

Ninilchik Senior Center

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Coming Up:

~Labor Day –Center Closed 9/1
 ~Grandparents Day 9/7
 ~Patriot Day 9/11
 ~Last Day for Gazebo 9/15
 ~Board Meeting 9/17
 ~Autumn Begins 9/22

2025

A Note From the President of the Board:

My, my where has the summer gone? Here it is September. The fireweed has reached the top and will most likely be going to seed very soon. Guess what happens after the fireweed goes to seed? That's right, all the snowbirds are gone. This is generally the month we say goodbye to our snowbirds. I wish you all safe travels and a warm and snow free winter. Please relax, regenerate and come back next summer.

Speaking of summer, I think we had a wonderful summer this year. The monsoon we have had the last couple of days notwithstanding. I hope everybody's gardens have done well. The potato patch at the Senior Center has done quite well. It will be close to the end of September before the harvest however. Stay tuned for the outcome. The October newsletter will tell the tale.

September is the time of year when we need to start winterizing. Make sure your car is ready for winter. Studded tires can be put on the middle of September. Also, anti-freeze and a good battery. Make sure you have emergency equipment in the trunk. You never know when you might end up in the ditch and will have to wait for someone to pull you out. Your house needs attention as well. Make sure you have your furnace inspected, and your fireplace cleaned and ready to go. If you burn wood make sure you have plenty on hand.

Have a good fall everyone. God Bless.

~ Dick Hawkins, President



A Note from the Executive Director:

September! Summer is almost officially over. Seems to fly by quicker and quicker every year! Gardening for the summer is also coming to an end. Thanks to the staff for planting and maintaining the wonderful vegetables grown in the greenhouse and garden this year. We enjoyed many "garden fresh" vegetables on our salad bar — what a wonderful thing that is!! The potatoes are still growing in the garden so it's not quite done yet! Maybe we'll get lucky and have as nice of a fall as we did a summer! There were lots of sunny days this summer.....already looking forward to next summer!

September also brings with it the closing of our gazebo. The last day for the gazebo officially this year is September 15, however, we will be having "holiday gazebo" September 26-29 so if you're needing holiday items, that's the time to shop! Although the gazebo is closing, we are and will continue to take donations, as we do this all throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who donated over the summer! Thank you also to everyone who volunteered at the gazebo this year! Once again we were able to be open at the gazebo 7 days a week!!!

This month I'd like to do a shout out to our new cook — Niki Keenan! Niki has been doing the cooking now for just over a month and has done a great job! She jumped in with both feet, (ok, both hands!), and is doing a wonderful job! Many kudos to her for the great meals she's been making - thank you Niki, we look forward to many more great meals in the years and months to come!

Have a wonderful fall everyone! For all those folks taking off for warmer winter climates, we'll miss you! Safe travels and we look forward to seeing you back in the spring.



Wow, NSC Members you rock this year with the school supply fundraiser/donation. As of this writing for the newsletter we have donated the following:

16 pkgs of notebook paper 70 pkgs of crayons 24 count

100 blue Bic pens 23 spiral notebooks

85 glue sticks 421 pencils

13 plastic rulers 4 bottles of glue

4 pink erasers 505 pencil cap erasers

15 pairs of scissors 3 3ring binders

16 pkgs of colored pencils 3 pkgs Crayola markers

1 pencil sharpener 1 pocket folder

1 backpack full of supplies 11 highlighters

1 bulletin board set

I know you all have been asking about next years fundraiser theme. The theme is.......

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA! USA turns 250 years old next year so we are giving her a birthday party. This isn't a political event or rally, it is to celebrate the USA turning 250 years old. I can't wait to see the different celebratory clothing etc. people will come up with.

In honor of back-to-school time I thought I would pass on some words of wisdom.

"One of the things I've discovered in general about raising kids is that they really don't care if you walked five miles to school"

Patty Duke

"In real life, I assure you, there is no such thing as algebra" Fran Lebowitz

"Old age is no place for sissies" Bette Davis

"It's not just enough to swing at the all. You've got to loosen your girdle and really let the ball have it"

Babe Didrikson Zaharias

As always Keep Swinging for the Fence!

Cheryl

Gazebo News

\$1 Bag Sale on all clothing including shoes (please bring regular 9/1 - 9/15

grocery bags for use in bag sale)

9/15 Last day open for regular season

Christmas Gazebo open 9/26-9/29



Thank You!!!

A Huge Thank You to all our weekly volunteers and helpers!

Jane Crossett

Nancy Elf

Midge Evans

Teri Evans

Ron Jorgensen

Lonnie Lambert

Joan Mason

Janice Nofziger

Vi Nordgren

Molly Powell

Tracy & Rick Rector

Candy Thornton

Larry Wallace

Thank you also to anyone who helped out this summer!

2026 Annual Fundraiser Dinner & Auction

Our theme for next year will be:

Happy Birthday America!

America will be 250 years old!

Start thinking about your costume for next year!









Coming up soon.....



September is a significant month for senior citizens, marked by observances like National Senior Center Month and Healthy Aging Month, promoting well-being and community engagement.

National Senior Center Month

September is recognized as **National Senior Center Month**, which aims to highlight the valuable programs and services provided by senior centers across the country. The theme for 2025, "Powering Possibilities: Flip the Script," encourages communities to challenge outdated perceptions of aging and to celebrate the dynamic role that senior centers play in fostering creativity, connection, and resilience among older adults.

Healthy Aging Month

Additionally, **September is Healthy Aging Month**, an initiative that focuses on the positive aspects of growing older. This observance encourages adults aged 45 and older to take stock of their health and well-being, promoting physical, mental, social, and financial fitness. The goal is to inspire seniors to embrace new opportunities and activities that enhance their quality of life, emphasizing that it is never too late to start something new.

Overall, September serves as a month of celebration, awareness, and community for senior citizens, encouraging them to stay active, connected, and engaged in their lives.

Taken from: The National Council on Aging



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Weekly Elder Chair Exercises with Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association (APIA) Tuesdays 3:15pm - 3:30pm on Facebook Live

facebook.com/APIAI

Assistive Technology of Alaska

Call: 907-563-2599. Visit: atlaak.org

Schedule an appointment to explore tools for independence!



Falls Myths vs. Facts

health.alaska.gov/ en/education/sen ior-fallprevention/

Join Alaska Falls Prevention Coalition

This new statewide effort led by Dept. of Health Injury Prevention Unit is recruiting members! Contact: carie.eastaugh@alaska.gov

In-Home Falls **Prevention** Checklist



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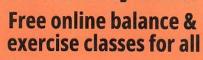
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ncoa.org/olderadults/health/prevention/ falls-prevention/

AARP Virtual Community Center



National Institute on Aging

local.aarp.org/virtual-community-center/



Caregiver **Conversation Guide** to Prevent Falls

shorturl.at/j5tym



2025 Falls Prevention Awareness Week Sept 22 - 26 Toolkit

ncoa.org/page/fallsprevention-awareness-week-toolkit/



Causes & Prevention of Falls nia.nih.gov/health/falls-andfalls-prevention/falls-andfractures-older-adults-causes-

and-prevention

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Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Senior Access Program Home Modification



ahfc.us/pros/homelessness/ assistance-grants/senioraccess-program-sap "After working with Older Alaskans for over two decades one of the most common regrets I hear is waiting too long to make home modifications. By the time seniors realize they need grab bars, better lighting, step-free entrances, lever door handles or non-slip flooring, it's often after a fall or similar scare. Aging in place successfully is about creating a living space that works with you, not against you, as needs evolve."

- Jim, AHFC Housing Relations Officer

Center for Disease Control

Stopping Elderly Accidents, Deaths & Injuries (STEADI) Initiative



cdc.gov/steadi/index.html

ANTHC Fall Prevention Video



youtube.com/watch?v=
69IEWxMZENA

BFit & Well Annex Anchorage Senior Fitness

bfitandwell.com 907-229-7652



LIFE Fall Prevention Planning Tool

<u>lifefallprevention.com/</u> index.html

Fireweed Therapy

At Home Outpatient Occupational and Physical Therapy in Anchorage Patient Resources



<u>fireweedtherapyak.com/patient-resources</u>

Well Haven Aging in Place Services



Home safety evaluations and dementia consulting throughout Alaska with inhome and virtual telehealth visits. well-haven.com



Access Alaska Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Loan Closet

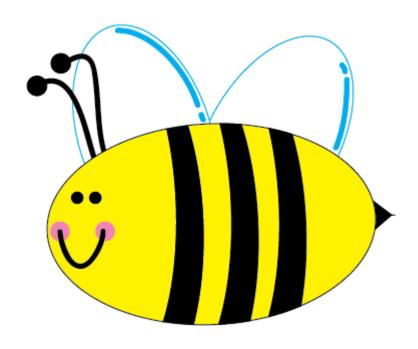
accessalaska.org/dme-loan-closet Access Alaska offers many services. Call: 907-248-4777.

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Save the date

September 4, 2025 11:30am

Family Caregiver Program Informational meeting





HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

LOOKING FOR VENDORS

FOR THE NINILCHIK SENIOR CENTER HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

NOVEMBER 8 FROM 10AM TO 5 PM & NOVEMBER 9 FROM 11 AM TO 4 PM 66265 ASPEN AVE, NINILCHIK 907-567-3988 CALL NOW TO SIGN UP

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<u>September</u> September's Birthstone is Sapphire



The September birth flowers are Forget-me-not, morning glory and Aster



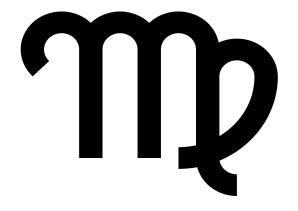


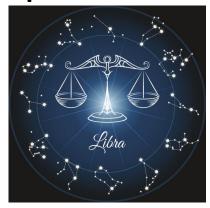


The September birth signs are Virgo and Libra.

Aug 23-Sep 22

Sep 23-Oct 23





Ninilchik Senior Center (NSC) Progressive Split the Pot Raffle

<u>Cost</u>: \$1 per ticket. Members may purchase as many tickets as desired each week. Tickets purchased are valid only for that week's drawing. Tickets must be purchased each week until 11am Friday if the member wishes to participate in that week's drawing.

Drawing Time: Every Friday at 12:00 pm

Location: Ninilchik Senior Center 66265 Aspen Ave Ninilchik, AK

Progressive Split the Pot Raffle Rules:

One winner every week.

Winner does not need to be present to win.

Open to NSC members only. Membership must be current.

The Current Raffle will last up to 16 weeks or until someone draws the Eagle. Future raffle duration may change without notice but will be announced at the beginning of each new raffle.

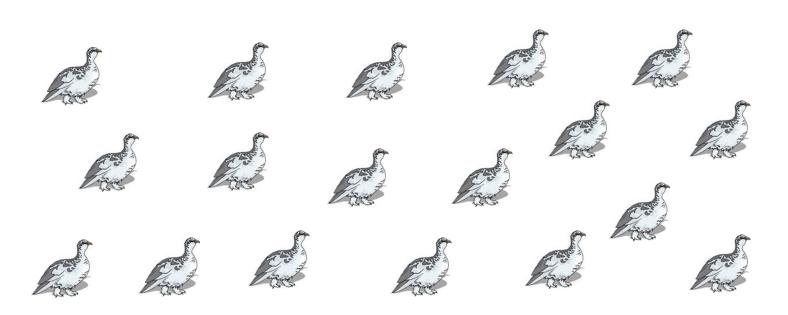
16 cards

(1) Eagle: grand prize winner: 50% of the pot

(1) Owl: 10% of the pot

(14)Ptarmigan: \$5

Congratulations to all the prior weeks winners





Old West 1

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 25 letters spell a George Eliot quotation.

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RATTLESNAKE
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- 1. What city was the setting for the movie "North to Alaska"?
- 2. What is the name of the well-known drive-up glacier in Alaska?
- 3. How did the Alcan Highway get it's name?
- 4. What is a "male whale" called?
- 5. What is "Creek Street" in Ketchikan known for?
- 6. Name the Bay that became synonymous with the big oil strike.
- 7. What animal is 90% of the Golden Eagle's diet?
- 8. Where is Alaska's "First City"?
- 9. What is the name of the official state flower?
- 10. Name the popular ski resort near Anchorage.
- 11. What city is known as the "Air Crossroads of the World"?
- 12. What does the color of a buoy indicate?

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Free Printable Crossword Puzzle #4

This is the Daily Crossword Puzzle #4 for Aug 14, 2025

Find the solution at

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onlinecrosswords.net/74352

Across

- 1. Trivial
- 6. Pretends
- Spoiled child
- 14. Love greatly
- 15. Dinner, e.g.
- 16. Pledge
- Roaming tribesman
- 18. Lacking the ability
- 20. Votes in
- 22. Toddlers
- 23. Saloon
- 24. Past due
- 26. Stand up
- 28. Dozing ones
- 32. Tricky
- 33. Head movement
- 34. Grand
- 35. Become visible
- 39. Vinegary
- 41. Make points
- 43. Vend
- 44. Couch
- 46. Pea shells
- 48. Rep.'s opponent
- 49. Basker's desire
- 50. Book issues
- 52. Immaculate
- 55. Spotted
- 56. Bad actor
- 57. Guys' dates
- 61. Fight back
- 65. Opinion piece
- 68. Cowboys' contest
- 69. Choir member
- 70. Emerald
- 71. Actress DeGeneres
- 72. Acapulco coin
- 73. Appointment
- 74. Regards



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- 1. Horse's hair
- 2. Golden calf, e.g.
- 3. Alaskan city
- 4. Soothsayer
- **5**. Bureaucratic delay (2 wds.)
- 6. Friend (Fr.)
- 7. Lincoln's coin
- . Lincoln's coin
- Mexican snack
 Mattress support
- 10. Long scarf
- 11. Synagogue figure
- 12. Map book
- 13. Not here
- 19. Biblical poem

- 21. New spouse's boy
- 25. Guitarist ____ Clapton
- 27. Whiskeys
- 28. Ginger cookie
- 29. Daft
- 30. Revise text
- 31. Range
- 32. Sleazier
- 36. Renovate
- Secluded valley
- 38. Graceful trees
- **40**. Computer output
- 42. Curtain holders
- 45. Ballroom dance

- 47. Guided
- 51. Shoe part
- **52**. Inexpensive
- 53. Large spoon
- 54. Gives forth
- 58. Waterless
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- 33. Mona ____
- Common seasoning
- **62**. Unoccupied
- **63**. Look
- 64. Coal measures
- 66. Overly
- 67. Rebel general

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 to our donor tree. Endowment Fund Donations provide long-term investment income for the Senior Center.

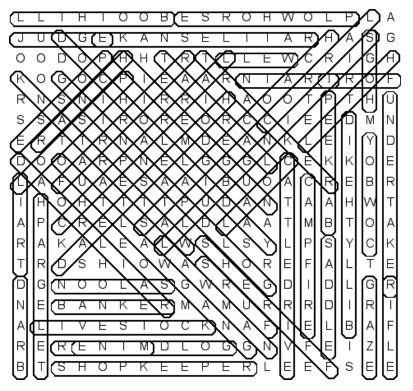


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Puzzle Answers







Vivian Moe 9/2

Judy Clemenson 9/5

Niki Keenan9/5

Nancy Walsh 9/7

Kimpy Ferguson 9/12

David Clemenson 9/13

Vince Gibby 9/13

Richard Thayer 9/13

Kaye Waldsmith 9/13

Amy Lambert 9/18

Kathy Bundy 9/18

Terry Hepner 9/18

Frank Anderson 9/22

Carl Hamm 9/22

Dan Skipwith 9/23

Ray Clouatre 9/24

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\$5 A Month Club

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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 ** Steve Vanek for selling the split the pot raffle tickets Steve Stewart for pressure washing the rugs Willard Bauman for picking up groceries Jim Beall for the Costco Runs Don't forget to log all of your time in the volunteer book Thank you to all of our members and volunteers

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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.

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Events and Activities

Weekly

Mondays:

Quilting/Sewing 1-4 pm

Tuesdays:

Wednesdays:

Bingo (after lunch 1:15 pm)

Thursdays: Game Day 1-4 pm

Fridays:

Knitting 1:30 –4:00 Billiards 1-4 pm

Join us for lunch!

Lunch is served at 12:00 pm Mon-Fri.
Suggested donation:
\$8 or members, \$12 for non-members
Lunch includes: soup,
salad, entrée and dessert





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September 2025 Menu

Please note: menu is subject to change based on product availability. 907-567-3988. Please call in advance for take-out meals. Meals will still be available as take-out (\$7 suggested donation, add \$2 for salad). Lunch Starts at Noon.

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Saturday	Information	Soup served daily with pick up meals		Suggested Donation \$8.00 Members \$12.00 Guests To-Go Soup \$1.00 per cup				Lunch starts right at noon		
Friday	. 5	Salmon Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans Rolls	12	Oven Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Veggie	19	Cheeseburger Fries Macaroni Salad Jell-O	26	Biscuits & Gravy Ham Hashbrowns Fruit No Salad Bar		
Thursday	4	French Dip Potato Salad Broccoli	II	Frittata Sausage Bread Pudding Fruit No Salad Bar	Board Meeting 18	Cranberry Pork Loin Yams Stuffing	25	Hawaiian Chicken Vegetable Rice		Σ.
Wednesday	Bingo (a. 1:15 3	Baked Ziti Mixed Vegetables Garlic Bread	Bingo @ 1:15 10	Chicken Cordon Bleu Pasta Cauliflower Garlic Bread	Bingo @ 1:15 17	Chicken Alfredo Carrots Garlic Bread	Bingo @ 1:15 24	Swiss Mushroom Bacon Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Cabbage & Rolls		
Tuesday	2	Asian Chicken Stir Fry Veggies Rice	6	Bourbon Kielbasa Rice Jell-O	91	Country Pork Ribs Kidney Beans Coleslaw Cornbread	23	Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fries Macaroni Salad	30	Monterey Chicken Rice Carrots
Monday	I	Center Closed for Labor Day	80	Lil' Cheddar Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Carrots & Rolls	15	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy Broccoli Rolls	22	Chicken Enchilada Refried Beans Mexi-Corn Rice	29	Sloppy Joes Potatoes Broccoli
Sunday	Birthdays	Vivian Moe 9/2 Judy Clemenson 9/5 Niki Keenan 9/5	7	Nancy Walsh 9/7 Kimpy Ferguson 9/12 David Clemenson 9/13 Vince Gibby 9/13 Richard Thayer 9/13 Kaye Waldsmith 9/13	14	Amy Lambert 9/18 Kathy Bundy 9/18 Terry Hepner 9/18	Frank Anderson 9/22 21	Carl Hamm 9/22 Dan Skipwith 9/23 Ray Clouatre 9/24 Cheryl Matson 9/25 Lonnie Lambert 9/27 Angie Hickel 9/27 Charlene Petty 9/27	28	Alan Townsend 9/30 Bev Hylen 9/30

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