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Our mission is to create and sustain comfortable, caring environments for those who depend on us.

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# The Pioneer Post



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### **Gardening Benefits for Health & The Environment**

Spring has sprung! Those who have been waiting for the gardening season to begin are ready for the last frost to end so they can dig in. When gardeners get into the soil and get to work, they are not only enjoying a fun hobby, they are also doing wonders for their

health and the planet!

#### Dig Into Better Health

Gardening positively impacts wellness in various ways:

 It relieves stress.
 Gardening can lower cortisol

> levels that cause stress and increase blood pressure. Gardening also increases serotonin, which helps people feel happy.

- Friendly bacteria in the soil can boost immunity. It may help against asthma.
- It provides great exercise. It is low-impact and can be comfortable work with the right padding or protective gear, but it takes energy, and the weather can make it
   more challenging.
- It involves hand-eye coordination and sensory intake. Both of these can positively affect cognition.
- It presents opportunities for a sense of community. Socializing among friends while gardening can be so much fun.
- It encourages outside activity. For some, gardening is the best reason to head out and enjoy sunshine and the environment

(albeit with proper sun protection).

### Impact the Planet

Gardening also benefits the environment, and no act is too small for making our world a

better place.

It can help
 with pollution. In
 large-scale
 harvesting of fruits
 and vegetables,
 pollution often
 results. The
 transport of those
 goods also causes
 pollution. It may
 seem like a small
 step, but
 gardening at home

or in the community influences the big picture.

- It can reduce the size of landfills. This is possible when people compost garden waste rather than sending everything to the landfill when it's gone bad.
- Plants in the garden take in CO2 and release oxygen, improving air quality.
- It helps local habitats of insects and animals which play important roles in our environment (like bees pollinating).
- Plants and mulch can hold soil in place and reduce erosion, and keep sediment out of waterways, drains, and roads.

These are just some of the benefits that gardening can bring! This Spring and Summer, give gardening a try and share the benefits with others. Let us know about your efforts!





### Employee of the Month



### Special Moments



### Sara S. of our Díníng Servíces Team

Sara is married to her soul mate Greg, or as she lovingly calls him "Greggers." Her son William has volunteered here at Pioneer Village so some of you have met him; he's a great guy. Another love of Sara's is her miniature schnauzer, Charlie, who is her best friend.

Sara has been with us for over 3.5 years, and she is wonderful in the dining room. In her off time she enjoys music, running, hiking, camping, swimming and dancing. Thank you for all you do, Sara!

## April 2021 Highlights

April observes Stress Awareness, Healthcare Innovation, & Parkinson's Awareness. It celebrates volunteering, poetry, and jazz!

01 April Fools Day; Sourdough Day 02 Peanut Butter and Jelly Day; Ferret Day **03** Film Score Day; Handmade Day 04 Easter; School Librarian Day 05 Caramel Day; Deep Dish Pizza Day 06 Caramel Popcorn Day; Librarians Day 07 Coffeecake Day; Beer Day 08 Zoo Lovers Day; Empanada Day 09 Unicorn Day; Antique Love Day 10 Hug Dog Day; Farm Animals Day 11 Quartet Day; Fondue Day; Pet Day **12** Ramadan Begins; Grilled Cheese Day 13 Scrabble Day; Peach Cobbler Day 14 Dolphin Day; Gardening Day; Pecan Day 15 World Art Day; Banana Day; Guess Day **16 Bean Count Day; Eggs Benedict Day;** Wear PJs Day; Orchid Day

**17 Crawfish Day; Ellis Island History Day** 18 Animal Cracker Day; Intl. Day for **Monuments and Sights 19 Amaretto Day; Garlic Day** 20 Twin Day; Pineapple Upside Down Day 21 Administrative Professionals' Day; British National Tea Day 22 Earth Day; Jelly Bean Day **23** Arbor Day; Picnic Day 24 Pigs in Blankets Day; Sense of Smell Day 25 Thank Plumbers Day; Zucchini Bread Day 26 Audubon Day; Pretzel Day 27 Babe Ruth Day; Prime Rib Day 28 Blueberry Pie Day; Superhero Day 29 Shrimp Scampi Day; Intl. Dance Day 30 Hairstylist Appreciation Day; Oatmeal **Cookie Day** 

**Regarding Covid-19:** Resident and staff safety and comfort remains our number one priority during the Coronavirus cases that have happened nationwide. It is important to communicate our plans to mitigate risk in our community. We are following mandated health guidelines. All activities are subject to cancellation per those current guidelines. To read our measures taken, and our current visitor policy, please visit our website.

### April 8th is Zoo Lover's Day.

Staff and residents shared their favorite animals!

- "Monkeys" Haley
- "Kangaroo" Mary W.
- "A Pony" Georgine H.
- "Koala Bear" Pam F.
- "Tigers" Pam C.
- "Owls" Trevor
- "Penguins" Lisa P.
- "Dogs" 10 others

By Resident Marjorie N.

"In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it"... male birds in Spring certainly steal he show! The little Audubon Warbler (now called Yellowrumped Warbler) spends winter as a drab grey forager of suet, as well as occasional insects. Come spring, his whitish feathers refresh to a black and white "waistcoat", his pale yellow rump, chin, and underwing flash a brilliant yellow, and atop his head, a round yellow "beanie" appears. Most songbirds change out their feathers (molt) in spring and fall. In fall, attracting females is not a priority, so the bright spring coat once again turns dull. Females replace their more subdued feather coat two times a year for more of the same. Feathers are like fingernails, lifeless and fragile, and hard work, as in migration or reproduction, wears them thin. But for a brief period of time, male birds are "the grandest fellows" in the parade.



Spring

# **Bird Watch**

Fall

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All activities subject to change per mandated health guidelines.	Happy Earth Day!	ResidentsBMarge H.4/1Linda D.4/8Cathy A.4/15Cleo M.4/15Arnie W.4/17Georgine H.4/19Betty H.4/27	Meghan N.4/1Christian G.4/6Ivy M.4/6Hudson S.4/7Dora H.4/26Matt M.4/28	1 Transportation 9:00 Tai Chi with IN2L TF 9:00 One on One Visits 10:30 Breakfast Mocktails B 1:30 Craft Time B (Color Easter Eggs) 2:30 Women's Book Club CR 3:00 BINGO TF 4:00 IN2L Games TF/AL	<ul> <li>2 Good Friday</li> <li>9:00 Tai Chi with IN2L TF</li> <li>9:00 Morning Exercise TF</li> <li>11:00 Computer/Phone Help See activities to schedule a time.</li> <li>1:30 Cooking with Peggy AK (Easter Brunch Casserole)</li> <li>1:30 Wii Bowling B</li> <li>2:00 Puttin on the Glitz B</li> <li>3:00 Wine Social B</li> </ul>	3 8:45 Coffee & Donuts AL 9:00 Tai Chi with IN2L TF 9:30 Personal Shopping 1:00 BINGO TF 2:00 IN2L Classic Movies AL 3:00 Poker TF 4:00 IN2L Explore AL 6:00 Saturday Night Movie The Ten Commandments
<ul> <li>4 Easter</li> <li>9:00 Tai Chi with IN2L TF</li> <li>10:00 Live Streaming Easter Services TF</li> <li>11:30 Easter Eggs DR</li> <li>1:00 Sunday Matinee CR</li> <li>1:00 Sunday Smoothies B</li> <li>2:00 Co-Ed Poker TF</li> <li>4:30 Easter Dinner DR</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>10:30 Morning Baking AK (Sweet Easter Bread)</li> <li>1:30 Wii Bowling B</li> <li>2:00 Women's Poker TF</li> <li>3:00 Resident Council B</li> <li>4:00 IN2L Games AL</li> </ul>	6 Transportation 9:00 Tai Chi with IN2L TF 10:00 One on One Visits 10:45 Menu Meeting B 11:00 Storytime CR 1:30 IN2L Explore AL 3:00 Cocktail Hour B (Marshmallow Cocktail) 4:00 IN2L Trivia AL	7 9:00 Tai Chi with IN2L TF 9:30 Morning Exercise TF 10:30 Scenic Drive 11:30 Caramel Popcorn DR 1:30 Wii Bowling B 2:00 Sunshine Discussion CR 3:00 Scenic Drive 4:00 IN2L Classic TV AL	<ul> <li>8 Transportation</li> <li>9:00 Tai Chi with IN2L TF</li> <li>9:00 One on One Visits</li> <li>10:30 Breakfast Mocktails B</li> <li>1:30 Craft Time B</li> <li>(Egg Carton Wreath)</li> <li>3:00 BINGO TF</li> <li>4:00 IN2L Games TF/AL</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>9</li> <li>9:00 Tai Chi with IN2L TF</li> <li>9:00 Morning Exercise TF</li> <li>11:00 Computer/Phone Help See activities to schedule a time.</li> <li>1:30 Cooking with Peggy AK (Masa Soup)</li> <li>1:30 Wii Bowling B</li> <li>2:00 Puttin on the Glitz B</li> <li>3:00 Wine Social B</li> </ul>	10 8:45 Coffee & Donuts AL 9:00 Tai Chi with IN2L TF 9:30 Personal Shopping 1:00 BINGO TF 2:00 IN2L Classic Movies AL 3:00 Poker TF 4:00 IN2L Explore AL 6:00 Saturday Night Movie Ben Hur
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