Manager’s Corner

Oh, golly, how did it get to be November?! Before you know it, we will be whining about the weather again. Then it will be Christmas and New Years and more cold weather. Thanksgiving will soon be here and we have much to be thankful for: homes; food; our country; our families; friends, and so much more. We are so fortunate to be living where we are in the times that we are. Most of us remember carrying water to the house from the well; cleaning out the stove or furnace; going outside to the comfort facilities, etc. Personally, I’m thankful I don’t have to do any of that any more. Those who pine for the old days are welcome to them.

We are so lucky, as seniors, to be blessed with two Thanksgiving lunches this year! Our first, sponsored by the Center and the Living Word Christian Church Sunday School class, will be Friday, November 8. Please indicate your intended presence on the regular lunch sign-up sheet on the clip board. The Thursday before the official day to eat turkey, we’ll be having the SWIRCA lunch for Thanksgiving.

The menus for both days are similar: turkey, dressing, potatoes, green beans and pumpkin pie. Expect some extras for good measure.

Mark your calendar now for several special days at NSC in December. We’ll be making five sets of Advent favors for our shut ins (November 26, December 4, 11, 18 and 20) at 10 a.m. Advent/Christmas bingo games will be December 10, 13 and 18 at noon. Our Christmas lunch will be December 13 at 11:30 a.m.

A few of us need to remember to vote for Newburgh town elections on November 5. Three Town Council seats and the Clerk Treasurer position are up for election. If you live outside town limits, you will not vote in this election. As the Center is a polling site for the Town of Newburgh, we will be closed.

December birthdays

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Hal Wolford 11-1
Susan Crowley 11-3
Nancy Norman 11-3
Phyllis Perkins 11-6
Adrian Smith 11-9
David Schaefer 11-9
Peggy Boxell 11-11
Jayne Christian 11-15
Ruby Abney 11-15
Marilyn McClain 11-17
Ramon Will 11-20
Donna Ahlers-Rowlett 11-21
Ellie VanNatta 11-22
Shirley Jorgensen 11-23
Diane Kittinger 11-29
Gene Welte 11-30

In November, we will be closed Election Day, Tuesday, November 5. Also, we will be closed Thanksgiving Day and the day following, so we can eat turkey and digest it; then do the same again the next day—napping through football both days.

In December, we will be closed December 24 and 25. We will open December 26 and take refuge from all the shoppers returning gifts to the stores. Save yourself the grief of big box stores and join us.

Feel free to bring your Christmas leftovers to share. Chocolate does not age well.

We’ll be open December 31 and closed January 1.

Please note, if Warrick County schools are closed due to weather, we will be closed as well. If they run on a delayed schedule, we will open at 9 a.m. as usual. Use your own judgement whether or not it is safe for you to be here.

We are closed Election Day, Tuesday, November 5. If you live where there is an election, please remember to vote.
We are thankful for our Day Sponsors

November 2 is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Kapperman Post 44 of Newburgh. Their annual Vendor Fair is Saturday, November 2. It’s a great opportunity to get started on your holiday shopping. In addition to many vendors, there will be raffles and a soup lunch for $5. Please shop this event and join them for lunch. The Auxiliary does great work to support veterans.

November 11, Veterans Day, is sponsored by C. Larry Rhodes of Newburgh. As a veteran himself, Larry works in many capacities to support veterans. He encourages us to actively celebrate Veterans Day and all veterans. We owe our freedom to those who serve in uniform. Thanks to all Veterans.

Thanksgiving trivia that will impress your friends & family

The woman behind "Mary Had a Little Lamb" is also responsible for Thanksgiving’s recognition as a national holiday. After years of persistent lobbying, writer and editor, Sarah Josepha Hale, convinced President Abraham Lincoln to officially declare Thanksgiving a national holiday that recurred every year. She thought it would reunite the country following the War Between the States. Hale also founded the American Ladies Magazine, which promoted women’s issues, long before suffrage.

*A Thanksgiving mix-up inspired the first TV dinners. In 1953, a Swanson employee accidentally ordered a colossal shipment of Thanksgiving turkeys (260 tons, to be exact). To get rid of them all, salesman Gerry Thomas took inspiration from the prepared foods served on airplanes. He came up with the idea of filling 5,000 aluminum trays with the turkey – along with cornbread dressing, gravy, peas, and sweet potatoes to round out the meal. The 98-cent meals were a hit, especially with kids and increasingly busy households. Within one year, over 10 million were sold and a whole industry was born.

*About 46 million turkeys are cooked for Thanksgiving each year. Only male turkeys actually gobble.

*You might consume up to 229 grams of fat during the big meal. Thanksgiving dinner could total over 3,000 calories.

*There are four places in the country named Turkey. The U.S. Census has identified another four called Cranberry, and a grand total of 34 dubbed Plymouth.

*An estimated 50 million pumpkin pies are eaten on Thanksgiving. According to The American Pie Council, more Americans prefer apple pie overall — pumpkin pie only comes in second place. And the pumpkin in your pie is most likely a different type of squash—not pumpkin.

*Black Friday is the busiest day of the year for plumbers. Go figure. Remind your well-meaning kitchen helpers not to stuff food down the drain.

*Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, draws the biggest crowd of the holiday weekend, with 115 million people going shopping. A total of 69 percent of Americans love to get those deals, which may explain why we can’t find a parking spot.

In memory of Bob Seibert

We sadly note the passing of Robert Seibert. Bob was formerly on our board and served on the Town Council for a number of years. He was on the Council when our building was constructed. He was active at the Center until his eye sight deteriorated. We appreciate all that Bob did for Seniors and the Town of Newburgh. He was 82.

Crank back the clocks

Time is about to change again

Remember to set back your clocks before you go to bed on November 2. You’ll get an extra hour sleep with this time change. More sleep: Always a good thing.

Daylight Saving Time is now used in over 70 countries worldwide and affects over 1 billion people every year. The beginning and end dates vary from one country to another.

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Thanks to our Activity 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/Printer sponsor.
*Titzer Funeral Homes (812) 853-8314 — Sponsors our monthly birthday cake.
*Mike and Linda Andreas — Landscaping, garden and flowers sponsor.
*Ohio Township — Activity sponsor.
*King Mechanical Specialty and Zion United Church of Christ — Hospitality sponsors.

If you would like to support the efforts of the Newburgh Senior Center, please contact us at (812) 853-5627 or email our manager, Nancy Lybarger at manageratnsc@gmail.com.

Thanks for another fantastic Porkapalooza!

Thanks to all our sponsors, volunteers and patrons who supported our Porkapalooza 2019 in September. Colleen Martin, her committee, and the Newburgh BBQ Coalition did another fine job.

We’ve heard all kinds of nice things about the pork, the Center and the folks here.

Sponsors for the event included the following, both financial and in-kind.

We appreciate the support of all our donors.

Financial Sponsors:
- Walmart of Newburgh
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- 5 Star Security Systems-Chad Bennett
- Dashco Logistics
- The Martin Family
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- Sam’s Club
- Tom Bryan
- Marme Peerman
- In-Kind Sponsors:
- Newburgh BBQ Coalition
- Pepsi Beverages Company
- Circle S of Newburgh
- FC TuckerEmge Realtors- Kate Fischer
- Archie and Clyde’s-Danny Brady
- USWA-Local 104
- Judy Lopez
- Friends of Newburgh
- Tina and Jack Hines
- The Martin Family
- Newburgh Volunteer Fire Dept.

Reserve your spot for Thanksgiving lunches at NSC

Since we are all about being grateful as we approach Thanksgiving, we are happy to announce TWO lunches to celebrate the holiday. Both will feature traditional Thanksgiving fare: turkey, dressing, potatoes, green beans and pumpkin pie, with some extra dishes for good measure.

The first, sponsored by the Center, is Friday, November 8. Please sign the register so we know how many to plan for. There is no charge for this lunch. The SWIRCA Thanksgiving lunch is November 21. The usual donation of $3.50 is requested. We have to turn in reservations for this lunch on November 6.

We’ll try to start lunch on both days right at 11:30 a.m., so get here early and claim your seat.
Veterans Day honors those who served

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11 a.m.

In November 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day.

Thank you to all our veterans.

November is full of quirky holidays

Calzone Day: 1
Dia de Los Muertos: 1 (Day of The Dead)
Extra Mile Day: 1
Fountain Pen Day: 1
Give Up Your Shoulds Day: 1
Cookie Monster’s Birthday: 2
Pumpkin Destruction Day: 2
Cliché Day: 3
SOS Day: 3
Color The World Orange Day: 4
Fill Our Staplers Day: 4
National Chicken Lady Day: 4
National Candy Day: 4
National Easy-Bake Oven Day: 4
Use Your Common Sense Day: 4
National Love Your Red Hair Day: 5
Play Monopoly Day: 5
Button Day: 6
National Nachos Day: 6
Saxophone Day: 6
Read for The Record Day: 7
Abet and Aid Punsters Day: 8
Dunce Day: 8
Birth of The Babe: 9
Domino Day: 9
American Frog Day: 10
Area Code Day: 10
Sesame Street Day: 10
Forget-Me-Not Day: 11
Origami Day: 11
Red Lipstick Day: 11
World Kindness Day: 13
National American Teddy Bear Day: 14
National Pickle Day: 14
National Spicy Guacamole Day: 14
I Love to Write Day: 15
Rock Your Mocs Day: 15
Guinness World Record Day: 16
National Button Day: 16
Do Dah Day: 17 (Many towns have one. Pasadena originated it.)
Married To A Scorpio Support Day: 18
Mickey Mouse Day: 18
National Apple Cider Day: 18
National Princess Day: 18
Have A Bad Day Day: 19
Rocky and Bullwinkle Day: 19
National Peanut Butter Fudge Day: 20
Use Less Stuff Day: 21
World Hello Day: 21
Random Acts of Kindness Friday: 22
Doctor Who Day: 23
Fibonacci Day: 23
Aura Awareness Day: 23
Old Clem's Night: 23
Celebrate Your Unique Talent Day: 24
Mother Goose Day: 24
Stir Up Sunday: 24
Blaze'day: 25
International Hat Day: 25
National Jukebox Day: 27
Catterntide: 29
Flossing Day: 29
Maize Day: 29 (Day After Thanksgiving)
National Day of Listening: 29
Sinkie Day: 29 (Some call it "The Sink Day" when you eat over the sink all the Thanksgiving leftovers. The definition says "It's the day after Thanksgiving.")
You're Welcoming Day: 29
(Always the Day After Thanksgiving)
National Mason Jar Day: 30
National Personal Space Day: 30

Advent projects

Our goal, as we approach Christmas, is to provide our shut-ins with a favor each week of Advent. Please check our calendar for the days which we will be making these. We can use your help. Currently, we have 38 people on our home-delivery list to make these for.

Thanks to Jane Schmidt for using her paper-crafting skills to help us with these projects.

Remember, we are open Veterans Day, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Lunch is a carry-in. Bring in sides to go with BBQ chicken.