

Village of Long Creek

# Neighborhood Newsletter

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*The calendar said Spring,  
but on the first full day...*

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*...THIS was the story!*

*Photo by Mim Krout*



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***Committees and individual residents are asked to contact Mary Legreid to schedule the clubhouse for meetings or other activities:***

***302-834-2378 or [mrlegried@gmail.com](mailto:mrlegried@gmail.com)***

***This publication is written by and for the residents of the Village of Long Creek.***

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## VOLC – GRASS CLASS –April 2018

Please READ CAREFULLY And  
RETAIN FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

The following information describes VOLC Lawn Care Program for the 2018 season. Altra Inc. is providing these services. This notice may be updated during the season with new information.

Services for lots are listed here. A sign will be posted at the entrance for pruning and treatments.

Mowing	Weekly (with exceptions for heat, rain)	25x /year(3 additional, as needed)
Edging walkway/sidewalk	Monthly	6x / year
Weeding of Builder Beds	Monthly	6x / year
Treatments - Fertilizer and/or weed control Grub control	Seasonal Part of one summer application	5x / year
Spring Cleanup & Mulching	March	1x / year
Shrub/Ornamental Tree pruning	Summer/Late November	2x / year

**Flagging - Residents may choose to decline the following services for a given event as follows:**

If you **DO NOT WANT** a specific area (wet or other) mowed, place multiple RED/ORANGE flags around this area.

If you **DO NOT WANT** your LAWN MOWED in a given week, multiple RED/ORANGE flags should be placed along both side boundaries (front to rear) of your property on the day of service. This shows Altra where your side lines are.

If you **DO NOT WANT** your LAWN FERTILIZED/TREATED for a specific application, multiple RED/ORANGE flags should be placed along both side boundaries (front to rear) of your property on the day of service.

If you **DO NOT WANT** the PLANTS/SHRUBS TRIMMED/PRUNED or MULCHED in a given builder bed, multiple (4) RED/ ORANGE flags should be placed in the mulched area throughout each bed on the day of service.

**Red/orange flags** are in a bucket in the Club House exercise room. Leave message on 302-455-8428 if empty.

**Questions/Concerns regarding lawn care** can be addressed to Steve Brubaker or Eric Dean.

**Damage** from Altra's services should be reported in writing (with pictures) within 24 hours of the event to IPS. **Complaints about specific lawn care for your lot or common areas** should be addressed in writing (with pictures) to IPS. **IPS Contact information for damage and complaints is:** Kim at IPS phone 302-994-3907, [kim@ipsde.com](mailto:kim@ipsde.com)

## Grass Class Additional Information:

*Prior to any lawn treatment or pruning*, a sign should be posted at the VOLC entrance the day ahead and you will also receive email notification.

*For all lawn mowing*, residents are reminded that nothing is permitted on the lawn area except splash blocks at the bottom of down spouts.

The normal mow day is **TBD - (You will be advised)**.

RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED NOT TO WATER THEIR LAWNS THE DAY BEFORE OR THE DAY OF THE LAWN MOWING.

### VOLC Grass Team - Contact Information

- VOLC Grass Hotline - rings to grass co-chair or back-up 302-455-8428
- VOLC Board - Liaison for Grounds

Eric Dean                    #47                    302-838-1805 (h)    302-455-8877 (c) [delawaredeans@gmail.com](mailto:delawaredeans@gmail.com)

- Grounds Team Co-Chair - Grass, Backup for Open Space and Basins

Steve Brubaker        #32                    302-834 -1671 (h)    302-598-4891 (c) [Volc.Rocks@gmail.com](mailto:Volc.Rocks@gmail.com)

- Grounds Team Co-Chair - Basins and Open Space, Backup for Grass

**Open Position - Looking for volunteers**

See next page for complaints' procedure regarding work done by Altra.

( rev. 3/26/18a)



## Procedure for handling Complaints for Altra Services (rev 3/1/18)

**IPS**, our management company, is our point of first contact for complaints / concerns / issues regarding services performed via our current contract with Altra Inc, our landscape maintenance company. <http://www.altra-inc.net/>



### Procedure:

1. Resident sends a picture (cell phone is good) with their written concern described, to Investment Property Services, IPS, our Property Management Company. (Although a picture is preferable it is not required. IPS has a copy of the VOLC Altra contract.)
2. The IPS phone is # 302-994-3907. Kim, their Administrative Assistant at IPS, is there 8am - 4pm Monday - Friday. Kim will take your call and get the ball rolling ASAP with IPS owners Christina Peronti or Dino Peronti. Kim's email is [kim@ipsde.com](mailto:kim@ipsde.com). Pictures and details should be sent to this email.
3. IPS prefers to receive the complaint within 24 hours of time of service.
4. IPS may visit to check out the actual issue - they drive through anyway once a month to look over the VOLC grounds conditions.
5. IPS handles the issue with the resident and Altra as appropriate - email, letter or direct phone call.
6. IPS mentioned that it is better for them to be the sounding board - not us as neighbors.
7. Resident may send a copy of the communication with IPS to the Grounds Team chair and Board Liaison, so they are aware of the resident's concern:
 

Steve Brubaker - Grounds Co-Chair	# 32	<a href="mailto:Volc.Rocks@gmail.com">Volc.Rocks@gmail.com</a>
Dean, Eric - Grounds Board Liaison	#47	<a href="mailto:delawaredeans@gmail.com">delawaredeans@gmail.com</a>
8. The Board and the Grounds Team will monitor the effectiveness of this complaint process and modify as needed.

Latest version of this procedure will be placed on the VOLC website:

<http://volcde.wixsite.com/volc>



# From the Committees

## Turnover committee

1. The Turnover Committee has obtained information from 10 residents living near basin #5 who prefer a basin with dirt and plantings rather than a stone basin like basin #7. This information was provided to the board as well as costs for maintaining such a basin. Once a decision is made, a committee can work on what is needed for the approved basin. In the work done thus far, the committee realizes we do not have any money put away to add in plants that die or remove shrubs and will have to do a long-term analysis of all the basins and their future costs over time. The average replacement time for plants alone is about 7 years. Looking for volunteers to help us. (Update: On March 22, the Board did vote to have basin #5 be a Bioretention basin like #6, #8, #9, #2, #1.)
2. A meeting was held with Eastern States, and drawings indicating the missing and dead trees/shrubs in the common area have been provided. We await the balance of their assessment for all basins. Then we will meet to work with them to make final decisions.
3. Patti Abernethy has been in discussions with the County on the remedy for several remaining concerns and questions regarding the common areas.

## Clubhouse Acoustic Panel Committee

After reviewing **five providers**, meeting with most, visiting sites, learning about "reverb" time\* and decibel reduction, comparing costs and choosing fabric color, etc. we have chosen Acoustics First in Richmond, VA. to supply the sound-absorbing tiles for the clubhouse. We learned far more than we ever anticipated, and at this point, we feel we could offer our services to anyone who wants to know all that we had to learn to make our recommendation to the board. Our approved budget will cover the cost of the panels and painting the main room ceiling and walls, which will undoubtedly be marked during the tile installation. In addition, the Activities Committee will donate the cost of having the current window drapes lined with sound absorbing fabric.

(We tried to "go local" with two companies right here in Newark. After initial inspections and presentations right in our clubhouse, these companies failed to follow-up. If you want the names of these companies, just ask anyone on the committee.)

\* A little more on this reverberation, "reverb," time and reduction in noise levels: Reverb time is the measure of how fast the sound dies in a given room—so the more we keep doors closed, even to the bathrooms and closets, the better it is for less bouncing of the sound. The fabric-encased sound panels will increase the amount of sound absorption in the room, thus reducing the reverb time with fewer hard surfaces to "bounce" off of.

# Coming soon to the VOLC...

**Cancer Research Fundraiser:** Join us on June 23 for an evening of music and prizes, sponsored by the Activities Committee. We'll raffle theme baskets and other donated items, with all proceeds going to the Cancer Research Institute. In 2015, we raised over \$2,000. Our goal will be to do even better. Please consider donating a gift or theme basket for raffle, and mark your calendars to attend. Watch for further details.



**Neighborhood Garage Sale:** Linda Trach and Nancy Weldin are organizing a VOLC Garage Sale for early May. If you're cleaning up or cleaning out, you may want to keep this in mind. Participants would share the minimal advertising costs. Details to follow.

**Presentations:** The Communications Committee is sponsoring two events this Spring.

The first is an Emergency Preparedness Program presented by personnel from New Castle County in May. The program will include information on sheltering in place and what to do in the case of an active shooter. We'll be hosting guests from other communities for this event. You'll want to be in the clubhouse for this session.



Keith Jackson, Vice President of the Pencader Heritage Area Association will join us in June to offer some history of our area. Keith will share fascinating tidbits about the area, including that fact that The New Castle/Frenchtown Railroad ran right through our community. The old farm house next to the community entrance that was taken down last year (the Cann farm house), was a stop for the railroad. Join us for what promises to be a fun and fascinating stroll back in time.



**Spring Planting**—Join Don Doto, head of the VOLC Garden Club in choosing and planting the flowers in front of the Clubhouse. Sunshine, fresh air, and exercise along with your neighbors—all good! Beautifying the neighborhood all the better! Contact Don at 302-832-2118 or [donjdoto@gmail.com](mailto:donjdoto@gmail.com).



# Glasgow Park

## Events...

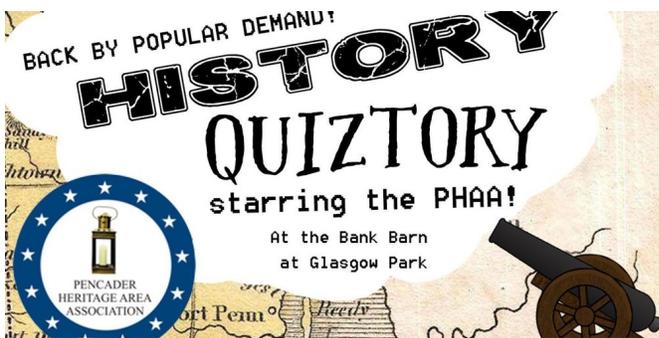


Flea Market with multiple vendors of antiques, vintage items, repurposed furnishings and handcrafted goods. Food trucks will be available for tasty treats. Unique treasures and lots of fun. Something for everyone! See you at the Flea!! [firststateflea.com](http://firststateflea.com).

You will find **First State Flea Market in the Bank Barn!**

First State Flea will be at Glasgow Park, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. April 7, May 5

Pencader Heritage Area Association brings battles, bad-guys, heroes and innovators. Our local history is down-right thrilling! Learn about the area's past and see related artifacts. Each session concludes with a fun mini-quiz and prizes. Ages 12+



Scheduled for Every 3rd Thursday from April - June and Sept - Nov. the **History Quiztory** program is hosted by **Keith Jackson**, (our guest at the clubhouse in June.)

The event will be held at the bank barn at Glasgow Park. Below is a link for tickets and the tentative

schedule for the History Quiztory program.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/history-quiztory-at-the-bank-barn-at-glasgow-park-tickets-30140569254>

For more information on the Glasgow Park Bank Barn Programs, including the **Fixit Café**, click here <https://www.nccde.org/1295/Glasgow-Park-Bank-Barn-Programs>

## Farmers Market

Every Friday  
from 3-7 p.m.

Opening May 4



# Families and Neighbors

*Below—This red fox looks pretty comfortable in Kay Bennett and George Fox’s backyard. Could he be stalking his namesake?*

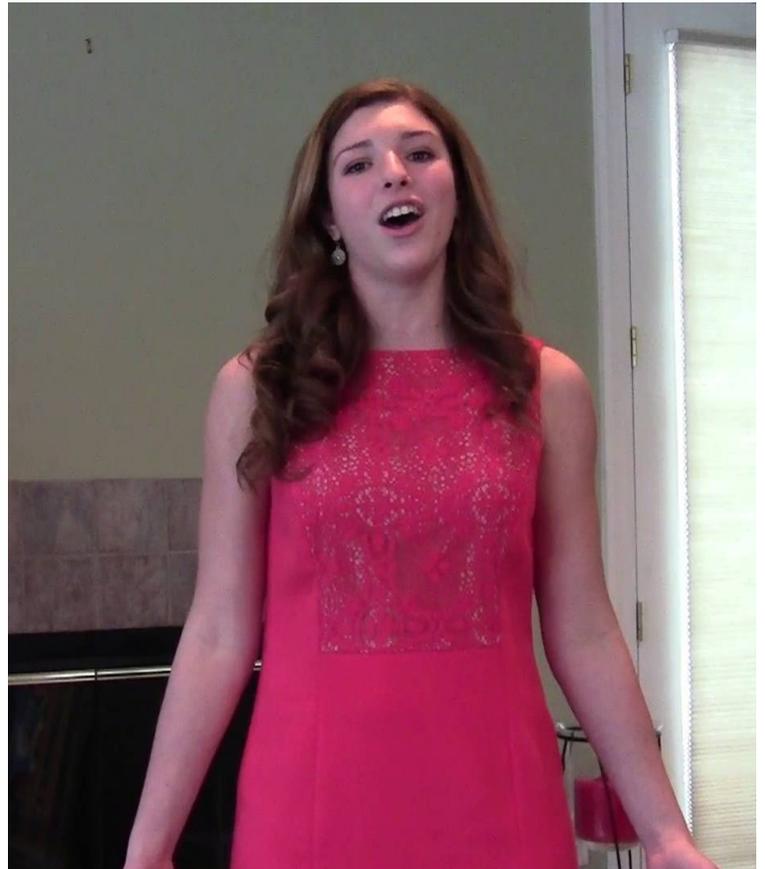
*Thanks, Kay, for the photo.*



*Above—It seems that the Fox fox gets around. Ray Krout caught him on the first full day of spring. (Check out more photos from that memorable storm on page 12.)*

At right—Marilyn Abrams is in well-deserved “proud to be a grandma” mode. Her granddaughter, Lindsay Hawtof, came in third in the country in a singing competition held on March 19. Lindsay, a cognitive science major at the University of Delaware, traveled to Orlando FL for the national MTNA (Music Teachers National Association) competition. Lindsay represented the Eastern region of the United States along with thirteen other states and competed against seven other singers from different regions.

During the competition, Lindsay sang four classical pieces. Her repertoire ranges from an Italian aria to a French, English, and Spanish piece. Lindsay qualified for the national MTNA competition first by competing in the statewide competition at the University of Delaware. She was then selected to continue to regionals at the University of West Virginia where she won first place, putting her in the nationals! Congrats to Lindsay and Marilyn!



*(Families and Neighbors cont.)*



*Tom and Jean Skelly recently visited with Jim and Judy Davis at the Davis' Naples, Florida retreat. Now living in PA, Jim and Judy sent their best to all of their former neighbors in the VOLC.*



*From Pete and Maria DeArmas's daughter, Melissa:*

*Our school's shoe drive was a big success, and members of your community made a huge difference! Elena and Isabella were able to collect 154 pairs! Thank you!*

*At right—Susan Brubaker reports “full frontal sunning” in the morning on the part of our VOLC birds.*

*Ever wonder what they're doing? Susan sends this link that explains the behavior.*

<https://www.thespruce.com/bird-sunning-386442>



*(Family and Neighbors cont.)*

**Right—Pam Smith and Paul Wellborn enjoy the beautiful weather of Key West in March.**

**Below—Pam then flew off to lush Hawaii to spend time with her mom. The picture below shows them at Pali Lookout on Oahu.**



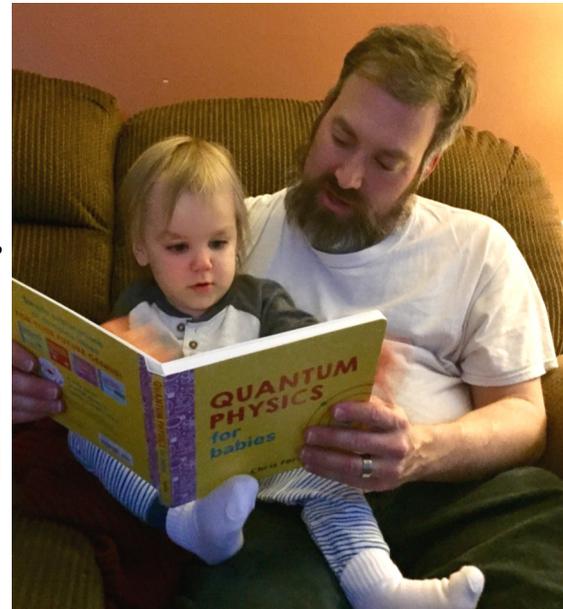
**Now - for some cute grandchildren...**



**Below— —Noah, Colin and Ava, Donnie and Carol Thompson’s grandchildren, are happy to make the most of another snow day. How many more will there be??**



**Above—Fran and Sue Bifano’s grandson, Paxton, didn’t want his picture taken while at a Denver Museum. Even his pout is cute!!!**



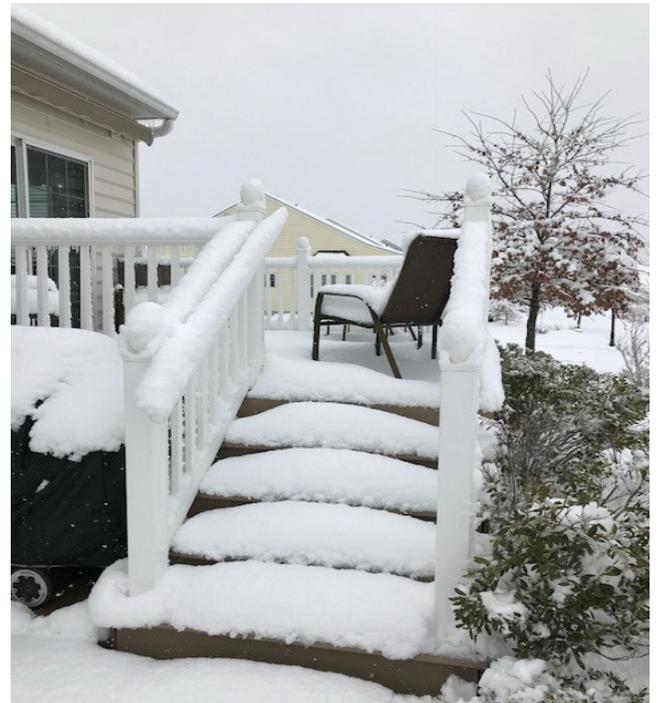
**Above - Quantum Physics for Babies??? It seems you’re never too young. At least it made for this fun photo of Garrett Werner with his Dad.**

## ***Our Snowy March...***



***Above—Ray and Betty Schinzel prove how active the Active Adult Community of VOLC is! They were up to the task of shoveling on March 21!***

***At right—Snow angel? Mim Krout took the dare!***



***Thanks to Mary Legreid, Mim and Ray Krout and Donnie and Carol Thompson for these snowy pics...***



around the



*Above—Neighbors wished JoanMarie Powers and John Dean a Happy Birthday at the January Happy Hour.*



*Above—Susan Brubaker didn't let a little wrist surgery keep her from enjoying the Chinese New Year Celebration at the clubhouse on January 21. She and Janet Sanders welcomed the Year of the Dog.*



*Above right, Gary Legreid demonstrated how easy it is to operate the new TV.*

*Right - one of Janet's many creative goodies!*



*(Clubhouse cont.)*



*Left - Ray Krout, Ray Search and Sam Ferrara installed this nifty looking pool cue rack—shown at left—at the clubhouse. Looks classy and works great, with a place for everything to keep it all organized.*



*At right, Lee Morris gives guidance to Cheryl Dean about the correct use of the clubhouse fitness equipment. Lee has offered her services to anyone who wants that instruction.*



*The new clubhouse “smart” TV served residents well at the Super Bowl party. Surrounded with football decorations and traditional munchies, the Eagles crowd was delighted with the Philly win!*

*(Clubhouse cont.)*



*February Birthday Babies include Maria de Armas, Loretta Fitch, Ray Krout, and Joe Lemanski.*

*Monthly birthday celebrations take place in conjunction with community Happy Hours. It's a great way to connect with neighbors.*

*At right—March Birthday Boy, Steve Brubaker, is shown with his March birthday cupcake. As Grounds Chair, good sport Steve proudly waves a red flag.*



Headed by Chairperson, **Mary Legreid**, the Activities Committee organizes and conducts a variety of fun events every month. It takes work and dedication and this group does it all with a smile.

In addition to Mary, the committee currently consists of: Wanda Search (long-time member, previous co-chair and current treasurer), Jean Skelly (who jumped right in as soon as she moved here and keeps up the birthday lists and event pictures for an album she

keeps), Christine Killian (back again after serving on the first, organizational committee), Mary Ohara (long-time member and previous treasurer), JoanMarie Powers and Janet Sanders (long-term members with great ideas and energy), Loretta Fitch and Cheryl Ford, (always willing to help with anything), and Carolyn Aresu (who, like Jean, jumped right in to help)!

Thank you, All!!!

If you think you'd like to join the group in charge of VOLC fun, contact Mary Legreid at **302-834-2378** or [mrlegried@gmail.com](mailto:mrlegried@gmail.com)

*Scenes from  
Back To The Hop...  
Again!*



*Bob and Judy Anderson*



*Above - The Big Bopper,  
Gary Baker*



*Right - Cathy Brindle*



*Above, clever decorations and details  
added to the fun.*



*Fran and Sue Bifano*

*(Back to the Hop cont.)*

**Line dancing with  
The Big Bopper**



*Above left - Stan and Janet Sanders*

*Above right - Lois and Nick Inglisa*



*Left - Wanda Search with The Bopper*

*(Back to the Hop cont.)*



*Gene and Loretta Fitch*



*On left - JoanMarie Powers and Gene Fitch*

*On right - Joe and Barb Doto*



*Carolyn and Bernard Aresu*



*Twisting the night away...*

*Above left - Don and Grace Hobson, center - Odette Haight, and right - Christine Killian, along with others including, Carolyn, Janet and Mary.*



*And another fun night was had by all...*



*Patti Abernethy and friend, Rita*

# Some Irish Wit & Wisdom—Post-St. Patrick's Day

*Courtesy of Patti Abernethy—from Publications International*

**An Irish Blessing**—May you live as long as you want, and never want as long as you live.

## **Another—**

May there always be work for your hands to do.  
May your purse always hold a coin or two  
May the sun always shine on your windowpane.  
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.  
May the hand of a friend always be near you.  
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

## **And another—**

May the lilt of Irish laughter  
Lighten every load.  
May the mist of Irish magic  
Shorten every road.  
May you taste the sweetest pleasures  
That fortune ere bestowed,  
And may all your friends remember  
All the favors you are owed.

## **And one more—**

May the Face of every good news  
And the Back of every bad news  
Be Towards you.

## **Then there's A Proverb—**

Your feet will bring you to where your heart is.

## **A Toast—**

May the hinges of our friendship never grow rusty.

## **And A chuckle:**

Two shop girls are discussing their former boyfriends. The first says, "Stuck up! Thinks of himself all the time! I can't get a word in edgewise, he's so full of himself."

The second one chimes in. "You think that's conceited! My Mickie put on ten pounds just by swallowing his pride!"



# AARP's List of Top 10 Destinations for 2018



## 1. New Orleans

[The Big Easy](#) is celebrating its 300th anniversary all year. So don't miss out – if any city knows how to toss a party, it's NOLA. Catch the extensive offerings of jazz concerts at intimate Preservation Hall in the French Quarter. Raise a Sazerac or Hurricane cocktail and join the festivities.

## 2. Healdsburg, CA

Fall wildfires scorched the wine-producing [Sonoma Valley](#). Now it is pouring energy into wooing back visitors. Healdsburg, a pretty town surrounded by vineyards, about an hour north of San Francisco, escaped damage and is open for tourist business. Take one of the Wine Country Walking Tours to sample food and vino in the historic downtown. Afterward, savor eclectic dining, such as guacamole tacones (with cone-shaped taco shells) washed down with a jalapeño-laced margarita, at Mateo's Cocina Latina. Or wind down with a soothing Meyer lemon-sage massage in Hotel Healdsburg's intimate spa.



## 3. Houston

[The nation's fourth-largest city](#) is rebounding from a disastrous late-summer hit by Hurricane Harvey. But tourist areas escaped major damage, the Astros won the World Series, and the city is hitting home runs with its lineup of museums and restaurants. Represented by Houston's notably diverse population, restaurants serve eats from steak and barbecue to down-home chicken and waffles at the Breakfast Klub to Greek, Korean and Vietnamese. Onetime undocumented immigrant Hugo Ortega won the 2017 James Beard Foundation's Best Chef: Southwest award for Hugo's, serving Mexican favorites made from scratch. Xochi, honoring Mexico's Oaxaca region, is his newest eatery.



## 4. Kodiak Island

Many mature travelers have taken [Glacier Bay](#) cruises and toured majestic Denali National Park. But not so many know that Kodiak Island — reached by plane or ferry from Anchorage — is home to its own species of bear, and that guides can take you to watch them catch fish and play in their natural habitat. These are the world's largest brown bears (some weigh more than 1,000 pounds). You can stay in rustic cabins with modern comforts and — like the bears — feast on freshly caught salmon. Best time for bears: July through Sep-



## 5. New York City

Start spreading the news: [New York's Times Square](#) is an even bigger tourist attraction. Kick off a visit with the new NFL Experience — a 4-D movie theater that lets you feel rocked and shocked like a pro. See game highlights and do drills if you like. At Gulliver's Gate, gawk at thousands of miniature figures, replicas of famous cities, trains that move and more. Pop into the new Opry City Stage, bringing Nashville to urban cowpokes with performances, exhibits and a restaurant. The National Geographic Encounter: Ocean Odyssey takes visi-



## 6. Kansas City

Everything's truly up to date in the redeveloped Missouri side of Kansas City, which also spills into Kansas. Downtown is home to the Power & Light District, a nine-block dining and entertainment destination. In 2017, *Outside* magazine named Kansas City one of 25 "Best Towns Ever," citing its "newly revamped downtown, a low cost of living, and emerging food and art scenes." Add to that dozens of fountains, tree-lined boulevards, verdant parks and miles of bike trails. Known for barbecue, the city now is on the craft-beer map. Take the self-guided KC Tap Tour, which encompasses 19 breweries. The KC Streetcar running through downtown doesn't cost a cent.



## 7. Charleston

This [haven of Southern hospitality](#) was voted the USA's friendliest city in 2017 by readers of *Condé Nast Traveler* magazine. It also was named the No. 1 city south of the Mason-Dixon Line by *Southern Living* magazine readers. Step back in time by choosing a B&B in an antebellum home in the compact tourist area. Get a view of historic Fort Sumter from the waterfront Battery. Some come to this city just for the cuisine. (You can always diet after you get back home). Acclaimed Hyman's Seafood won't drown your budget. FIG — another award winner — serves creative, seasonally inspired cuisine and is worth a splurge.



## 8. Colorado Springs, Colo.

Area tourist draws include the Garden of the Gods Park with its red rock formations and Pikes Peak Cog Railway, which climbs to the 14,115-foot summit offering views that inspired "America the Beautiful." Colorado Springs is home to the Broadmoor, a *Forbes Travel Guide* five-star and AAA five-diamond resort, marking its 100th anniversary in 2018. Visitors can stay there in style or just tour its beautifully landscaped grounds, have a bite at its inviting restaurants, book a massage in the spa or take a spin on zip lines. The Broadmoor boasts three golf courses and hosts the 2018 Senior Open on June 28 to July 1.



## 9. Delray Beach, Fla.

This once-quiet retirement community north of Ft. Lauderdale has morphed into a happening hangout. The main drag – vibrant Atlantic Avenue – is lined with bars offering live music, good restaurants and boutiques selling attractively priced clothes and gifts. The beaches are long, pristine and notably uncrowded. Those with green thumbs dig the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens with its bonsai collection, and for some old-time fun, visitors can play retro-pinball machines at the Silverball Museum. Traditionalists soak up an Old Florida vibe at the historic sunshine-yellow Colony Hotel & Cabaña Club.



## 10. Roanoke, Va.

This city of 100,000 that's just off the Blue Ridge parkway in western VA has been off the tourist radar for the last few years. But thanks to an influx of businesses, it has undergone a quiet renaissance. The stunning Taubman Museum of Art, whose curvy silver-colored roofline pays homage to the Blue Ridge Mountains, was designed by a onetime associate of famed architect Frank Gehry. Admission is free. Roanoke has craft beer, wineries, food trucks and an affordable menu of restaurants. Sip iconic peanut soup at the rejuvenated Hotel Roanoke. A sign of Roanoke's revival: Amtrak recently added service from Washington, D.C., and other cities.



*The ice cream season is upon us.... Cone or cup? Plain or sundae? Your choice may tell a lot about you.*

**From the AARP—**

How we eat our ice cream may be a personality indicator. Cone, cup, straw?

Whatever your delivery method, a recent study from Baskin-Robbins claims it aligns with certain personality traits. traits. The company teamed with Juliet A. Boghossian, a behavioral food expert, and found this.



If you prefer a cone, you are an optimist and a positive thinker. But that's not all – the type of cone you choose says even more. People who favor sugar cones are “considered the life of the party and are funny, edgy and performers,” while those who prefer waffle cones “tend to be the host of the party, more traditional and nurturing caregivers.”

If you choose a cup, you're a realist. Cup users are generally “analytical types who are rational thinkers.” They “are responsible, dutiful, family oriented and hardworking.”

If you like your ice cream in sandwich form, you're an eccentric. People who love ice cream sandwiches “tend to have both strong introvert and extrovert tendencies, and they are known to be artistic, impulsive and idealistic.”

If you need toppings on a sundae, you're ambitious. People who prefer the full sundae are “open, passionate, motivated ... and loyalists who take calculated risks.”

If you just want to eat ice cream out of the carton, you're practical. People who don't like to fuss about an additional delivery method tend to be “resourceful, dependent, pragmatic, an introvert – and are often strong leaders.”

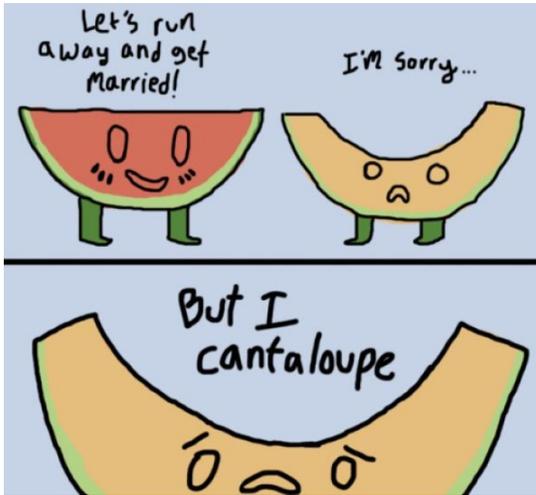
If you like eating your ice cream with a straw, you're a free spirit. People who eat ice cream in milkshake form



“are young at heart, fearless,

athletic and more likely to take impulsive risks.”





I tried to catch some Fog. I mist.

When chemists die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

Did you hear about the cross eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!

Broken pencils are pointless.

What do you call a dinosaur with a extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.

All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. Police have nothing to go on.

I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

Velcro - what a rip off!

Cartoonist found dead in home. Details are sketchy.

Venison for dinner? Oh deer!

Earthquake in Washington obviously government's fault.

I used to think I was indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.

Be kind to your dentist. He has fillings, too.

A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

They told me I had type A blood, but it was a Type-O.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

Class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.

Energizer bunny arrested. Charged with battery.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.



# Upcoming Birthdays!



## MAY

Becky Noetzel	2nd
Brenda Durrett	7th
Jean Skelly	14th
Richard Cutone	24th
Bill McNamee	25th
Don Doto	29th
Dennis Sabato	30th
Barbara Strasser	30th

## APRIL

Joan Holstein	5th
Patti Abernethy	7th
Ray Search	9th
Pam Smith	9th
Marilyn Abrams	9th
Carolyn Aresu	10th
Mary Legreid	10th
Linda Trach	15th
Paul Wellborn	17th
Don Hobson	18th
Sonja Lemanski	18th
Fran Bifano	19th
MT Lednum	24th
Joann Sabato	29th

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BIRTHDAY!

## JUNE

Norman Petterson	7th
Dot Dube	12th
Bernard Aresu	15th
Judy Anderson	21st
Cheryl Dean	23rd
Joe Doto	23rd
Sue Bifano	25th
Paula Kendrick	25th
Sharon Dickol	28th



## *Did you know? Sharing information...*

Information on this page from Patti Abernethy

### **HOW TO REDUCE YOUR SEWER BILL**

When I got a sewer bill over \$300 in February 2017, I was upset and contacted NCCo. I wanted to know why it was so high. The average sewer bill for two people would be about \$255 I was told. I then mentioned that I used a sprinkler system, washed the side of my home and sidewalks, etc. That water is not going thru the sewer system, but here is what I was told: They look at the 4 quarters of usage and discard the highest two of them and then double those two quarters remaining for charging total sewer water usage. By doing this they said they account for summer usage. However, that means they include March and October which could be months when residents clean up their homes and outside those homes using more water. That has been my experience--outside water is turned on in March after the freezes stop and turned off in late October or early November.

I then said that I wish I had a meter for outside water and one for inside water usage. The woman with whom I spoke said I could do that. WHAT? So that is what I did--I got a second water meter. I had all pipes for outside the home put onto a new meter in the basement and it is close to the original water meter. I then had to take a picture of it before I turned it on and another one on 11/15/17 to demonstrate how many gallons were used for outside the home. Then NCCo subtracts this new meter's register of gallons against the one from the original. My new bill came in around \$170, not over \$300! (They automatically get your total # of gallons from the original meter, but need to get the # from the new meter from a picture you email to them.)

It did cost me about \$330 to put in the new meter, but I have already got half of it back in one year. Here is the contact I made and you might be able to do the same, if interested:

Ms. Carol Mulford, Billing Agent--302-395-5068. The pictures I sent were directly to her email:

[cmulford@nccde.org](mailto:cmulford@nccde.org). She was very helpful and her words to me that a separate water meter "could help" made me invest in one and I am glad I did. You may get another billing agent, but this information worked for me. Contact me if you have any questions or want to come see what was done.

### **PERMANENT COLLECTION SITES FOR MEDS**

Newark Police Department  
220 S. Main Street  
Newark DE 19711  
302-366-7111

New Castle County Police Department  
3601 N. DuPont Hwy.  
New Castle, DE 19720  
302-573-2800

### **Reporting Neglect of the Elderly**

The Delaware Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

800-223-9074 or call 211 (*Delaware's* FREE online human service referrals & community resource)

There are Ombudspersons assigned to each report to ADRC. They open a case for neglect and investigate it. This can be used if the person is at home or in a facility.

## *Did you know (cont.) - For those of a "certain age" ... -*

**Medicare Scam** Scammers may call about your [new Medicare card](#) to trick you into sharing your personal information – like your current Medicare Number. Remember, **Medicare will never call you uninvited or ask for your personal or private information** to get your new Medicare Number and card. There are very limited [situations in which Medicare can call you](#).

Here are 2 tips to avoid Medicare scams:

1. **Guard your Medicare Number and card.** Only give your Medicare Number to doctors, pharmacists, other health care providers, your insurers, or people you trust to work with Medicare on your behalf.
2. **Hang up on fraudsters.** If someone asks for your information, for money, or threatens to cancel your health benefits if you don't share your personal information, hang up and call us at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or visit [Medicare.gov](#)

## **GRANDPARENT SCAM**

*from Guy Werner*

We got a call from an individual claiming to be our grandson. Since our grandson is too young to make a call, we knew right away this wasn't right.

It seems the grandparent scam is making the rounds. The FBI and AARP have issued warnings. At first, you may wonder if it's just a wrong number. The scammers can be very convincing, using information from social media to make it sound like this is really someone you know. If you say the voice isn't familiar, he/she feigns disappointment that you don't recognize his/her voice, and that the fear is making them sound different. Of course they want money—asking you to wire it to get them out of trouble, and “don't let Mom and Dad know because they'll be mad.” And they'll pressure you to do it quickly.

The FBI says:

Stop: Check it out before you send money.

And report the call to Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-382-4357.

Or online at [ftc.gov/complaint](#)

*“Yesterday I had my annual Medicare wellness check. The nurse said that at my age I should have a bar in the shower. So I took her advice.”*

