

Big Day for Mini Golf

It's a big deal that World Miniature Golf Day is on July 11. Mini golf, like full-sized golf, was invented in Scotland at the famous St. Andrew's golf course. The first miniature course was a putting green set up for the wives of golfers to amuse themselves while their husbands played 18 holes. But this course, called the Ladies' Putting Club, with its lush, rolling greens, bears no resemblance to the tacky miniature courses we have come to love with their rotating windmills, waterfalls, and all manner of gimmicks and obstacles.

The rightful inventor of these beloved mini-golf courses was Garnet Carter, owner of the Fairyland Inn hotel outside of Chattanooga, Tennessee. In the late 1920s, Carter created a tiny course that matched his whimsical hotel theme. He called it *Tom Thumb Golf* and littered the course with fairyland statues, hollow logs, sewer pipes, and other fanciful obstacles. By 1930, 25,000 mini-golf courses had appeared across America, each one just as fanciful as Carter's.



**Independence Day Parade
in Shenandoah on
Saturday, July 3rd
at 9:30 am.
Come Join in on the Fun!**

July Birthdays

July is when things around Iowa really start heating up! Not to be outdone by the thermometer or corn, things at Windsor Manor will heat up with our July Birthday Babies. Our birthday celebrities this month are: **AMERICA—July 4th**; Wayne—July 8; Molly—July 18; Russ—July 18; and Amy Blake—July 31. That's right, we have Windsor Manor Twins, Molly and Russ, who share July 18th as their birthdate. All our July Birthday babies share their hot summer birthday month with a few others you might know.

Thurgood Marshall (justice) – July 2, 1908
 Frida Kahlo (artist) – July 6, 1907
 Satchel Paige (ballplayer) – July 7, 1906
 Tom Hanks (actor) – July 9, 1956
 Henry David Thoreau (writer) – July 12, 1817
 Harrison Ford (actor) – July 13, 1942
 Regina Belle (singer) – July 17, 1963
 Carlos Santana (guitarist) – July 20, 1947
 Ernest Hemingway (writer) – July 21, 1899
 Amelia Earhart (pilot) – July 24, 1897
 Vivica A. Fox (actress) – July 30, 1964

Carving Out a Place in History



On July 14, 1943, George Washington Carver National Monument was dedicated in Missouri, near the birthplace and childhood home of the famed scientist, educator, and humanitarian. This was the first time in American history that a birthplace site was designated as a national monument for someone other than a president and the first national monument to commemorate an African American. Carver's contributions to agricultural science revolutionized farming in America. He innovated crop rotation and learned to replenish soil nutrients by planting nitrogen fixers such as peanuts, which led him to develop countless peanut-based products, work for which he earned renown as "The Peanut Man."

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Celebrating July

Independence Day (U.S.)

July 4

Bastille Day (France)

July 14

Day of the Cowboy

July 24

World Lumberjack Championships

July 29–31

Celebrating July Birthdays

Wayne

July 8

Molly

July 18

Russ

July 18

Amy Blake

July 31

National Treasures

Since 1985, America has celebrated July as Park and Recreation Month, but America's dedication to preserving the nation's wild places goes back much further. It was in 1872 that President Teddy Roosevelt designated Yellowstone as America's first national park, and he would go on to protect over 230 million acres of land as national forests, monuments, and wildlife refuges.

As a child growing up in New York City, Roosevelt spent much of his time indoors, surrounded by concrete and steel and struggling for breath, due to debilitating asthma. It seems logical that Roosevelt would later prioritize the protection of nature. He escaped to the wilderness for fresh air and strengthened himself by trekking primeval forests and snow-covered peaks. Just as nature strengthened and inspired Roosevelt, he hoped that nature would do the same for his fellow Americans.

By every measure, Americans have fulfilled Roosevelt's dream. Each year, over 300 million people visit America's national parks. Since the creation of Yellowstone, the national park system has grown to 423 protected areas in every state, from the coast of Acadia in Maine to the redwoods of northern California, from the cliff dwellings of Colorado's Mesa Verde to the glacier-carved valleys of Alaska's Gates of the Arctic. And the park system continues to grow. At the start of the year, New River Gorge in West Virginia became America's 63rd national park. But while national parks enshrine and preserve America's rich natural legacy, Park and Recreation Month is meant to celebrate parks of all kinds.

National parks make dramatic backdrops for family vacations, but local parks are where we find daily respite and rejuvenation. They are perfect places to enjoy the shade of a tree and listen to the song of a bird. What is more, local parks provide us with opportunities to continue Roosevelt's legacy of conservation by volunteering to plant a tree or clean up a river. Roosevelt's message was not just one of enjoying nature but of protecting and nurturing it for future generations.



Get Fired Up for Patriotic Spirit Week!

- Monday: *Tacky Tourist Day*
- Tuesday: *Superhero Day*
- Wednesday: *Hat Day*
- Thursday: *Sunglasses Day*
- Friday: *Red, White & Blue Day*

Join in and show your
Patriotic Spirit!



SWITG to be performing Mamma Mia!

Residents are invited to attend a Sunday matinee of Mamma Mia! Here in Shenandoah. Kathy will be transporting residents to the local community theatre to enjoy the show on Sunday July 18th. Why not join us?

WHAT: Mamma Mia! (a Musical)
WHERE: SWITG in Shenandoah
WHEN: Sunday, July 18th
WHAT TIME: Van loads up at 1pm
PRICE: FREE for the first 12 people

Our June Father's Day Tractor Drive

