

June 2021

**PARKWOOD**

**Community Newsletter**



**The Parkwood Pedalers**

**Barbara Kent, Marianne Duvo, Kathy Hammond, & Susan Benier**

**"We're having fun...join us! "**

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippos?  
One is really heavy and the other's a little lighter.





## **P.E.R.T.** Parkwood Emergency Response Team



### **First in-person meeting of 2021!**

**Like it or not all of us living in Parkwood are part of a community. Some of us are happy just to keep to ourselves, while others are involved in many things going on in the park. Part of PERTs job is to bond our community so that in the event of a desisted we can come together to help and support our neighbors. Even in day to day life just watching out for a neighbors well-being can have great rewards . PERT is always at the forefront on education and training people on what to do in a emergency or disaster. Later this summer we are going to have map your neighborhood block party's, so come join with us then or at our meeting on Friday, June 11th behind the clubhouse.**

***Neighbor helping Neighbor***

**Common Raven**  
**Revered or Repulsive?**  
By Jane Nicholas and Ida Domazlicky

A cousin to the crow, the Common Raven has had mixed press over the centuries. Some cultures revere them for their cunning and intelligence, admiring their majestic acrobatic flight. Others find their black iridescent cloak and massive beak "creepy" and believe they are messengers of ill news. A gathering of ravens is often called an "unkindness" or a "conspiracy". On the other hand some Native American tribes affectionately call them "tricksters" and include their images in ceremonies and costumes.

No doubt they are unique, ranking as the largest songbird, and as one of the most intelligent of all birds. While their raspy croak is not exactly melodious, they can mimic other birds and even humans. One was taught to say, "nevermore" as in Edgar A. Poe's poem "The Raven." They are clever problem solvers and they have learned how to follow hunters and listen for rifle shots to find leftovers for their own dinner. They have made themselves unpopular with their crow kin because they will raid the crow's nests. Ravens are territorial and will fight to exclude intruders.

Ravens will eat almost anything, even garbage, much like the Bald Eagle. I once saw a raven raiding a cooler in the back of a truck at Hurricane Ridge. It shared the bounty with its mate before carrying off a full bag of chips. We later found that bag skewered on a tree branch. It had been ripped open and emptied. Ida and I have regularly seen a pair here in Parkwood.

Common Ravens have many endearing qualities. They mate for life and are devoted parents. They build a large stick nest high in a tree or cliff ledge. Both parents care for the eggs and hatchlings and watch over their young long after they leave the nest. Ravens often roll and tumble in flight and will even fly on their backs, seemingly just for fun. In flight, their feathers are said to make a rustling sound like a silk petticoat. I listen for this, but have yet to hear it. Darn old ears!

In N. America, in the 1900's much of their range was vacated due to persecution and habitat loss. Now Common Ravens are mainly found in the Western U. S. and in Canada. They have recently been retaking some of their old territory, including Appalachia, giving more people a chance to glimpse these impressive, beautiful, tricksters. Whether you find them creepy, or magnificent, I hope you have the opportunity to see them too.

**American Crow**

Average overall length:	19"
Average weight:	18 oz.
Average wingspan:	36"
Blunt, squared tail	
Appears bulky, broad wings	
Beak:	Large, but proportionate
Flight:	Steady flap, flap, seldom soars

**Common Raven**

25"
40 oz.
46"
Longer, wedge tail in flight
Appears longer, sleeker
Beak appears massive
Smoother with frequent soaring, some acrobatics





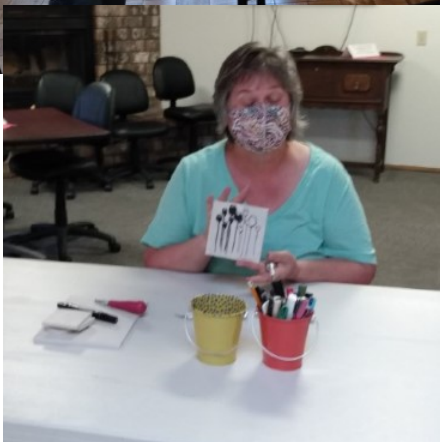
# JUNE 2021

## National Day Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>National Camping Month</b>		1 Nail Polish Day 	2 Rotisserie Chicken Day 	3 Egg Day 	4 Cheese Day 	5 Gingerbread Day 
6 YO-YO Day 	7 Chocolate Ice Cream Day 	8 Best Friends Day 	9 Donald Duck Day 	10 Iced Tea Day 	11 Corn on The Cob Day 	12 Red Rose Day 
13 Weed Your Garden Day 	14 Flag Day 	15 Electricity Day 	16 Fudge Day 	17 Global Garbage Man Day 	18 Go Fishing Day 	19 Martini Day 
20 I LOVE DAD Happy Father's Day 	21 Selfie Day 	22 Onion Rings Day 	23 Pink Day 	24 International Fairy Day 	25 Catfish Day 	26 Coconut Day 
27 Sunglasses Day 	28 Insurance Awareness Day 	29 Camera Day 	30 Meteor Watch Day 			



"We really enjoyed being able to play pool again! Especially on the reconditioned table!"



**FIRST INSIDE CRAFT DAY!**