

GREEN OAKS

**NATIONAL PLAY DAY:
YOU ARE
NEVER TOO
OLD TO PLAY!**



July 19 is National Play Day, a reminder that play does not have an age limit. Whether you are 9 or 90, play has a way of lifting the spirit, sparking laughter, and bringing people together. It is one of the simplest ways to feel young at heart. In a month that also celebrates staying social and connected, play is a natural fit, especially when shared across generations.

There are so many ways to join in the fun:

- **Bean bag toss or cornhole in the yard**
- **Balloon volleyball or indoor bowling**
- **Games like left-right-center, checkers, chess, or cribbage**
- **Card games such as Uno, euchre, bridge, or rummy**
- **Classics like Battleship, Scrabble, or Connect Four**
- **Music, dancing, or playing piano, guitar, or another instrument**
- **Handheld video games or phone apps**

Play also brings back memories of simpler days, like neighborhood baseball games, riding bikes until dinner, or afternoons at the swimming pool with friends. Those spontaneous “play dates” were really just time spent enjoying life outdoors.

On National Play Day, try something familiar or something new. Gather with friends or family of all ages, have fun, stay connected, and simply play!



Share the Fun of Summer



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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July is filled with some of summer's most delicious celebrations, and many of them have one thing in common: bringing people together.

From National Grilling Month and Hot Dog Month to Ice Cream Month, Watermelon Month, Chili Dog Day, and Family Reunion Month, July is packed with fun reasons to gather with family and friends and enjoy the simple moments of the season.

There is something wonderfully nostalgic about summertime foods. The smell of hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill, cold watermelon on a hot afternoon, melting ice cream cones, and picnic tables filled with everyone's favorite side dishes can instantly bring back memories of backyard cookouts, family vacations, neighborhood gatherings, and long summer evenings spent outdoors.

Those favorite summer moments often change throughout life, but the feeling

behind them stays the same. Maybe summer once meant running through sprinklers and chasing the ice cream truck, while now it means watching grandchildren enjoy those same simple joys. Maybe you still look forward to a classic hot dog at a family cookout or ballgame, or perhaps your favorite part of the season is simply sitting outside on a warm evening sharing stories and laughter with the people you love.

That is what makes July's fun food observances feel so special. They are not just about hot dogs, watermelon, chili dogs, or ice cream sundaes. They are reminders to slow down, reconnect with loved ones, and enjoy the traditions that make summer memorable.

No matter which July observance is your favorite, the season offers plenty of opportunities to savor good food, enjoy good company, and make memories worth sharing.

Residents Choice of Favorite C.N.A.s helping attendance in Activities

Rosa Bautista and RJ James

SPECIAL EVENTS

Luby's Restaurant Outing

Pizza Party - Order in day



ACTIVITY PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS





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WORD SEARCH Find and circle the 15 words listed below. Find words straight across, up and down, and diagonally. All words are forwards reading only. No backwards. Good luck!

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WORD LIST

- AMERICA
- BLUE
- BOREDOM
- FAMILY
- FRIENDS
- GAME
- HISTORY
- HOT DOG
- OUTDOORS
- PATRIOTIC
- PLAY
- RED
- SUMMER
- TOGETHER
- WHITE