

Lincoln's Penny

In 1909, the United States Mint produced the first coin ever to depict a president: Abraham Lincoln. When the Lincoln penny was launched on August 2, the public immediately took exception to the inclusion of a strange set of initials on the reverse face: V.D.B. Three days later, on August 5, Secretary of the Treasury Franklin MacVeagh suspended production of the coin and ordered the removal of the initials. Only 484,000 of these V.D.B. pennies were struck, of which only 40,000 exist in mint condition today. They remain some of the most sought-after coins by collectors.



In 1905, President Theodore Roosevelt organized a commission to redesign the national currency. He contacted famed sculptor August Saint-Gaudens, requesting that

Saint-Gaudens create coinage resembling the beautiful coins of ancient Greece. While Saint-Gaudens designed both the \$20 and \$10 gold coins, the artist succumbed to cancer in 1907, having never lived to see his designs minted. Although Saint-Gaudens died, Roosevelt's dream of a new currency did not. Next, Roosevelt turned to artist Victor David Brenner—V.D.B.

Brenner was one of America's preeminent metal workers. Prior to his work on the penny, Brenner created a bas-relief plaque of Lincoln based on a Civil War-era photograph taken by Mathew Brady. Roosevelt was incredibly impressed with the Lincoln bas-relief. Moreover, Roosevelt greatly admired Lincoln, considering him the savior of the Union and the Republicans' greatest president, even considering himself the heir of Lincoln's political legacy. No wonder Roosevelt wanted Lincoln's bust on the penny.

Brenner's Lincoln bust, which still graces the penny today, remains the longest-running design in U.S. Mint history. Though they were removed in 1909, Brenner's initials were again added to the penny in 1918, this time below Lincoln's shoulder. While other collectible pennies are worth more, the V.D.B. penny's artistic and historical status amongst collectible coins makes it one of the most desirable.

August Birthdays

In astrology, those born from August 1–22 are Leo's Lions. Leos are creative and charismatic. These natural-born leaders march to the beat of their own drum and aren't afraid to take initiative. Those born from August 23–31 are Virgins of Virgo. Virgos, associated with the goddess of the earth, are rooted in the material world. They are considered practical, organized, thorough, and detail-oriented.

P. D. James (writer) – August 3, 1920
 Meghan Markle (royal) – August 4, 1981
 Charlize Theron (actress) – August 7, 1975
 Whitney Houston (singer) – August 9, 1963
 Viola Davis (actress) – August 11, 1965
 Magic Johnson (athlete) – August 14, 1959
 Julia Child (chef) – August 15, 1912
 Orville Wright (aviator) – August 19, 1871
 Kobe Bryant (athlete) – August 23, 1978
 Sean Connery (actor) – August 25, 1930
 Maria Montessori (educator) – August 31, 1870

Smoking Success



Since August 9, 1944, Smokey Bear has urged us to prevent forest fires. The story of Smokey begins with World War II. Japanese attacks against America would reach mainland California in 1942, when a submarine fired at an oil field near Santa Barbara, inciting

fears of massive forest fires along the Pacific coast. That same year, on August 9, Disney released *Bambi* and would later authorize the Forest Service to use its animated deer on posters urging forest fire prevention. The campaign was a success for two years until the Forest Service developed its own mascot, a bear in blue jeans wearing a ranger hat. Smokey, as he was called, was first painted by artist Albert Stahl. In 1947, Smokey would adopt the slogan "Only YOU can prevent forest fires." Then, in 2004, Smokey reunited with Bambi to produce a series of public service announcements on fire prevention.

The Crossings News

The Crossings at Riverview Assisted Living and Memory Care Community



Celebrating August

Dog Month

Golf Month

Romance Awareness Month

Homemade Pie Day

August 1

Farmers Market Week

August 6–12

Lighthouse Day

August 7

Garage Sale Day

August 12

Senior Citizen's Day

August 21

World Water Week

August 20–24

National Park Service Day

August 25

Be Kind to Humankind Week

August 25–31

Matchmaker Day

August 31

New Residents

A very warm welcome to the newest members of our community:

- Leonore
- Gladys



New Staff

A warm welcome also goes to those that joined our team in the month of July!

- Monica – Med Tech
- Bella – Aide
- Shaneka – Med Tech
- Sydney -Aide
- Demetreal – Med Tech



August Birthdays

A very happy Birthday to the following residents this month:

- Shirley B. 8/5
- Richard R. 8/9
- Betsy K. 8/14
- Rowena 8/16
- Judith W. 8/23
- Jessica M. 8/23
- Maria C. 8/24
- Earl 8/25
- JoAnn 8/26
- David W. 8/27
- Lydia 8/28



It Takes Two to Tango



Tango is recognized around the world for the drama and passion of its dance steps and music. From August 7–21, the drama will reach a fever pitch as the best dancers in the world convene in Buenos Aires for the Tango Dance Festival and World Cup.

Buenos Aires is a fitting venue for a tango championship because it is considered the city where tango was born. During the 1850s, the working-class people and immigrants of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Montevideo, Uruguay, developed a new cultural identity. These cities were a melting pot of cultural influences: Europeans, the descendants of African slaves, and *criollos*, the descendants of Spanish colonizers, merged their various customs, religious beliefs, and traditions. Dance was an integral part of this cultural trade, and tango would come to embody this newfound cultural diversity and community.

While no one can pinpoint the exact origins of tango, most historians agree that the first tango song was “Tomá mate, che,” written by Santiago Ramos for the comedy *El Gaucho de Buenos Aires* in 1857. Down in the docks and slums of Buenos Aires, working-class people gathered to dance this new partner dance. Up until the 1850s, partner dances were limited to the waltz and the polka. Tango, as a partner dance, evolved from these European dances and developed its own style, walk, postures, sequences, and embraces.

By the 1930s, tango was more than a dance. It embodied a proud and new Argentine culture. This was the Golden Age of Tango. It had risen out of the slums to gilded dance halls with full orchestras. Elegant dancers wore elaborate costumes. Thanks to its depiction in Hollywood movies, tango was now recognized all over the world. But every August, tango comes home to Buenos Aires for the World Championships. This is not merely a competition but a two-week-long, city-wide festival, a proud cultural celebration that provides a spectacle for all visitors.

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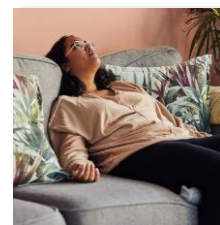
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Breaking Free from Boredom



The third Saturday in August is Break the Monotony Day, a day to deviate from routine and try something different. Having a routine is not a bad thing. Routines help us stay organized and allow

us to be productive. Sometimes, though, routines put us on autopilot and cut us off from our feelings. Psychologists see tremendous value in breaking the monotony of our regular routines. Trying new things and new experiences kindles feelings of awe, curiosity, and excitement. Studies show that feelings of awe—those paradigm-shifting moments of understanding—create feelings of connectedness and meaning in our lives.

Upcoming Events

- Laughter Wellness with Josie 8/7 @ 9am
- MC Friends & Family Party 8/19 @ 3:00 pm
- Resident Council Meeting 8/21 @ 2:00pm
- Caregiver Support Group Meeting 8/16 @ 5:30pm
- Butter Bean Auction 8/28 @ 2pm
- AL Friends & Family Party 8/31 @ 4pm

Regular Events

- Pet Therapy will be on 8/8, 8/17, and 8/21 for both AL and MC.
- Pet Therapy on 8/21 will be provided by volunteers from the Humane Society.

- Happy Hour is every Thursday at 2pm
- Catholic Service Fridays at 10:00am

The salon is open Mondays & Tuesdays, if you would like an appointment, please see the front desk.

Pastor Joe will be here 8/6 & 8/20

Gratitude Corner

- July’s Employee of the Month
Katherine
- July’s WOW Card Winner
Hunter

ATTENTION RESIDENTS!!!!

Last month we started a Glee Club (choir club) led by Wanda Carlton. It went great but we are still looking for more interesting parties to join us. If you ever were interested in joining a choir or are curious about it, please join Saturday, August 19th at 1:30pm. It will usually be the first and third Saturday of the month, however this month we’ll only meet once.



Outings This Month For Assisted Living

- Movie Theater 8/9 @ 10:30am
- Winn Dixie 8/14 @ 9:30am
- Thrift Store 8/23 @ 10:00am
- Publix 8/28 @ 9:30am

For Memory Care

- Village Inn 8/16 @ 11am
- IHOP 8/30 @ 11am

