



Ninilchik Senior Center

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September 2026

Coming Up:

~ Center Closed for Labor Day 9/7

~ Patriot Day 9/11

~ First Day of Autumn 9/22

A Note From The President of the Board

Well folks, it looks like summer is over. The snow birds are departing our wonderful state for the winter. They will be missed. I hope you have a great winter and I hope to see you again in the spring.

I want to let all of you know that Cheryl Doyle has resigned her position on the board of directors. I want to thank Cheryl for her years of service to the Senior Center. She will be missed.

As most of you know food prices have gone up and up over the last few years. The staff is doing a great job of purchasing food and finding the best value for the buck. Please be aware of the amount of food that is being thrown away every day. Please don't take more than you can comfortably eat. I know it is a challenge at times. Nikki prepares some wonderful meals and it all tastes so good, but that is the rub. We know it tastes good so we take more and then we get too full. Having the main meal cut into smaller sizes helps but it's up to the patron to only take what they can eat.

September seems to be the month when things seem to start slowing down. Labor Day is the last holiday of the summer. Remember the center will be closed on the holiday. The tourists are gone (for the most part) and if we have enough fish in the freezer then all we have to worry about is having enough firewood to take us through the winter. I know, there is still a lot to do to get ready for winter, but it just doesn't feel as urgent. If you are like me then you say it will get done or it won't and if it doesn't get done the snow will cover it up so we don't have to worry about it until next spring. I over simplify things at times, don't I.

What to do before winter? If you burn wood, make sure you've got a stockpile in the shed, get your chimney cleaned, schedule your annual boiler inspection, get your studded tires on starting September 15, clean out the garage so you can put your lawnmowers in, preposition the snow shovel and ice scraper on the porch. That's enough...I'm feeling a little tired already!

Dick Hawkins, President

A Note from the Executive Director

September already??? Time goes so fast when your having fun, so they say! Speaking of fun – what a fun time we had at the annual fundraiser last month! Thank you to everyone who attended the fundraiser and to those that helped out – it takes a lot of hands to make it all work and our volunteers rise to the challenge every time! Thank you all so much – with a special thank you to our wonderful veterans who let us display their beautiful Honor Flight quilts to hang on our walls for the event. What a wonderful celebration and a great way to honor America's 250th!! This fundraiser was one of our best!

September also brings with it Grandparents' day! Grandparents' Day is celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day, which this year is September 13. We can thank Jimmy Carter for this special day. In 1978 Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation which allows for this special day to honor grandparents, and to give them the opportunity to show love for their children's children, and to help all children become aware of the strength, information, and guidance older people have to offer. Hats off to all you wonderful grandparents! I hope you enjoy your special day!

As summer comes to an end, so will the gazebo for this season. If the weather holds out, we would like to be able to keep the gazebo open as long as possible, however, we will be closing before the first snow! Thank you to all of you who donated your time to work at the gazebo and to all those that donated items!

As in year's past, we will be holding a sale here at the senior center which will mostly be made up of Christmas items, tools, and other things too big for the gazebo! The dates for the sale will be October 10 and 11th. Times are yet to be determined but plan on stopping by and taking a look at all those things that didn't make it to the gazebo. If you're in the mood to sort, organize, or help out during the sale itself, please let the office know as we could use the help!

This month we also see a lot of our snowbirds leave. It's always sad to see everyone leave in the fall – we can't wait to see you all again next spring. Safe travels everyone as you head back to your winter homes!

Julie Otto, Executive Director



The 2026 Annual Fundraiser Dinner & Auction

“America’s 250th” Theme

Decorated with Honor Flight
Quilts





The evening started with a salute to all the Veterans who attended and to those Veterans who went on the Honor Flight and shared the quilts that they received during their trip.



Willard Bauman



Bob Cook



Terry Wilkes



Larry Wallace

Judy Clemenson

David Clemenson



Butch Bologna, Auctioneer

Howard Appel
In disguise



Such a Fun Night!
Thank you to every-
one who attended,
volunteered and
donated!



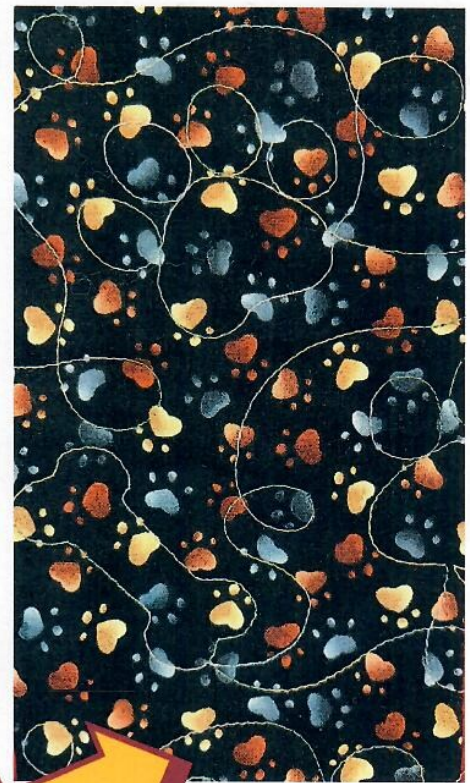
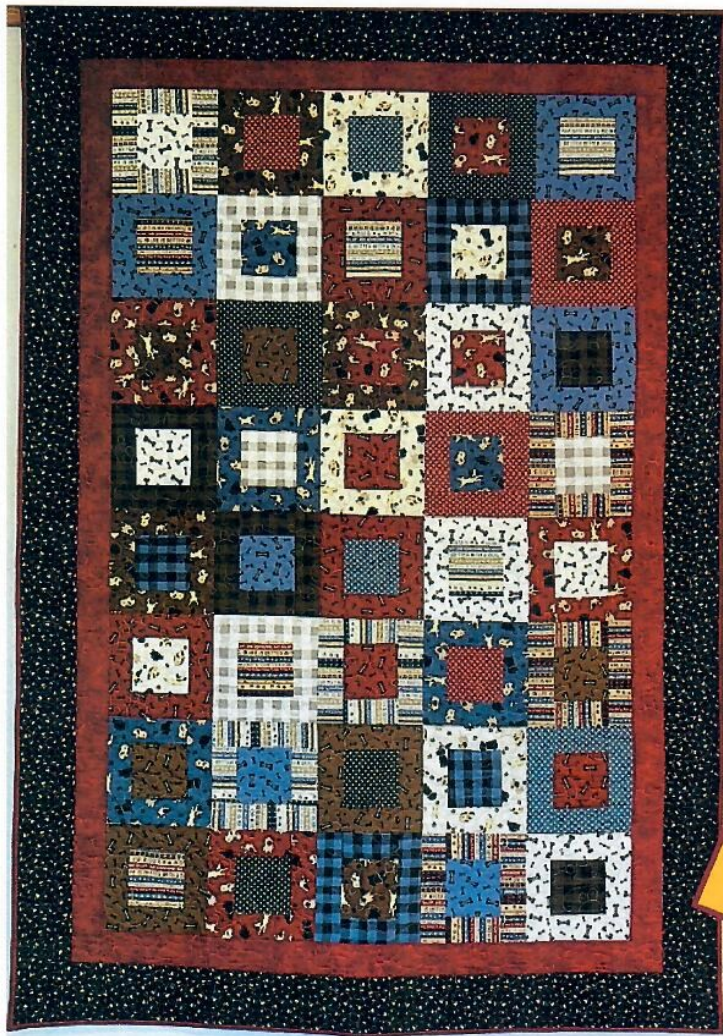
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Quilt Raffle

"Meet Your New Best Friend" Doggy Quilt.

This quilt was made by Julie Matsuoka. The quilting was done by Becky Woods. Thank you, ladies! Quilt Size: 79.5" x 55.5".

Come by the Senior Center to see it up close!



The Actual Quilting Pattern

Tickets are \$5 each and only 300 tickets will be sold

The Drawing to be held at the Ninilchik Senior Center on
September 4, 2026 at Noon

State of Alaska Gaming Permit #874

September birth flowers are Aster & Morning Glory



*September
Birthstone is
Sapphire*

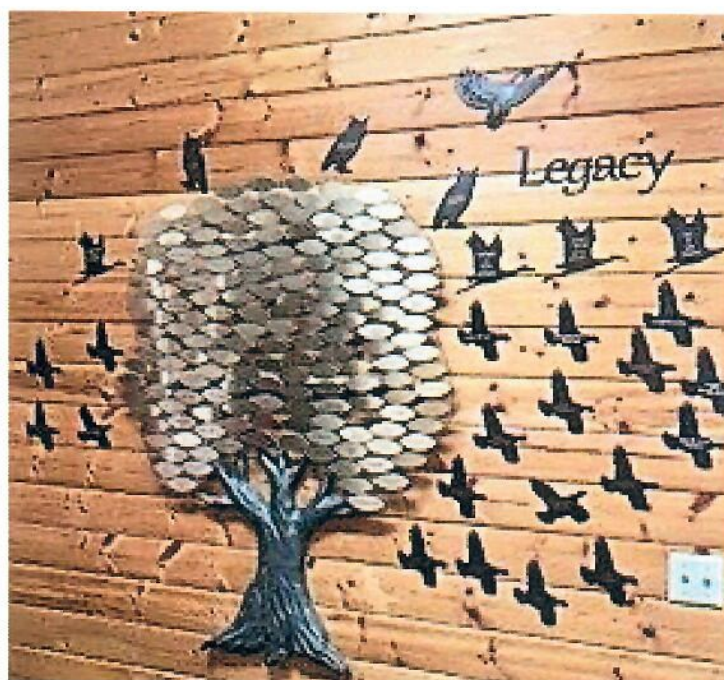


September birth signs are Leo & Virgo



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.



Donor Tree Wall Levels of Giving:

- Tree Leaf: \$500. to \$999.
- Ptarmigan: \$1,000. to \$4,999.
- Crane: \$5,000. to \$9,999.

Thank you to all who donate to the Ninilchik Senior Center!

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6		7		8		9		4
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n° 117920 - Level Easy

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7							2	
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	8							7
	2		8			5		
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8	4		5			7	9	

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6			9	8				
	4		5				8	
	8			7	3	2		

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n° 225457 - Level Medium

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5	1					9	3	
4			7		3			
					9	8		
		8		2		1		

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Abraham Lincoln

Word Search

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.



ABE	GETTYSBURG	MEMORIAL
ABOLITIONIST	HONEST	PRESIDENT
ABRAHAM	ILLINOIS	RAIL SPLITTER
AMERICAN	KENTUCKY	SIXTEENTH
ASSASSINATION	LAWYER	SLAVERY
CIVIL WAR	LEADER	TOP HAT
CONSTITUTION	LEGACY	UNION
EMANCIPATION	LINCOLN	WASHINGTON
FREEDOM	MARY TODD	WHITE HOUSE

Crossword #13

Across

1. Get cracked
5. "Have some"
8. Indy entrant
13. Overdue
14. Not up
16. "Dreams from My Father" author
17. Old-time outburst
18. Mysterious character
19. Hand-dyed fabric
20. Bond villain Goldfinger
22. Smother
24. Stable sound
25. Mistake in print
26. Conference site
28. Sprawling story
31. Enter the picture

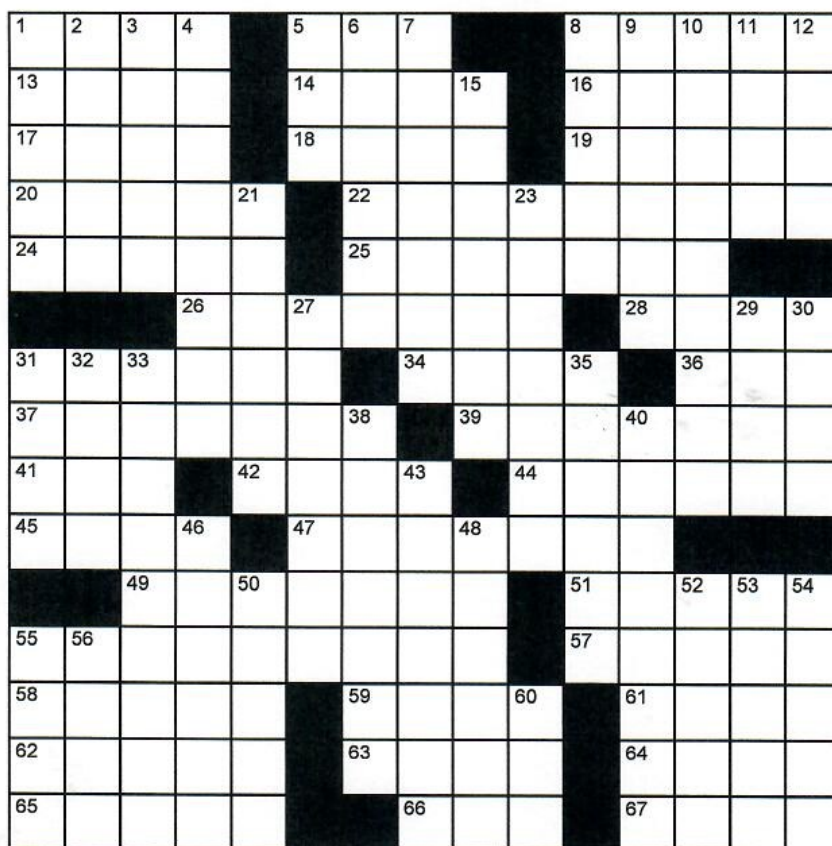
34. Sandy hill
36. Like sushi
37. Climbing plant
39. Hopeless feeling
41. Sun follower?
42. Symphony member
44. Lean
45. Flock members
47. Go-between
49. Becomes fond of
51. "Laugh-In" co-host
55. Brought in, as crops
57. Cashless deal
58. Studio sign
59. "National Velvet" author Bagnold

61. Malarial fever
62. Determined
63. "How ___!"
64. Pinochle play
65. Decorative jugs
66. Con's confines
67. Culturally showy

Down

1. Fresh from the shower
2. World Court city, with "The"
3. Video game pioneer
4. Family tree
5. Something to lend
6. Problem drinker, e.g.
7. Like some professors
8. Sci-fi droid
9. Computing device
10. Boat with two hulls
11. Radiate
12. Autumn tool
15. Rip off
21. Penny pincher
23. Obesity
27. High-pitched voices
29. Horse's stride
30. Out of whack
31. Top spot
32. Ship's front
33. Get through

35. Accompany to a party
38. Revel noisily
40. Scenic view
43. Totally gone
46. Jesus, for some
48. Chemical salt
50. Joanna of "Growing Pains"
52. Make a bet
53. Legally of age
54. Down-and-out
55. Nozzle site
56. From scratch
60. Place to hole up



Solution for Crossword #13

1	C	H	A	P		5	E	A	T		8	R	A	C	E	R
13	L	A	T	E		14	A	B	E	D		16	O	B	A	M
17	E	G	A	D		18	R	U	N	E		19	B	A	T	I
20	A	U	R	I	C	21		22	S	U	F	23	F	O	C	A
24	N	E	I	G	H		25	E	R	R	A	T	U	M		
			26	R	E	27	T	R	E	A	T		28	S	A	G
31	A	P	P	E	A	R		34	D	U	N	E		36	R	A
37	C	R	E	E	P	E	R		38		39	D	E	S	P	A
41	M	O	N		42	O	B	O	E		43		44	S	C	A
45	E	W	E	S		46		47	L	I	A	48	I	S	O	N
			49	T	A	50	K	E	S	T	O		51	R	O	W
55	H	A	R	V	E	S	T	E	D		57	T	R	A	D	E
58	O	N	A	I	R		59	E	N	I	D		61	A	G	U
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65	E	W	E	R	S		66	P	E	N		67	A	R	T	Y



Solutions :

5	1	2	8	3	9	7	4	6
4	7	3	6	1	2	5	8	9
8	9	6	7	4	5	3	2	1
9	4	1	3	7	6	2	5	8
6	2	7	5	8	1	9	3	4
3	8	5	2	9	4	1	6	7
7	3	4	1	2	8	6	9	5
1	6	9	4	5	3	8	7	2
2	5	8	9	6	7	4	1	3

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n° 117920 - Level Easy

9	5	1	2	7	8	6	3	4
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1	8	3	6	5	2	9	4	7
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5	1	9	7	3	6	4	8	2
8	4	6	5	2	1	7	9	3

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n° 116957 - Level Easy

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8	1	9	3	4	7	6	2	5
3	9	8	6	1	2	5	7	4
5	7	1	8	3	4	9	6	2
4	2	6	7	9	5	3	1	8
6	3	2	9	8	1	4	5	7
9	4	7	5	2	6	1	8	3
1	8	5	4	7	3	2	9	6

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n° 225457 - Level Medium

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1	9	7	8	3	2	4	5	6
6	8	5	1	7	4	3	2	9
8	2	4	3	9	1	6	7	5
7	3	9	6	5	8	2	1	4
5	1	6	2	4	7	9	3	8
4	6	1	7	8	3	5	9	2
2	5	3	4	1	9	8	6	7
9	7	8	5	2	6	1	4	3

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Ninilchik Senior Center (NSC) Progressive Split the Pot Raffle

Cost: \$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

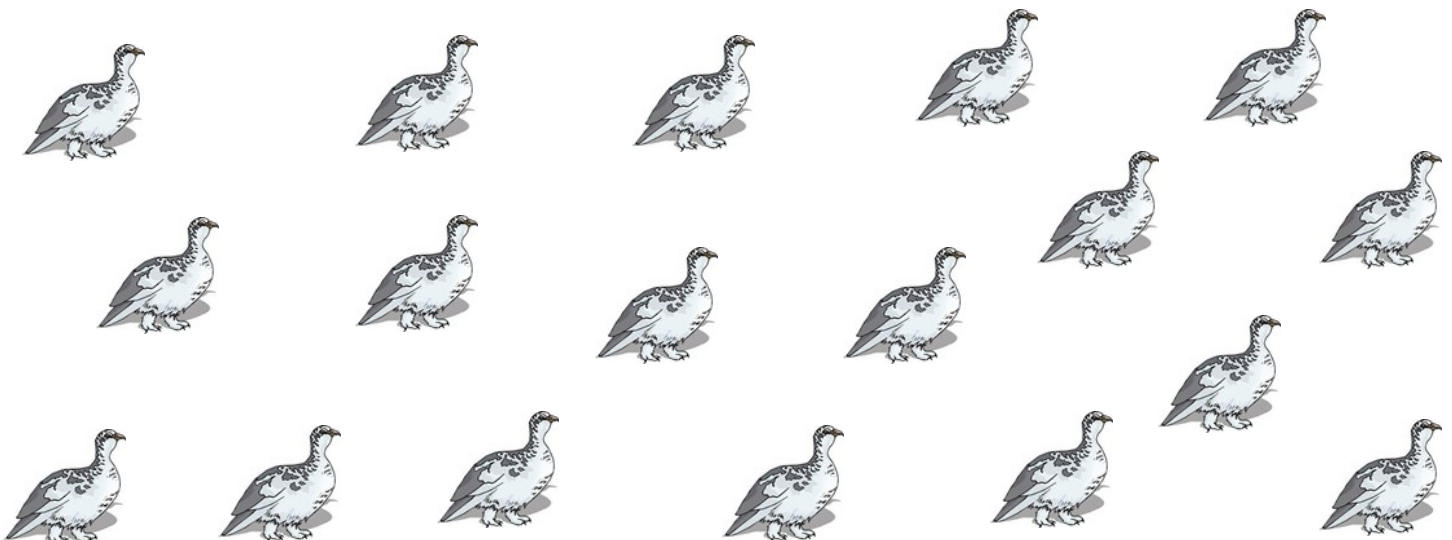
(1) Eagle: grand prize winner: 50% of the pot

(1) Owl: 10% of the pot

(14) Ptarmigan: \$5



Congratulations to all the prior weeks winners





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1. At what latitude, is the Arctic Circle? (66°30" 65°40" 68°)
2. How many years did the Russian phase of Alaskan history last? (95, 72, 126)
3. What is a large mound raised by frost action above the permafrost?
4. Name one of the two largest cities in southwest Alaska.
5. What was the most sought after resource on the Arctic coast in the 1800's?
6. How much was the average dog worth in Nome during the gold rush?
7. What country's explorers named the Revillagigedo Island?
8. One of the greatest enemies of the mountain goat is not an animal, what is it?
9. What is an area used by natives during fishing season?
10. How many flowering plants are in McKinley National Park? (200, 400, 600)
11. In 1979 an unusual climb was made on Mt. McKinley, what was unusual about this successful climb?
12. Where is the largest sockeye salmon producing area in the world?
13. How do crows crack open clams and mussels?

1. 66°30"
2. 126 (1741 to 1867)
3. A Pingo
4. Bethel or Dillingham
5. Whales
6. Fifty to One Hundred Dollars
7. Spain
8. Avalanche
9. Fish Camp
10. 400
11. It was made by dog team
12. Bristol Bay
13. By dropping them from the air onto rocks



Shelli Ogren 9/1

Joyce Ohandly 9/1

Terry Mah 9/2

Judy Clemenson 9/5

Patsy Burgess 9/9

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

Dan Skipwith 9/23

Tammy Jackson 9/23

Lonnie Lambert 9/27

Angie Hickel 9/27

Charlene Petty 9/27

Bev Hysten 9/3

Wanda Hamilton 9/30

\$5 A Month Club

Thank you to the following who contributed to the club:

David & Judy Clemenson

Delmer McCune

Nora & Howard Appel

John & Janice Nofziger

Jim Beall

Russ Cross & Bev Graf-Cross

Bob Pearson

Richard & Linda Hawkins

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

Mary Whybark for volunteering in the Greenhouse

Phillip Lopez for helping with the Nissan

All our volunteers at the Gazebo

Don't forget to log all of your time in the volunteer book

Thank you to all of our members and volunteers

Thank you to all the donors

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
V. President: Steve Vanek
Secretary: Kaye Waldsmith
Treasurer: Vi Nordgren
Trustee: John McCombs
Trustee: Dan Miller

Endowment Committee

Chair: Kaye Waldsmith
Vice Chair: Steve Vanek
Treasurer: John Nofziger
Secretary: Vi Nordgren

Staff

Executive Director: Julie Otto
Adm. Assist/Bookkeeper:
Tandy Wallace
Cook: Niki Keenan
Cook/Maintenance: Rick Ferguson
Trans. Driver: Sharon Wheeler
Back up Driver/Kitchen Prep:
Chuck O'Neal
Homemaker: Tonya Sugak

Events and Activities

Weekly

Mondays:
Quilting/Sewing 1-4 pm

Tuesdays:
Tai Chi 10:30—11:30

Wednesdays:
Bingo (after lunch 1:15 pm)

Thursdays: Game Day 1-4 pm

Fridays:
Tai Chi 10:30—11:30
Knitting 1:30 –4:00

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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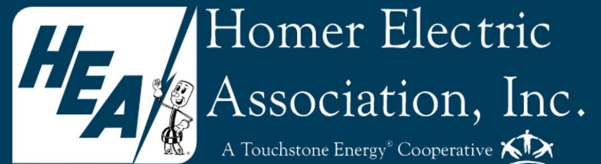
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Thank you!!!



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September 2026 Menu

Meals will still be available for take-out (\$7 suggested donation, add \$2 for salad). Lunch Starts at Noon.

Please note: menu is subject to change based on product availability. 907-567-3988. **Please call, in advance, for take-out meals.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Birthdays</i>			<i>Bingo @ 1:15</i>			<i>Info</i>
Shelli Ogren 9/1 Joyce Ohandly 9/1 Terry Mah 9/2 Judy Clemenson 9/5		Pork Enchilada w/Mild Green Sauce Rice Vegetable	Cashew Chicken Salad w/Croissant Potato Salad Vegetable	Bacon Broccoli Pasta Bake Vegetable Garlic Bread	Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes Gravy Vegetable Roll	<i>Soup served daily with pick up meals</i>
6	7	8	<i>Bingo @ 1:15</i> 9	10	11	12
Patsy Burgess 9/9 Kimp Ferguson 9/12	Center Closed for Labor Day	Asian Chicken Thighs Fried Rice Stir Fry Veggies	Salmon Cubed Potatoes Roasted Butternut Squash	Chicken Taco Casserole Zucchini w/corn Baked Rice Dish	French Dip Crosscut Fries Coleslaw	<i>Suggested Donation \$8.00 Members \$12.00 Guests To-Go Soup \$2.00 per cup</i>
13	14	15	<i>Bingo @ 1:15</i> 16	<i>Board Meeting</i> 17	18	19
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	Lil' Cheddar Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Vegetable	Mushroom Pork Chops Noodles Broccoli	Monterey Chicken Breast Rice Vegetable	Kielbasa & Veggies Sauerkraut Sweet Potato Fries	Tater Tot Casserole Corn Jell-O	<i>Lunch starts right at noon</i>
20	21	22	<i>Bingo @ 1:15</i> 23	24	25	26
Frank Anderson 9/22 Dan Skipwith 9/23 Tammy Jackson 9/23	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy Vegetable	Country Pork Ribs Baked Beans Coleslaw Cornbread	Chicken Alfredo Noodles Vegetable Garlic Bread Knots	Cheeseburger Fries Jell-O	Chicken Enchilada Refried Beans Mexi-corn	
27	28	29	<i>Bingo @ 1:15</i> 30			
Lonnie Lambert 9/27 Angie Hickle 9/27 Charlene Petty 9/27 Bev Hylan 9/30 Wanda Hamilton 9/30	BBQ Glazed Meatballs Loaded Mashed Potatoes Roasted Carrots	Apricot Glazed Pork Loin Stuffing Green Beans	Crispy Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Vegetable			

"Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness."