

Around The Shores Newsletter

July 2025



Independence Day on July 4th, commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. This day marks the birth of the United States as a nation.

July Birthdays

06 – Dodie B. (310)

27 – Jim C. (303)

Happy Birthday from all of us at MSC!

If we missed your birthday, we're sorry and please let the office know.

Dates & Events in July

04 – Independence Day -no staff

14 – Shorebirds Meeting 10:00 a.m. & Fire chief 10:45 a.m.

14-18th – Dave Baker vacation

22 – Board Meeting at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Members Information Meeting at 12:30 p.m. in The Great Room.

24 – BSR Footcare 1 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. & Shirley working half day

31 – Shirley working half day

Bonfire



There will be another Bonfire, July 10, the night of the full moon. We will start around 7:30 PM above the pond where the fire pit is. Hope you will join us! Makings for Smores will be provided. Come for fun and fellowship!

JULY SMILERS

If I had a dollar for every time I didn't know what was going on, I'd be like, why am I always getting all this money?

Potatoes make French fries, chips and Vodka.

It's like the other vegetables aren't even trying!

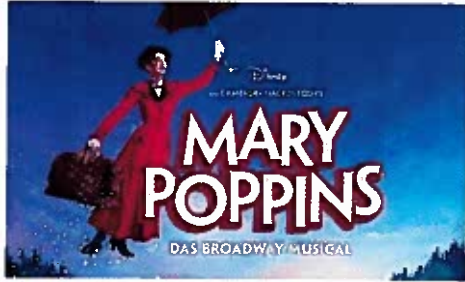
My cellphone accidentally took a ten-minute photo of my shoes yesterday. It was some Pretty good footage.

Reminder:

June is procrastination awareness month.

~Dodie B. #310

Mary Poppins Comes to the CSA



The Congregational Summer Assembly (CSA) will present the beloved musical Mary Poppins on July 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. A free will offering will be received. Dale Dwyer (#208) is in the production as Von Hussler. Kathy Dwyer will coordinate transportation through the Benzie Bus for anyone at Michigan Shores who is interested in attending on Saturday night. Look for a sign up after July 4.

~ Kathy D. (208)

How One Man's Massive Mistake Created Crystal Lake

Archibald Jones wanted a commercially successful canal, but he ended up with a beautiful failure

By Jack Ducote

Beulah — In beautiful Benzie County lies Crystal Lake, one of the state's best. Crystal Lake gets its name from its water, which is so clear you can see more than 40 feet down on a good day. Its picturesque shoreline is surrounded by beautiful cottages and lake houses.

It's a perfect example of Up North living. But it hasn't always been like that. Before the tourists and the cottages, Crystal Lake was surrounded by swamps and had basically no shoreline. The reason it has become such a destination today is entirely thanks to a man named Archibald Jones and his hare-brained plan to turn Crystal Lake into a new hub of industry.

Jones was an example of American ingenuity. He was a farmer, estate manager, horse trader, carriage maker, and bootstrap engineer. After working on the Erie Canal, he and his family moved west until they hit Benzie County in 1872.

When he saw Crystal Lake, which at the time was called White Cap Lake due to the white-capped waves that often formed in the middle of it, he had an idea. At the time, Michigan needed new harbors to form safe harbors to move goods inland and support the logging industry.

Archibald had the idea to connect the port town of Frankfort to Crystal Lake via the Betsie River. Crystal Lake would make a perfect inland harbor due to its depth and size. This project would make Frankfort very prosperous and Archibald a very rich man.

It would also allow for more lumber to be shipped to the iron foundry in Frankfort, increasing its output. So, in 1873, he formed the Benzie County River Improvement Company. He sold stock, made plans, and went to work.

If everything went perfectly, the final plan was for two different canals, one on the north side of the lake, and the other on the south. There would also be a series of locks to control it all. The company started first with the southern canal.

They cleared obstructions like downed trees, removed vegetation, dredged the river, and also built a small dam between the

river and the lake to hold back the water. Eventually, the lake and the river would be fully connected.

Unfortunately, Archibald made a critical mistake. At the time, Crystal Lake was 38 feet higher than Lake Michigan. When the small dam was constructed to hold back the water before a bigger one was built, it simply couldn't do it for long.

The large waves broke the dam. In an instant, 68 billion gallons of water flowed through the outlet, rushing out to Lake Michigan. Crystal Lake dropped 20 feet, almost instantly destroying Archibald's plan. The harbor and canal system would never happen.

But even though it destroyed Archibald's dreams, the lake losing 20 feet of water exposed a beautiful ring of beaches and land suitable for building. This loss allowed the town of Beulah to be built.

Roads were built, telegraph (and later telephone) lines were set up, and cherry orchards were planted. In the aftermath of the flooding, there was a period when the water level was in flux due to uncertainties of what level to keep the lake at.

But eventually, they settled on a

seasonal system. The level would be lowered in the winter by a small amount to control erosion, and it would be allowed to rise in the summer to allow boaters to better enjoy the water.

Instead of another industrial town that would have ended up like Detroit, Saginaw, Cincinnati, or any other Rust Belt city left behind after World War II, the "tragedy" of Crystal Lake made Crystal Lake into what it is today. In a flash, Crystal Lake went from just another port to a veritable paradise on earth.

So if you ever make it up to Crystal Lake and find yourself enjoying the water, the beach, or the beautiful views, say thank you to Archibald Jones: the man who in his failure made Crystal Lake better than he could have ever dreamed.



Submitted by: Shirley R. (office)

4TH OF JULY FRANKFORT

**JULY
1-4**

**MEDALLION
HUNT \$150 PRIZE**
CLUES POSTED 10 AM EACH DAY at the Chamber Office,
1311 Forest Ave. If found, call the Chamber @ 352-7251.

**JULY
2-5**

**CARNIVAL
OPEN SPACE PARK
HOURS**
2ND...10 AM - 10 PM
3RD...10 AM - 10 PM
4TH...10 AM - 10 PM
5TH...10 AM - 10 PM

TICKETS
ON SALE NOW
BUY EARLY & SAVE
Purchase One Day Tickets in Advance
Now through July 1, 2025 for \$25 each
at the Chamber Office - 1311 Forest Ave.
OPEN 10 AM - 4 PM Sat 10 AM - 1 PM

**JULY
4**

**9:30 AM
COASTLINE CYCLES**



**10 AM
MAIN & FOREST
REGISTER HERE
BY AED JULY 2**

**DECORATED
BIKE CONTEST
PARADE**

**10 AM - 1 PM
1ST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**KOGEL
HOT DOG SALE**

**10 AM - 5 PM
MINERAL SPRINGS PARK**

**ART
IN THE PARK**

**NOON - 2 PM
FRANKFORT BEACH
11:30 AM SIGN UP @ FRANKFORT BEACH**

**SAND SCULPTURE
CONTEST**

**7 PM
FRANKFORT BEACH**

**LIVE DJ
ENTERTAINMENT**

**AFTER DUSK
APPROX. 10:30 PM
FRANKFORT BEACH**

FIREWORKS

**PLEASE NO Dogs, Glass, Sky
Lanterns or Personal Fireworks on the Beach!**

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4TH OF JULY
FIREWORKS
HELP LIGHT
UP THE NIGHT
DONATE HERE!**



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Questions and Answers from the Cooperative Manager

Question: Can I leave my membership(Apartment) to my child(ren)?

Answer: Please refer to the current Policy in your Bylaws, Policies and Procedures Manual.

Transfer of Membership Policy Amended January 30, 2023

Except as provided herein, memberships shall not be transferable to anyone or anything, except spouses living together at Michigan Shores Cooperative, who can transfer their memberships between themselves, when the membership-holding spouse passes away.

Based on the policy above, no, you cannot leave your membership to your next of kin, or your children or family —unless your next of kin is your spouse/partner and you both were living together at Michigan Shores.

Here's a breakdown:

- Memberships are not transferable, except as specifically allowed.
- The only exception is for spouses/partners living together at the cooperative.
- In that case, when one spouse/partner dies, the membership can be transferred to the surviving spouse/partner.

So, if your next of kin is not your spouse/partner (or not a spouse/partner living with you in the cooperative), you cannot transfer the membership to them, even though it is a will or inheritance.

You can, however, leave the proceeds from the sale of your membership to your children, or next of kin. Make sure you have this information available to your Durable Power of Attorney, and in your estate planning.

*** You might want to consult the cooperative's full bylaws or your attorney for any additional exceptions or interpretation.*

June 19, 2025



PUNNY ONE-LINERS

Source Unknown

- ☺ Does Spiderman have a web site?
- ☺ He had a novel way of writing fiction.
- ☺ The records clerk kept filing her nails.
- ☺ The glue maker had stick-to-itiveness.
- ☺ Venetian blinds come in many shades.
- ☺ Is a riverboat gambler a wheeler-dealer?
- ☺ Working at the coffee shop had its perks.
- ☺ Do Tibetan women come together to yak?
- ☺ The stable hand made a presentable groom.
- ☺ The musician vanished without leaving a note.
- ☺ He admired the symmetry of the burial grounds.
- ☺ They accused the stonecutter of being a chiseler.
- ☺ The inventor of the guillotine was ahead of his time.
- ☺ The car wash attendant liked to sponge off his friends.
- ☺ Was the strike at the crate factory a boxer rebellion?
- ☺ The sailors thought Bordeaux was an interesting port.
- ☺ The pastor had a flood of inquiries about the Noah story.
- ☺ He recognized the lumberjack by the timbre of his voice.
- ☺ The long distance carrier's claims sounded phony to me.
- ☺ Some people think a paddle should be used to rear a child.
- ☺ Said the tea server turned camel trader, "One hump or two?"
- ☺ When the vaudeville dancer was dying, he knew it was taps.
- ☺ He was quite a wag so they put him at the tail end of the show.
- ☺ Finding prehistoric elephants is a mammoth undertaking.
- ☺ The Olympic team from Finland couldn't run another Lapp.
- ☺ Environmental regulations put a new wrinkle in the laundry business.
- ☺ When the baby was learning to talk, his mother said he was going through a phrase.
- ☺ They welcomed the locksmith to the choir because he was never off key, and the baseball pitcher had perfect pitch.



HUMOR PAGE

HUMOROUS DOG QUOTES



- ☺ "Every time I go near the stove, the dog howls."
-Phyllis Diller
- ☺ "Life is like a dogsled team. If you ain't the lead dog, the scenery never changes." -Lewis Grizzard
- ☺ "The other day I saw two dogs walk over to a parking meter. One of them says to the other, "How do you like that? Pay toilets!" -Dave Starr
- ☺ "Did you ever notice when you blow in a dog's face he gets mad at you? But when you take him in a car he sticks his head out the window!" -Steve Bluestone
- ☺ "My neighbor has two dogs. One of them says to the other, "Woof!" The other replies, "Moo!" The dog is perplexed. "Moo? Why did you say Moo? The other dog says, "I'm trying to learn a foreign language." -Morey Amsterdam



DOG HUMOR

Source Unknown

- ☺ Tom: "Why do you say Rex is a carpenter dog?"
Tim: "Last night, he made a bolt for the door."
- ☺ A cat and her four kittens came face-to-face with a large collie. While the kittens cowered, the cat let out a series of loud barks, scaring the dog away. Turning to her kittens, the cat said, "You see how important it is to know a second language?"
- ☺ Mary walked into the living room and saw her brother playing chess with their dog. "Amazing!" she sputtered. "This must be the smartest dog in the history of the world!"
"He's not so smart," her brother mumbled. "I've beaten him three out of five games."
- ☺ Johnny had been promised a special surprise for his birthday and that's just what he got. He stared in awe at the full-grown Saint Bernard that stood in the center of his living room. The little boy inched up to the dog, walked slowly around it and looked up into its big, brown eyes. Then he turned to his mother and asked, "Is he for me, or am I for him?"

OXYMORONS

Source Unknown

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|------------------|---------------------------|
| ☺ Good grief | ☺ Advanced basic |
| ☺ Airline food | ☺ Terribly pleased |
| ☺ Tight slacks | ☺ Working vacation |
| ☺ Small crowd | ☺ Genuine imitation |
| ☺ Act naturally | ☺ 12-oz. pound cake |
| ☺ Legally drunk | ☺ Passive aggression |
| ☺ Resident alien | ☺ Temporary tax increase |
| ☺ Almost exactly | ☺ Government organization |



About the pond...

The architect's plot-plan drawings for Michigan Shores do not show the pond as part of the original concept. Early in the final days of planning it became apparent that landfill would be needed for the south portion of the structure. To save the cost of hauling in fill from some remote location it was decided to borrow it from our own building site. Thus the excavation that eventually became the pond, as well as the dry-pond, or swale, on the south side of the entrance drive, was created. The north excavation began to fill with ground water; never has been much water in the swale.

May 1992 permission was granted to the Beavers to sink an experimental well 10 or 15 feet deep on the west side of the pond so possibly the water could be used for the nearby gardens or for the pond. This was done in June with Gil Danielson acting as foreman for the project.

The 1-1/4" well point was hammered into the ground with a 50-pound weight suspended and dropped from a height of 12 feet. Water was struck at a depth of 12 feet. An additional six feet of water-bearing sand was entered to assure an adequate supply. After trying a borrowed well pump to see if their idea was on target, a 3/4 HP Sears pump with a 5-gpm capacity was installed. They were hopeful that a reasonable depth could be maintained during the coming summer. The cost of the well project, \$620, was covered by generous donations.

In July 1992 work continued on the pond. By extending the pump discharge pipe an additional 25 feet beyond the shoreline, they were able to install a spray head, to produce a very nice fountain effect.

December of 1992 a Pond Committee was formed to research the cost for developing the pond so it will more nearly serve as planned. It was supposed to be an attractive addition to the meadow side of the building and also to serve as a reservoir to contain excess run-off in times of great rain or snow.

It wasn't until September of 1994 we began thinking about doing something to keep the pond as deep as we would like it. We learned that we would either need a larger capacity pump or that we should do something to prevent the water from seeping out of the bottom of the pond. Then in March of 1995 a sincere vote of thanks was given to an anonymous donor who contributed \$5,000 for the improvements of the pond. Her anonymity need no long be preserved, since our wonderfully generous Neva Schalm, for whom the pond has been named, passed away in 1996. The new pump delivers 24 gallons per minute or 34,560 gallons per 24-hour day. We began keeping records on water level and fluctuations due to rainfall. Once the correct water level was determined, a timer was installed to control the pumps on time.

In the July 1995 Around the Shores, Al Hyams wrote in his Beaver Tales column. "...The job is completed. The newly planted shrubs and trees are taking root and fit in beautifully. Thanks to many anonymous free-will donations; the pond is completely paid for – another reason for jubilation.

For the June 1996 Around the Shores, Neva Schalm wrote, "It seems good to have a good pond again – a basin of water. The most enthusiastic beings must be the frogs, judging by the nightly chorus. A pair of ducks has arrived, and we hope the heron will follow. A July 1996 alga is on the pond. It was treated to help clean it and it seemed to work.

May of 1997 a school of nearly 100 goldfish was noticed in the pond. They are 6" to 8" and appear full of vim and vigor. The big question is who put them there? No one seems to know but they are a welcome addition to our pond.

The third week in August of 1998, the cattails on the driveway side of the pond was sprayed. The plants seem to be turning brown. If the experiment is deemed successful, the trio will spray more area this fall. We may see a decreased crop next spring, but spraying will probably have to be done then. April 1999, the goldfish survived the winter and seem more numerous than ever.

March 2000, Al Hyams wondered if the two visiting Canada geese are the same pair that stopped by last year. If such is the case, we can witness first hand one of nature's great mysteries. How do these birds make an annual trip from southeastern United States to northern Canada and locate Neva's Pond en route? From above, the pond can hardly be seen, and it is not shown on even the largest-scale map. Treat this pair of geese kindly, for they deserve our admiration.

Note: Research on the web tells the writer that Canada Geese mate for life; they nest in the same area every year – often using the same nest their parents used.

June 2000 water lilies that George Baker brought from Rush Lake in 1997 are doing very well – a fine legacy from someone who contributed greatly to Michigan Shores.

Submitted by Bud Strong

For the July MSC newsletter:

Hello from the Strategic Planning Committee, aka Possibilities and Pathways Team. We met in late May to map out the process. The committee members are,

Dale Dwyer
Carol Edmonds
John Lekovish
Marty Litherland

Linda Miner
Sarah Thompson (added to the group in June)
Lynn Vinkemulder

Because of the busy summer, we have agreed to begin the process mid-August. There is much to share about what we will do, but suffice to say now that this is a membership driven endeavor where the committee will facilitate the conversation and summarize the results. From the process, a series of recommendations will be made to the board.

More will come in the next MSC newsletter. Stay tuned.

Marty Litherland
310

LIFE TRIBUTES

JOAN LUEDTKE

Frankfort Michigan

June 10, 2025

Joan Ruth Luedtke, 90, of Frankfort, Michigan died peacefully surrounded by her immediate family on June 10, 2025.

Joan was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Emery and Estelle (Goggin) Shaft on March 8, 1935. She was united in marriage to Erich Robert Luedtke in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin on June 23, 1956.

After graduating from the University of Wisconsin, the newly married couple moved to Frankfort, Michigan where Erich joined the family business, Luedtke Engineering Company, and Joan assumed responsibility for raising their two children, Chris and Mary Sue. Joan and Erich celebrated 60 years of marriage before his passing in 2016.

Joan loved live theater. As a young girl growing up in Milwaukee, she enjoyed attending plays and musicals with her parents and taking acting classes throughout high school. As an adult, she acted on-stage in amateur plays performed by the Benzie County Players and rarely missed a performance by the Cherry County Playhouse in Traverse City. Joan also loved parties and outings,



including cross-country skiing festivities, Lutheran youth group activities, dinners with friends in Myrtle Beach, and happy hours at Michigan Shores Cooperative. She was an active member of the Periwinkle Garden Club and P.E.O.

Joan is survived by her daughter, Mary Sue (Mark) Hoffman of Kalamazoo. She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Erich Luedtke; son, Chris Luedtke; daughter-in-law, Linda Luedtke; and grandson, Christopher Luedtke.

Cremation has taken place. A family graveside burial service will take place in Frankfort this summer. Contributions may be made to either Trinity Lutheran Church in Arcadia, Michigan or Trinity Lutheran Church in Frankfort, Michigan.

THANK YOU FROM THE FRANKFORT ELBERTA AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR TEACHERS FOR A SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Hello Community Organizations, A long and late Thank You from the Interact Club and Frankfort Students for your willingness to engage with students on service projects , we appreciate you . I am sending this out to all of you at together so you can see all the amazing Service Day projects around the county . Wow! What a dedicated community. The students returned excitedly with a feeling of accomplishment from their projects . A frequent comment is " Can we do more Service Days?" I look forward to future projects, Cheers to the Power of Community,

Kristin Pensyl
Interact Club Advisor

A shout out to all our members who graciously contributed to snacks for the students. They were all so grateful.



Bulletin Board

Are you a Veteran? Need benefit help?



Call Karen Korolenko,
Director at Benzie County
Department of Veterans
Affairs. 231.882.0034 or

Email kkorolenko@benzieco.net.

FOOT CARE CLINIC

BY APPOINTMENT

Wednesdays at Benzie Senior Resources
Office with our RN Stacey

for Age 60 and over for Benzie only residents.

Call 231-525-0600 to set yours up.

There is a service fee for each client session —
\$20.00/client.

Frankfort Area Vet to Vet Group
is held the 1st Monday every month
6:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church
in Frankfort at 955 James Street.

Come join us! Welcome home...



Free Computer Help

The Darcy Library in Beulah

Thursdays 10 a.m. to 12 Noon

Use your computer or one at the library.

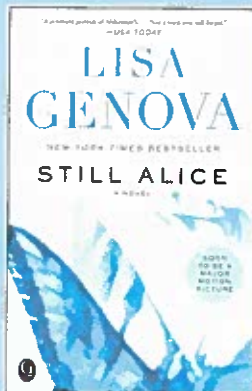
Questions? Call Carol at 231.882.4037

**The Gathering Place
Book Club Book Group
meets**

10:00 a.m. June 26th

Our book is

***Still Alice* by Lisa Genova**



Essential Estate Planning
Benzie Senior Resources offers Essential Estate
Planning by appointment only. Meet with an
estate planning attorney for free to review, update
and/or create an estate plan.

Call 231-525-0600
to schedule your appointment.

Have you considered where your volunteer hours might
have the most local impact? We'd love to chat with
compassionate people who could help us deliver daily
meals to Benzie County home-bound seniors. Our
Home Delivered Meals program helps ensure seniors
are food secure, and also provides a caring check-in on
delivery days-- peace of mind for out of town family
members. We have the delivery vehicles, and purchase
the gas. **Learn more by calling Michelle at 231-525-0601, ext. 202.** She may be out delivering meals, so
please leave a message!



**Benzie Bus
celebrates**

"Try Transit Week"

June 2nd thru 7th

June 4th is Senior

Appreciation Day—

Free fare to all Seniors 60+ that day!



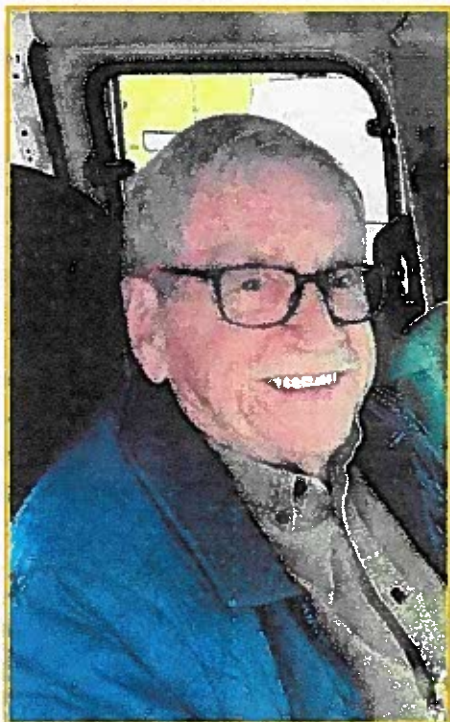
BENZIE BUS

**Bring us wool sweaters and cool buttons...
See what we do with them! Mittens for sale at
TGP \$20.00**

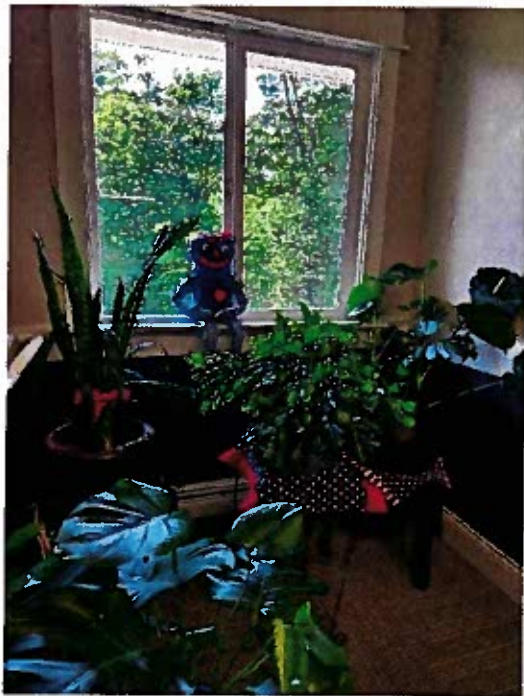
Please bring clean, gently used
or new Flannel fabric, Fleece
fabric for projects! Thanks!!!
We appreciate your help!



*We'll
Miss You*



Bill Dowd was a key part of our home delivered meals program as one of our volunteers. He started in August of 2013 and just recently retired. While with us Bill gave us 4708.75 hours of service, was on 1202 routes, and delivered at least 30,050 meals into the homes and hands of our clients. Thank you Bill! We appreciate all your help over these past years! It was a matter of choosing to be closer to family... he and his wife Christine have chosen to move from Frankfort to be nearer to their dear ones. We wish Bill and his family all the best!



These Patriotic “Woggies” (AKA Nancy Epperle dolls) were made by Linda Miner #308 and donated to MSC (Michigan Shores Cooperative).

See if you can spot silly Uncle Sam and Aunt Sally as they pop up in various locations around the building throughout the month of July.

[The MSC version of “Where’s Waldo,” “Elf on the Shelf,” and “I AM BEAR”]

2025 JULY

CALENDAR YEAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Exercise at 1pm Tues & Thurs 2:00 bridge Tues		Mahjongg 2pm third floor		
		1	2	3	4	5 10:00 Brunch
6	7	8	9	10	Independence Day	12
12	14 10:00 Shorebirds 10:45 Fire Chief Dave vacation	15	16	17	18	19 6:00 Potluck Dinner
20	21	22 10:00 Board Meeting	23	24 1-6 BSR Footcare Shirley 1/2 day	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Shirley ½ day		

Birthdays: 06-Dodie B(310); 27-Jim C (303)

Coffee@ 9:00am In Great Room
Happy Hour 5-6pm in Great Room