

The Centerline

MAY 2026



In 1991, the North snared him for good when he vacationed in Juneau. He stayed on, working for the City of Juneau, where he met fellow employee Kit. They married, and when they retired, they moved to Nikiski and then to Kenai, making ten-day forays into the wild, building up memories and some great stories. They have kept a place in Port Angeles, Washington, as well.

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Know your Neighbor: Howard Hill

By: Barbara Christian

At the time of his birth during New York City's first snowstorm of 1945, Howard Hill could hardly know he was being primed for the Far North, but he would learn plenty about winter as he grew up in New York and Pennsylvania. He caught the allure of the Far North, however, from the books his mom read to him as he was recovering from an eye injury. Along with many others, he heard Jack London's *The Call of the Wild* and Jim Kjelgaard's *Snow Dog*. Later on, he was so taken by the Robert Service poem "The Men Who Don't Fit In" that he memorized it and can still rattle it off.

At the age of ten, he tried to run away to Alaska, but it was not to be.

A lot of other life had to be lived first. He studied zoology at Brigham Young University for a career in Fish and Game biology. Pulled different directions by circumstances, he worked in sales, learned welding, and eventually worked for fifteen years in Water & Wastewater operations in the Upper Northwest. He came to love hunting and fishing.

Special Points of Interest

- Movie Afternoon—Driving Miss Daisy—May 7
- Mother's Day Luncheon—May 8
- No Host Dinner—Restaurant—May 12
- BIRTHDAY Lunch—May 20
- Memorial Day Gala/CHOIR Concert—May 22

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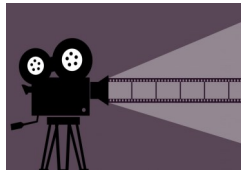
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<p>4 9a—Growing Strong 10a—Growing Strong 11a—Bell Ringers Noon—LUNCH 12:30p-4:30p—Bridge 1p—Choir 2p—Grief support Group for Widows/Widowers</p>	<p>5 9a— Chair Yoga 10a—Tai Chi 10a—TOPS Noon—LUNCH 12:30-1:30p—Bingo 12:30-4:30p Pinochle 1:30p—Wii Bowling</p> 	<p>6 9a-Noon-Social Security 9a—Growing Strong 10a—Growing Strong 11a—Noon/Acoustic Jam Noon—LUNCH 1p—Mexican Dominos 1p—Writers' Group 1p-3p—Quilting/Crafting/ 2-3:30p Stronger Together Support Group/Family Caregiver Support Group</p>	<p>7 9a— Chair Yoga 9:00a—Pool 10a—Tai Chi 11a—Kenaitze Indian Tribe students drums/singing Noon—LUNCH 1p—Wii Bowling 1p—Card making with Kimberly 1-3p—Hand & Foot 3p—Movie Afternoon: Driving Miss Daisy</p>	<p>8 9a—Growing Strong 9a—Blood Pressure Check 9:30a-12p—Quilting 10a—Growing Strong 11:30a Mother's Day Luncheon 1p—Wii Bowling 12:30-4:30p—Bridge</p>
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<p>25</p>  <p>MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBER AND HONOR</p> <p>CENTER CLOSED</p>	<p>26 9a— Chair Yoga 10a—Tai Chi 10a—TOPS Noon—LUNCH 12:30-1:30p—Bingo 12:30-4:30p Pinochle 1:30p—Wii Bowling</p>	<p>27 9a—Senior Health & Fitness Day 9a—Growing Strong 10a—Growing Strong 11a—Noon/Acoustic Jam CANCELLED TODAY Noon—LUNCH 1p—Mexican Dominos 1p—Writers' Group 1p-3p—Quilting/Crafting 2-3:30p Stronger Together Support Group</p>	<p>28 9a— Chair Yoga 9:00a—Pool 10a—Tai Chi Noon—LUNCH 1p—Wii Bowling 1-3p—Hand & Foot 5p—Cribbage 6:00p—Acoustic Jam</p>	<p>29 8-10a Waffle Friday 9a—Growing Strong 9a—Blood Pressure Check 9:30a-12p—Quilting 10a—Growing Strong Noon—LUNCH 1p—Wii Bowling 12:30-4:30p—Bridge</p>



Happy Birthday!



Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name
1	Mary Jane Lewis	13	Deborah Myers	23	Peachie Kobylk
2	Keith Nushart	14	Dani Kebschull	25	Glenn Clifford
3	Larry Burcham	16	June Harris	27	Rosemary Anowlic
5	Audrey Little	16	Geraldeen Meeks	29	Sheila Phillips Steiner
5	Lois Nelson	16	Gwen Klawunder	29	Lawrence Semmens
6	Ruth Osborne	17	Marilyn Knutson	29	Tona Bravo
7	David Thompson	19	Mary-Jean Ivy	30	Rachael Craig
9	John Williams	20	Stephen Smith	30	Debra Thomas
9	Shirie Drath	20	Emmett Young	30	Ralph Wellborn
11	Terry Cramer	21	Jennifer Paramore	31	Janice Bobek
11	Yookyung Um	21	Glenn Heeren		
12	Yen-ti Verg-in	23	Patricia Bravo		



Thursday Afternoon Movie May 7, 2026 at 3:00p.m.

Now showing: **Driving Miss Daisy**

Daisy Werthan (Jessica Tandy), an elderly Jewish widow living in Atlanta, is determined to maintain her independence. However, when she crashes her car, her son, Boolie (Dan Aykroyd), arranges for her to have a chauffeur, an African-American driver named Hoke Colburn (Morgan Freeman). Daisy and Hoke's relationship gets off to a rocky start, but they gradually form a close friendship over the years, one that transcends racial prejudices and social conventions.

NO-HOST DINNER

Rocky's Cafe Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Those leaving from the Senior Center parking lot will head out at 5:00p. Or, meet your friends at Rocky's Cafe in Kasilof.

There will be limited transportation available at a charge of **\$7.00**, so RSVP early. Sign up at the Reception Desk.

It is important to let us know if you will be attending the No-Host Dinner but driving separately. We let the restaurant know ahead of time for seating capability and if there is a change or cancellation, we can notify you. Remember to let the receptionist know if you plan to attend, whether you ride the Senior Center van or have your own ride.

dates to remember

Wednesday, May 6	Social Security	9a–Noon
Thursday, May 7	Card Making with Kimberly	1:00 pm
	Movie Afternoon: Driving Miss Daisy	3:00 pm
Friday, May 8	Mother's Day Luncheon— Please sign up to reserve your seat	11:30 am
Monday, May 12	“No Host” Dinner/Rocky's Cafe	5:00 pm
Thursday, May 14	Council on Aging Meeting	3:00 pm
Wednesday, May 13	High Tea Party	3:00 pm
Wednesday, May 20	Social Security	9a—Noon
	Birthday Lunch	Noon
Friday, May 22	Kenai Senior Connection, Inc. Meeting	10:00 am
	Memorial Day Observed/Gala/CHOIR concert	11:30 am
Monday, May 25	MEMORIAL DAY/CENTER CLOSED	
Wednesday, May 27	Senior Health & Fitness Day	9:00 am
Friday, May 29	Waffle Friday	8-10 am



Kenai Senior Center Info

Monday—Friday, 8:00 am—5:00 pm

Need to speak with someone in administration?

Director—Kathy Romain

(907) 283-8213 or kromain@kenai.city
Vintage Pointe Manor, Council on Aging,
Kenai Senior Connection, Inc.

Benefits Counseling

Administrative Assistant, Red Piersee
(907) 283-8212 or apiersee@kenai.city

Home Delivered Meals

Transportation

Benefits Counseling

Vintage Pointe Housing Rental

Activity/Volunteer Coordinator, Kayla Feltman

(907) 283-8214 or kfeltman@kenai.city

Activities

Volunteer Opportunities

Senior Center Facility Rentals

Do you need a ride or know someone who could use some meals? Maybe you'd like to pick up a meal instead of dining inside?

We can help!

For Pick up Meals:

Call the front desk by 10:30AM* (M-F) For pick-up at **11:30 AM**. **Meals must be picked up from the front desk before 1:00PM.**

For Transportation:

Call the front desk at least **24 hours** in advance to schedule a ride. We will do our best, but same day transportation is not guaranteed.

Dining Room Meals (Congregate)

Monday-Friday 12pm-1pm

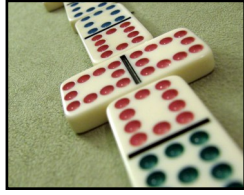
No reservations required

(Except for special events)



Calling all Mexican Dominoes Players!

Interested in playing or learning about



Mexican dominoes? Please join us every **Wednesdays** of the month at 1:00pm in the card room. It's so much fun and see you there!

Stronger Together Support Group



Wednesdays 2 –3:30 pm

Are you a caregiver who could use the support of others on a more regular basis? This may be for you!

Nikiski Pool Transportation:

Morning pool service is on Thursdays. There is no transportation fee for this service but the individual is responsible for the \$2 admission fee to the pool. Van leaves the center at 9am.



Waffle Bar!!

We offer waffles on the **Last Friday of the month** from 8-10:00 am. Come in for coffee, juice, and a hot waffle for just \$3. You may bring your own goodies to add to your waffle. No need to sign up. Just show up and enjoy this special treat.



Kenai Peninsula Wednesday, May 6 from 2:00p-3:30p



The Kenai Peninsula Family Caregiver Support Program will meet at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, May 6 in the dining room at the Kenai Senior Center w/ the "Stronger Together" Group.

Anyone interested in learning more about the services we have to offer are more than welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Dani or Nicole at 907-776-7654.



Card Making with Kim

Thursday, May 7 at 1:00pm Senior Center Dining Room. Please Sign up on the bulletin board.

We are interested in hearing where YOU would like to go this summer? Seldovia, Homer, Seward, Whittier? Maybe somewhere else?

Each summer, our staff plans trips to take around the Peninsula. Do you have a special place in mind to explore? Let us know and we will try and make it happen!



Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program



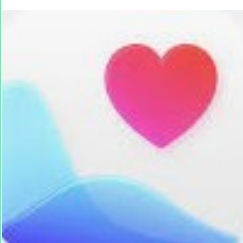
Will you be 60 years of age or older by September 30, 2026? Do you enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables, but find that purchasing them can be a little hard on your pocketbook?

If you answered yes to both questions, you'll be happy to hear that the Kenai Senior Center is once again a distribution site for Farmer's Market Benefits!

The benefit amount this year is \$55, and benefits will be available for use after June 1.

Individuals may begin signing up starting May 1. **Walk-in assistance for applying for benefits will be available on Mondays and Fridays from 1:00–3:00 PM.**

Benefits are distributed electronically, and there is no paper application available. Individuals may apply on their own by accessing the Healthy Together App on their smartphone.



For more information about the program and to inquire as to whether you are eligible, please call Red at the Kenai Senior Center at

(907) 283-8212.

Mother's Day Lunch

Friday, May 8 at 11:30a



This will be a very special day to honor and love our wonderful moms and enjoy a delicious Missy lunch. We may have door prizes to give away for this special occasion.

Do you have a photo of your mother you would like to share? Bring it to lunch and a table will be available where it can be placed for everyone's enjoyment. Sign up on the bulletin board.



Thursday, May 7 at
11:00am

Kenaitze Indian Tribe's 2nd and 3rd grade students will perform drums/dance and songs for us this day. They will be singing classic songs like:

God Bless America, Pledge of Allegiance song, Star Spangle Banner, Oh Susanna, Polly Wolly Doodle, This Land is your Land and, many more of your favorites.



Thursday, May 21

1:00p

CLEANUP DAY

Around the Senior Center & Vintage Pointe

It's that time of year when the snow disappears (finally!) and we get to see what has accumulated over the winter months. We could use your help to get our grounds ready for the summer season. Whether it's pickup up some litter or using a rake, come out and get some exercise too! Sign up on the board if you plan to attend.



YOU'RE INVITED TO AN

AFTERNOON HIGH TEA

**At Kenai Senior Center Dining Room
361 Senior Court**

ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE EXQUISITELY
DECORATED DESSERTS OR FANCY SCHMANCY
FINGER FOODS TO SHARE**

HOWARD HILL, Continued from page 1)

The first time they hunted together, Howard recalls, they were admiring a full moon resting on the ridge opposite their camp when suddenly caribou silhouettes began passing before it. In the morning, they climbed that ridge and caught up to the herd. They each made a kill shot and spent the day boning out the carcasses and hanging the meat to cool in the meager brush of the mountain. The next morning, Howard shot a wolf as they returned to the site, where they found the meat torn and scattered, with the bones from Kit's caribou dragged half a mile away and buried in a shallow pit.

Recognizing it as a bear cache, they hurriedly packed their meat to haul to camp, but they weren't fast enough. A mother grizzly approached with her two large, two-year-old cubs. The three bears stood on their hind legs and did not look very happy. Howard got mama bear in the crosshairs of his .270, a light rifle meant for caribou, but fortunately didn't have to risk its power. The bear woofed, swung away, and ran off down the mountain with its cubs.

They finished that hunt with a six-foot wolf pelt and only about one and one-quarter caribou.

On 9/11, Howard and Kit were moose hunting in the back country when a trio of fighter jets roared over them at 300 feet. All other aircraft, commercial or light, were missing from the sky. Waiting for their pick-up was a worrisome experience as they realized something was drastically wrong but had no way to contact the outside world.



On a less stressful trip, they hunted and fished along all the paved (and some unpaved) roads of the Yukon Territory, dining on grayling, pike, trout and grouse. As they met folks along the way, they also discovered that quintessential Canadian delicacy, poutine. (Howard says the Duck Inn makes a close copy, and you might find some at the Main Street Grill on Sundays if you tell the cook "Howard sent me.")

Howard spends his time cooking, reading about history, and "watching too much TV." The rest of the time, he can be found enjoying the events and crafts at the Senior Center with Kit. Both of them volunteer here, as well, with Kit working in the crafts room and Howard helping the Senior Connections Board raise money for the Center's projects.

The Writers' Bloc

By: Virginia Walters



You have probably noticed the notebook on the table in the lounge area in the lunch room. The Writers Bloc! It contains individual writings from the members of the Senior Writers' Group, and is there for your entertainment and enjoyment.

We will add pieces each week from our meetings, and hope you enjoy sharing our endeavors. If you do, Leave a comment!

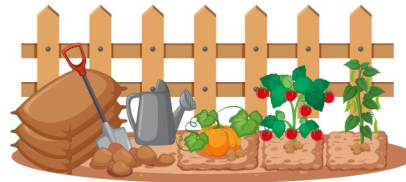
How Is the Senior Center Funded?

Many people are surprised to learn how our Senior Center is funded. The Center receives partial funding through a **Title III grant under the Older Americans Act**, which helps support meals and programs for older adults. However, this grant covers only a portion of our costs — and we depend on **community support and private donations** to keep our programs going strong.

When you enjoy lunch at the Center, you'll notice a **suggested donation of up to \$8 per meal**. This is not a charge or fee — it's simply a suggested contribution that helps us cover the true cost of preparing and serving nutritious meals each day. We understand that not everyone can give that amount, but **we appreciate any donation you're able to make**. Every dollar helps, and every contribution makes a difference.

Beyond meals, the Center offers so many “free” services — from daily coffee and social activities to educational programs, exercise classes, and community events. While these may appear free to our participants, they are made possible only through the generosity of donors, volunteers, and local supporters who believe in keeping our Center active and welcoming for everyone.

If you would like to make a **donation anonymously**, there is a **wooden box in the hallway** where contributions can be placed discreetly. Your continued support ensures that we can serve today's seniors — and future generations — with care, dignity, and connection. **Thank you for helping us make it all possible!**



**Grow with Me -
All things
Gardening with
Steve Latz**

**Kenai Library - 2026 - Fridays 1PM starting
April 3rd through May 15**

Interested in learning about gardening? You are invited to meet with me every Friday at 1:00 pm at the Kenai Library starting April 3th through May 15 to learn more about growing flowers and vegetables in your garden. Our round table will focus on sharing my experiences with growing food for the table and flowers for the Kenai Senior Center. We will discuss your home garden/greenhouse/high tunnel and suggest options to maximize your return on investment. I will share the successes and failures I have learned from experience. I am not an expert but a lifelong gardener who wants to share my knowledge and encourage you to experiment with your growing operation. Please join me and start growing!



**Memorial Day (Observed)
Friday, May 22 at 11:30a**

Join together to remember past service people, and those presently serving, deployed or at home. If able, wear a red shirt in support of our troops, past or present. The American Legion Honor Guard will be here to open the program. Sign up on the bulletin board.

BUILDING BRAIN-HEALTHY HABITS

An education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association®



TIPS TO BUILD HEALTHY HABITS AND HELP PROTECT YOUR BRAIN

Research shows there are everyday habits you can build today to help protect your memory and thinking as you get older – even reducing your risk of cognitive decline and possibly dementia.

Join us to learn about:

- » Healthy habits for your brain, like exercising and eating right.
- » The brain-heart connection.
- » Why brain health is important at all ages.
- » Building your personalized action plan for brain-healthy habits.

May 21, 2026

11:00 AM - 12:00PM AKDT

**Kenai Senior Center
361 Senior Ct,
Kenai, AK 99611**

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**Registration Info
800.272.3900**

Visit alz.org/CRF to explore additional education programs in your area.

ALZHEIMER'S  ASSOCIATION®

Senior Health and Fitness Day

May 27, 2026

at the Kenai Senior Center



Join us at the new Soldotna Field House to walk on the indoor track! Transportation will be provided, with the van leaving the center at 9:30 a.m. Walking participants will need to pre-register on the day of the walk and will return to the center by 11:00 a.m. Area vendors will be on hand starting at 9:00 a.m. to share information on healthy aging and available services, followed by a healthy lunch.

Lunch:

- 60+ years of age- \$8
(Suggested Donation)
- Under 60 years old- \$16

To Register: visit the KSC Front Desk or call:
(907) 283-4156.





Anchorage Bowl Chamber Orchestra

Kyle Lindsey, Music Director

12th Annual Kenai Peninsula Tour
May 28th, 29th, 30th, & 31st, 2026
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Cooper Landing 5/28 at 7:30pm
Gwin's Lodge Lower Pavilion

Homer 5/29 at 6:30pm
The Porcupine Theater

Anchor Point 5/30 at 3:00pm
Norman Lowell Art Gallery (TBD)

Kenai 5/31 at 2:00pm
Kenai Senior Citizen's Center

Performing works by
José L. Elizondo,
Edward MacDowell,
& music from such
anime series as
Sailor Moon,
Fullmetal Alchemist,
& more!



In partnership with:



THE PORCUPINE



Veterans News by: Dave Thompson

May 25th coming up is Memorial Day. Previously Decoration Day became Memorial Day in 1971. Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for mourning the US military personnel who died while serving in the US armed forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May each year and is considered to be the unofficial start of summer.



It is a time to visit grave sights and memorials to clean up winter's dust, dirt, leaves and grime from these hallowed markers, which may be some of your kinfolks. The good people from the VFW, American Legion, Boy Scouts and volunteers place a new flag on each and every military grave every year before Memorial Day ceremonies. Today Memorial Day honors all deceased veterans, not just those that have died in war. Thus Decoration Day.

May 30th 1868 became the first official Decoration Day. On that day at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC General James A Garfield (civil war general who later became President) addressed a crowd of about five thousand gathered there to honor Civil War Veterans graves, three years after the war. There were more soldiers killed in that war on both sides than have ever been killed in all the wars we have fought since. God Bless those that gave their lives for the Blue and the Gray in that war.

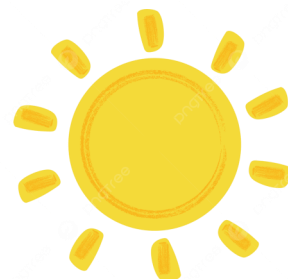
Locally at our three cemeteries in Kenai, Soldotna and Kasilof are interred over four hundred veterans. Spruce Grove in Kasilof has 220 plus, the new Soldotna Memorial Cemetery has 30 and counting, while Kenai has well over 100 military graves. I have counted most of them. Many were upstanding citizens of our communities whom we knew. Spruce Grove even has twelve World War 1 graves. Let us place a burden upon ourselves to manicure these sacred markers, and never forget our freedoms came from them.

As far as Memorial Day events locally this May 25, they will be pretty much the same as previous years. Events kick off with American Legion Avenue of Flags placed on the driveway entering Kenai Cemetery about 8:30 am or so. About 10am the Legion has graveside services with commanders message, posting of colors, and rifle salute followed by Taps. Then at noon full services will be held at Lief Hanson Park near Olga's Jewelry. You will see a big white tent set up. Post officers and dignitaries. Here to help veterans.

Kenai Senior Connection, Inc. NEWS

By: Terry Turner, Board President and Jerry Nassen, Board Vice-President

Do you remember your Senior Prom? Waaaaaaay too many years ago for me, but every year your Senior Connection gets to relive prom night vicariously. How? For a number of years now the Kenai Senior Center 'feeds' the Kenai prom attendees after their prom...at FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING!



This year three SC Board Members (Carol Prior, Ginger Kaona and Jerry Nassen) along with Kayla, Marcia, Janice, Kathy and Pam arrived bright and bushy-tailed to the Center at 1:30 on a Sunday morning to prepare breakfast burritos, pancakes, strawberry parfaits, cocoa and orange juice for about 90 kids for the grand finale of their evening. As tiring as it is for us seniors, it is a wonderful opportunity to meet and interact with these who will be succeeding us.

This annual event is sponsored by your Senior Connection Board, and thus through all the members of the Senior Connection via your \$5-a-month club contributions. We, the Senior Connection Board and the prom kids all say Thank You!

LIBRARY NEWS

by Kari Mohn

Our Kenai Senior Center Library received a most interesting puzzle. It is made in China with wood. All the writing on the box is in Chinese. I consulted Yen-ti Verg-in who reads Chinese and she read it was a wooden puzzle but there was no indication how big it is or how many pieces. The box cover wasn't a replication of the puzzle itself. I took a picture of the puzzle and affixed it to the box. The puzzle is celebrating the United States' 250 anniversary and depicts the original thirteen star flag, the Capital, the Liberty Bell, the Statue of Liberty, the Golden Gate Bridge, Mt. Rushmore, the Space Shuttle, Americans on the moon, an early car and an early train. The puzzle is 15 inches by 20 ½ inches and has just over 500 pieces so will be put in the 500 piece section in the library.



Books, puzzles, DVDs and Blu-Rays added to the collection in May will have blue Post-its. The Kenai Senior Center library is located in the Game Room. As you enter, the paperbacks, DVDs and puzzles are on the left as you go toward the craft room. The Blu-Rays are under the television as are the audiobooks.



Our \$5-A-Month Club is a voluntary membership to the Kenai Senior Center through the Kenai Senior Connection, Inc. and a valuable help!

All funds are used to assist with the Senior Center budget and for special needs throughout the year. We thank everyone for your support as we continue to grow and serve the needs of our senior community. Donations may be made on a monthly or year-to-year basis. **We proudly post our \$5 Club members in the Centerline!**

MAY 2026 \$5 CLUB

Marty Askin	Cheryl Gates-Spear	Mike Louthan	Patty Segura
Victoria Askin	Velda Geller	Paula Maier	Marcia Shea
Ken Ayers	Margaret Goggia	Leon Marcinkowski	Hal Smalley
Kris Ayers	Jeffrey & Monica Griffin	Kari Mohn	Debbie Sonberg
Carol Barner	June Harris	Twyla Mundy	Russell Sonberg
Steve Best	Lorraine Heikkila	Wayne Mundy	Cheryl Spear
Larry & Tona Bravo	Nancy Henning	Debbie Myers	Bill Starnes
Patricia Bravo	Howard Hill	Jerry Nassen	Sondra Starnes
Willie Brenden	Kit Hill	Bill Nelson	Sheila Philips-Steiner
Arthur Brown	Donna Hoyt	Lois Nelson	Vivian Terry
Donna Brown	Roger Ihde	Susan Olson	June Truelove
Megan Burke	Bobbie Jedlicki	Katie Pault	Terry Turner
Barb Christian	Ginger Kaona	Bill Perrigo	Ray Verg-in
Mike Christian	Fran Kilfoyle	Nanette Peter	Yen-ti Verg-in
Renee Clifford	Leanne King	Bob Peters	Beverly & Don Waldrop
June Coverstone	Ron King	Robert Peterson	Frosty Walters
Terri Cramer	Sandy King	Carol Prior	Virginia Walters
Jan Daniels	Anita Kwan	Biz Robbins	Candace Ward
Dorothy Diamond	William LaTocha	Geraldine Roberson	Ozella Williams
Janet Nelson-Dormandy	Xiaopei LaTocha	Trish Roderick	Bob Windsor
Pam Downing	Hoa Le	Gladys Routh	Ruby Windsor
Shirie Drath	Andy Long	James Schwanke	Emmett Young
Carol Freas	Carol Louthan	Linda Schwanke	

Looking for something fun to do? Enjoy hanging out with others? The Kenai Senior Center is the place for you!

- **First Thursday of the Month:** Movie Afternoon 3 PM to 5 PM 
- **Thursday Fun Night:** happens every second, third, and fourth Thursday of the Month from **5 PM to 9 PM:** Join us for an Accoustic Jam, card games, cribbage, and more!

Beat the blues and make your Thursdays something to look forward to. We can't wait to see you there!



- Unless purchasing a large amount for transportation or lunch tickets, we cannot break a bill over \$20.
 - You are welcome to take home leftovers from your meal, but please bring your own container.
 - Coffee bar and bakery dollar donations are much appreciated.
- Thank you for your generosity. Items from the bread table are limited to just one per person daily.

We appreciate your understanding.

Widows/Widowers



Meet Mondays at 2pm

Come share your grief with others

Its your story for you to share and we are here to support you

Computer Lab Open Times

The Senior Center computer lab is open for your use on the following days/times:

Monday—8-11 am & After 12:00 pm

Tuesday—After 11:30 am

***Thursday—All Day**

***Friday—All Day**

*There will be an occasional meeting in the Computer Lab where it will not be available to the general public.



Heart Healthy

MAY 2026 MENU

If you would like to order a meal for pick-up, please call 283-4156 by 10:30am for same-day pick up.

Menu is subject to change
Soup and Salad when available

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Creamy Shrimp Enchiladas Cilantro Lime Rice Chips & Salsa
4 French Toast Sausage Links Roasted Potatoes Scrambled Eggs	5 Beef Enchilada Mexi-Corn Spanish Rice Chips & Salsa	6 Sweet & Sour Chicken Stir Fry Veggies Jasmine Rice Egg Roll	7 Lasagna Caesar Salad Garlic Bread	8 Ham Blueberry French Toast Roasted Potatoes Fresh Fruit Cup
11 Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Mixed Veggies	12 Chili Dogs w/ all the fixings Tater Tots Carrot Salad	13 BBQ Ribs Buttered Corn Baked Beans Birthday Cake	 14 Chef Salad Muffin Fruit Cup	15 Cheeseburger Fries Potato Salad Ice Cream Bar
18 Clam Chowder Seafood Pasta Salad Melon Muffin	19 Ranch Chicken  Salad Fruit Cup Muffin	20 Spaghetti & Meatballs Italian Veggies Garlic Bread	21 Fish Taco Spanish Rice Black Bean Medley	22 Roast Beef Mashed Potato Gravy Squash Medley Ice Cream Social
25  CENTER CLOSED	26  Thai Crunch Salad Muffin Fruit Cup	27 Veggie Soup Chicken Salad Croissant Sandwich Cheese & Fruit Kabobs	28 Honey BBQ Baked Chicken Cheesy Potatoes Mixed Veggies	29 Pulled Pork Sandwich Onion Rings Coleslaw



Mother's Day



Word Scramble

1. SMOEMERI _____
2. EWSTE _____
3. RADC _____
4. IDNK _____
5. EPASCLI _____
6. GUSH _____
7. FSIGT _____
8. EOLV _____
9. OTSHEMR ADY _____
10. ORSLWFE _____
11. SESKSI _____
12. LNHDCRIE _____
13. TECOLOHCA _____
14. YANCD _____
15. GRACNI _____

Kenai Senior Center 2026 Client Satisfaction Survey

Each year, the Kenai Senior Center (KSC) gathers input to improve services and meet funding requirements. Your responses help shape the Center's future programs. Please answer all questions to ensure accurate analysis. All responses are confidential.

What is your age or year you were born in:

Programs & Participation

1. Which KSC programs/activities have you participated in this year?

(Check all that apply)

- Arts & Crafts
- Classes/Workshops
- Health & Fitness
- Congregate Meals
- Special Events & Entertainment
- Home-Delivered Meals
- Trips/Excursions
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Transportation Services
- Medicare Counseling
- Information & Assistance
- Other _____

**Please return your surveys to the box at the front desk of the Senior Center. They can also be given to your driver or mailed in to: Kenai Senior Center
361 Senior Court,
Kenai, AK 99611
Surveys should be returned by
June 1, 2026.**

2. Are you a registered member of the Kenai Senior Center?

- Yes
- No

3. Are you aware of all the programs and services KSC offers?

- Yes
- No

4. Are you interested in volunteering?

- Yes
- No
- I am already a volunteer

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Meals & Nutrition Services

5. Do you eat lunch at the KSC, if so how often?

- 4+ times per week
- 1-3 times per week
- Occasionally
- N/A

6. Do you receive Home-Delivered Meals, if so how often?

- 4+ times per week
- 1-3 times per week
- Occasionally
- N/A

7. How would you rate the quality of meals you receive?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

8. What is your favorite meal served by the KSC?

Transportation Services

9. Do you use KSC Transportation Services? If so, how often?

- 4+ times per week
- 1-3 times per week
- Occasionally
- Never

10. Do you use transportation to access the community?

(Including outings, trips, medical appointments, or the pool)

- Yes
- No

11. Do you use transportation to access the senior center?

- Yes
- No

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Safety & Overall Experience

12. Do you feel KSC staff prioritize your safety?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- None of the time

13. Do KSC services help maintain or improve your quality of life and ability to age in place?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- None of the time

14. How would you rate your overall experience with KSC services?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor



Suggestions & Feedback

14. What activities do you enjoy most at KSC?

15. What new activities or programs would you like to see offered?

16. Do you have any cost-saving ideas for KSC?

17: Comments:

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 Center Volunteers
 Kenai Senior Connection, Inc.
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