
	9:30AM Water Aerobics.....	Kathy Lesser
	1:00 PM Play Nine	Darlene Orvis
	2:00 PM Bridge	Jeff Stringfield
	7:00 PM Trivia	Kathy Lesser
Thursday	9:00 AM Koffee Klatch	Glen Branon
	11:00 AM Chair Aerobics.....	Chris Cook / Jo Patterson
	1:00 Mahjong	Pat Gililand
Friday	9:00 Yoga.....	Becky Dart
	12:00 Mens Lunch	Dale Wittig
	(3rd Friday of every month)	
	12:30 Ladies Lunch.....	Barbara Taylor
(3rd Friday of every month)		
Saturday	1:00PM, 6:00PM Domino's.....	Darlene Orvis
	6:00 PM Texas Hold'em.....	Carol Van Elsen/Debbie & Fred Kiel
Sunday	6:00PM Corn Hole	Bud Newman

* Check email notifications or bulletin boards for date, time & place.

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April Birthdays

- 3rd Bud Newman
- 6th Paul Lettiere
- 8th Sandy Lillie
- 10th Marilyn Light
- 14th Brian Montz
- 16th Shelli Hammer
- 17th Mack Petty
- 18th Fred Kiel
- 23rd Mary Ann Orr & William Hanig
- 25th Susie Buckley
- 27th Kathy Montz



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Announcements

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Koffee Klatch Every Thursday morning until further notice. It starts at 9:00 AM. Come on out and meet your neighbors!! Servers are needed for Koffee Klatch at each meeting.

Please sign sheet on the Bulletin Board if you can help (and designate which date you plan to serve).

• Ladies Luncheon:

Grab your girlfriends and join us for an afternoon of laughter, fun, and friendship! All ladies are welcome, the more, the merrier! The location changes each month, so keep an eye out for the email or Facebook post with all the details. Have questions? Reach out to Barbara Taylor for more info! Don't miss out on the fun, mark your calendars and join us for a great time every **3rd Friday** of the month!

• Men's Luncheon:

All men are welcome! Reach out to Dale Wittig for more info! Don't miss out on the fun, mark your calendars and join us for a great time every **3rd Friday** of the month!

\$25 Annual Donations: Please drop off to CAROL VAN ELSEN – Lot 103 Your donations play a vital role in keeping our community strong and thriving. They help cover essential operating expenses, insurance, supplies, and make it possible for us to host the many events and activities we all enjoy throughout the year. Your generosity truly matters, and it's deeply appreciated.

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A Valentine's Day Knock at the Door

It was midday on February 14th—Valentine's Day. Nancy and I were relaxing and watching TV with our side door open to enjoy the fresh air when we suddenly heard someone cheerfully call out, "Hello!" I responded, "Come in!"

To our surprise, a lovely lady stepped inside holding a bouquet of roses and wished us a Happy Valentine's Day. "These are for you," she said warmly as she introduced herself. "Hi, I'm Donna Statia Bergeron from Lot #41."

We introduced ourselves in return, and what started as a quick greeting turned into a wonderful 20-minute conversation. Not long after, Kathy Lesser arrived and happily joined us, making our Valentine's afternoon even more special.

They explained that they were going house-to-house throughout the neighborhood, spreading Valentine's cheer and wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. What a thoughtful and heartwarming idea for such a special holiday!

It was a simple gesture, but one that truly meant so much—a beautiful example of neighbors connecting and brightening each other's day.

Ladies, thank you for reaching out and making an already special day even more memorable. We truly appreciate your kindness and look forward to seeing you again next Valentine's Day—and many times in between!

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Easter Breakfast Casserole

Ingredients

- 2 Tbsp. salted butter, plus more for the baking dish
- 1 medium (9- to 12-oz.) baguette, sliced 1/2-inch thick, about 40 to 50 slices
- 1/2 lb. thinly sliced deli ham
- 2 cups shredded gruyere cheese or Swiss cheese, divided
- 8 large eggs
- 2 cups whole milk, divided
- 1 cup half-and-half
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh chives, plus more for sprinkling
- 2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh thyme, or 1 tsp. dried thyme
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper
- 2 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
- Pinch of nutmeg



Directions

1. Butter a 13-by-9-inch casserole dish. Place half of the baguette slices in a single layer at the bottom of the dish. Shingle slices of ham in a single layer on top of the bread, overlapping as necessary. Sprinkle the ham with 1 1/2 cups of shredded cheese.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, 1/2 cup of milk, half-and-half, chives, Dijon mustard, thyme, salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Pour the mixture evenly over the bread, ham, and cheese in the casserole dish. Top with the remaining bread in a single layer, pressing gently into the egg mixture.
3. In a medium saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat until foamy. Whisk in the flour and nutmeg until well combined. Cook, whisking constantly, until the flour smells slightly nutty, 1 to 2 minutes. Whisking constantly, slowly stream in the remaining 1 1/2 cups of milk, whisking until no lumps remain. Continue whisking over medium heat until the sauce thickens and you can run a finger through it on the back of a spoon and the line holds, 4 to 5 minutes.
4. To bake immediately: Preheat the oven to 350°F. Spread the white sauce over the surface of the casserole. Sprinkle with the remaining 1/2 cup of cheese. Bake until the top is golden and the egg mixture is set in the center, 35 to 40 minutes.
5. Turn the oven to broil and broil the casserole for 1 to 2 minutes until golden brown. Let rest for 10 minutes, then top with more chives and serve.
6. To make ahead: Spoon the white sauce into a medium bowl or glass measuring cup. Place a piece of plastic wrap over the white sauce, pressing into the surface and refrigerate for up to 3 days. Cover and refrigerate the casserole overnight, or up to 24 hours.
7. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Remove the casserole dish from the refrigerator and let it sit at room temperature for 30 minutes. Spread the white sauce over the surface of the casserole. Sprinkle with the remaining 1/2 cup of cheese. Bake until the top is golden and the egg mixture is set in the center, 40 to 45 minutes.
8. Turn the oven to broil and broil the casserole for 1 to 2 minutes until golden brown. Let rest for 10 minutes, then top with more chives and serve.



How Did the Easter Bunny and Colored Eggs

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Become Easter Symbols?

Every spring, Easter celebrations are filled with chocolate bunnies, colorful eggs, and festive baskets. But how did these symbols become part of the holiday?

The answer is a blend of ancient spring traditions and Christian meaning.

Long before Easter was celebrated as a Christian holiday, many cultures marked spring as a season of renewal and new life. The egg became a powerful symbol of rebirth and fertility. In ancient Persia, decorated eggs were part of spring festivals, and similar traditions appeared across Europe.

As Christianity spread, the egg took on new significance. It came to represent Jesus' resurrection — the shell symbolizing the sealed tomb and cracking it open symbolizing new life. During the Middle Ages, eggs were often avoided during Lent, making them a joyful part of Easter celebrations.

The Easter Bunny has its roots in 17th-century German folklore. A hare known as the "Osterhase" was said to lay colorful eggs for well-behaved children, who built nests to receive them. German immigrants later brought this tradition to America, where it grew in popularity.

Today, these traditions have blended together into the Easter we know — a celebration filled with symbols of hope, renewal, and joy.



A Wednesday Well Spent at the Park

I was driving past the park the other day when something caught my eye — a group of our park's gentlemen gathered on the greens they've worked so hard to create. Not only were they out there playing, but they were clearly having a great time doing it.

There were coolers set up, plenty of laughter in the air, and even hot dogs on hand — because why not make a Wednesday afternoon feel like a celebration? It wasn't just a game; it was friends enjoying the space they have built together and making the most of a beautiful day.

Moments like this are a reminder of what makes our community so special. There are so many wonderful people here who are always ready to connect, share a laugh, and turn even a random weekday into something memorable.

I'm sure you'll recognize many of the smiling faces — and if you haven't joined in yet, maybe next time is your turn!





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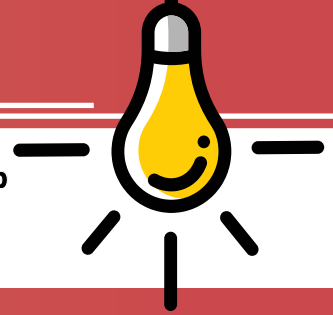
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<p>7</p> <p>Arts & Crafts Bingo Cribbage Darts Golf Hockey Jigsaw Puzzle Rummikub Shuffleboard Solitaire Tic Tac Toe Trivial Pursuit Video Games Yard Games</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 AM Bowling 9:30AM Water Aerobics 1PM Play Nine 2PM Bridge 7PM Trivia</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8AM Koffee Klatch 11AM Chair Aerobics 1PM Mahjong 7PM Euchre</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9AM Yoga</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9am Pancake Breakfast 1PM Dominos 6PM Texas Hold'em</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Arts & Crafts Bingo Cribbage Darts Golf Hockey Jigsaw Puzzle Rummikub Shuffleboard Solitaire Tic Tac Toe Trivial Pursuit Video Games Yard Games</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30 AM Bowling 9:30AM Water Aerobics 1PM Play Nine 2PM Bridge 7PM Trivia</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8AM Koffee Klatch 11AM Chair Aerobics 1PM Mahjong 7PM Euchre</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9AM Yoga 12:30 Ladies Lunch 12:00 Mens Lunch</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1PM Dominos 6PM Texas Hold'em</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Arts & Crafts Bingo Cribbage Darts Golf Hockey Jigsaw Puzzle Rummikub Shuffleboard Solitaire Tic Tac Toe Trivial Pursuit Video Games Yard Games</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 AM Bowling 9:30AM Water Aerobics 1PM Play Nine 2PM Bridge 7PM Trivia</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8AM Koffee Klatch 11AM Chair Aerobics 1PM Mahjong 7PM Euchre (Last one)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9AM Yoga</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1PM Dominos 6PM Texas Hold'em</p>
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Hope Flight provides a powerful way to recognize and thank the brave men and women who served our country. These special flights give veterans the opportunity to travel together to places that honor their service, reflect on their experiences, and receive the appreciation they deserve from fellow citizens.

Recently, three gentlemen from our park had the incredible opportunity to participate in a Hope Flight trip. Rich Gropp, Bud Newman, and Jim Greene, all proud Vietnam Veterans, were honored as part of this meaningful experience.

Hope Flight experiences are carefully organized to create a memorable and meaningful day for the veterans. These trips take veterans to Washington, D.C., where they visit memorials dedicated to their service, including the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. For many veterans, this visit can be an emotional moment as they reflect on their time in service and remember fellow soldiers.

Throughout the journey, veterans are treated with the respect and appreciation they deserve. Volunteers accompany them throughout the day, helping guide them through the experience and ensuring they are comfortable. At the airport, the veterans are greeted by cheering crowds, waving flags, and heartfelt applause. These “welcome home” moments are especially meaningful for Vietnam veterans, many of whom did not receive that recognition when they first returned home decades ago.

The day often includes special ceremonies, group photos, and time spent sharing stories with fellow veterans. It’s a chance to connect with others who understand their experiences and is one of the most meaningful parts of the trip. It becomes a day filled with camaraderie, remembrance, and pride.

Rich, Bud, and Jim represented our community with great pride. As Vietnam Veterans, they served during a challenging time in our nation’s history, and their participation in the Hope Flight program was a well-deserved tribute to their service.

Our park community is fortunate to have veterans like Rich Gropp, Bud Newman, and Jim Greene among us. Their service, courage, and dedication to our country continue to inspire everyone around them.

We extend our deepest gratitude to these gentlemen and to all veterans who have served. Programs like Hope Flight remind them that their service will never be forgotten and that their sacrifices will always be honored.

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- Vehicle Batteries





Try this uncommon career advice

Read enough self-help books, and you'll run across a lot of the same repetitive career advice: Work hard, be helpful, go the extra mile. If you're already doing this, and want to add oomph into your career, consider this advice from the Fast Track Promotion website:

- **Develop your emotional maturity.** Focus on staying calm no matter what happens at work. Treat everyone with respect. Learn to choose your words carefully—and more important, recognize when it's best not to speak at all.
- **Negotiate in good faith.** Find out what the other person wants, and work toward a mutually satisfying agreement instead of one with winners and losers. In other words, seek solutions, not victories. Negotiate as if you're both on the same side.
- **Shift your point of view.** Support your organization's goals, not your own. When you make a decision, ask yourself whether it's one your manager or CEO would make. If not, reconsider your priorities.
- **Provide real value.** Instead of just doing your job, find out how your work supports your organization's objectives, and then give a little extra to help your it thrive. Talk to your manager about what you've done and what you can do to add to the organization's success.
- **Listen to feedback.** Praise is fun to receive, but often we learn most from criticism. Make a point of listening to and considering other people's points of view, and incorporating their feedback into your performance. You'll show that you're a team player committed to improvement.



Don't be afraid to ask for help

Many people avoid asking for advice from fear of being seen as ignorant or incompetent. But soliciting guidance from others can show that you're open to new ideas and focused on success. Here's how to ask for help and look good doing it:

- **Be sure you really need help it.** Don't interrupt a colleague for something you can figure out on your own with a little more time and effort. Save requests for problems that are truly difficult to solve.
- **Ask the right person.** Identify the person who can really help you. You'll irritate your co-workers by asking for help on something that's outside their area of expertise.
- **Be direct.** Don't beat around the bush when you need assistance. If you don't know the person, introduce yourself and explain why you think he or she is best person to help you out. Most people are happy to lend a hand, and they'll feel flattered that you think highly of their skills.



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11. More aloof
12. Harnesses
13. Rewrite
21. Climbing vine
25. Ever last one
26. Illustrated
27. Overhaul
28. Prefix meaning "Within"
29. Stiffness
30. Positions in a social hierarchy
31. Terminates
33. In this location
34. Matted cotton for stuffing
35. Asian nurse
36. Depend upon
38. Any unspecified person
41. Roll of bills
42. Gruesome
44. Be mistaken
45. Eagle's home
46. Like most beaches
47. Coral reef
48. Fluid escape
50. One of the Great Lakes
51. Marine mammal
52. Small amount
53. Blockhead
54. Den
55. Countercurrent





Activities Chairpersons

Activity & Trip Coordinator	Pat Gilliland
Aluminum Cans	Dale Wittig / Larry Hoffman
Bike Ride to Coffee/Breakfast	Larry Hoffman
Bingo.....	The Brown Family
Bowling.....	Steve & Teresa Cates
Bridge.....	Jeff Stringfield
Canasta	Darlene Orvis / Carol Van Elsen
Chair Aerobics	Chris Cook
Chili Cook-off	Darlene Orvis
Christmas Golf Cart Parade	Karen McPherson
Christmas Home Decorating Contest.....	Karen McPherson
Corn Toss	Bud Newman
Cribbage.....	Jim & Chris Cook
December Holiday Event.....	Pat Gilliland, Darlene Orvis, Gary Smith
Dominos.....	Darlene Orvis
Euchre	Susie & Mack Petty
Halloween Potluck	Carol Van Elsen
Horseshoes	Open for Volunteer(s)
Hot Dog Roast.....	Chef Fred Clyne
Koffee Klatch.....	Glen Bronan
Ladies Lunch.....	Barbara Taylor
Ladies Night Christmas Party	Pat Gilliland
Line Dancing.....	Dori Paren
Mahjong	Pat Gilliland
Men's Breakfast	Rich Gropp
Men's Lunch	Dale Wittig
Neighborhood Watch	Lisa Holloway
New Years Eve Party.....	Tracy Scalzo
Notary Public	Darlene Orvis
Pancake Breakfast.....	Jim & Chris Cook
Play Nine	Darlene Orvis
Rummikub.....	Debbie LeBlanc
Shuffleboard	Vince Daluz
St. Patty's Day Dinner.....	Jim & Chris Cook
Texas Hold 'Em	Carol Van Elsen / Debbie & Fred Kiel
Trivia.....	Kathy Lesser
Valentine's Day	Glen & Allison Bronan
Water Aerobics.....	Kathy Lesser
Welcome Committee.....	Darlene Orvis
Yoga	Becky Dart
Zumba	Eddie & Karen Briggs



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