

April Facts

April comes from the Latin word, aperio, “to open” (bud), because plants begin to grow during this month.

Stone = Diamond Flower = Daisy



In Judaism, Passover, or Pesach, celebrates the freedom of the Jews from slavery in ancient Egypt. Thousands of years ago the early Jews, called Israelites, moved to Egypt, where they became slaves of the Egyptians. It is believed that Moses was chosen to go to the pharaoh, or king of Egypt, to demand that he free the Israelites from slavery. The pharaoh said no, so God sent down 10 plagues (or punishments) to force the king to change his mind. The word Passover comes from the 10th plague, in which the firstborn sons of the Egyptians were killed. The Israelites were spared from the plague because Moses had told them to mark their door posts so that the angel of death would pass over them. The son of Egypt’s pharaoh died from the plague. In his grief the pharaoh ordered Moses and the Jews to leave Egypt.

The festival of Passover is one of great joy. It takes place for about one week in March or April. A special family meal called a seder is held the first and sometimes the second night of Passover. Before the meal the story of Passover is told through the songs and prayer of the Haggadah, which is the book used during the seder. The most important food of the holiday is matzo, which is a bread made with only flour and water. It is unleavened, which means that it is flat. This reminds the Jews of the bread the Israelites took with them when they fled Egypt for freedom. They did not have time to let it rise because they were in a hurry to leave.

The Chocolate Easter Bunny

History

The notable Easter Bunny was introduced to Christians by German folklore in the early 13th century. Stories of an egg-laying white hare fostered the popular egg and rabbit Easter theme and traditions. In the Bible, rabbits are known for being a sign of fertility and new life in which the chocolate bunny now denotes to. Chocolate bunny molds are believed to have been first introduced in Germany and later brought to America. By the early 1920s chocolate bunnies became a household tradition in the United States to commemorate the holiday.

Preparation









Two separate bunny-shaped molds are filled with chocolate, which will later be connected to create the common hollow chocolate bunny shape. Once the molds are filled, machines shake the chocolate around to ensure complete and even filling. Many companies often wrap the hardened chocolate bunny in decorated foil to ensure freshness, while still being festive. The bunnies often come in cardboard and plastic packaging to ensure the delicate chocolate does not break.

Sales

Chocolate is one of the most commonly sold treats around the national Easter Holiday; in some years, chocolate sales can surpass \$400 million a few weeks before the holiday. Chocolate bunnies can be found for sale in many drugstores and grocery stores in America a few months or weeks leading up to Easter. The religious holiday comes in second place, after Halloween, for selling the most candy during a holiday season. Today, the chocolate bunny is a staple for many Easter baskets around the world. More than 50% of people in the United States prefer chocolate bunnies and eggs over other candies as their choice of an Easter treat. Due to their overwhelming popularity, over 90 million chocolate bunnies are produced yearly for consumers in the United States.



Any event (birthday/anniversary/wedding, etc.) that is scheduled and not hosted/sponsored by the HOA or other ELS vetted group (Men’s Club/Tennis/Golf, etc) will be required to comply with the Single Event Insurance requirements. Please see Raina at the sales office for paperwork/requirements Single event paperwork MUST be in hand prior to putting event on the calendar.

YEAR ROUND ACTIVITIES						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:00-6:30 Open Tennis 	8:00-12:30 Men's Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P *11:00-12:00 Noodle Aerobics/Pool	8:00-12:30 Ladies Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P	8:00-12:30 Men's Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P *11:00-12:00 Noodle Aerobics/Pool *1:00-4:00 Bunco/LB	8:00-12:30 Ladies Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P *1:00-4:00 Dominoes/Card Room	8:00-12:30 Men's Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P *11:00-12:00 Noodle Aerobics/Pool	8:00-12:30 Ladies Tennis Resident vehicle stickers are back at the gates.
April 2025		9:00-10:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 9:30-11:30 HOA Bd Mtg/L 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 12:00-3:00 Quilting/MH/RMH/PR 12:30-3:00 Glass Fusing/CR 5:00-? Taco Tuesday/MH/K (set up 2pm) 6:30-8:30 Euchre/LB 	11:00-1:00 Mixed Media Arts/CR (set up 10am) 12:00-2:00 90's Lunch group/L/SP (set up 11am) 1:00-3:00 Michigan Rummy/PR 6:30-9:00 Hand & Foot/PR NO Gator Races 7:00-9:00 LF ESTATE HOA Mtg/MH (set up 6pm)	9:00-12:00 LF Women's Club TOPS/RMH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-12:00 Bible Study/L 11:00-12:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 1:00-2:30 CERT Mtg/L 6:30-9:30 Texas Holdem/RMH 	9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-1:00 Watercolor Class/RMH (last class for season) 6:00-10:00 LF Bingo/MH/RMH/K Doors open at 4:00pm Sales close at 5:15pm Games Start between 5:35pm and 5:45pm 6:30-7:30 Men's Prayer/L 	9:00-10:00 Coffee 4:00-9:00 Private Event/L/SR (set up 3pm) 5:00-10:00 New & Old Wed Game/ All Rooms (set up 4pm) 
	6 APRIL FOOLS TOURNAMENT 9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics 2:00-4:00 Card Crafting/MH (set up 1:30pm) 6:00-8:00 Left Right Center/LB 6:30-9:00 Pay Me Cards/RMH 	9:00-10:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 12:00-3:00 Quilting/MH/RMH/PR 12:30-3:00 Glass Fusing/CR 5:00-? Taco Tuesday/MH/K (set up 2pm) 6:30-8:30 Euchre/LB 	10:00-12:00 CERT Fire Extinguisher/MH/RMH (set up 9am) 1:00-3:00 Michigan Rummy/PR 6:00-9:00 HOA Karaoke/MH/RMH (set up 5pm) 6:30-9:00 Hand & Foot/PR 	8:30-10:00 Ladies 18 hole Bd Mtg/L 9:00-12:00 LF Women's Club TOPS/RMH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-12:00 Bible Study/L 11:00-12:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 6:30-9:30 Texas Holdem/RMH 	9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 6:00-10:00 LF Bingo/MH/RMH/K Doors open at 4:00pm Sales close at 5:15pm Games Start between 5:35pm and 5:45pm 	PASSOVER 9:00-10:00 Coffee 12:00-4:00 PRIVATE EVENT/MH/RMH/K (set up 11am) 
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HAPPY EASTER 7am Easter Sunrise Service (set up 5:30 am) 	9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 2:00-4:00 Card Crafting/MH (set up 1:30pm) 6:00-8:00 Left Right Center/LB 6:30-9:00 Pay Me Cards/RMH 	9:00-10:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 12:00-3:00 Quilting/MH/RMH/PR 12:30-3:00 Glass Fusing/CR 7:00-9:00 HOA General Mtg/MH (schedule nothing else) 	1:00-3:00 Michigan Rummy/PR 6:00-9:00 HOA Karaoke/MH/RMH (set up 5pm) 6:30-9:00 Hand & Foot/PR 	9:00-12:00 LF Women's Club TOPS/RMH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-12:00 Bible Study/L 11:00-12:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 6:30-9:30 Texas Holdem/RMH 	9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 6:00-10:00 LF Bingo/MH/RMH/K Doors open at 4:00pm Sales close at 5:15pm Games Start between 5:35pm and 5:45pm 	9:00-10:00 Coffee 
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