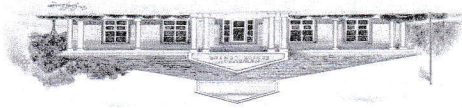


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December 2021 Newsletter

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The Place Where Seniors Congregate

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Manager's Corner

Can you believe it's December already? Wishing you and yours a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year! For me, the end of the year is a time for reflection. This past year, once again, brought many challenges. I would like to personally thank the Newburgh Senior Center Board of Directors, the Town of Newburgh, our generous community sponsors, and—of course—our wonderful members for supporting and embracing the Newburgh Senior Center and warmly welcoming me as part of the team.

Thank you for your patience in navigating the rollercoaster of safety protocols implemented at the center throughout the year. As Indiana's COVID-19 advisory level increasingly improved, moving from red to

orange, then to yellow, we were delighted to see an increase in enrollment and participation in our activities. We were recently able to make mask-wearing optional for those who are vaccinated. Unfortunately, at press time, Warrick County is back in the orange advisory level. We continue to closely monitor advisory levels, trends, and CDC guidelines and will update safety protocols as necessary for the safety of our members.

I hope you will join us for a festive holiday party on December 17, with lunch provided by the center. We're planning a traditional feast of baked ham and all the trimmings. Please RSVP by calling the center or personally letting me or Diane know you are coming.

RSVP Now for Our

Holiday Party

You're invited to our Holiday Party on December 17! We are providing a festive lunch of baked ham with all the trimmings, as well as a few other surprises. Call us at 812-853-5627, or personally let Michelle or Diane know you are coming, to reserve your spot! Lunch will be served at Noon.

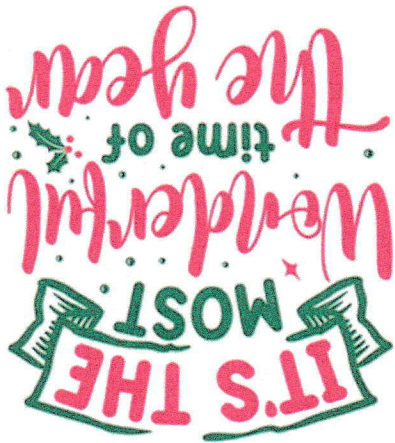


Christmas Eve 12/24
New Year's Eve 12/31

Senior Center Closed for the Holidays on the Following Dates

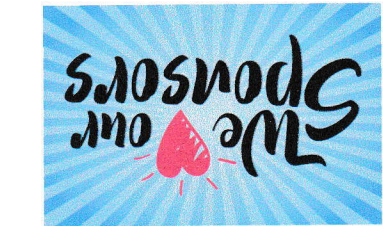
December Birthdays

12/01	Theresa Durst
12/03	Peggy Shelton
12/03	Cheryl Bauer
12/03	Bob Morgan
12/04	Barb Silvers
12/12	Rita Wilson
12/08	Nancy Lybarger
12/08	Fran Getz
12/08	Fran Sites
12/09	Linda Etheridge
12/12	Susan Poindexter
12/15	Betty Hendrickson
12/17	Diane Jones
12/18	Doyln Neiswinger
12/22	Gayle Osborne
12/25	Jackie Mills
12/29	Richard Leduc



Finally, enjoy spending time with your friends and loved ones this holiday season. If there is anything we can do to help you, please reach out, and we will do our best to help in any way possible. Best wishes for a joyful and peaceful 2022.

We Love and Appreciate Our December Day Sponsors



purchase a new stove. This will keep us cooking for many years to come!

Benigni. Rebecca is a principal in Newburgh Tax Service, but to Pat and Don, she is their incredible, much-loved daughter. Happy Birthday, Rebecca! Thank you, Don and Pat, for your generous support of the NSC and area seniors. Many thanks to the Christian Science Irrevocable Trust for the grant to

December 13 is sponsored by Diane Shinn to celebrate the birthday of her husband, Bill Shinn. Bill says he is looking forward to 2022! Thank you, Bill and Diane, for your support. We wish Bill a Happy Birthday and many more! December 28 is sponsored by Donald and Pat Brooks in honor of the birthday of their daughter, Rebecca

Come Visit Our New Little Free Library!

Our new Little Free Library is open for welcome to take or leave a book (or two). We will keep it stocked, so please feel free to take what you like, of the Newburgh Senior Center. All are



Holiday Treat Bag Donations Needed

We are requesting wrapped candy and seasonal goodies for Christmas treat bags. Please drop donations off at the center by Tuesday, December 14. You're also welcome to drop in at 10 am on Wednesday, December 15, to help assemble the bags. As always, refreshments will be provided, and a good time is sure to be had by all!

Senior Center Operations During Inclement Weather and the Time of COVID

We're pleased to be open for meals and games inside the center. As long as Warrick County is not in the red COVID advisory level, we will remain open during our regular hours. Currently, wearing a mask is optional for the vaccinated. For the safety of our members and guests, wearing a mask is required for the unvaccinated, except while eating and drinking. We continue to closely monitor advisory levels and will provide updates on our Facebook page and in future newsletters.

SWIRCA lunches are currently being served inside the center Monday through Friday, as well as our popular "Free Lunch Friday" lunches. A reservation at least one day in advance is required for both SWIRCA and free lunches.



Thank You to Our Generous Activities 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 and 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 and Alcoa Warrick — Activity sponsors
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, Michelle Wedding, at manageratnsc@gmail.com.

Keep the December Celebration Going All Month Long with These Well-Known and Little-Known Holidays

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| *Basketball Day: 1 | *Bill of Rights Day: 15 | *Christmas Eve: 24 |
| *Clark Kent's Birthday (Superman): 1 | *Cat Herders Day: 15 | *Egg Nog Day: 24 |
| *Special Education Day: 2 | *Free Shipping Day: 15 (Participating Retailers) | *Christmas Day: 25 |
| *Be a Blessing Day: 3 | *National Cupcake Day: 1 | *Christmas Pudding Day: 25 |
| *International Day of Persons with Disabilities: 3 | *National Re-Gifting Day 15 | *Boxing Day: 26 |
| *National Cookie Day: 4 | *National Chocolate-Covered Anything Day: 16 | *Kwanzaa: 12/26-1/1 |
| *World Wildlife Conservation Day: 4 | *National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day: 16 | *National Candy Cane Day: 26 |
| *AFL-CIO Day: 5 | *A Christmas Carol Day: 17 | *National Thank-you Note Day: 26 |
| *Mitten Tree Day: 6 | *National Wreaths across America Day: 17 | *National Whiner's Day: 26 |
| *St. Nicholas Day: 6 | *Wright Brothers Day: 17 | *Howdy Doody Day: 27 |
| *National Cotton Candy Day: 7 | *Answer the Telephone like Buddy the Elf Day: 18 | *International Day for Epidemic Preparedness: 27 |
| *National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day: 7 | *Games Day: 20 | *Radio City Music Hall Day: 27 |
| *Dewey Decimal System Day: 10 | *National Sangria Day: 20 | *Pledge of Allegiance Day: 28 |
| *Gingerbread House Day: 10 | *Poet Laureate Day: 20 | *National Chocolate Day: 28-29 |
| *Nobel Prize Day: 10 | *Crossword Puzzle Day: 21 | *Endangered Species Act Day: 28 |
| *International Mountain Day: 11 | *Humburg Day: 21 | *National Chocolate Day: 28-29 |
| *Magnum P.I. Day: 11 | *Short Girl Appreciation Day: 21 | *YMCA Day: 29 |
| *UNICEF Birthday: 11 | *World Peace Day: 21 | *Tick Tock Day (Not Tik Tok): 29 |
| *National Guard Birthday: 13 | *Winter Solstice: 21 (3:48 pm CST) | *Pledge of Allegiance Day: 28 |
| *Poinsetta Day: 12 | *Yule: 21 | *National Champagne Day: 31 |
| *Monkey Day: 14 | *Be a Lover of Silence Day: 22 | *Make up Your Mind Day: 31 |
| *Yoga Day 14 Day: 14 | *Family Roots Day: 23 | *New Year's Eve: 31 |
| | *Festivus: 23 | *Universal Hour of Peace Day: 31 |

"Christmas Tunes" by Sean Dietrich

Full disclosure: This might bring a tear to your eye, either from laughter or the nostalgic memories it invokes



Yesterday I was fiddling with my truck radio dial, looking for classic Christmas tunes, but I couldn't find any. Only new stuff. Here it is December and the only festive music I found on the airwaves was Beyoncé having a vocal seizure.

I finally turned the radio off and drove in silence like a true geezer.

That's how geezerhood starts, you know. First it's complaining about current music. Next thing you know it's early dinners and Ensure meal-replacement shakes.

All this got me wondering, what happened to the music of Christmas Past? Where did Frank and Dean go? Where is Bing hiding? Where are Nat, Ella, and Louis? Come back Johnny Mathis, we miss you.

Look, I get it. I fully understand that the music of yesteryear is outdated. The radio jockeys today are merely trying to give their youthful FM-listening audience what it wants. However, there is one thing I want to point out to these jockeys:

Youthful people do not listen to FM anymore.

Youthful people have smart devices with 3,500 gigs of storage and earbuds. They have iTunes, Spotify, and streaming service subscriptions coming out their earholes.

You know who still listens to old-fashioned FM radio? I'll tell you. People who drive old model cars with manual transmissions and do not have Bluetooth stereos. And do you know what kinds of stuffs still drive these jalopies? That's right. Old farts.

So here's a concept: Why not play some music for us? Bring back the Christmas classics of yore, I beg of you, Mister DJ. More Sina-traj, less Brittnay.

Once upon a time, our radios played a Christmas lineup that never changed. It was the same top-forty Yuletide mix each year, the same tunes your great grandfather listened to while fighting the Mexican-American War. And it worked.

This music was a yearly tradition. It was the soundtrack of the all-American middle-class childhood.

During the holidays when the radio played in the old station wagon, an automobile whose only seatbelt was Mama's right arm, it played the overture to our season: "All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth," and "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and "Frosty the Snowman," and of course, Gayla Peevey's masterpiece, "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas."

And when Mama was weaving the Ford through a crowded shopping-mall parking lot, doing endless figure eights, trying to find the only available parking space in the tri-county, the Beach Boys would sing "Little Saint Nick" while you puked from car sickness.

When Mama whisked you into the Sears department store to try on Husky brand khakis for your school Christmas pageant, Gene Autry was singing over the store intercom about Rudolph's self-esteem issues.

Whenever your old man was open-burning leaves in the ditch, Chuck Berry was on the transistor singing "Run, Run, Rudolph" while your sister played lead guitar on the yard rake.

And when your father and his cousin Leroy were hanging exterior lights, suspended from three-story ladders, mumbling non-Baptist expletives for the entire neighborhood to hear, "O Holy Night" by Pat Boone was playing.

In every truck stop café you heard "Adeste Fideles," by Bing.

In every JC Penney they played "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" by Judy Garland.

Your granny's hifi always blared something by Elvis Presley or the Les Baxter Orchestra, as she painstakingly decorated gingerbread houses, complete with cigarette ashes on the shingles.

"Little Jack Frost Get Lost" by Peggy Lee was playing while your mother sewed angel costumes for your church's live Nativity.

And when Johnny Albertson vomited onstage during the aforementioned Nativity because he had the stomach bug, the children's choir was busy singing "Away in a Manger."

And don't forget the annual CBS special, "A Charlie Brown Christmas," with music by the Vince Guaraldi Trio—perhaps the greatest soundtrack album ever recorded.

There wasn't a child living in the Land of the Free who didn't tune in and dance the Charleston in his or her living room during the "Linus and Lucy" dance break.

And I would be remiss if I didn't mention "You're a Mean One Mister Grinch," performed by Boris Karloff.

As it happens, my cousin's child recently informed me that she had never seen the 1966 "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" TV special.

"You've never seen it?" I asked. "Never," she said, shaking her head. "I don't even know who the Grinch is."

Jesus wept.

Also, I have never gone 365 days without hearing Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops Orchestra play "Sleigh Ride," while my Aunt Eulah rattles her cocktail shaker along with the percussion section.

So I want to know what happened to the good stuff. The holiday music of Rosemary Clooney, Mel Tormé the Andrew Sisters, Alvin and the Chipmunks, Glen Miller, and Burl Ives, for cripes sake.

I could do this all day, but of course, I'm out of room. And anyway, it's time to drink my Ensure.

SWIRCA & More

December 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Operated by the SWIRCA & More Nutrition Program 16 W. Virginia St Evansville, Indiana 812-464-7807		1 Italian Chicken Pattie Baked Potato Vegetable Blend Bread/Marg Applesauce Cup Milk	2 Homemade Beef Stew Seasoned Cabbage Biscuit Peach Cup Milk	3 Sloppy Joe on Bun Homemade Macaroni & Cheese Mixed Vegetables Fruit Cup Milk
6 Turkey Manhattan Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy French Style Green Beans Bread/Marg Mandarin Oranges Milk	7 BBQ Pork on Bun Cheesy Potatoes Carrots Peach Cup Milk	8 Baked Chicken Rice Pilaf Peas Bread/Margarine Pineapple Cup Milk	9 Salisbury Steak w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Brussel Sprouts Bread/Marg Cookies Milk	10 Tuna Casserole Corn Stewed Tomatoes Bread/Marg Chocolate Chip Cookie Milk
13 Smoked Pork Chop Macaroni & Cheese Carrots Wheat Bread/Marg Snack Cake Milk	14 Chicken Pattie Sweet Potatoes Broccoli Wheat Bread Pineapple Cup Milk	15 Polish Sausage on Bun Mashed Potatoes Sauerkraut Warm Spiced Apples Wheat Bread/Marg Milk	16 Chicken & Noodles Vegetable Blend Warm Spiced Peaches Roll Brownie Milk	17 Country Fried Steak Garlic Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Green Beans Bread/Marg Fruited Jello Cup Milk
20 Baked Ziti w/Italian Sausage Italian Veggie Spiced Peaches Texas Toast Milk	21 Chicken Parmesan Mashed Potatoes California Blend Bread/Marg Pudding Cup Milk	22 Pork Cutlet w/Gravy Lima Beans Spinach Bread/Marg Pie Milk	23 Hamburger on Bun Roasted Red Skin Potatoes Stewed Tomatoes Brownie Milk	24 CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE HOLIDAY
27 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS	28 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Italian Vegetables Warm Spiced Peaches Texas Toast Milk	29 BBQ Chicken on Bun Macaroni & Cheese California Blend Applesauce Milk	30 Ham & Beans Cream Style Corn Cornbread Fruit Cup Milk	31 CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS DAY

Newburgh Senior Center Activities

December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 *10:30 Exercise *11-ish Euchre	2 *9:30, 10:00 Tai Chi at Zion UCC *10:30 Exercise *Noon Bingo Courtesy of Alexander Funeral Home *Scrabble after Bingo	3 Free Lunch Friday Courtesy of Good Samaritan	On the Fridays we have Free Lunch, you can have that lunch and/or the SWIRCA meal. We need prior reservations for all meals. The SWIRCA lunch cost is \$3.50 per meal.
5	6 *10:30 Exercise *Noon. Clabber *Noon Scrabble	7 *10:30 Exercise *Noon Bingo Courtesy of the Wentzel family *Scrabble after Bingo	8 *8:00 NSC Board Mtg *10:30 Exercise *11-ish Euchre	9 *9:30, 10:00 Tai Chi at Zion UCC *10:30 Exercise *Noon Bingo *Scrabble after Bingo	10 Free Lunch Friday Courtesy of Bell Oaks Place	11
12	13 *10:30 Exercise *Noon. Clabber *Noon Scrabble	14 *10:30 Exercise *Noon Bingo *Scrabble after Bingo	15 *10:30 Exercise *11-ish Euchre	16 *9:30, 10:00 Tai Chi at Zion UCC *10:30 Exercise *Noon Bingo *Scrabble after Bingo	17 Free Lunch Friday & NSC Holiday Party Reservations required by 12/14	18 Call us to confirm opening/closing at 812-853-5627. We check the Indiana COVID map every Wednesday.
19	20 *10:30 Exercise *Noon. Clabber *Noon Scrabble	21 *10:30 Exercise *Noon Bingo Courtesy of Woodmont Health *Scrabble after Bingo	22 *10:30 Exercise *11-ish Euchre	23 *9:30, 10:00 Tai Chi at Zion UCC *10:30 Exercise *Noon Bingo *Scrabble after Bingo	24 Closed Christmas Eve	25
26	27 *10:30 Exercise *Noon Clabber *Noon Scrabble	28 *10:30 Exercise *Noon Bingo *Scrabble after Bingo	29 *10:30 Exercise *11-ish Euchre	30 *9:30, 10:00 Tai Chi at Zion UCC *10:30 Exercise *Noon Bingo *Scrabble after Bingo	31 Closed New Year's Eve	31 Please note: This calendar is subject to change