# Easter Egg Hunt

## Bill Overstreet Park, April 3-4, 2021

Join in a fun family Easter Egg Hunt! To participate, visit the Bill Overstreet Park on Easter weekend and bring with you a pen and paper (or a camera), as you will need some way to identify AND document the different eggs included in the Easter Egg Hunt. Have fun searching for the eggs you see below, and each time you find one make a note of the corresponding letter code and the number you see on the sign next to it. ...and please leave the egg in place for the next Easter Egg hunter to find.



If you find 6 or more of the hidden eggs you may enter the drawing for an Eggtastic prize. Just fill out and mail in the entry form at the end of this document.

No donation is necessary to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt, enter the drawing, or win a prize; however, donations are welcome and will help us build a new performing arts facility for Juneau. Thank you for your support, and happy hunting!

A	Blue with flowers	b Blue with wavy lines	Green with bands
D	Green with jagged lines		Purple with wavy lines
G	Orange with jagged lines	Crange with spirals	Pink with bands
J	Pink with spots	Yellow with flowers	Yellow with spots

## The History of Easter Eggs

#### Why are eggs associated with Easter?

Eggs have been symbols of fertility throughout history and across cultures. In medieval Europe, eggs were prohibited during the fast of Lent, so children were sometimes given eggs as a special treat before Lent began. A common practice in England was for children to go door to door begging for eggs on the Saturday before Lent began. As a special dish, eggs would probably have been decorated as part of the Easter celebrations. Eggs boiled with some flowers change their color, bringing the spring into the homes, and some cultures over time added the custom of decorating the eggs.





#### Where did the Easter Bunny come from?

Reportedly, the Easter Bunny was introduced to America in the 1700s by German settlers who brought their tradition of an egg-laying hare called the "Osterhase" or "Oschter Haws." Children made nests in which the rabbit could lay its colored eggs. Sometimes they made nests in their bonnets or their caps. Over the years, decorated baskets replaced the nests, and the Easter rabbit began to deliver chocolates and other gifts as well as eggs. Children sometimes leave carrots for the bunny in case he has gotten tired and hungry from hopping!

#### Why are the eggs brought by a rabbit instead of a chicken?

That's a good question! Maybe it is because both rabbits and eggs are associated with fertility, or maybe bunnies are cuter than chickens? In some other countries there are different animals that bring eggs. If you live in Australia you might wait for the Easter Bilby, or in Switzerland, the Easter Cuckoo! In some parts of Germany, the spring holiday is greeted by the Easter Fox, or the Easter Rooster!

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### Easter Egg Hunt Drawing

You can enter our drawing for a chance to win a special prize if you find at least 6 of the pictured Easter Eggs in our Hunt! One entry per person or you can enter as a family if you would like.

**Directions:** For each of the pictured Easter Eggs you found, locate the corresponding space on the form below and write in the number you saw posted next to the egg. Then print off this form and send it to the address below. Must be postmarked by **Monday, April 12, 2021**.

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Please mail the completed form to:

THE NEW JACC PO BOX 33193 JUNEAU, AK 99803-3193

Your name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: (Note: Winner will be notified by phone)

An optional donation is not required to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt, enter the drawing, or win a prize. The Partnership, doing business as The New JACC, is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that accepts donations to help build a new performing arts facility. If you would like to make a contribution, please enclose a check or visit our <u>website</u> to donate.

Suggested donation: \$5 for a child or \$10 for a family.