

# Fun Facts about the month of May

## MAY BIRTH MONTH

- Birthstone is the emerald
- Flower is the Lily of the Valley
- Zodiac signs are Taurus and Gemini

## SPECIAL DAYS IN MAY 2024

- Wednesday, May 1st: May Day
- Saturday, May 4th: Star Wars Day
- Friday, May 5th: Cinco de Mayo
- Monday, May 6th: National Nurses Day
- Tuesday, May 7th: National Teachers' Day
- Sunday, May 12th: Mother's Day
- Wednesday, May 15th: National Peace Officers Memorial Day
- Monday, May 27th: Memorial Day

## WAYS TO HONOR IN MARCH

- Skin Cancer Awareness Month
- Asian American Heritage Month
- Jewish American Heritage Month

## THE MONTH OF MAY IN HISTORY

- May 2, 2011: Special Operations Forces raid the compound of Osama bin Laden eliminating the previously elusive leader of the al-Qaeda terrorist organization.
- May 5, 1893: Stock prices plummet in the Wall Street Crash of 1893.
- May 7, 1992: The 27th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is ratified prohibiting Congress from giving itself pay raises.
- May 10, 1869: The newly constructed tracks of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railways are first linked in Utah.
- May 17, 1875: The first Kentucky Derby horse race took place at Churchill Down in Louisville, Kentucky.
- May 21, 1881: The American Red Cross is founded by Clara Burton.



## What's in season?

Asparagus	Bitter Greens
Cabbage	Cucumbers
Leafy Greens	Plums
Radishes	Rhubarb
Spinach	Strawberries

## DID YOU KNOW???

The month of May was originally named for the Greek goddess Maia, the goddess of fertility. The Romans had a similar goddess named Bona Dea with a festival being held during the month of May.

The Romans called the month Maius. The name has evolved over the years. It was referred to as May in the 1400s near the end of the Middle Ages.

Where flowers bloom. So does hope.  
- Lady Bird Johnson

Our office & the County Records will be closed Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day

*Happy Memorial Day!*