



Gathering Points

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May 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

The First of May

By Annette Wynne

If I could stay up late no doubt

I'd catch the buds just bursting out;

And up from every hidden root

Would jump a tiny slender shoot;

I wonder how seeds learn the way,

They always know the very day—

The pretty, happy first of May;

If I could stay up then, no doubt

I'd catch the buds just bursting out.



^ SHIBA

The SHIBA counselor will be onsite to provide assistance with Medicare and financial matters. She will be available by appointment only. If you would like to set up an appointment contact the front desk and they will make the appointment for you.

^ FINANCIAL PLANNING

On May 1, at 1:30 p.m. the NAIPC Workshop is financial planning for retirement. Be sure to sign up!

CROCHET/KNITTING GROUP

There will be a Crochet & Knitting Group beginning in May. It will be held on the first and third Wednesdays starting at 9:00 a.m. This is not a class. It is intended for crocheters and knitters to get together to enjoy your favorite pastime while visiting with each other.

^ BEGINNING COMPUTER



It's back . . . Beginning Computer! If you are unsure or afraid of your computer and need

to learn the basics, please join Ron Yaden as he takes you through the fundamentals. This is a three part series, held on Saturday mornings beginning May 17, at 10:00 a.m.



CORNHOLE

Come and enjoy a game of Cornhole! Join the game on Thursday, May 15 and 29, at 1:00 p.m.

RIDDLE CENTRAL

What five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?

(Answer pg. 2)



SPANISH

There will be no Spanish Class on May 9. Additionally, Carla Moschetti, the Spanish Instructor, is taking a break from June through September. Unless someone steps up to fill in for her, there will no classes during that time.

^ GARDEN CLUB

A Garden Club will be starting up, led by retired Master Gardener Ava Brock. Class topics begin in May; topics include planting summer veggies, pest management, and succession planting. The class will be held the fourth Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

TAP DANCE

After taking a little over a month hiatus to move, Ardythe is back! She will be resuming her Tuesday Tap Dance Classes. Welcome back Ardythe!

^ BLOCK PRINTING

The Tacoma Arts and Crafts Group will once again be hosting a Block Printing Class for Center participants. The class will be offered on Thursday, May 8, at 1:30 p.m.

^ *Registration or appointment required.*






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

May: **In Five Years** by Rebecca Serle

June: **Breaking Chains** By Kenneth Gentili



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>FOOD RESCUE</p> <p>While not listed, the food bank opens at 10:30 a.m. every day, it remains open daily until the last of the food is gone.</p> 	<p>SAFE DRIVER CLASS</p> <p>Your insurance may offer a discount by completing an AARP Safe Driver's Class. Classes are scheduled starting Saturday, May 24 at 9:00 a.m. It's a daylong training, with lunch provided.</p> 	<p>Monthly Joke</p> <p>Overheard: "The police in this town have a very tough sobriety test. Not only do they make you blow up a balloon, but then you have to twist it into a giraffe." — <i>Current Comedy</i></p> 	<p>19:00^Δ SHIBA (C)</p> <p>9:30 Pinochle (D) 10:00 Mexican Train (D) 10:00^Δ Beginning Piano 12:00 *Lunch (D) 12:30 Women's Group (C) 1:30^Δ NAIPC Financial Retirement Planning (M) 6:30 Martial Arts (M)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 Spades (C) 10:00 Ping Pong (D) 10:00 *Strength & Balance (M) 11:00 *Stretch & Dance (M) 12:00 *FTJ Lunch (D) 1:00 Beginning Spanish (M) 2:00^Δ Creative Writing (C) 2:30 Tai Chi (M)</p>
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RIDDLE ANSWER
Short

26	27	28
9:30 Pinochle (D) 10:00 Drawing w/John [©] 11:00 Atty. Johnson on Probate 12:00 *Lunch (D) 12:30 Mahjong [©] 1:00 Bingo (D) 3:15 Tap Dance (M) 6:30 Martial Arts (M)	9:30 Pinochle (D) 10:00 Drawing w/John [©] 11:00 Atty. Johnson on Probate 12:00 *Lunch (D) 12:30 Mahjong [©] 1:00 Bingo (D) 3:15 Tap Dance (M) 6:30 Martial Arts (M)	10:00 *Strength & Balance (M) 10:00 *Stretch & Dance (M) 12:00 *Lunch (D) 12:30 Cribbage (C) 12:30 *Acupuncture (M) 1:30 Ping Pong (D) 2:00 *Yoga (M) 3:30 *Line Dance (M)

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9:30 Pinochle (D) 10:00 Mexican Train (C) 10:00 ^Δ Beginning Piano 12:00 *Lunch (D) 1:00 Cornhole (M) 2:00 ^Δ Crafts w/Kathy (C) 6:30 Martial Arts (M)	9:30 Spades (C) 10:00 Ping Pong (D) 10:00 *Strength & Balance (M) 11:00 *Stretch & Dance (M) 12:00 *FTJ Lunch (D) 1:00 Beginning Spanish (M) 2:00 ^Δ Creative Writing (C) 2:30 Tai Chi (M) SAT, 5/24 Basic Computer

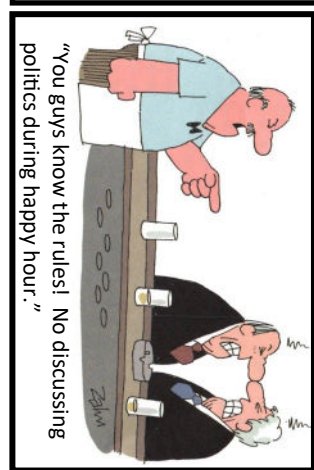
LEGEND
* Participation Fee
^Δ Registration/Apppt. Required
(C) Classroom
(D) Dining Room
(G) Garden
(M) Main Room
(TO) Take Out

COST CONTINUED	COST CONTINUED
Line Dancing \$20 6-week series, paid to instructor Strength & Balance \$18 month Monday, Wed., & Friday, paid to front desk Volunteer	Yoga \$18 month Wednesday & Friday, paid to front desk Volunteer One person taking two classes receives a 10% discount. Three classes or more A 15% discount

COST
Acupuncture \$10
Paid to Acupuncturist
Stretch & Dance \$15 month
Mon., Wed., & Friday

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 Fridays for \$3.50. If you want a Friday lunch you must order on Monday for the following Friday.



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.



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Center Highlights

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SPOTLIGHT ON PARTICIPANTS

Kathy Arthur has been attending the Senior Center since April 12, 2022, but she has been crafting for much longer. She will be participating in the following Craft Fairs.

5/3 - Orting Haven Teen Center
112 Train St. SW, Orting, WA
Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

5/17 - Bonney Lake High School
10920 199th Ave. Ct. E.
Bonney Lake, WA
Time: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

5/24 - Purple Octopus Craft Events
Amvets, 5717 S. Tyler, Tacoma
Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

6/14 - Purple Octopus Craft Events
Tacoma Sportsman's Club
16409 Canyon Rd. E., Puyallup
Time: 10a.m. - 4p.m.

Let's support Kathy in her endeavor and stopping by her booth, saying hi, encouraging her, and who knows. . .you might find something to buy!

MOVIES

A movie will be shown once a month on the second Thursday from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. unless it is long. If it is long, it may be shown on an alternate date. The following movies are scheduled to be shown:



• **Wicked** on May 16, noon to 3:00. Bring a sack lunch and drink while you watch this prequel to *The Wizard of Oz*.

• **The Book Club** on June 12, stars Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen, and Mary Steenburgen.



FAVORITE WENCH

Does anyone know this Wench? Oh. . .it's Mara Barthel. This Wench stepped up and served the Pinochle group coffee.

CREATIVE WRITING

Creative Writing will be held weekly on Fridays from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., which began in April. The instructor is Claire Brown.

COUNCILMAN HINES

Councilman John Hines visited the Senior Center on April 8. He spoke about the opportunities that were available for seniors to participate on boards and committees. Doing so would provide participants the chance to be a part of Tacoma's history and have a say in today's government processes. He will be visiting the Senior Center regularly.



FLOORS

The black on the floor is caused by scuffing from shoes, pulling chairs across the floor etc. While it looks dirty, the black will not come up. I've even tried using a scraper. The Center floors are now on FTJ's schedule to be cleaned. On May 16, after hours, the floor will be cleaned, which takes some time to dry, but should be okay to walk on Monday. Waxing will occur Saturday, May 31, and again it will take some time to dry. After that, another date will be set to buff the floors. Please know we are working on it.!



CRAFTS WITH KATHY

In May the craft will be Modern Kinusaiga. Traditional Kinusaiga - "painting" on wood with silk material - involves cutting grooves into wood to create a pattern and then pushing the edges of the silk into the grooves to create the artwork. Modern Kinusaiga is based on a similar technique using foam board instead of wood. Popular fabrics are cotton, satin, silk, and thin knits. In May's craft class, fabric scraps and a pre-drawn pattern on foam board will be used to create Kinusaiga "paintings." All materials and tools provided, but feel free to bring your own fabric pieces if you like. The date is May 29, at 2:00 p.m. This class is extremely limited so sign up soon!

SAFE DRIVER CLASSES

Tax season is over, and spring is just around the corner along with the reappearance of AARP Safe Driver Classes. This is a one day class that might bring a small insurance discount. (Please check with your own insurance company to verify the amount.) The following dates are available.

- May 24 with Kathy Weaver
- June 14 with Linda Hegedus
- August 9 with Linda Hegedus
- September 13 with Kathy Weaver
- October 11 with Linda Hegedus
- November 8 with Kathy Weaver

Lunch will be provided. All classes begin at 9:00 a.m.

