

# Newburgh Senior Center

## April 2020 Newsletter

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## ***The Place Where Seniors Congregate***

**Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 2 pm**

### **Manager's Corner**

Although it will be much different than usual, this was about to be a really unusual newsletter. When I started gathering things, the O and L keys on my keyboard wouldn't work.

Finding words without O's and L's was going to be quite the challenge for me. Otherwise, interpreting words that should have O's and L's, but didn't - was going to be a challenge for our readers.

Luckily (2 L's, see what I mean?), I whacked the keyboard a few times and now I have O's and L's whenever I need them. My keyboard is well for now.

You probably know by now that we are closed because of the Coronavirus, at least until April 6, but maybe longer.

We'll stay closed until Gov. Holcomb gives us the word it's safe to be open.

Until then, know that we love you and care about you and will do what we can if you need anything. **ANYTHING.**

Diane and I will be frequently calling our folks to check in, making sure you are okay. We have several volunteers who can make the grocery/pharmacy run for you if needed.

Please feel comfortable asking for help in these trying times. Do not go out unless you must.

SWIRCA is offering *drive and go lunches* from their regular menu for the same price as usual. Please call me at least a day ahead if you'd like to order

one to pick up.

Our friends at the Islamic Center didn't want to risk exposing anyone, so they didn't bring lunch on the third Friday, but they are trying to arrange a warehouse of supplies for anyone (not just seniors) who needs things.

We are working on the details, but the plan is to park their van in our lot and let people come and get just what they need.

We don't need to hoard food or toilet paper. We need to be responsible and let the supply chain catch up.

Our country has a large supply of food and necessities. Just be intelligent in your buying when the stores are restocked.

Several stores are opening early for seniors. That's all well and good if you need items, but it still involves you getting out among the public. Don't go because you have cabin fever.

We are all in that age range classified as high risk for getting this bad bug.

No reason to panic, but we have to be vigilant to guard against getting sick.

The Newburgh Police Department will be available to help our seniors if we need something. Call either **812-853-1723 (8 a.m. to 2 p.m.)** or **812-897-1200** and ask for an officer to return your call. It doesn't matter if you live within town limits. If you have a 47630 zip code, they'll do what they

can.

We will keep our people updated through Facebook postings. If you have cute videos, please share them with us. Jokes and songs are good, too.

I'm going to go ahead with the April calendar, but it may be partially or all cancelled. We are mailing the newsletter this month in an effort to stay in touch.

### **April Birthdays**



Byron Vandiver	4-6
Larry Schauburger	4-8
Sara Sweetwood	4-11
Mike Skvara	4-18
Wanda Smith	4-20
Steve Suter	4-21
Charlene Dietsch	4-22
Angela Miller	4-22
Bill Kane	4-25
Andy Gulick	4-29

# We thank our Day Sponsors for April



**April 04** is sponsored by Nancy Augustus in Honor of Bob Siebert, who passed in 2019. It is the 16th anniversary of the dedication of the Newburgh Senior Center. Bob, as a member of the Town Council, was an essen-

tial force in getting the Newburgh Senior Center built. Thank you, Nancy. We honor Bob Siebert for all he did to make the Center possible.

**April 22 -Earth Day**-is sponsored by Jan and Dan Schrad-  
er. It is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. The theme for 2020 is *Climate Action*. The enormous challenge — but also

the vast opportunities — of action on climate change have distinguished the issue as the most pressing topic for the 50th anniversary. Together, we can make a difference. Little changes can make a difference. Thank you Jan and Dan for being Day Sponsors.

**April 27** is sponsored in honor of National Parks Week (the last week of April) by Justin Shea, of Manhattan (that is in New York City!). Justin lives in a very urban area but he loves the National Parks and has made many trips to visit those treasures. Thank you, Justin, for your support of the Newburgh Senior Center and the National Parks. Just a reminder, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in Gentryville, Indiana is a wonderful place to visit and it's just up the road a piece in Spencer County.

## Besides All Fools Day, April hosts a plethora of weird, wacky holidays

April Fools or All Fools Day: 1  
Poetry & The Creative Mind Day: 1  
Reading is Funny Day: 1  
Sorry Charlie Day: 1  
National Burrito Day: 2  
National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day: 2  
International Pillow Fight Day: 4  
National Play Outside Day: 4  
Take Your Parents To The Playground Day: 4  
Vitamin C Day: 4  
Charlie the Tuna Day: 6  
Hostess Twinkie Day: 6  
International Beaver Day: 7  
International Snailpapers Day: 7  
National Making The First Move Day: 7

**No Housework Day:** 7  
Draw A Bird Day: 8  
Jenkins Ear Day: 9  
Jumbo Day: 9 (An elephant came to U.S. and created the word for big in our language.)  
National Cherish An Antique Day: 9  
Safety Pin Day: 10  
International "Louie Louie" Day: 11  
Submarine Day: 11  
Big Wind Day: 12  
D.E.A.R. Day (aka Drop Everything And Read): 12  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day: 12 (Yes, we know it's Easter. There's probably no connection.)  
National Licorice Day: 12  
Plum Pudding Day: 12 (Note: Eaten on Easter. But, if eaten on 12/25 it's Christmas Pudding.)  
Walk on Your Wild Side Day: 12  
Yuri's Night: 12  
Dyngus Day: 13 (Monday after Easter)  
Scrabble Day: 13  
Moment of Laughter Day: 14  
Look Up At The Sky Day: 14  
National Pecan Day: 14  
Banana Day: 15  
Rubber Eraser Day: 15  
Take a Wild Guess Day: 15  
That Sucks Day: 15

World Art Day: 15 (DaVinci's Birthday)  
High Five Day: 16  
Bat Appreciation Day: 17 (Emerge from Hibernation)  
Blah! Blah! Blah! Day: 17  
John Parker Day: 19  
National Garlic Day: 19  
National Hanging Out Day: 19  
Dictionary Day: 20  
National Cheddar Fries Day: 20  
National Chocolate-Covered Cashews Day: 21  
Queen's Birthday: 21 (Wave to her.)  
Mother Earth Day: 22  
National Jelly Bean Day: 22  
Talk Like Shakespeare Day: 23  
World Book Night: 23  
National Hairball Awareness Day: 24  
Eeyore's Birthday Day: 25  
World Penguin Day: 25  
Save The Frogs Day: 25  
World Tai Chi & Qigong Day: 25  
Pretzel Day: 26  
Richter Scale Day: 26  
National Superhero Day: 28  
World Wish Day: 29  
Zipper Day: 29  
Bugs Bunny Day: 30  
International Jazz Day: 30  
Poem In Your Pocket Day: 30  
Walpurgis Night: 30



# Thanks to our Activity Sponsors



**\*Town of Newburgh** — Provides our building, maintenance and supplies/services.

**\*Bayer's Plumbing** (812) 853-2305 — Sponsors Fruitful Fridays and Sundae Fridays.

**\*Heritage Federal Credit Union** — (812) 253-6928 — Our Internet Café/Printer sponsor.

**\*Titzer Funeral Homes** (812) 853-8314 — Sponsors our monthly birthday cake. Thanks, too for printing our newsletter.

**\*Mike and Linda Andreas** — Landscaping, garden and flowers sponsor.

**\*Ohio Township** — Activity sponsor.

**\*King Mechanical Specialty and Zion United Church of Christ** — Hospitality sponsors.

We appreciate the commitment of those in our community who sponsor our programs and projects. If you would like to support the efforts of the Newburgh Senior Center, please contact us at (812) 853-5627 or email our manager, Nancy Lybarger at [manageratnsc@gmail.com](mailto:manageratnsc@gmail.com).

## Celebrate Easter with a tasty pudding

### Traditional Plum Pudding from Downton Abbey

Plum pudding has been served in Britain on special occasions for hundreds of years.

This recipe makes 12-15 servings.

#### Ingredients

1 c. chopped suet  
1 1/2 c. slivered blanched almonds  
1 1/2 c. raisins,  
1 1/2 c. currants  
1 1/2 c. candied peel  
1/4 c. prunes, pitted and chopped  
1/2 c. rum or orange juice  
1 1/2 c. all-purpose flour  
1 c. bread crumbs  
1 t. cinnamon  
1 t. nutmeg  
1/2 t. allspice  
1/2 c. softened butter  
2/3 c. sugar  
5 large eggs, beaten  
1/2 c. milk,

#### Instructions

Marinate the fruits in rum overnight.

In a large bowl stir together suet, almonds, marinated fruit, flour, bread crumbs, cinnamon, nutmeg and allspice.

In another bowl, beat together the butter and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in milk and rum. Using a large spoon, stir (traditionally from east to west) half the fruit mixture into the egg

mixture until well combined. Stir in the remaining fruit mixture.

Let sit overnight. Grease and flour a six-cup pudding basin or metal bowl.

Spoon the mixture into the basin and pack it tightly to the top. Add a lid or fashion one with foil.

Place basin in rack of steamer or rack in a large pot and pour in enough boiling water to come two-thirds of the way up the sides of the mold. Cover and simmer on low heat, adding more boiling water as needed, for 2 1/2 to 3 hours. A tester should come out clean.

At this point, let the pudding cool, then wrap in foil and store until Easter. Unmold the pudding onto a serving dish.

Heat 1/4 cup of rum, carefully use a match to set on fire and then pour over the pudding and display. Slice and serve with a sweet sauce.

*Don't drink too much rum before attempting to torch the pudding. The results could be tragic.*



# Practice your Shakespeare

National **Talk Like Shakespeare Day** is observed annually on April 23. Born April 23, 1564, William Shakespeare is the author of some of the world's most celebrated plays and poems.

His speech patterns are dated these days, but it could be fun to put some of his words in our mouths on this day.

1. Instead of you, say thou or thee; instead of you all, say ye.

2. Rhymed couplets were all the rage.

Here's one from *Romeo and Juliet*:

*Good night, good night.*

*Parting is such sweet sorrow*

*That I shall say good night till  
it be morrow.*

3. Men are *Sirrah*, ladies are *Mistress*, and your friends are all called *Cousin*.

4. Instead of cursing, try calling your

tormenters *jackanapes* or *canker-blossoms* or *poisonous bunch-back'd toads*.

5. Don't waste time saying "it," just use the letter "t" ('tis, t'will, I'll do't).

6. Verse for lovers, prose for ruffians, songs for clowns.

7. When in doubt, add the letters "eth" to the end of verbs (he runneth, he trippeth, he falleth).

8. To add weight to your opinions, try starting them with *methinks*, *mayhaps*, *in sooth* or *wherefore*.

9. When wooing a lady, try comparing her to a summer's day. If that fails, say, "Get thee to a nunnery!"

10. When wooing a lad, try dressing up like a man. If that fails, throw him in the tower, banish his friends and claim



the throne.

[www.talklikeshakespeare.org](http://www.talklikeshakespeare.org)

(Hint: Send us your video of your version of Shakespeare. Email Nancy at [manageratnsc@gmail.com](mailto:manageratnsc@gmail.com))

## John Parker remembered for Lexington

John Parker was born in Lexington, MA. His experience as a soldier in the French and Indian War most likely, led to his election as militia captain, by the men of the town.

He was dying from tuberculosis on the morning of April 19, 1775, and had not quite five months left to live.

### Battle of Lexington

On that day, the British commander in Boston, Thomas Gage, dispatched approximately 700 army regulars under Lieutenant Colonel Francis Smith to search Concord for hidden rebel supplies and weapons caches. Lexington lay directly on the road that Smith's men took to reach Concord.

As reports of the approaching British force reached Lexington, men from the town and the surrounding area began to rally on the Common.

When Smith learned that the alarm had been spread, and that resistance might be encountered, he sent a detachment of light infantry ahead of the main column. The advance guard reached Lexington and drew up on the Common opposite Parker's men.

Parker ordered his men to disperse to avoid a confrontation, but they

either failed to hear him or ignored his instructions.

One of Parker's company, many years later, recalled Parker's order at Lexington Green to have been, "*Stand your ground. Don't fire unless fired upon, but if they mean to have a war, let it begin here.*"

During the skirmish Parker witnessed his cousin Jonas Parker killed by a British bayonet. Later that day he rallied his men to attack the regulars returning to Boston in an ambush known as "Parker's Revenge."

Parker and his men participated in the subsequent Siege of Boston. He was too ill to fight in the Battle of Bunker Hill in June, and died of tuberculosis on Sept. 17, 1775, aged 46.

The statue known as *The Lexington Minuteman* (1900) is now commonly accepted as symbolizing Parker, although he was not a Minuteman, nor does it resemble him. It is by Henry Hudson Kitson and it stands at the town green of Lexington, Mass. The United States Army Reserve (USAR) adopted John Parker as a symbol of their motto, "Twice the Citizen."

Thank you, John Parker.

## The story of the Jenkins' Ear War

Because we chuckled at the wacky holiday, Jenkins' Ear on April 9, we decided there must be more to the story.

The **War of Jenkins' Ear** was a Britain and Spain conflict from 1739-48, mainly in New Granada and among the West Indies in the Caribbean Sea. Its name refers to Robert Jenkins, a British merchant ship captain, who had his ear sliced off when Spanish sailors boarded his ship looking for contraband.

In truth, the war had nothing to do with Jenkins, but was a trade and border dispute. Spain was worried about Florida, once Georgia was established as a British colony, and vice versa. Both were worried about trade in the West Indies.

In 1742, the Spanish launched an attempt to seize the colony of Georgia— to the tune of 2,000 troops, who landed on St. Simons Island off the coast.

General Oglethorpe rallied his forces and defeated the Spanish regulars at Bloody Marsh and Gully Hole Creek, forcing them to withdraw.

The War of Jenkins' Ear is commemorated annually on the last Saturday in May at Wormsloe Plantation in Savannah, Georgia.