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## IRS: New Tax Debt Help Tool

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced a new online tool to help taxpayers understand and resolve tax debt.

The **Tax Debt Help tool** provides individuals and businesses with a simple, accessible way to explore payment options and identify next steps based on their situation. The tool is part of the IRS's broader effort to expand digital services and make it easier for taxpayers to meet their obligations.

"This new Tax Debt Help tool reflects the agency's commitment to making tax compliance clearer, more accessible, and less intimidating for taxpayers," said IRS Chief Executive Officer Frank J. Bisignano. "By guiding taxpayers through their options to pay with simple, interactive questions, we're helping them understand the paths available and take confident next steps. The deployment of this new tool shows the transformation underway at the IRS and the progress the agency has already made to deliver more user-friendly, digital-first services to taxpayers."

### Helping taxpayers find the right option

The Tax Debt Help tool walks users through a series of straightforward questions about their financial situation and tax debt. Based on taxpayer responses, the tool will guide them to potential payment and resolution options available through the IRS.

These options may include payment plans, temporary delay of collections, or an offer in compromise for those who qualify. By presenting options in a clear, structured format, the tool helps taxpayers make informed decisions about how to resolve their tax debt.

### Designed for simplicity and privacy

The tool is designed to be easy to use and accessible to a wide range of taxpayers. It does not require specialized knowledge and can be used at any time.

To protect taxpayer privacy, the tool does not require taxpayers to enter personally identifiable information. Taxpayers can explore available options without providing details such as Social Security numbers, names, or addresses.

By expanding self-service options, the IRS is helping taxpayers resolve issues faster while reducing the need for phone calls or in-person visits.

For more information. Visit [irs.gov](https://irs.gov).

Our office will be closed Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Memorial Day.



## WORLD BEE DAY – MAY 20

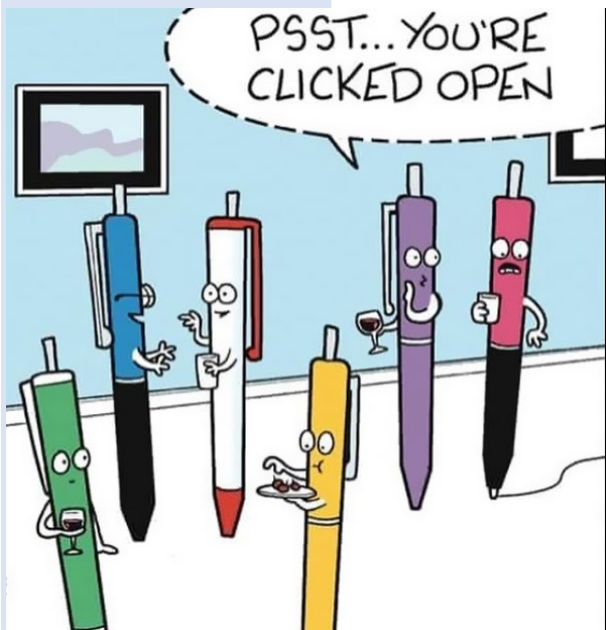
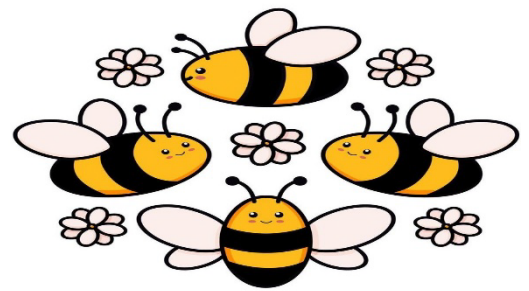
Why a World Bee Day?

By observing World Bee Day each year, we can raise awareness on the essential role bees and other pollinators play in keeping people and the planet healthy, and on the many challenges they face today. We have been celebrating this day since 2018, thanks to the efforts of the Government of Slovenia with the support of Apimondia, that led the UN General Assembly to declare 20 May as World Bee Day.

The date for this observance was chosen as it was the day Anton Janša, a pioneer of modern apiculture, was born. Janša came from a family of beekeepers in Slovenia, where beekeeping is an important agricultural activity with a long-standing tradition.

Today bees, pollinators, and many other insects are declining in abundance. This day provides an opportunity for all of us – whether we work for governments, organizations or civil society or are concerned citizens – to promote actions that will protect and enhance pollinators and their habitats, improve their abundance and diversity, and support the sustainable development of beekeeping.

For millennia, bees and people have shared a close and evolving connection, shaped by the ways communities across the world have relied on bees for food and livelihoods, with bees often becoming part of their cultural identity. From honey hunting to a large variety of beekeeping systems, this relationship has continually adapted to different environments, technologies, and socio-cultural needs.



World Bee Day 2026 focuses on how humans and bees have been working together to nourish and sustain people and the environment. It will highlight the evolution of beekeeping across diverse cultures and landscapes over thousands of years, while promoting innovative approaches that improve bee production and health, and support the livelihoods of beekeepers.



## Chocolate Lebkuchen Cherry Balls

### Ingredients

- 40 gingersnap cookies
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1-1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips, divided
- 1-1/4 cups sliced almonds, divided
- 2 tablespoons chopped candied orange peel
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 60 maraschino cherries, stems removed

### Directions

1. Place gingersnaps, cream cheese, 1/2 cup chocolate chips, 1/2 cup almonds, orange peel and extract in a food processor; process until combined. Refrigerate until firm enough to form into balls. Pat cherries dry with paper towels. Wrap each cherry with a rounded tablespoon of cream cheese mixture; shape into a ball. Freeze until balls are firm, about 20 minutes.
2. Chop remaining sliced almonds; set aside. In a double boiler, melt remaining chocolate chips; stir until smooth. Dip cherry balls in chocolate; allow excess to drip off. Sprinkle balls with almonds. Place on waxed paper. Refrigerate until set, about 1 hour.

### Nutrition Facts

1 ball: 76 calories, 4g fat (2g saturated fat), 4mg cholesterol, 37mg sodium, 10g carbohydrate (7g sugars, 1g fiber), 1g protein.

**Total Time:** Prep: 45 min. + chilling **Yield:** 5 dozen

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/chocolate-lebkuchen-cherry-balls>

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