



President's Corner & Director's Message

President's Corner

Happy November everybody!

Well, Fall is turning into Winter rather quickly. I could have used a bit more Fall!

We had a wonderful Fall fundraiser our Quilt Bingo gala that was held on October 4th. Chef Jonathan prepared a scrumptious dinner and dessert that hit the spot. We also had beautiful quilts and Split the Pot to win during the Bingo portion of the evening. A few times I would get close to winning Bingo games and needed one more number only to hear someone shout out 'Bingo!'. Oh, well, It was fun evening. Our Staff worked hard to make the evening a great success. We made a little over \$9,000. All of those funds will be used for our Senior Housing Building fund.

Please join us for the Community Lunch on November 19th. Great food and fellowship with neighbors. Best of all, it is free! Everyone of all ages are welcome.

Please welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Libby Davis! She will be a great help in getting the many things that need doing in running our CVenter.

If you have any questions or suggestions concerning your Center, please let me know.

All the best,

Wayne Ogle

Board of Directors President

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Salutations from your now non-probationary executive director! October has come and gone for another year. I will be sure to schedule my vacation away from Halloween next year, so I can compete with all the wonderful Halloween costumes our members wear for the costume contest.

On to the holiday season. We have both our free community meals coming up in the next couple months. Both will be held the week before their respective holidays. Our Thanksgiving meal will be held on Wednesday, November 19th and our Christmas meal will be held on Wednesday, December 17th. Be sure to spread the word to your friends and family. We are an open center, so anyone can attend at any time, especially during these holiday meals.

Also coming up in December, we are hosting a Christmas bazaar on December 6th and 7th. If you are looking for that perfect gift for a loved one, check out our local crafters at the bazaar. Our kitchen will be open as a concession stand, selling hamburgers, hot dogs, and chili.

We are also planning a "Reindeer Hunt" in December. Stay tuned for details on that event. Every participant had a blast during our "Moose Hunt" last year, so we hope to keep growing and make this an annual activity.

Snow is also upon us. Be safe out there and dust off your cleats. We don't want any of you taking a tumble!

John



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

visit our
website!

www.NikiskiSeniorCenter.org





Board Meeting

NSC Board Meeting

11/19/2025

@ 1:00 pm

If you are interested in what the Center is doing, please join us at the monthly Board of Directors meeting.

Nikiski Senior Service Area Board

1/28/2026

4:00PM

KENAI PENINSULA FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM



NOVEMBER



SUPPORT GROUPS & TRAININGS

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NOVEMBER

TYOTKAS ELDER CENTER
10:30-11:30AM
SUPPORT GROUP

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NOVEMBER

SOLDOTNA LIBRARY 1PM-2PM
DINING WITH DEMENTIA
LED BY VALERIE FLAKE

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NOVEMBER

KENAI SENIOR CENTER 2-3:30PM
INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION & Q&A BY
PAM HAYS- CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

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NOVEMBER

NINILCHIK SENIOR CENTER 10:30-11:30AM
DINING WITH DEMENTIA
LED BY VALERIE FLAKE

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NOVEMBER

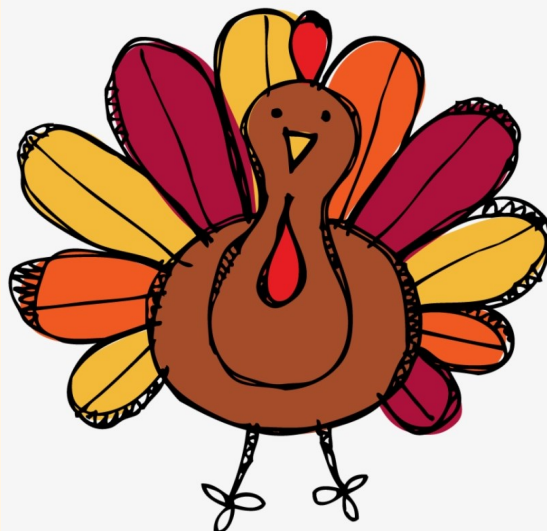
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DINING WITH DEMENTIA
LED BY VALERIE FLAKE



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THANKFUL





Kenai Peninsula Family Caregiver Support Program

In recognition of

NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

CELEBRATED EVERY NOVEMBER

Dining WITH DEMENTIA

Are you caring for a loved one with Dementia? Would you like to know more about how to engage and connect with your loved one?

Training led by Care Coordinator, Valerie Flake

Join us



Monday, 10th
November 2025



Soldotna Library
1:00-2:00pm



Tuesday, 18th
November 2025



Ninilchik Senior Center
10:30am-11:30am



Thursday, 20th
November 2025



Sterling Senior Center
1:00-2:00pm

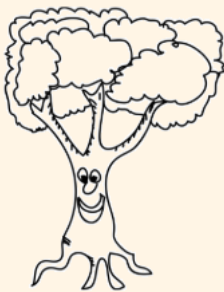
This event is not sponsored or endorsed by the Soldotna Public Library



Dani and Nicole at the
Soldotna Community
Health Fair. Oct 10 & 11



Can You find me?



Hidden in this newsletter is Alfred the tree. If you find him (not this one here), let the front desk know where you saw him, and enter the free lunch drawing.

**Congratulations to Julie Ware
who won last month drawing.**



**Congratulations to Raye Dunn
who won the Quilt Raffle!**



Seward Field Trip



Quilt Bingo

Thank You to everyone who helped out!





FOOD PANTRY HOURS

**9:00 am to
10:30 am**
or
**12:30 pm to
1:30 pm**



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

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**Proud Sponsor
of the
Food Pantry
2025!**

November's Birthdays

Tim Griffith	Nov 01	Ralph Deatherage	Nov 12
Fred Braun	Nov 03	Sheila Holtzen	Nov 13
James Roza	Nov 03	Marilyn Harman	Nov 15
Elizabeth Robbins	Nov 04	Richard McGahan	Nov 15
Bill Baird	Nov 05	Dennis Booth	Nov 16
Lyle Dahl	Nov 05	Larry Ransier	Nov 18
Beau Emond	Nov 05	Michael Tapp	Nov 18
Andy Schiestl	Nov 05	Cecilia Deatherage	Nov 19
Kay Ball	Nov 06	Darrell Moore	Nov 19
Debra Choat	Nov 07	Judith Stiedl	Nov 19
Jeff Laube	Nov 07	Marilyn Williams	Nov 19
Linda Hansen	Nov 09	Loralie Moore	Nov 19
Marilyn Shilue	Nov 09	Christina Griffith	Nov 21
Tammy Whitaker	Nov 09	Marion Nickelson	Nov 21
Peggy Ann Eddy	Nov 10	Lenora Niesen	Nov 22
BK Kivi	Nov 10	Marie Bradford	Nov 25
Kenneth Miller	Nov 10	David Nyberg	Nov 26
Randy Baker	Nov 11	Gary, Gabbett	Nov 27
Willie Porter	Nov 11	Susie, Chmielowiec	Nov 27
Barbara Arness	Nov 12	Louis R Grimaldi	Nov 30

Thanksgiving

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Thankful
Pumpkin Pie
Stuffing
Turkey
Ham
Cranberry Sauce
Yams
Potatoes
Green Beans
Pilgrims
Dinner
Whip Cream
Apple Pie
Cornucopia
Harvest
Fruit
Corn
Macys Parade
Dog Show
Foot Ball

Holidays Notices

Nikiski Senior Center will be celebrating

VETERANS DAY

with lunch-Free for veterans

11.10.2025

We will be closed

11.11.2025

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Join Nikiski Senior Center for a

Thanksgiving Dinner

(Free to the Community)

Wednesday

11:30 am-1:30 pm | November 19, 2025

Pre-Registration is encouraged

Call for Nikiski Senior Center
more information or register

907-776-7654



THE
NIKISKI SENIOR CENTER
WILL BE

Closed for
Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER
27TH & 28TH



These three pumpkin blocks are hidden in the main level of the Senior Center. If you spot them all, go see the front desk, let Amy know where you saw them and she will put you into a prize drawing for a free lunch!



Thank you, Marilee Johansen, for representing the Nikiski Senior Center by helping at the Nikiski North Star Elementary Fall Carnival.



Libby Davis is our new Administrative Assistant. Libby has worked in senior care for over 25 years. She brings grant writing and project development experience among her many valuable skills. Welcome Libby!



If you have not met her yet, our front desk receptionist is Amy Spencer. We are glad to have her as part of our staff team.

Cornbread

For an extra kick, consider adding jalapenos and cheddar cheese.

Ingredients

Ingredient 9x13 (smallest) Third Recipe (one sheet pan)

Full Batch (three full sheet pans)

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Ingredient	9x13 (smallest)	Third Recipe (one sheet pan)	Full Batch (three full sheet pans)
Eggs	151 G	604 G	1,812 G
Oil	160 G	640 G	1,920 G
Milk	320 G	1,280 G	3,840 G
Sugar	227 G	907 G	2,720 G
Bread Flour	341 G	1,362 G	4,084 G
Baking Powder	22 G	86 G	256 G
Salt	10 G	38 G	116 G
Cornmeal	95 G	378 G	1,132 G



Instructions

1. In your bowl using a whisk attachment, add eggs, oil, milk, and sugar. Mix on low speed for roughly 3 to 5 minutes until the sugar breaks down.
2. While that's going, in another bowl, weigh out your bread flour, baking powder, salt, and cornmeal. Whisk it together.
3. Add half of the dry mixture to your liquid mixture and mix on low until incorporated. Scrape the bottom of the bowl.
4. Add the rest of your flour mixture, mix until incorporated. Scrape the bottom of the bowl again and mix on medium to high speed for 5 minutes
5. Bake at 350°F from anywhere from 15 minutes to 45 minutes, depending on the size of your batch. In fact, my full sheet jalapeno one normally does take about an hour.

Notes

- I personally add jalapenos and cheddar to this as well. I used canned jalapenos, drain them then lay them on a towel and dry them. This way you're not adding too much liquid to your cornbread. I portion out one pan of it, then mix in the jalapenos and cheddar into my bowl, then set it up in another pan.
- Make sure you spray your pan well, otherwise your cornbread will get stuck. I don't find this needs parchment paper; I have never had a problem getting it out. In fact, I find with the parchment paper it'll stick to the jalapeno one when you cut it.
- The large recipe is for three full sheet pans.
- The third recipe is for one sheet pan.
- The smallest recipe is for a 9x13 pan.

What's Happening

NIKISKI CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW DECEMBER 6&7 10 AM - 5 PM

Is Looking For Vendors

Cost: \$30 Includes Table

Set Up: Friday, December 5th, 3-6 pm

Deadline to Apply: November 21, 2025

Drop off payment and application at

Nikiski Senior Center

Call 907-776-7654 if you have questions

Applications can be found on the Nikiski Senior
Center Website, Facebook Page
or at the Senior Center



CHRISTMAS Raffle

1st Prize is ½ a Beef
Provided BY 4T% Ranch
Processed By AK Meat Packers

2nd Prize is a Christmas Quilt
Made By Myrna Dyer

Drawing will be held December 17, 2025
\$20 per ticket. Only 500 tickets sold
Call 907-776-7654 or visit the Nikiski Senior
Center to get your ticket!



Permit # 1489

2021 Keystone Travel Trailer

\$25,000 OBO

Contact Randy Stiedl

360-356-5740

360-356-6733

For more information



Special Back Window Upgraded Suspension System
Sumo Springs
CRE 3000

Volunteers needed

- Drink Station
- Transportation

If you can help with any of
these areas, please let
John Walker know.

Coping With Grief During The Holidays

Wednesday November 19, 2025

11:00-12:00

Nikiski Senior Center

Hospice
OF THE CENTRAL
PENINSULA

Becca Stimmel
Bereavement
Coordinator
35911 Kenai Spur Hwy
Soldotna, AK 99669
907-262-0453

November Arts & Crafts



November 5 st
Holiday Cards



November 12 th
Pumpkin



November 19 th
Wooden Circles



November 26 th
Holiday Wreathes



Christmas GREETING CARD WORKSHOP

*Do not get caught by suprise. Get your holiday cards
done and sent out early this year.*

There will be premade cards or
DIY card kits you can put together.

Tuesday, November 18th
From 10 am to 11:30 am



Anything Yarn or String

Tuesdays
1:00-3:00 PM

Bring your yarn, needles
or we have supplies too!

Can help teach you how to crochet,
knit or kumihimo.



Event Calendar

NIKISKI SENIOR CENTER
Event Calendar
November 2025



Event schedules can change so check back with Facebook , NSC Website or Call the Center at 907-776-7654 to stay up to date or sign up for an event.

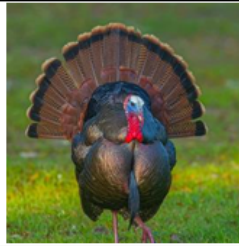
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Lunch Menu

NIKISKI SENIOR CENTER

Lunch Menu

November 2025



*Entrée or Just Salad only is \$7.
Entrees, Salad Bar and Soup is \$10.
ALL AGES are welcome to eat.
Menu is subject to change .*

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Coconut Thai Curry Rice Dessert	4 Shrimp Taco Wild Rice Veggies Dessert	5 Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy Dessert	6 Shrimp Alfredo Fresh Garlic Bread Veggies Dessert	7 Hand Made Smash Burger Onion Rings Dessert
10 Spaghetti W/Meat sauce Garlic Roll Veggies	11 Closed For Veteran's Day	12 Orange Chicken Rice Sesame Seed Broccoli	13 Pork Ribs Mac N Cheese Corn on Cob Dessert	14 BLT French Fries Dessert Dessert
17 Biscuits W/Gravy Eggs Desserts	18 Carnitas Rice Beans Dessert	19 Thanksgiving Community Dinner Turkey Mashed Potatoes Stuffing Veggies Dessert	20 Pot Roast Veggies Whole Wheat Bread	21 Pastrami Sandwich French Fries Dessert
24 Baked Cod Quinoa Veggies Dessert	25 Carne Asada Cilantro / Lime Rice Beans	26 Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy Couscous	27 Closed For Thanksgiving	28 Closed For Thanksgiving

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO EAT.

**TO GO lunches need to be called in by
10 and picked up 12:00 pm**

Monday –Thursday

Salad Bar opens at 11:30 pm

Entrée opens at 12:00 pm

No Salad Bar on Friday. Entrée is 11:30 am

Activity Highlights

- Cricut and Resin Class: **Mondays @ 1:00-3:00 pm**
- 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
- Arts & Craft: **Wednesdays @ 1:00-3:00 pm**
- Pinochle: **Thursdays @ 12:30-4:00 pm**
- Bible Study: **Thursdays @ 1:00-2:00 pm**
- Quilting : **Thursdays @ 12:30- 3:00 pm**

November

- **11th NSC Closed for Veteran's Day**
- **19th Thanksgiving Community Dinner**
- **19th Hospice of Central Peninsula: Grieving Through The Holidays**
- **19th NSC Board Meeting**
- **27th & 28th NSC Closed for Thanksgiving**

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