## Pros & Cons for Daylight Savings Time



Pro I - Daylight Saving Time's (DST) longer daylight hours promote safety.

Longer daylight hours make driving safer, lowers car accident rates, and lowers the risk of pedestrians being hit by a car.

Pro 2 - DST is good for the economy.

Later daylight means more people shopping after work, increasing retail sales, and more people driving, increasing gas and snacks sales for eight months of the year (the time

we spend in DST).

Con I - Daylight Saving Time (DST) is bad for your health.

Changing sleep patterns, even by one hour, goes against a person's natural circadian rhythms and has negative consequences for health. One study found that the risk of a heart attack increases 10% the Monday and Tuesday following the spring time change.

Con 2 - DST is expensive.

William F. Shughart II, economist at Utah State University, states that the simple act of changing clocks costs Americans \$1.7 billion in lost opportunity cost based on average hourly wages, meaning that the ten or so minutes spent moving clocks, watches, and devices forward and backward could be spent on something more productive.

## Welcome

Welcome to our new Resident Engagement Director, Michelle Hatem Meehan. Her first day is Monday February 26th and she is excited to meet everyone and find out what you want her to plan. She is introducing some new program ideas. She will be facilitating a weekly class "The Health Benefits of Tai Chi" on Tuesday afternoons and has planned a lunch outing to Essex Aggie on March 15th. The other fun thing you will note is the addition of theme days. Looking forward to celebrating Girl Scout Cookie Day, M&M's and Memories Day and who can resist Thirsty Thursdays?







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## Happy St. Patrick's Day



Bring out your green! St. Patrick's Day—observed every March 17—is packed with parades, good luck charms, and all things green. The event started as a religious holiday, but over time it's become a celebration of Irish culture.

St. Patrick might be the patron saint of Ireland—but he didn't always live

in Ireland. Patrick was born in Britain in the fourth century and didn't arrive in Ireland until he was 16 years old, when he was sent to work in the country. After he arrived, Patrick became interested in Christianity and started teaching others about the religion. He is said to have converted many of the country's residents to Christians, and now St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on the day Patrick supposedly died.

St. Patrick was a real person, but some of the traditions associated with him and the holiday are actually myths. For instance, you'll often see the four-leaf clover on St. Patrick's Day. However, according to legend, Patrick used a three-leaf clover, or shamrock, as part of his teachings. Even though it's possible for a shamrock to grow a fourth leaf, a four-leaf clover is just considered a symbol of good luck.

Another legend says that Patrick chased all the snakes out of Ireland. The problem? These creatures never actually lived in the country. In fact many animals found throughout Europe and North America don't live on the island of Ireland—the ocean keeps the critters away.







Events are subject to change.

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