



Gathering Points

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APRIL 2025

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SAVE THE DATES

PARTIES

4th of July - Last week of June
~ Tacoma Banjo Club
Halloween - Oct. 31 ~ Mark Stern

CLOSURES

May 26 - Memorial Day
July 4 - Independence Day
September 1 - Labor Day
November 27 - Thanksgiving
December 25 - Christmas

April Raindrops

By Lenore Hetrick

Dance, April raindrops!
Tap your wee feet.
The seeds will awaken
When they hear that glad beat.

“Grow, seedlings, grow!”
Let your tapping feet cry.
“Come up, little seedlings,
And see the wide sky!”
Now, raindrops, tap harder
For a moment or two.
Some seed with his winter nap

May not be through.
And a brisk pitter pat
Over this sleepyhead
Will make him come tumbling

From his underground bed.
Dance, April raindrops!

Tap your wee feet!
No seed can resist
That merry, loud beat.



^HAMMERED FLOWERS

Kathy Weaver’s craft class in April is Hammered Flower Cards. You won’t want to miss this class on Thursday, April 24 at 2:00 p.m.

ATTORNEY LIZ JOHNSON

Attorney Liz Johnson will be visiting us on Tuesday, March 25 at 11:00 a.m. The topic is unknown.

FORMAT CHANGE

The formatting for the calendar has changed from a one-page to a two-page format. Please look at the change and tell staff or a front desk volunteer what you think. Is it better? Is it worse. The format change should allow for larger text and will hopefully be more visible.



APRIL FOOLS' DAY

In most countries, it’s the first day of April. It received its name from the custom of playing practical jokes on this day—for example, telling friends that their shoelaces are untied or sending them on so-called fools’ errands. Although the day has been observed for centuries, its true origins are unknown and effectively unknowable. It resembles festivals such as the Hilaria of ancient Rome, held on March 25, and the Holi celebration in India, which ends on March 31.

RIDDLE CENTRAL

No matter how much rain comes down on it, it won’t get any wetter. What is it? (Answer pg. 2)



^WRITER’S WORKSHOP

Do you like to write? There will be a Writer’s Workshop on Wednesday, April 2 and 9 at 11:00 a.m. in the classroom. The workshop will be led by Nancy Chapa.

^JOHN HINES

Have you heard? The city is looking for seniors to sit on various committees, to be a contributing member of Tacoma’s future. Deputy Mayor John Hines will be speaking at the Senior Center about those positions on Tuesday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m.

^PORTUGAL PRESENTATIONS

Toni Ray-Ingram from Collette Travel will be at the Senior Center discussing the upcoming trip to Portugal in 2026. Come join her on Wednesday, April 16 at 11:00 a.m.

^Please register for classes.



The Senior Center Book Club meets the 3rd Thursday to discuss that month’s book. This is the updated 2025 list.

April: *The Vanishing Half*
By Britt Bennett

May: *Breaking Chains* By
Kenneth Gentili

June: *5 Years to Freedom, True Story of a Vietnam POW* By
James Rowe

July: Wild Card! Read whatever book you’d like this month. Be prepared to share with the group.

August: *In 5 Years* by Rebecca Serle



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<div data-bbox="124 260 549 394" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>RIDDLE ANSWER </p> <p>Water.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="140 422 533 569" style="text-align: center;"> </div>	<p>1</p> <p>9:30 Pinochle (D) 10:00 Drawing w/John (C) 10:00 Guitar Lessons (M) 10:30 Food Rescue (D) 12:00 *Lunch (D) 12:30 Mahjong (C) 1:00 Sing-along (M) 6:30 Martial Arts (M)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 *Strength & Balance (M) 10:30 Food Rescue 11:00 *Stretch & Dance (M) 11:00^A Writer's Workshop (C) 12:00 Lunch (D) 12:30 Cribbage w/Norm (C) 12:30 *Acupuncture (M) 2:00 *Yoga (M) 3:30 *Line Dance (M)</p>
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Calendar

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Thursday	Friday
3 9:30 Pinochle (D) 10:00 Mexican Train Dom. (C) 10:00 Piano (M) 12:00 *Lunch (D) 12:30 Women's Group (C) 1:30^Δ NAIPC: Veteran's Benefits & Medicaid 6:30 Martial Arts (M)	4 9:00 ^Δ AARP Tax Prep. (D) 9:30 Spades (C) 10:00 *Strength & Balance (M) 11:00 *Stretch & Dance (M) 12:00 ^Δ *FTJ Lunch (TO) 1:00 Spanish (M) 1:30 *Yoga (C) 2:30 Tai Chi (M)
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24 9:30 Pinochle (D) 10:00 Mexican Train Dom. (C) 10:00 Piano (M) 12:00 *Lunch (D) 1:00 PC & Android Group (C) 2:00^Δ Craft Class w/Kathy (D) 6:30 Martial Arts (M)	25 9:30 Spades (C) 10:00 *Strength & Balance (M) 11:00 *Stretch & Dance (M) 12:00 ^Δ *FTJ Lunch (TO) 1:00 Spanish (M) 1:30 *Yoga (C) 2:30 Tai Chi (M)

LEGEND

- * Participation Fee
- ^Δ Registration/Appt. Required
- (C) Classroom
- (M) Main Room
- (D) Dining Room
- (TO) Take Out

CALL AHEAD

Every effort is made to ensure programming is on time. Occasionally, an instructor may cancel a class. Please call ahead to ensure the class is still scheduled.

COST

- Acupuncture
\$10
Paid to Acupuncturist
- Line Dancing
\$20 6-week series, paid to instructor
- Strength & Balance
\$18 month
Monday, Wed., & Friday
Paid to front desk
volunteer
- Stretch & Dance
\$15 month
Monday, Wed., & Friday
- Yoga
\$18 month
Wednesday & Friday
Paid to front desk
Volunteer
- Two classes or more ~ 15% discount.

LUNCH

- *Catholic Community Services provides lunch M-Th for a donation of \$3.50 if you are 60+. Under 60 is \$6.00.
- * Franke Tobey Jones provides sack lunches on Friday for \$3.50. If you want a Friday lunch you must order on Monday for the following Friday.

Joke of the Month



Three senior golfers were griping continually. "The fairways are too long," said one. "The hills are too high," said another. "The bunkers are too deep," complained the third. Finally an 80-year-old put things into perspective. "At least," he noted, "we're on the right side of the grass." —Harold L. Weaver



PARTICIPANT HIGHLIGHTS

Have you ever wanted a place to get your news out to participants? Or perhaps you are having an event that you want to invite people from the Senior Center. This is the place! It's a page that will be dedicated to our participants! If you have information, pictures or just interesting stuff that you want to share, please turn it into a staff person by the 15th of the month. And it will be published the next month.

NAME THAT PAGE

The name of this page is temporarily named "Participant Highlights," for lack of a better name. We want your help! Think of a name for this page and turn it in to a staff person. Next month we will have the choices listed on this page, and you will have an opportunity to vote for your favorite. The name that receives the most votes will win a prize! Wouldn't you like to know what that is...but we're not telling until the very end! So, don't wait any longer, come up with your suggestion and you might win!

WORDS

~~ARCHES~~

CATHEDRALS

CEILINGS

CURVES

DIEGO FELAZQUEZ

DRAMATIC MUSIC

ELABORATE DESIGNS

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

GIAN LORENZO BERNINI

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

OPERAS

ORNATE DETAILS

PAINTING

PETER PAUL RUBENS

VAST GARDENS

VERSAILLES



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Did you attend the St. Patrick's Day Party? Even the dogs turned out. Festivities kicked in with MaryAnne Ellis leading line dance. Snacks were provided and so it began! We are so happy that those in attendance seemed to have a wonderful time! If you missed this one, we'll see you at the next party!



Word Twist

This is a word search puzzle with a twist! The words on the list are NOT found in straight lines. Instead each word is found in a zigzag fashion, twisting and never crossing each other. The first person to finish the word twist and turn it into the office will receive a prize!

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Z	A	V	A	H	L	U	E	M	P	V	z	A	u	C
N	S	B	E	N	C	R	G	D	I	Q	c	T	s	M
N	E	A	L	D	I	B	E	0	R	J	H	Z	D	I
Z	X	0	S	A	N	A	R	E	F	E	D	s	C	X
E	D	N	M	T	I	C	H	G	S	L	R	E	L	s
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Q	A	T	S	G	E	r	S	E	D	T	I	E	X	
Z	G	V	0	I	D	I	(R-A)	I	E	R	A	L	V	
A	E	z	G	Z	0	B	N	s	X	G	0	B	A	E
L	N	I	A	N	N	R	E	I	N	E	D	W	R	0
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