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## Celebrating July

### Independence Day

*July 4*

### Entertainer Daniel

**2:00 PM, 1350 Building**

*July 8*

### Don't Step on a Bee Day

*July 10*

### Entertainer Eddie

**1:30 PM, 394 Building**

*July 17*

### Entertainer Rodger

**2:00 PM, 400 Building**

*July 22*

### Tell an Old Joke Day

*July 24*

### Lipstick Day

*July 29*

## The Men on the Moon

This year marks the 50th anniversary of NASA's historic Apollo 11 mission. On July 20, 1969, Commander Neil Armstrong and pilot Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first humans to land on the moon. Six hours after landing, they did something even more daring: they set foot on lunar soil and walked on the moon. Armstrong's words captured the enormity of the moment: "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." The astronauts became worldwide heroes, and their achievement vaulted them into both the history and science books, making them household names in the process.

The moon landing marked the pinnacle of achievement for a mission born of the Cold War-era "space race" between the United States and the Soviet Union. The mission was broadcast on television, and its importance was not lost on the astronauts involved. Michael Collins manned the command module, while Armstrong and Aldrin descended to the lunar surface in a module dubbed *Eagle*. When the craft touched down on the moon's Sea of Tranquility, Armstrong famously announced, "The Eagle has landed." Typically, in these situations, the junior ranking officer would take responsibility for the spacewalk, while the commander stayed behind. Aldrin had vied for the opportunity to be the first man to walk on the moon, but he well understood the symbolism of the mission's commander being first to set foot on alien soil, even if it meant a change of NASA protocol. For this reason, Armstrong made the first famous "small step." Aldrin was not far behind, however, and his poetic description of the lunar landscape's "magnificent desolation" has become just as memorable.

The two men spent over 21 hours on the moon. They collected samples of rock and dust, and planted an American flag. Aldrin even took Holy Communion. The entire Apollo 11 team safely returned to Earth to much fanfare, but not before they filled out a customs form declaring their place of departure as "Moon."

## Sky-High Ambition



Before becoming a pilot of world renown, Amelia Earhart was a rough and tumble girl who sought adventure wherever she could find it in her small hometown of Atchison, Kansas. She was born on July 24, 1897, to Sam and

Amy Earhart. Amy did not believe in molding her daughters into “good little girls,” but instead dressed them in pants and allowed them to roam the neighborhood with rifles, hunting rats. It was out of this adventurous youth that the aviation hero Amelia Earhart was born.

Earhart’s first encounter with an airplane did not occur until around 1918, when she visited the Canadian National Expedition in Toronto. A World War I flying ace was demonstrating death-defying maneuvers when he spotted Earhart on the ground. In an attempt to fluster her, he dove close overhead, but Earhart stood her ground. It was at this moment that Earhart reported thinking “that the little red airplane said something to me as it swished by.” Two years later, U.S. Army Air Service pilot Frank Hawks gave Earhart a plane ride and rekindled her desire to take up flying. She worked multiple jobs to scrape together enough money for flying lessons. Just two years after her introduction to flying from Hawks, Earhart flew to 14,000 feet, setting a world record for female pilots. It was the first of many records she would set.

After Charles Lindbergh flew solo across the Atlantic in 1927, the stage was set for a woman to complete the same feat. At first, pilot Amy Guest expressed interest, but she ultimately declined, deeming the trip too perilous. It was Earhart who was chosen for the honor, and upon completion of the trans-Atlantic flight with a small team, she was hailed as a national hero. But the allure of crossing the Atlantic solo loomed large, and in 1932, she completed her famous solo Atlantic flight. Five years later, in 1937, Earhart disappeared on her attempted flight around the world, a sad and tragic loss. But Earhart’s legacy continues to inspire adventurers to this day.

## July Birthdays

In astrology, those born July 1–22 are the Crabs of Cancer. Guided by their hearts, Crabs are emotional and nurturing. They create deep bonds and comfortable homes, and are always willing to welcome people into their circle. Those born between July 23–31 are Lions of Leo. Leos are natural leaders: intelligent, courageous, and bold. Leos’ social natures also make them excellent friends.

Thurgood Marshall (Justice) – July 2, 1908  
Tom Hanks (actor) – July 9, 1956  
Henry David Thoreau (writer) – July 12, 1817  
Nelson Mandela (politician) – July 18, 1918  
Don Knotts (actor) – July 21, 1924  
Walter Payton (football player) – July 25, 1954  
Henry Ford (automaker) – July 30, 1863

## Resident Birthdays

Shirley – July 13  
Ron – July 20  
Pat K. – July 22

## From the Activity Directors Desk

Many of you may have noticed that we purchased a baby doll and a couple sensory balls to keep residents busy when activities are not taking place. If you find one of these items in your loved ones room please return them to the common areas so all of our residents have the opportunity to use them.

We are in the early planning stages for our annual Summer Picnic. The exact date will be posted on the doors to each building and in the newsletter for August.

This month we are planning a build your own ice cream sundae and build your own snowcone day! Please check the activity calendar for the exact date.

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