

A Day for Kings and Queens



Every year on July 20, chess enthusiasts around the world come together to celebrate International Chess Day. This special day commemorates the

founding of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in 1924, which marked a significant milestone in the organization and standardization of chess as a competitive sport.

Chess itself has a rich history, originating in ancient India over a millennium ago. It evolved from a game called *chaturanga* and spread across the globe, influencing cultures and fostering intellectual development. Today, chess is played by millions worldwide, transcending language and cultural barriers.

International Chess Day was first celebrated in 1966, inspired by UNESCO, to highlight chess’s role in promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding. The day is now recognized by the United Nations, which officially acknowledged it in 2019. On this day, chess clubs, schools, and communities organize tournaments, workshops, and events to celebrate the game’s enduring appeal and educational benefits.

What makes chess so special? It’s not just about moving pieces on a board; it’s about strategy, patience, and sportsmanship. Chess teaches valuable life skills and values, making it a beloved pastime and educational tool. Whether you’re a seasoned grand master or a beginner, International Chess Day is a chance to connect with fellow chess lovers and enjoy the game’s unique blend of challenge and camaraderie.

So, on July 20, grab a chessboard, gather some friends, and join the global chess party. Whether you’re playing online or in person, it’s a day to celebrate the game that unites us all. To borrow FIDE’s motto, “*Gens Una Sumus*”: “We are one people, united by our love for chess.”

July Birthdays

Resident Birthdays  
Lynn C. 7/6

In astrology, those born July 1–22 are the Crabs of Cancer. Crabs are emotional nurturers, dedicated to their home and family. Gentle and kind, they love storytelling around the dinner table and enjoy upholding traditions. Those born July 23–31 are the Lion star sign, Leo. Leos are dignified, strong, and powerful, making good leaders and honorable friends. They are also ambitious, reaching for the stars, working hard, and accomplishing their goals.

Salon

Need a Haircut?

- Women
- Bang Trim \$5.00
- Haircut \$25.00
- Shampoo and Set: \$25.00
- Shampoo, Haircut, Styling \$35.00
- Hair Coloring \$55.00 and up
- Perm \$75.00
- Perm and Styling \$85.00



- Men
- Haircut \$20.00
- Shave \$15.00

Book an Appointment today! Walk-In clients are also welcomed. For inquiries, please call Nancy (503) 656-7415

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Kiwi Christmas Magic

New Zealand’s Festival of Christmas brings a unique twist to holiday celebrations, transforming the small town of Greytown into a winter wonderland each July. This monthlong extravaganza, aptly nicknamed the “happiest festival in New Zealand,” offers a delightful blend of festive cheer and ingenuity.

Although it began only five years ago as a pandemic initiative, the Festival of Christmas has quickly become a beloved tradition, drawing visitors from across the country. The event’s timing in July, which is winter in the southern hemisphere, allows New Zealanders to experience a more traditional chilly Christmas atmosphere, complete with the (unlikely) promise of snow.

The festival boasts an impressive array of activities and attractions. Visitors can marvel at spectacular light displays, participate in workshops, and celebrate the Māori New Year. The program also includes vibrant night markets, lively parties, and an abundance of festive food and drinks, including the warming winter favorites of mulled wine and gin.

One of the festival’s unique features is how it embraces a “Fire and Ice” theme, creating a captivating contrast that adds to the event’s charm. Attendees are encouraged to don Christmas sweaters and gather around braziers (portable outdoor firepits), fostering a cozy community atmosphere despite the winter chill.

But the Festival of Christmas isn’t just about entertainment; it’s a community effort that brings together families, school children, and local groups. This collaborative spirit is evident in the diverse range of events, from art classes and author talks to “Books at the Bar” reading parties.

While the festival primarily takes place in Greytown, it has put the region of Wairarapa on the map as a winter destination. The event has grown to attract people from all around New Zealand, boosting local tourism and showcasing the region’s hospitality. With its unique blend of traditional Christmas elements and distinctly Kiwi touches, this midwinter celebration offers a fresh perspective on holiday festivities, proving that the Christmas spirit thrives in New Zealand, summer or winter.

Life Enrichment

Outings

July 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10AM Fred Meyers  
July 11<sup>th</sup> @ 4 PM River Roadhouse  
July 18<sup>th</sup> @ 11 AM Oregon Historical Society Museum  
July 25<sup>th</sup> @ 11AM Red, White, Blue Thrift Store

Important Outing Information

Once again, our outdoor picnic got rained on last month. We will put that aside and try again next month.

Residents are responsible purchases

Note\* If we have less than 3 people signed up, the outing will be rescheduled.

Medical Transportation

Medical transportation is available on Wednesday and Thursdays. Appointments should be scheduled between 12:00 PM and 4:00 PM. To arrange a ride, please see Robin at the front desk for assistance in scheduling. Make sure to have Date, Time, and Address.

Same day appointments may not work, please give at least a 24-48hr notice for transportation.

\*\*\*We have a new Bus Driver. Please welcome Diana to our Deerfield Team. She will be taking over Medical Transportation & Outings starting this month!

Entertainment

We have all NEW entertainers coming to Deerfield this month and we are so excited to have them.

July 9<sup>th</sup>, we have Dan Schlesinger, July 4<sup>th</sup> is Lynley w/ Music Lives, and we will have Song Memories' Noel & Dana on July 30<sup>th</sup>!

All performances will be held in the Dining Room

Welcome to Deerfield



New Residents & Move-In Anniversaries

New Residents  
Birgitta S.

Move-In Anniversary  
Ceci D. 1 year  
Sharon C. 3 years  
Judy H. 3 years  
Livona J. 9 years  
Diane M. 26 years

We are so grateful you are here!

Events

Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ will be held on Friday July 4<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00PM. We have a new guest entertainer joining us, Lynley from Music Lives.

Updates

Join us on Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 2:30PM in the dining room for our Resident Meeting!

Your Activity Planning Meeting will take place on Friday July 11<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30PM in the Activity room.

The Food Committee Meeting is now being held on the first Thursday of every month. July's meeting is on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 1:30PM in the dining room

We encourage everyone to attend resident meetings—your input and feedback are important to us, and we want to ensure we're meeting your needs and expectations!

Talking Heads

A special announcement for all those ventriloquists out there! Cincinnati's annual ventriloquists conference, known as the Vent Haven ConVENTion, is set to take place July 16–19 at the Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport in Erlanger, Kentucky.



The convention is named after the Vent Haven Museum in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky—just across the river from Cincinnati. Vent Haven is the only museum in the world dedicated to the art of ventriloquism. The word *vent* is short for *ventriloquist*, and the museum is certainly a haven for those in the business. William Shakespeare Berger, known to his friends as W.S., was a Cincinnati businessman and amateur ventriloquist who amassed a vast collection of ventriloquism memorabilia. For years, Berger also served as president of the International Brotherhood of Ventriloquists. He even published a monthly magazine called *The Oracle*, which kept up on the latest in ventriloquism news. By the time Berger died in 1973, his collection had grown museum-worthy.

Ventriloquism relies on the ability to “throw your voice.” Ventriloquism first began as a religious practice, where people made guttural sounds from their bellies and interpreted those sounds as the voices of the dead. Other cultures regarded it as witchcraft. Over the centuries, though, that which had been feared became entertainment. By the 1700s, traveling showmen were delighting audiences with fanciful ventriloquy, speaking mostly to imaginary friends. Before long, ventriloquists introduced their dummies and puppets.

So how do “vents” throw their voices? When noise is trapped in a larynx, it sounds as if it's coming from a different direction or distance. Any other insights... well, those are closely held trade secrets.

Good Friends Make Good Neighbors Program

Residents love living at Deerfield Village and, since our residents are often our best spokespersons, we've created the Good Friends Make Good Neighbors Program to show our appreciation.

How it Works

When a Deerfield Village resident or family member refers a new potential resident\* to a Cascade Living Group community and that person moves in for at least 90 days, the referring resident will receive a \$4,000 credit applied to their base rent.

\*In order to qualify as a new potential resident, the person being referred may not already be in our contact list. To make a referral, and ensure you receive proper credit for making the introduction, please provide your name and the name of your friend or family member to our Executive Director or Community Relations Director prior to the inquiry or tour.

Eye-Catching Diversity

While only one out of every 100 people experience this rare genetic trait, everyone is invited to celebrate Different Colored Eyes Day on July 12.



This genetic phenomenon is most common in cats, dogs, and horses. But humans, too, can experience heterochromia, or two different colored eyes. Our eye color develops shortly after birth due to the pigment melanin. More melanin means darker eyes, and less melanin means lighter eyes. It just so happens that sometimes two eyes develop differently. In fact, sometimes one eye can have two different colors, such as a blue iris with a brown ring around the pupil, or a completely brown eye with a splash of green. This is just one way that we are each a unique work of art.