

April 2026

# Meadow Creek News

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## Management Team

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**Dining Services Director  
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## Meet Juan Arredondo Dining Services Director

Juan is the newly appointed Dining Services Director at Meadow Creek Village, bringing 28 years of experience in the restaurant and hospitality industry. With a career built on culinary excellence and operational leadership, Juan has trained in multiple cooking styles and service approaches, allowing for a diverse, high-quality dining experience.

Throughout my career, I have developed a strong foundation in kitchen management, menu development, team leadership, and guest satisfaction. Passionate about creating memorable dining experiences, I am committed to delivering nutritious, flavorful meals while fostering a welcoming and engaging atmosphere for residents and guests.

At Meadow Creek Village, I look forward to elevating the dining program and continuing a tradition of excellence through creativity, consistency, and care.



April Events

- 4/1 11:30 Live Music: David Minton
- 4/3 3:30 Family Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/7 11:30 Live Music: The Swing Set
- 4/8 3:00 Special Bingo Event & Happy Hour hosted by Local Plumbing Co.
- 4/7 & 4/12 Pedicures with Luanna (Sign up required \$30-\$40)
- 4/13 1:00 Resident Council
- 4/14 Free Clothing & Home Goods Swap
- 4/16 1:00 Live Music: Dennis Collert
- 4/20 2:00 Live Music: Ron Hampton

April Outings

- 4/1 1:30 Fred Meyers
- 4/8 1:30 Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival
- 4/10 1:00 Salem Library
- 4/15 1:30 Grocery Outlet
- 4/17 1:00 Hobby Lobby Craft Store
- 4/22 1:30 Dollar Tree
- 4/24 1:00 Smoothies & Silver Falls Highway Drive
- 4/29 1:30 Walmart



Birthdays & Shout Outs

**Resident Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

Peggy L. 4/24

Varene Y. 4/7

Janet A. 4/21



 **Clothing & Home Goods Swap** 



**April 14th  
11:00-4:00  
Lounge**



**Meadow Creek Village Assisted Living**  
The Original Assisted Living in Oregon

Hop on Over for an *Egg-citing*

**EASTER CELEBRATION!**

**Easter Egg Hunt | Friday, April 3 | 3:30 p.m.**  
3988 12th Street Cutoff SE | Salem

Bring your baskets and hop on over for an afternoon of springtime fun! Children and grandchildren of our residents and staff are invited to join us for a festive Easter Egg Hunt on the back lawn. It's the perfect way to celebrate the season and create sweet memories together.

Contact Rebekah to RSVP by March 24. 503-375-9732, [RebekahB@cascadeliving.com](mailto:RebekahB@cascadeliving.com)

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## One Last Powwow



On April 24 and 25, Albuquerque, New Mexico, will host one of the largest gatherings of Indigenous Americans in the world when more than 700 tribes from the United States, Canada, and beyond arrive for the Gathering of Nations Powwow. First held more

than 40 years ago, the Gathering of Nations has grown into the premier Native American cultural event in North America. Sadly, organizers have announced that the 2026 powwow will be its final year—“The Last Dance.”

What makes the powwow so special? It is a shared celebration of traditional Indigenous cultures—a feast for the eyes, ears, and mouth. With more than 30 judged categories, spirited competition in Native music, singing, and dancing involves everyone from children to elders. It is a remarkable sight to see men and women perform many different dances in their traditional regalia adorned with feathers, beads, and colorful clothing. Visitors should not miss the Grand Entry, when thousands of dancers in full costume enter the arena with great fanfare.

Another highlight is the Miss Indian World competition, where young Native women compete in public speaking, traditional talents, interviews, and dance, sharing their tribes’ cultures and histories. Winners traditionally serve as cultural ambassadors and educators.

In the spirit of community, all are welcome to attend the powwow. Tickets grant access to the powwow grounds, Stage 49 (a live music stage featuring Native performers), the Indian Traders Market with hundreds of artisans and craft workers, the Native Food Court, and the Horse & Rider Regalia Parade. Events take place at the Powwow Grounds at Expo New Mexico, centered around the Tingley Coliseum in Albuquerque.

## Letters in Action

National Scrabble Day, celebrated every April 13, is the perfect excuse to dust off your tiles and show off your word skills. Since its creation in 1938 by Alfred Butts, Scrabble has challenged players to turn letters into clever combinations, scoring big points while occasionally learning a new word or two. From casual family game nights to competitive tournaments, Scrabble brings people together and sparks a bit of friendly rivalry.

On National Scrabble Day, players embrace the challenge of crafting the highest-scoring words and reveling in the joy of landing a triple-word score. Even if you’re not a seasoned pro, the day is a fun reminder that words can be playful, powerful, and sometimes tricky.

Some enthusiasts share words or post photos of game boards mid-battle on social media. Schools, libraries, and community centers often host Scrabble events to encourage literacy and spark a love of language. So grab your tiles, find a worthy opponent, and celebrate the delightful challenge of Scrabble.

## Drawn to Birds



Draw a Bird Day, celebrated on April 8 each year, dates to 1943, when seven-year-old Dorie Cooper visited her uncle, a wounded war veteran, in the hospital. He was in poor spirits, and Dorie tried to cheer him up by requesting he draw a bird for her. Dorie couldn’t

help but laugh at the resulting picture, but she did, indeed, boost her uncle’s spirits. With each subsequent visit to the hospital, Dorie was greeted with pictures of birds drawn by the soldiers, some good and many bad, but all of them evoking smiles. On April 8, put your talents to work drawing a bird. And don’t feel too bad if your work isn’t quite as beautiful as the paintings of famous ornithologist John J. Audubon, whose birthday is celebrated on April 26.

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**Meadow Creek Village  
Assisted Living**  
A Cascade Living Group Community



Meadow Creek Village is a cottage-style assisted living community nestled in an inviting residential area of Salem, Oregon. The charming setting evokes a sense of peacefulness, and the park-like surroundings create a relaxed, welcoming feel.

The best of both worlds ... the assisted living community may be in a quiet neighborhood, but we're near areas of bustling activity with plenty of restaurants, shopping attractions and world-class medical care.

**Contact us today to learn more!**

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