



Ninilchik Senior Center

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Happy
New Year!
Hello January 2021!

Coming Up

Jan 4 - Center Opens

Jan 18- Center Closed for
Martin Luther King Jr.
Day

A Note From the President of the Board:

Welcome 2021. Did we think we would ever make it? I for one am more than happy to say goodbye to 2020. May this new year bring hope and happiness. We all deserve it after the year we had.

January brings lots of excitement with it. While we still struggle with the virus that is hanging around and even potentially mutating into new and more serious strains, there are some lights at the end of the tunnel. The biggest in my opinion are the vaccines that have been produced and started to be administered. I am not advocating for or against anyone taking the shots, but I do encourage you to do your homework, learn all you can about the shots and their side effects and then make your own informed decision as to whether you should take it.

Some highlights from this past year:

1. We opened up a pull tab store. Easy Street Pull Tabs has been a rousing success. I believe we finished off the year in the black at the store even though it was closed for six weeks in March and April due to Covid-19.
2. We reinvented our fundraisers and combined the spring and fall events into one. The August fundraiser was a smashing success. It was an outside event that was blessed with nice sunny weather and the most amazing auctioneer ever. Thank you Cheryl for your talent and skills. Thank you everyone who helped with this event.
3. Opening up for congregate meals in September. This was not a decision that was taken lightly but it has turned out to be a benefit to those who have taken advantage of the in-house meals as well as to the center.
4. Julie Otto and Tandy Wallace are to be commended. When the pull tab store opened they took on the extra duty of all the paperwork that came with running a business like this. Without them I don't think this first year would have been nearly as successful. That being said, they would not have been able to do what they did without the help and support of the rest of the center's staff. Everybody stepped up and did what needed to be done. Thank you to all the staff.

I'm sure I have missed some highlights from this past year but this wouldn't be the first time I have forgotten something. May you all be blessed in this coming year.

Dick Hawkins, President



A Note from the Executive Director

Happy New Year and Welcome 2021! As a new year begins, I find myself reflecting on the past year and what comes to mind as a description of the past year is: a never-ending rollercoaster ride with lots of wicked twists and turns and a few pieces of broken track! But, on a brighter note, we were able to open back up for congregate meals in September, which brought with it a lot of smiles – especially for the staff! Thank you once again for your support over the past year – as rocky as the year was, your support of the senior center is so very much appreciated! I would also like to extend a special thank you as the year ends to the Food Bank in Soldotna. Their tireless work fed a lot of people in a very challenging time. The produce boxes that were delivered through their efforts were enjoyed by many and they are a great bunch of people to work with!

As we move into 2021 things do seem a little brighter. Maybe it's the vaccine that's now available, maybe it's the fact that we're once again gaining daylight quickly in Alaska, maybe it's the fact that even though the past year was challenging, the staff and board members I get to work with every day along with all of you that come through with a smile on your face continue to make my job thoroughly enjoyable every day. Whatever the reason, I'm going to go with it and I'm looking forward to a wonderful new year for everyone. I'm hopeful that we will be able to once again offer activities at the center and that we'll all feel comfortable getting together in one location again. I'm hopeful that the pandemic will get a little more under control this year. Overall, I'm just hopeful. Here's to 2021 and along with it a healthy and happy new year for us all!

Julie Otto



Cheryl's Dugout Chat

Happy New Year!

I thought we all could use some good luck for 2021. This month I'm enlightening you with various ways, customs and beliefs for Good Luck!

Eat Black Eyed Peas = Good Luck and gaining coins

Eat 12 grapes = Spain - One grape for each month

Eat Collard Greens = come into paper money

Eat Fish = fish only swim in one direction forward in time

Eat Black Eyed Peas, Pork, Rice Dish = Good Luck and Peace

Eat Pork = pigs rut forward and that's the direction you want to go

Avoid chicken = they scratch backwards, not the direction you want to go

Jump 7 waves = Brazil - one with for each wave

Put a penny under your plate for good luck

Wear white for good luck and peace

Wear colored underwear = Latin America - Yellow=luck, red=love, white=peace

Throw a bucket of water out a window = Puerto Rico - drives away evil spirits

Jump on a chair = Denmark - leaping into a new year for good luck and to banish bad spirits

Empty suitcase and run around the block = Columbia - this represents travel in the new year

Windows and doors open = lets the old year out and the new year in

Smash a plate on friend's doorstep = Denmark - more shards means more good luck

Kiss a loved one = England & Germany - First person you had contact with in the new year sets your destiny

New Year's Humor

What does a ghost say on January 1st?

What is corn's favorite holiday?

What happened to the thief that stole a calendar on New Year's Eve?

What did the little bottle of Champaign call his dad?

Heard someone made a resolution to lose 10 lbs in 2020

This year on New Year's Day hindsight is truly 2020

Disturbing thought - 2020 Won!

Happy Boo Year

New Ear's Day

He got 12 months

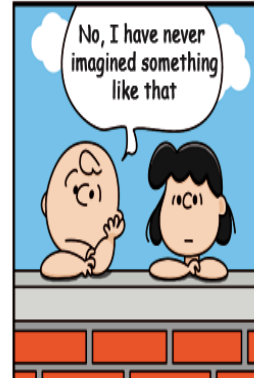
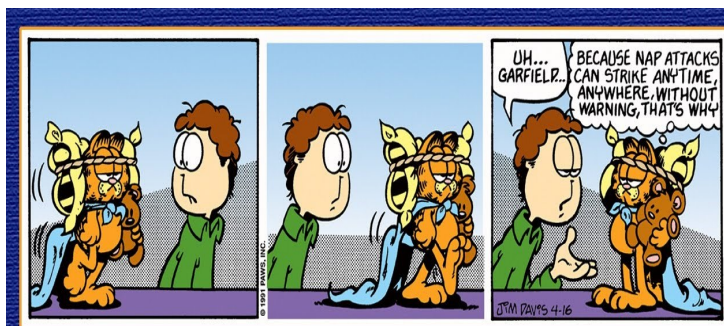
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They only had 15 to go

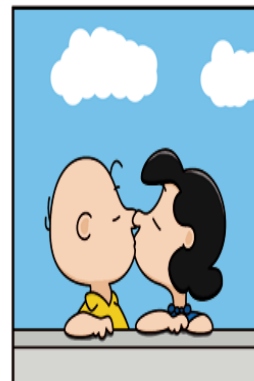
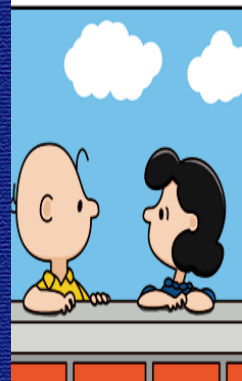
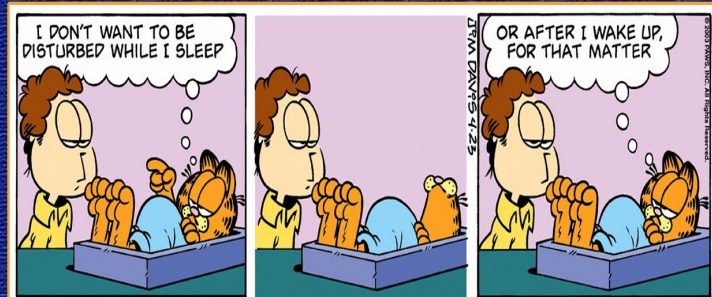
So be safe on those roads, stay warm and embrace 2021! By the way, I don't want to hear of one of our members wearing white with red underwear, jumping off a chair, throwing a bucket of water out a window while running with an empty suitcase and breaking plates on their neighbor/friend's doorstep and trying to sneak in a kiss.

Happy New Year! Come on 2021!

Cheryl



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Virtual Bulletin Board



If you have items you would like to “Post” let us know and we can add it to our Virtual Bulletin Board.

All items must be approved by the NSC Executive Director.

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Hello, Jam and Jelly Lovers!

The Domestic Engineers
still have a nice selection of those goodies.



1 Pint: \$8.00

1/2 Pint: \$5.00




Buy any 6 jars - get 1/2 Pint free!

Buy any 12 jars - get 1 Pint free!

Phone Numbers to call: 567-3335, 741-2230, (623)694-7439

June Judy Vi



Project Homeless Connect

A decade of supporting those in housing crisis

January 27, 2021-February 8, 2021

Point in Time Count

Where did you stay on the night of January 26th, 2021?

Those that participate will be provided free backpacks with food, blankets, comfort kits, and resources at the following locations and times:

| <u>DATE:</u> | <u>TIME:</u> | <u>LOCATION:</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---|
| 1/27/2020 | All day | Lee Shore Center (for Domestic Violence victims) |
| 1/27/2020 | All day | Love INC |
| 1/27/2020 | 11am until gone | Soldotna United Methodist Church Food Pantry |
| 1/28/2021 | 9am - 11am | Nikiski North Star United Methodist Church |
| 1/29/2021 | 11:30 - 4pm | Kenai Peninsula Food Bank - (lunch and food pickup in back) |
| 2/1/2021 | 2pm until gone | Ninilchik Senior Center |
| 2/1/2021 | Noon until gone | Kenai United Methodist Church |
| 2/2/2021 | 11am until gone | Sterling Senior Center |

For More Information Please Call: 907.420.4514

This list is subject to change.

Virtual Bulletin Board



Have you considered buying a book for your loved one this winter??

I still have copies of both of my books.

ALASKA FISH AND FIRE is a memoir that sells for \$20.

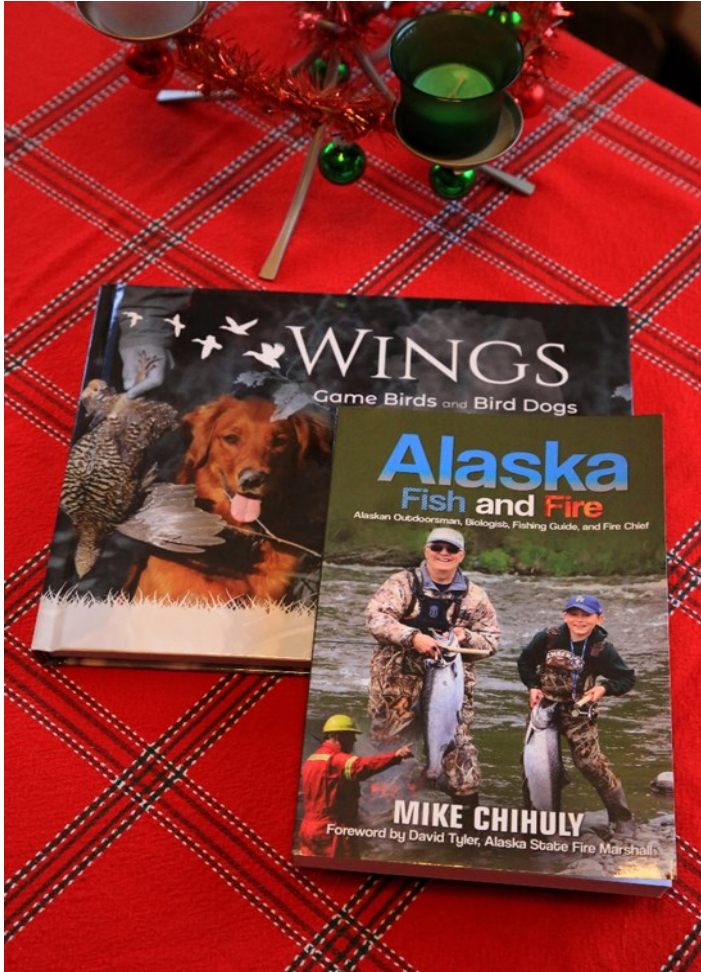
WINGS...Game Birds and Bird Dogs of Alaska is a coffee table book printed in color and sells for \$30.

I can deliver or mail anywhere. I will pay the postage for book rate.

I also would be happy to sign any books you wish.

You can contact me @ 398-7459 or email @ chihuly@ptialaska.net.

You can also message me and like my page on Facebook.



**Hope your holidays
were blessed!
Mike & Shirley Chihuly**



Alaskan Trivia



1. What development in the 1940's made Alaska accessible to the lower 48 states?
2. In what year did the University of Alaska begin? (1935, 1953, 1917)
3. During construction of the Alaska pipeline, what was the peak number of workers on the line? (21,000, 28,000, 35,000)
4. In one word, describe what draws people to Alaska?
5. Approximately how many rivers in Alaska? (1,000 3,000 5,000)
6. On what Aleutian Island was the "Canniken" atomic test?
7. What does ANILCA stand for?
8. What is the name of the silver winged gnat common in Alaska and a pest to everyone?

Answers on page 9.

happy birthday!

Kathryn Hale 1/1

Lorraine Reinhart 1/10

Janice Nofziger 1/29

Phillip Lopez 1/1

Doug MacLean 1/12

Ronn Lund 1/30

Johnny Hylen 1/2

Char Moore 1/14

Bruce Randall 1/31

Rick Ferguson 1/2

Mary Holshouer 1/21

BirchAnn Allen 1/3

Tina Kenshalo 1/23

Bill Richardson 1/6

Richard Behnken 1/26

Liz Spinasantto 1/7

Linda Hawkins 1/26



\$5 A Month Club

Thank you to the following who contributed to the club:

Jim Taylor

Bob & Sharon Cook

Cathy Perry

Mary Holshouser

David & Judy Clemenson

Char & Byron Moore

Bruce Randall

John & Janice Nofziger

We have a fund to provide items that are not in the budget.

If you would like to join the club, just bring or send a donation of \$5 any time you can.

THANK YOU!!!

Thank You

Dave Nordgren for trash removal and to all of those who helped out or donated but didn't sign the volunteer book.

Thank you to Jim Beall, Gene Giovanini, Steve Vanek, Willard & Ruthe Bauman, Terry & Janie Nelson, David & Judy Clemenson, Howard & Nora Appel, Jeff Smith and Susan Welsh-Smith, Steve Stewart, Cathy Perry, June and Jesse Paul, Tom & Phyllis McCutchan, Ed Harper, Karen Covey, Dick & Linda Hawkins, Bill & Nancy Walsh, Jack & Carolyn Rathert, Darla Bradley, Don Nuebel, Bob & Linda Pearson, Bill & Becky Hamilton and anyone we may have missed for the donations.

Thank you to all our Members!!!

Thank you to all our Volunteers!!!

Thank you to all our Donors!!!



Dear Charity Administrator,

We are very excited to announce the launch of AmazonSmile Charity Lists in the Amazon Shopping app! Now AmazonSmile supporters can donate items directly to **Ninilchik Senior Citizens Incorporation** by shopping your Charity Lists in the Amazon Shopping app on their mobile phones. Supporters can also continue to shop your lists at smile.amazon.com on desktop or mobile web browsers.

Here are a couple reasons why we think Ninilchik Senior Citizens Incorporation and your supporters will love Charity Lists:

Easy and convenient

Charity Lists in the app offers your supporters an additional and simple way to donate items directly to Ninilchik Senior Citizens Incorporation, at the convenience of their fingertips.

Direct shipping

The donated items will automatically ship to the verified address associated with your list. You can have a different address for each one of your Charity Lists.

Tips and Resources to share the news with your supporters:

1. Create your first Charity List or refine existing ones with the [optimization guide](#).
2. [Download the banners](#) and use the following message to encourage supporters to donate items from your Charity Lists:
Help make a difference. Shop AmazonSmile Charity Lists at smile.amazon.com/gp/ch/list/52-1323828 to support our mission.*
3. Visit your organization's AmazonSmile Metrics Dashboard to track the items and number of units purchased from your Charity List, order dates, the retail value of donated products, and more. Simply log in at org.amazon.com and click the "Metrics" button.

**Make sure your Charity Lists are public before sharing the link smile.amazon.com/gp/ch/list/52-1323828 with your supporters.*



1. The construction of the Alaska Canadian Highway
2. 1917
3. 21,000
- 4 Opportunity
5. 3,000
6. Amchitka
7. Alaska National Interest Lands and Conservation Act
8. No see-ums

Join NSC's Legacy Club!

Leave a Legacy and make a donation (monthly or not) of any amount to the NSC Endowment Fund or NSC Operations and once your donations reach \$500, your name will be added our donor tree. Endowment Fund Donations provide long-term investment income for the Senior Center.



Donor Tree Wall Levels of Giving:

- Tree Leaf: \$500. to \$999.
- Ptarmigan: \$1,000. to \$4,999.
- Crane: \$5,000. to \$9,999.
- Owl: \$10,000. to \$24,999.
- Eagle: \$25,000 +

If you would like to donate online, visit our website
NinilchikSeniors.org

At the bottom of the Donations page there is a button to click.

About The Ninilchik Senior Center

Our Mission

We are dedicated to making life easier, more interesting, and providing assistance to others in need among our members, as well as the surrounding community, in ways which lift the spirit and give a feeling of love to each other. We are dedicated to assisting one another through cooperation, respect, and strength of spirit, so that everyone feels welcome and their contributions valued.

Board of Directors

President: Dick Hawkins
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Executive Director: Julie Otto
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Tandy Wallace
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Cook/Maintenance: Rick Ferguson
Trans. Driver: Mark Brees
NSC Homemaker: Casey Campbell &
Lala Powell

Events and Activities

Weekly

Mondays: Belly Dancing 10:30 am
Quilting/Sewing 1-4 pm

Tuesdays: Summer Activities including:
Cornhole & horseshoes

Wednesdays:
Yoga 10:30 am
Bingo (after lunch 1:15 pm)

Thursdays: Game Day 1-4 pm
Quilting/Crafts 10am-4pm

Fridays: Yoga at 10:30 am
Trivia during lunch (summer)
Knitting 1-4 pm
Pool 1-4 pm

Cancelled due to Covid

Join us for lunch!

Lunch is served at 12:00 pm Mon-Fri.

Suggested donation:

\$7 for members, \$11 for non-members

Lunch includes: soup,
salad, entrée and dessert



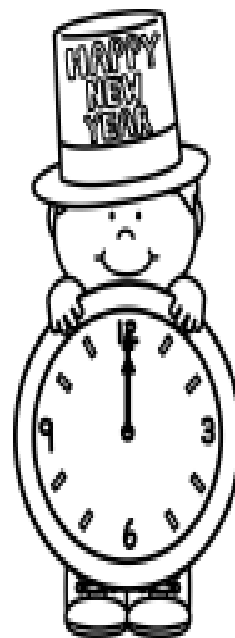
New Year's Eve

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So far this year (2020), the center received **\$231.47** from Fred Meyer through their community rewards program. Thank you to those who participate and make this possible.

If you shop at Fred Meyer, please consider linking your Rewards Card to donate to the center. Fred Meyer will donate money to the center whenever you make purchases; this will not affect the personal rewards associated with your account. Sign up online at: <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4>

The center's Organization Identification Number is **GP013**.

Thank you!!!

The Senior Center is partially funded by these Corporate Sponsors



PJK LLC



So far this year the center has received **\$33.91** from Amazon Smile. Consider signing up to support the Ninilchik Senior Center through Amazon Smile. Simply connect your account via this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1323828>, and Amazon will automatically make a donation to the center every time you make a purchase, at no cost to you. Thank you to those who are already participating.

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Easy Street Pull Tabs

10672 Kenai Spur Hwy #111

Kenai, AK 99611

In the strip mall by Safeway

Come by and try your luck!

All proceeds go to the
Ninilchik Senior Center!

Say hello to the staff:

Marion, Melody, Bernadette &
Tara

