Quality of Life for Seniors

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(Assistant) DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Spring is arriving! Such a weird winter we have had this year. Don't sleep on it yet, though. Mother Nature always has a way of storming back in. And the constant thawing and freezing has made for slick roads and parking lots. Keep wearing your cleats to avoid those falls.

Our Valentine's Dinner was another big hit this year. Big thanks to Seth Malone for adding musical entertainment to our event. And Kudos to Bill Lockner and Jonathan for an amazing meal!

We brought in Timi Tullis again this year to provide training to our Board of Directors. As always, a lot of great information was taught to our Board members and administration personnel. We look forward to her return next year.

On deck this month, we are planning another fundraising dinner. The North Road Legends dinner promises to be a fun filled night of stories about life in Nikiski along with dinner service.

Also, don't miss out on Corned Beef & Cabbage on St. Patrick's Day, Monday March 17th!

If you are curious about why we are having numerous small fundraisers this year, we have decided to move our Annual fundraiser to the Spring. Since we didn't want to schedule the upcoming one so close to our last one, we decided to inaugurate our new annual fundraiser in May of 2026. The mini-fundraisers we are holding throughout this year support the Thelma McConnel Scholarship fund which we administer. Once we meet that obligation, additional proceeds will be used to continue supporting Senior activities here at the Center.



Center Hours: Monday through Thursday 8 am to 4 pm Friday 8 am to 2 pm 907.776.7654





TAX PREP Services

March 28th 3:30 pm- 6 pm.

Call Nikiski Senior Center 907-776-7654 or Stop by to set up an appointment.



May your troubles be less and your blessings be more ... Irish Blessing

ARE YOU 65 YEARS OR OLDER AND NEED TO SIGN -UP FOR MEDICARE PART B?

Join us as we to build

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COMMUNITY GARDEN We hope to clear the land and build a fence around the garden plot. If you know anyone who has heavy

equipment or willing to help out, please call the center 907-776-7654 and talk to John.

You still can enroll during the Genral Enrollment Period(GEP), which is January 1 st through March 31 st.

You can sign up for Medicare during the GEP If:

- You were receiving benefits at 65 and were automatically enrolled in Medicare but declined Part B.
- You did not sign up for Part B during your initial Enrollment Period.
- You missed or didn't have a Special enrollment period
- Your Part B ended because of non-payment of premiums or voluntary withdrawal.
- You have to pay a monthly premium for Part A, and you didn't sign up when you were first eligible. Part A is not free if you didn't work long enough under social security, and you aren't eligible on the record of a spouse. *Note: If you are not eligible for Part A at no cost, you can have Part B without buying Part A.*

How do I sign up?

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is in charge of the Medicare program. However, Social Security Administration processes applications for Parts A and B. You can complete the CMS 40B – Application for Enrollment in Medicare-Part B and fax, mail, or drop off the completed form at your local Social Security office. Or you can make a video, phone, or in-person appointment by calling SSA at 1-800-772-1213, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m

After you sign up for Part B, you can also pick a Medicare prescription drug plan (Part D). You sign up with a private insurance company, not Social Security.

If you declined Part B, you may pay a penalty for delayed enrollment. The penalty may increase the longer you wait to sign up.



NSC Board Meetings 3/26/2025 @ 1pm

Service Area Board Meetings 4/23/2025 @ 4pm



Read 20 minutes a day and you'll read 1,800,000 words per year.

An average American college graduate reads only 5 books in his life after graduation.

KENAI PENINSULA FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

March Schedule 2025

Canegiven Support Groups & Trainings

Wednesday, March 5th- Kenai Senior Center 2pm-3:30pm

Thursday, March 6th- Tyotkas Elder Center 10:30am-11:30am

Friday, March 7th- Soldotna Senior Center 1pm-2pm ~Emergency Preparedness Training~ (Registered Caregivers will go home with a bugout bag)

Thursday, March 20th- Sterling Senior Center lpm-2pm ~Emergency Preparedness Training~ (Registered Caregivers will go home with a bugout bag)

Tuesday, March 25th- Nikiski Senior Center 1pm-2pm ~Building Foundations of Caregiving~ Alzheimer's Association By Cindy Harris



Kenai Peninsula Family Caregiver Support Program

FAMILY CAREGIVER TRAINING

Are you a registered caregiver? Join us for this exciting training led by Valerie Flake! All registered caregivers will go home with a starter emergency bugout bag.

BACKPACKS INCLUDE:

- NOAA Ultra Emergency Radio
- General Medi (215 Piece) First Aid Kit
 - + 43 piece Mini First Aid Kit
- 2 N95 Masks
- 2 Garbage Bags
- 2 Pairs of Large Nitrile Gloves
- Hand Sanitizer
- 1 P51 Camping Can Opener
- Life Straw Personal Water Filter

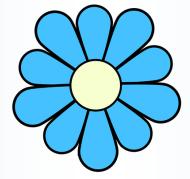
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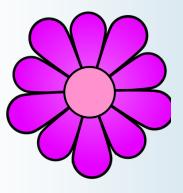


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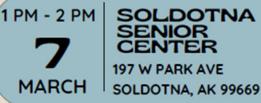
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Thank You Martie Hotchkiss for teaching a delightful class















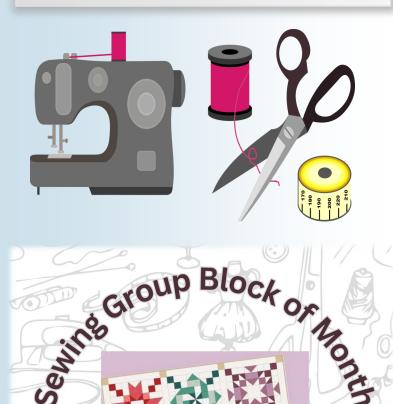


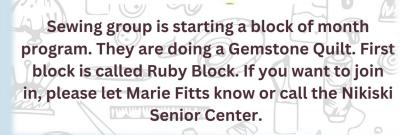






The Sewing Group offers a monthly, free sewing class. The next project is a Lovely Potholder. Class is Tuesday, March11, 12:30-3:00 pm. Group member Rose Pilatti is teaching. Please bring your own fabric and supplies or use ours. All ages are welcome!







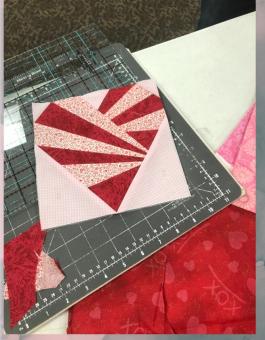
The Sewing Group welcomes new members with any level sewing skills. If you like to sew, please come join their group. They meet weekly Tuesday 12:30PM- 3:00 pm.



















Food Pantry Hours: Mon-Thurs 9 am to 2 pm Fri 10am to 1pm



Qualified seniors can shop from the NSC Pantry every two weeks for supplemental food items such as but not limited to:

- Hamburger
- Chicken
- Pork
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Lunch items
- Breakfast items
- Boxed meals
- Hygiene items
- & more

The NSC Food Pantry is graciously funded by KPB, individual donors, and state grants.

What's Happening



Guests will have an immersive evening of local tales, food, and live entertainment.

This dinner supports the Thelma McConnell scholarship fund

QUILT AND WEARABLE ART SHOW COMMITTEE COULD USE THE HELP.

They need signs made for their quilt show in July. Materials and paint will be provided. Call Nikiski Senior Center 776–7654 if you can help.



Pennies are no longer being made. Let us take them off your hands. Bring your pennies to the Nikiski Senior Center during March and help a good cause. Fill up the Owl jar that is sitting on front desk. Pennies donated will be used for the Thelma McConnell Scholarship Fund.

Acrylic Pour March 26'2025@1-3 pm Please RSVP by March 19









March's Birthdays

Scott Larson 3/1 Dan Gordon 3/2Frankie DeRossitt 3/3 Scott Marine 3/3 Linda Cole 3/4 Jack Kyle 3/4 Patty Hert 3/5 Robin Feltman 3/6 Maralee Hoover 3/6 Mark Johansen 3/6 Tom Trueax 3/7 Henia Minium 3/12

Leon Marcinkowski 3/13 Shawn Webb 3/15 Jon Harman 3/17 Carol Joy 3/17 Donna Ruth Weaver 3/18 Glenn Chandler 3/27 Alan Bute 3/19 Nadine Gabbett 3/20 Diana White 3/21 Suzette Huber 3/23 James Decker 3/24Lena Flensburg 3/24 Lisa Baird 3/25

Steve Croft 3/25 Ron Jordan 3/25 Katie Juliussen 3/26 Martin Vandenburgh 3/26 Ellen Krsnak 3/27 Sam Hodena 3/28 Carrie Anderson 3/29 Helen Ogle 3/29 Mickey Bowen 3/30 Joe Coup 3/30 Bernie Titera 3/30

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NIKISKI SENIOR CENTER

Lunch Menu

March 2025

ENTREE OR SALAD \$7

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri				
3	4	5	6	7				
Korean Beef	Butternut Squash	Baked Chicken	Pizza	Meatball Sub				
Rice Bowl	Casserole	Corn Bread	Bacon	Fries				
Cabbage/Carrots	Brown Rice	Sweet Potatoes Roasted Green Beans	Mac N Cheese	Dessert				
Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert					
10	9	10	11	12				
Spaghetti	Pulled Pork	Fried Chicken	Shrimp Alfredo	Chef Special				
Garlic Bread	Sandwich	Mashed Potatoes	Whole Wheat Bread	Burger Day				
Mixed Veggies	Cole Slaw	Roasted Veggies	Broccoli/Cauliflower	Fries				
Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Ice Cream				
17	18	19	20	21				
Com Beef	Com Beef	Orange Chicken	Beef Fajitas	Grilled Cheese				
Cabbage	Sandwiches	Rice	Brown Rice	Mozzarella Sticks				
Potatoes	Jojos	Broccoli	Beans	Tomato Soup				
Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert				
24	25	26	27	28				
Vegetable Coconut	Cheese Burger	Fried Chicken	Butter Chicken	BLT				
Thai Curry	Onion Rings	Mashed Potatoes	Rice	JoJos				
Jasmine Rice	Dessert	Broccoli/ Cauliflower	Naan Bread	Dessert				
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Biscuits			OODFOO					
Sausage Gravy			ORDERS					
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ALL AGES CAN EAT AT THE NIKISKI SENIOR CENTER!

Please call 776-7654 by 10 am to order a lunch for pick-up

Pick-up time 11:30 am

Salad Bar opens at 11:30 am & Entrée is served at 12 pm

No Salad Bar on Friday

<u>Activity Highlights</u>

- Silver & Fit: Mondays AND Thursdays @ 10:00-11:00 am
- Sewing Class: **Tuesdays** @ 12:30-3:00 pm
- Yoga (via zoom): Wednesdays @ 9:30-10:30 am
- Blood Pressure checks: **Wednesdays** by Nikiski Fire Dept., when available
- Crafts & Coloring Club: Wednesdays @ 12:30-3:00 pm
- Pinochle: Thursdays @ 12:30-4:00 pm (Looking for experienced players!)
- Bible Study: **Thursdays** @ 1:00-2:00 pm
- March 8th Bingo
- March 15th North Road Legends Dinner Fundraiser
- March 22nd Bingo
- March 26th Board Meeting
- March 28th Tax Prep



PLEASE PLACE STAMP HERE

To: