

# PINE VALLEY NEWS

A Newsletter for the Residents of  
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## President's Message:

Spring is a very busy time of year here at Pine Valley. Residents and employees are bustling to get lawns and landscaping looking its best -- and cleaning up after the long winter.

Last month, we asked for volunteers for a few community projects that were "on the back burner" for when our maintenance crew had some extra

time. Thanks to a few generous shareholders, the work got done ahead of schedule.

This month, we're listing a few more small projects, if anyone has the time or desire to pitch in and help. Please check out our "Help Wanted" section of this newsletter.

On another note, Monday, May 25th is Memorial Day, and we will be commemorating it with our own parade, honoring War Heroes who are loved ones of

Pine Valley residents. We hope many residents will join our parade this year. We'll meet at the Manor parking lot at 9:30, and the parade will begin promptly at 10:00 -- starting in the 500's and working our way through all of our streets (except A Ext. and Random Road).

If you have a relative or dear friend who lost their life in service to their country, or was a Purple Heart recipient, or POW, please submit their name, branch of service, which war they served in and which classification. Also, their relationship to you, along with your name and lot #. We'll make up posters for each serviceman/woman, and display on a vehicle in the parade.

Lastly, more residents are walking on our streets. Please watch out for them, and don't exceed our 15 mph speed limit. If you came around a corner too fast and hit someone, it would stay with you the rest of your life. It's just not worth it to save a few seconds of your time. Be aware of your speed, and if you're part of the problem, Slow Down! It could save someone's life.

Dick Kelleher, President

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## **GET WELL WISHES**

Recently hospitalized were Elaine Jones (#293), Frank Garde (#375), and Karen Soderstrom (#84).



Wishing you all a speedy (and complete) recovery!!

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## ***With Sympathy***

To Jim Tabb, lot #36, whose brother passed away recently.

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## **Recent Social Activities:**

**National Cherry Cheesecake Day** was **April 23rd**. We sold over 300 slices of Cherry and Blueberry cheesecake. If you'd like to make your own, we're including the recipe in this newsletter.

**National Raisin Day (April 30)**. Bread Pudding and Carrot Cake (with raisins) were a big hit!

## **National Coconut Cream Pie Day (May 8).**

Definitely the most delicious coconut cream pie ever made! We also offered Chocolate Cream for anyone who wasn't a fan of coconut (????!?!???)

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**In 20 years, when kids ask about the 2020 toilet paper shortage, I'm telling them we had to drag our butts across the lawn, in the snow, uphill both ways. Dodging murder hornets.**

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## **Up-Coming Events**

**National Chocolate Chip Day** is **May 13th**. We'll bring dessert to you with a return of our Ice Cream Carts! Enjoy a homemade chocolate chip cookie and/or an ice cream treat, delivered right to your driveway. Just 50¢ each (Drumstick Ice Cream Cones are 75¢). Starting at 6:00 on Avenue A and working our way throughout the park. No need to pre-order, we'll be sure to have plenty! Watch for us!

**National Hamburger Day** is May 28, but we'll celebrate on **Saturday, May 29th**. Your choice of burgers (\$2) or dogs (\$1) cooked up fresh in our barbecue pit behind the manor. Drive-through from the lower (exit) driveway, and exit out the upper parking lot, from 4:30 - 5:30 pm. We'll fix it your way!

**Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 31st**. Last year's parade was a solemn tribute to family members of our residents, who lost their lives in service to their country. We also honored Purple Heart recipients, POW's, and those MIA. If you would like your loved one remembered in our parade, please submit their name(s), branch of the service, which war they served in, their relationship to you, and your name and lot #. Let us know which classification they fall into. Posters will be made up, and displayed on vehicles in the parade.

Last year, we had more names than we had vehicles, so we're looking for residents who would like to participate in the parade. Cars, trucks, motorcycles, golf carts, antiques or collectibles. Invite a non-PVP friend to drive you with their

vehicle. Decorations, or US or Military flags are welcome.

Please let us know if you'll be in the parade, and if you'll display a poster on your vehicle, so we can plan ahead. We'll gather at the upper Manor parking lot at 9:30 a.m. The Parade will start at 10:00, and wind throughout the park, starting with Avenue A. Watch from your driveway, or bring lawn chairs to a common area in the park. Let's join together, as a community, to honor our own War Heroes.

**JUNE 4 - National Cheese Day.** We'll celebrate with Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, and "Specialty" varieties of this American Favorite (with tomato, ham, bacon, or tuna)! Add a cup of Tomato Cheddar Soup to make a meal. Watch for flyers, and be sure to order yours!

**JUNE 12 - National Peanut Butter Cookie Day.** We observed this holiday last year, and the cookies were such a huge hit, we decided to do it again.

**JUNE 18 - National "Go Fishing" Day.** Last year, we held a Fishing Derby for residents and their kids and grandkids. We're looking into doing this again, perhaps on June 26th. Watch for more info.

**JUNE 27 - National Bingo Day.** We're working on an Outdoor Bingo game, with both monetary and merchandise prizes. Our Bingo players haven't gotten together since Covid hit ... But even if you're not a Bingo regular, this will be a fun time for all!

March, 1876 – Alexander Graham Bell makes the first phone call. Moments later, he is notified that his car's warrantee is expired.



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## *Thank you!!!*

In last month's newsletter, we asked for volunteers to help with some park projects. A Big Thank-You to:

Alan and Cindy Jamilkowski (#108) for getting the Corn Hole Game set up for the season.

Chuck Griswold (#239) and "Company" for hanging all the curtain rods, in the community room. They even hung the curtains for us! (It looks beautiful!)

Gary Bock (#553) for the fabulous community campfire pit he assembled in the field by the garden plots. (See the article on the campfire rules in this newsletter).

Al Benoit (#190) for the picnic table that is now next to the campfire pit.

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## **PET CORNER**

### ***Springtime = Fleas-Ticks-Parasites!***

*By Susan Shea, Pet committee*

Rising temperatures and longer days mean your dog will likely be spending more time outdoors.

While long walks and romps in the grass are great, they also increase the risk of fleas, ticks and other parasites.

If you've ever had an infestation of fleas you know how horrible it is. It can take as long as three-to-four months to get rid of an infestation, as it takes this long for all of the fleas in your home to go through their life stages. So my best advice is to be proactive and start a flea and tick regimen.

A female adult flea will dine on a blood meal from the host which can be you, your cat, your dog, your friends, etc. & then lay 40 to 50 eggs every day. The eggs will fall off your pet as they move around your home, taking about two weeks to hatch. Once the larvae hatch out of the eggs, it takes approximately another two weeks before they spin their cocoon and become a pupa. The cycle continues. It is a nightmare.

Parasites in dogs and cats are another concern for pet owners. To help prevent parasites, bacteria, and viruses from infecting people or other pets, pick up your dog's or cat poop immediately. Many parasites require days to weeks to reach the infective stage, so feces becomes more hazardous to your health the longer it sits. Especially important is that you remember the good hygiene and wash your hands after picking up fecal matter. Several of the Heartworm medications treat roundworms and hookworms, and some products can even treat

whipworms, tapeworms and one or more stages of fleas.

With any concerns please talk to your veterinarian to determine which medication is right to treat your dog/cat.

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Every time we try to eat healthy, along comes Christmas, Easter, Summer, Friday (or National Cheesecake Day) and ruins it for us.

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*Once again, the monthly open meeting was not held. Here are reports that were turned in.*

**MEMBERSHIP** (Andrea Stadnicki for Karen Soderstrom): The committee interviewed the following applicants, and they met all criteria for membership:

Robert & Linda Lauren, lot #330, owned by Karen Bjorklund

Allen & Janis Hebert Parmenter, lot #271, owned by Gail Sasseville

Robert Jorgensen, lot #41, owned by Robert Smith

**PETS** (Susan Shea, Tilo Schiffer, Gretchen VanEmburch): If you have an issue with a pet in the park, please let the office know, and they will pass it along to the Pet Committee, or call one of the numbers on the front page of the newsletter.

**SUNSHINE LADIES** (Bonnie Messier & Karen Soderstrom): Get-Well cards were sent to those whose names were given to our Sunshine Ladies. If you know someone in the park who is sick or hospitalized, please let Carolyn, in the office, know, so we can send them our wishes.

**GARDEN CLUB** (Marilee Hageman) - No report.

**NOMINATING:** (Andrea Stadnicki): No report.

**ACTIVITIES** (Barbara Kelleher): Lots going on for May. Check out the Activities section of this newsletter for May and June events, and watch the pigeon holes for flyers and order forms.

**LIBRARY** (Molly Robosson): Your PVP library is getting a lot of use. It's a good feeling to see the return bin full of books! When a book is returned, it is date stamped. In an effort to make room for ongoing donations, if a book does not show a date stamp in the past three years, it is being pulled from the shelves. These books will be donated, or in case of missing pages, loose bindings or other damage, taken to the dump. Yes, it's hard to get rid of books but with the limited shelf space available, it's a good practice to cull the collection periodically. We have received some wonderful donations, including a selection of Louis L'Amour books. Making room for new additions is always a good thing! Did you know that Louis L'Amour published 101 titles? We don't have them all but we are off to a good start!

Biographies, autobiographies and memoirs have now been placed with the other non-fiction titles on the bottom two shelves opposite the Amish fiction collection.

Our spotlight collection for the month of May is selections about our armed forces. Some great fiction and non-fiction titles have been chosen. In June, we will spotlight "Read the Movie" titles. Many of our favorite books have been made into movies. Nine times out of 10, the book is MUCH better than the movie. Let's give these titles the attention they deserve!

Happy Reading!

"You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me."

--C.S. Lewis

**CARD GAMES** (Lenny LaBarre): Temporarily cancelled.

**BINGO** (Karen Soderstrom): Temporarily cancelled.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** (Jim Dowling): The committee gave their questions to the Treasurer, and received answers.

**POST LIGHTS** (Dan & Joan Tourigny): 5 lights were out this month.

**SALES** (Andrea Stadnicki): Currently, the sales team has no homes to sell, and plenty of buyers wishing to move here. If you have plans to move, please call our Sales number and let them sell your home for you - quickly and easily.

**ARCHITECTURAL** (Al Benoit & Chuck Griswold): If you have work you want to do on your home, please call the office for a form to fill out, and Al will get back to you with approval.

**NEWSLETTER** (Barbara Kelleher): Anything for the newsletter, please get to Barbara by the fifth of the month.

**CIVIL DEFENSE** (Arvilla Reed): We are in need of Street Captains for several streets. This is a great way to get to know your new neighbors as they move in, and to help keep track of those who may need some help in an emergency. Street Captains also help pass out notices that need to be hand delivered. For more information, call Arvilla Reed (323-6030).

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** No report.

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People say 60 is the new 40.

The cop who just pulled me over didn't agree.



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## Classified Ads

Assorted costume jewelry - Best Offer. Earrings (some screw-on, some clips), Pins, Necklaces, some sets. Individual or lot price. Call Eileen (213-0310). Leave message. Will call you back.

*If you would like to submit a classified ad for next month's newsletter, just leave in mail slot at office, marked "Classifieds". It's FREE!*

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## WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Why not write a short review of a book you think other people might enjoy. Not inclined to write a review, but would like to tell others about a book you've found



interesting? Send your information to [bettyinnocent@yahoo.com](mailto:bettyinnocent@yahoo.com) or drop a note in my box 350. We will try to weave this into the column as space is available.

### **The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson-**

*Reviewed by Mary at the Clapp Memorial Library*

I am a big fan of historical novels, and this one takes place in the mountains of Kentucky at the beginning of the last century. The heroine, Cussy Mary, is feisty, brave and caring. It is her job to travel the lonely mountains to deliver books and magazines to the mountain people of the region. She gets around by riding a mule. Of course, being a book lover, it was so interesting to see how hungry some people were for the printed word.

This book has romance, adventure, love and the beautiful wilds of nature. One other aspect of the book that was very unique was that the main character was a "blue", the name for people who have a blue tint to their skin. The prejudices and problems caused by this physical feature requires Cussy Mary to have strength of character which, I found admirable. Just a wonderful read!

*Note: A copy of "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" is now in our Pine Valley library.*

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## Thank You!

Thanks to everyone for all the prayers and well wishes. They were (and are) greatly appreciated!

Karen Soderstrom, #84

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## Happy 90th Birthday!

A little birdie told us (or perhaps it was the gold balloons that read "90" tied to the lamp post) that a certain resident (Nancy Paquette) who resides at lot #238 on H Street, recently celebrated her 90th birthday.



Congratulations to you, Nancy, on this milestone birthday. May you continue to enjoy your life here at Pine Valley for many years to come!

*(Did you know that a person between 90 and 99 years of age is called a nonagenarian? Pine Valley must be good for our health, because just 2 houses from Nancy is another nonagenarian, and yet another resides one street over. Our records indicate that we have quite a few residents who have passed their 90th birthdays. Here is another benefit to living in Beautiful Pine Valley!*

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## HELP WANTED

Would you like to volunteer your time to help out here at Pine Valley? We have a few jobs that could get done a lot quicker if someone with a little time and a little skill could lend a hand. To apply for any of these positions, please call the office and leave your name, and what you'd like to help with. We'll call you back!

1. **Curtain Rod Hanger.** If you have experience hanging curtain rods, we'd really appreciate your help! A generous volunteer hung all the rods in the community room last month. This month, we're looking for someone to hang the rods in the office and card room at the Manor.
2. **Painter.** Scrape and paint back door at Manor (kitchen). We'll supply the paint!  
  
Also, paint the two window frames in the library. (We have the paint for that, too.)
3. **Small Project Builder.** Build firewood holder for campfire area -- Something small to keep leftover firewood off the ground, and in a neat pile. We can provide materials needed.
4. **Water Infrastructure Advisor.** If you have a Civil Engineering background, or experience with other engineering fields, or in contracting or construction, the Board of Directors could use your help as we proceed with our Water Infrastructure project. An extra set of eyes would be very helpful to go over the blueprints and designs.
5. **Pond Maintenance Committeeperson:** If you have an interest in the environment,

some research skills, and a desire to see our ponds looking beautiful this year (and not covered with green scum), we could use your help. Please let us know if you would like to be part of the solution to clean up our ponds.

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## JUNETEENTH:

### Our Newest Massachusetts Holiday

Governor Baker has proclaimed June 19, 2021 and ever after a state holiday dedicated to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States and to recognize the continued need to ensure racial freedom and equity. Forty-seven states and the District of Columbia recognize Juneteenth.

Two years after the Civil War on June 19, 1865 the Union soldiers, led by Maj. Gen. Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the war had ended and that enslaved people were now free. This day is known as Freedom, or Emancipation Day.

Early celebrations were used as political rallies to give voting instructions to newly freed slaves. Church related activities and prayer meetings were also held to give thanks to the Almighty for their freedom.

Celebrations include parades, storytelling, live music, picnics and backyard barbeques. "Traditions include public readings of the Emancipation Proclamation, singing traditional songs, and readings of works by noted African-American writers.

Here in the Pioneer Valley numerous events are taking place in Amherst, Northampton, and Springfield.

Submitted by Betty Innocent, Lot 350

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## SUMMER FUN ACTIVITIES

Now that the good weather is here, there's lots to do to stay active, without leaving home! Here's a quick run-down of what's available right here at PVP:

Horseshoes	Pedal Boat
Corn Hole Game	Fishing
Basketball	Badminton
Walking Trails	Swing by Pond
Picnic Tables	Campfire Pit
Pool Table	Ping Pong Table

Our open spaces lend themselves to games like Bocci, Frisbee Golf, or Croquet. Our 5 ½ miles of streets provide plenty of walking routes -- and the

Maintenance crew has been mowing trails in the big field, for off-road walking. Have trouble walking? Golf carts are now allowed in the park, too! Enjoy!

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## Recipe Corner

Here's another recipe for a popular dessert we served recently at one of our Drive-Through activities:



### Best-Ever, No-Bake Cheesecake

*First, allow sour cream and cream cheese to get to room temperature.*

#### Graham Cracker Crust

14 graham crackers  
1/3 cup packed brown sugar  
1 stick butter, melted  
Melt butter. Crush crackers. Stir ingredients together. Pack very tightly into pan. (We used 9x13)

#### Cheesecake Filling

1 1/4 cups **COLD** heavy whipping cream. Whip into stiff peaks on medium-high speed, about 4-5 minutes. Set aside in freezer.

(3) 8-oz blocks cream cheese (not low-fat)  
1/2 cup granulated sugar  
Beat together on medium speed until perfectly smooth & creamy. Scrape down sides & bottom of bowl, as needed.

2 TBSP Confectioners sugar  
1/4 cup sour cream (room temp)  
2 tsp. Lemon juice  
1 tsp. Vanilla

Add to cheese mixture. Beat for 2-3 minutes on med.-high 'til smooth & combined. No lumps, or keep beating 'til smooth.

Fold whipped cream into cheesecake filling until combined. Combine slowly so you don't deflate the air in the whipped cream.

Cover tightly and refrigerate for at least 6-8 hours (12 hours for best results). Top with your favorite topping, or just eat it plain. It's delicious either way!

Store in 'fridge for up to 5 days. Enjoy!!

This was "Go Fund Me" when I was growing up.

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## Important Reminders

**Watering Lawns:** With the water ban, lawns still cannot be watered. The exception is newly-seeded lawns that had to be overhauled. You can water a new lawn for 15 minutes per day, with a hand-held hose. Sprinklers are not allowed.

**Mowing:** It's that time of year again! With all the rain, lawns (and weeds) are growing quickly. Please keep your lot looking its best with regular lawn mowing and trimming. Our "Lawn Patrol" will be checking things out again.

Please be mindful of your neighbors, and don't spend excessive time with the mower running. Also, stay off the street, and avoid stirring up dust clouds in areas where there's little or no grass. (Since we can't wash it off our cars.)

If you have to go into the street (to turn around) disengage your blades, so they don't spin and throw rocks, which can cause injury and property damage.

**Don't be a "Litterbug"** - This never used to be a problem here at Pine Valley, but lately, we've noticed trash along the side of our roads. Cigarette packs, bags of pet waste, "nip-size" liquor bottles, fast-food drink cups and wrappers. This is a nice neighborhood, not a "trailer park". Please help keep it beautiful by bringing your trash home with you and disposing of it properly. (Cigarette butts are also litter. The filters look like paper but are actually plastic, and can take over 10 years to decompose.)

**Spring Clean-Up** is over. Any leaves, yard debris and grass clippings should be taken to the mulch pile area or the Town dump. Be sure to use the proper pile at the mulch area. No pine in the compost pile. There's a pile for that! Also, no branches at all, only twigs. Branches must be taken to the dump. Also, don't leave any piles by the road - they won't be picked up.

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## Mental Confusion?

### Consider this:



The three most common causes of mental confusion in the elderly are uncontrolled diabetes, urinary tract infection, and dehydration.

Yes, dehydration can cause abrupt mental confusion, a drop in blood pressure, increased heart palpitations, chest pain, coma and even death.

People over 60 generally stop feeling thirsty and consequently stop drinking fluids. We have just over 50% of the water we should have in our bodies. And, when we are dehydrated, we don't feel like drinking water because our internal balance mechanisms don't work as well as they used to.

Although we may look healthy, dehydration can damage our entire body.

What can we do?

1. Get into the habit of drinking liquids every two hours. Liquids include water, juices, tea, coconut water, milk, soup, and water-rich fruits (melons, peaches, pineapple, oranges).
2. Watch your friends and family members over 60 -- Offer them fluids, and observe them for the following behaviors:

They reject liquids, and from one day to the next they are irritable, breathless, or display a lack of attention. These are almost certainly recurrent symptoms of dehydration.

Before you start worrying that your symptoms may suggest Alzheimers or dementia, visit your doctor, and get checked for a U.T.I., dehydration, or diabetes.

Meanwhile, keep water handy, and every two hours -- DRINK!!



## *Community Campfire Rules*



Our new Campfire Pit is available to all residents, and is located to the left of the garden area, away from trees and brush.

The following rules in place, to keep everyone safe. Anyone wishing to use the campfire must sign a release form (available at the office, or we will put it in your pigeon hole, if requested), and agree to abide by all the rules listed below:

1. Bring the campfire hose (by garden area) over, prior to starting fire. Be sure water is turned on at faucet.
2. Bring your own firewood and kindling.
3. No leaves, pine needles, paper or trash may be burned. Untreated wood only.
4. Do not use accelerants to start your fire.
5. No private parties. This is a community campfire. Other residents are always welcome.
6. At least one shareholder must be present at all times.
7. NEVER leave campfire unattended.
8. Obey any current fire restrictions. If the wind picks up – put fire out.
9. If fire gets out of control, call 9-1-1.
10. Keep all firewood within the inner circle of the campfire ring. NO BONFIRES!
11. Keep noise to a minimum. No fires after 10:00 p.m.
12. Campfire must be completely extinguished before leaving. Use water from hose, and separate any remaining coals to be sure everything's out.
13. Any wood left behind must be stacked in designated area. Put kindling in Kindling Bin. No overflow, please. Let's keep the area neat and clean.

# From the Office

May 2021

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## Attention to all grandmas in the Park

There were 2 packages left at the wrong home in the Park over the weekend. The packages read to Gram from Cassidee & Talia. If you recognize these names, the packages are in the office. Just give us a call at 323-7206.

## Garden Space

If anyone is interested in reserving a garden space, please contact the office no later than May 15th. Any space left after May 15th will be available for those who already have reserved a space.

## Office Closed

The office will be closed on Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day. Trash will be picked up on Tuesday, June 1st.

## Office Closed to Visitors

Due to the current Highly contagious Covid-19 threat.

If you are making any type payment (Monthly payment, taxes) or providing necessary paperwork (Insurance or Pet information ) please use the drop boxes at the Manor .

If you need something else, please call the office and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding during this difficult time.

## Park Service Forms

Park Service forms will be going out this month. Anyone that would like to be on the list can fill out the form and put the form in the office drop box.

## Pedal Boat

Just a reminder that you will have to sign a waiver to use the pedal boat. You will need to sign a new waiver every year. The waivers will be in the card room at the Manor or on the table in the mailroom.

## Powerwashing

If anyone would like to powerwash their home, we are allowing 10 homes per week. Please call the office to reserve your week.



*For those who have fallen  
and for those who have stood to fight  
May God bless and keep you safe  
throughout each day and night*

*Happy Memorial Day*

# June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Rubbish Today	2	3	4 National Cheese Day	5
6 Rubbish Today	7 Rubbish Today	8	9	10	11	12 Natioal Peanut Butter Cookie Day
13 Rubbish Today	14 Rubbish Today	15	16	17	18	19
20 Happy Father's Day! First Day of Summer	21 Rubbish Today	22	23 National Pink Day	24	25	26 Fishing Derby?
27 National Bingo Day	28 Rubbish Today	29	30			

