

Newburgh Senior Center

April 2025 Newsletter

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Director's Corner

Spring is here! We may not be quite finished with cold weather, but for sure, we've rounded the corner and headed for flowers, trees and gardens. Daffodils are smiling at us and hyacinths are in purple glory. The early magnolias are beautiful.

Take a breath and congratulate yourself for successfully wintering another year. Ahhh. It's time to think garden! Can't you just about taste the fresh lettuce and tomatoes? Everybody is invited to our Easter celebration on Friday, April 11. The Center will provide the ham and potatoes. Please bring a side or dessert to share.

A couple of passings to note. Our sympathy to the family of Aileen Jeffries who recently passed. Aileen was a brave Clabber player and always up for a game of Rummikub.

Chili Cook Off a blazing success

A good time was had by all, we heard after the Chili Cook Off celebration. Five brave chefs entered the contest with a variety of chili recipes.

One was white with cream cheese and chicken. Another had spaghetti. A third variety contained pork and beef.

The top three winners were in order: Nancy Lybarger, Ed Butch and Ron Aders.

Thanks to all who entered and all who tasted. We'll for sure do this again. Get started now on your favorite recipe. Yum.



She was one of our oldest members and was most always happy and willing to give others the benefit of her experience. We miss you, Aileen.

Also, our sympathy to the family of Jerry Cecil, one of our previous bridge players.

We are glad to see Jack Spillman and Mary Wilsbacher back at the Center.

Please stay safe, everybody. They don't make replacement parts for us after a "certain age."



April Birthdays

Brenda Finch	4/10
Kathy Payne	4/10
Sara Sweetwood	4/11
Charlotte Yost	4/11
Carl Bausch	4/15
Mike Skvara	4/18
Wanda Smith	4/20
Steve Suter	4/21
Charlene Dietsch	4/22
Linda Bruns	4/22
Angela Miller	4/25
William Kane	4/25
Donna McDonnell	4/29

If we missed your birthday, please let us know. If any of the folks we've listed are no longer with us, we need to know that, too. It's hard to keep up with everybody.

Spring is here and we thank our April Day Sponsors



April 20 is sponsored in honor of National Parks Week by Justin Shea, of Manhattan, New York.

Join us in celebrating National Park Week 2025- **April 19 to 27**. During this week, all National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission.

Thank you, Justin, for supporting the Newburgh Senior Center from New York City!!!!

April 22 -Earth Day is sponsored by Jan and Dan Schrader. This is the 55th anniversary of Earth Day. The theme for Earth Day 2025 is "Our Power, Our Planet," highlighting the importance of renewable energy in fighting climate change and creating a sustainable future.

April 24 is the 103rd birthday of Mary Kay Lutz. Please join her daughter, Ruth Jenkins, in wishing Mary Kay a very Happy Birthday!

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Book Club reading for April

The book club selection for April is "Kew Gardens," by Rosy Lovell. Everyone is welcome to participate. We try to pick titles that are readily available at the library and on e-readers.

Please note the change in dates. In order to accommodate more members, we are moving our meetings to the THIRD Wednesday every month. Please mark your calendars.



Bunnies, eggs have a long history with Easter & Spring



We mostly have heard the origins of the Christian Easter but where did the eggs and the rabbit come from?

The tradition of an Easter hare, or "Osterhase," dates back to German folklore in the 17th century.

German children would make nests for the Easter hare to lay its brightly colored eggs, a tradition that eventually spread across North America.

The hare (AKA bunny), like the egg, is a symbol of fertility and new life, which aligns with the spring season and the Christian celebration of the resurrection of Jesus.

German immigrants in the 1700s, particularly those who settled in Pennsylvania, brought the tradition of the Easter hare to the United States.

Over time, the "Osterhase" became known as the Easter Bunny, and the tradition of Easter egg hunts became a popular American pastime.

The tradition of the Easter Bunny even made its way to the White House, with the first official White House Easter Bunny appearing at the Easter Egg Roll in 1969. (Thanks, Wikipedia, for this info.)

Chocolate is a relative late comer to the Easter celebration. The tradition of chocolate Easter eggs emerged in Europe in the early 19th century, evolving from pagan symbols of fertility and spring to Christian representations of rebirth and the resurrection of Christ. The first hollow chocolate eggs were produced in 1873 by J.S. Fry & Sons in the UK, and Cadbury followed suit in 1875.

Chocolate bunnies were first created in Germany in the mid-19th century and gained mass appeal in 1890 when American shop owner Robert Strohecker built a five-foot-tall chocolate bunny as an Easter promotion at his drugstore in Pennsylvania.

Jelly beans became associated with Easter, likely due to their egg-like shape, in the 1930s, and remain a popular Easter candy today, with Americans consuming billions each year.

The exact origins of jelly beans are a bit of a mystery, but most experts believe the soft center is a descendant of a Middle Eastern confection known as Turkish delight, while the shell coating is derived from the process of panning, used to make Jordan almonds.

An 1861 advertisement for William Schrafft of Boston promoted sending jelly beans to soldiers in the Union Army during the Civil War.

Jelly beans gained popularity in the 1930s, likely due to their egg-like shape, which made them a natural fit for Easter celebrations. The association of jelly beans with Easter is strong, with their egg-like shape, bright colors, and sweetness marking the end of Lent.

Today, jelly beans are a staple of Easter celebrations, with Americans consuming an estimated 16 billion of them each year.

One of the biggest and best-known jelly bean manufacturers, Jelly Belly, originated in the late 1860s.

Goings on around here in April you won't want to miss

Our green onions are already up and growing and soon the gardeners will be digging in the dirt. But that's not all we'll be doing in April.

April 7, we'll be celebrating birthdays with cake. Help us wish all our April birthday folks a great day and wishes for another happy year.

The first Friday, April 4, we're having potluck, so bring your favorite spring dish to share with 40 of your best friends.

Our Easter lunch will be April 11, featuring Ham and scalloped potatoes. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert.

Bingo for the fourth Tuesday, April 29, will be another wildly popular White Elephant. Look at it as an opportunity to clean out your stash of white elephants, or any other color you might have hidden in the dark recesses of your junk drawers.

Just a note on bingo. Thanks to our faithful sponsors. Bingo is one of our favorite activities, besides eating. Thanks to our April sponsors: Asera Care, Home Instead, Pam and Warren Wentzel, Melrose Assisted Living, Woodmont and Oasis. We have a couple spots open for sponsors. If you have connections to other businesses

or organizations, please contact them.

Thanks, also, to our Free Lunch Friday sponsors in April: The Islamic Center of Evansville and Hamilton Pointe.

