



# TOWN NEWEST NEWSLETTER

JANUARY  
2026



## What's Ahead in 2026

### Park Improvements

The improvements to Gulfstream park are already underway and will be continuing into Spring 2026 with anticipated completion in May.

### Splash Day

Pool season will be upon us before we know it and we look forward to having a blast at Splash Day in early June.

### Fourth of July Event

2026 marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Independence of the United States so we will have a special event to celebrate.

### Townewest Night Out

In cooperation with local officials and fun activities for the family we will participate in Townewest Night Out in early October.

### Halloween Event

As in previous years, we will have a Halloween Event at the clubhouse on Halloween night. More information to come.

### Pancakes with Santa

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Pancakes with Santa event will take place in early December with lots of fun and surprises.

## Reminders


Changes to our trash services start after January 29<sup>th</sup>. Visit [townewest.com](http://townewest.com) or [fortbendmud2.org](http://fortbendmud2.org) for more information.

## 2026 Assessments

The assessments for 2026 are due, and will begin accruing penalties and late fees if not paid before February 1, 2026.

## Board of Directors

President: Jose Luis Fuentes Mendoza  
Vice President: Robert "Jack" Goerz  
Secretary: Jacqueline Schmidt  
Treasurer: Miriam "Mickey" Lewis  
Member-at-Large: Angela Massaro





## FACTS ABOUT JANUARY

January was named for the Roman god Janus, known as the protector of gates and doorways, which symbolize beginnings and endings. Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking into the past, the other with the ability to see into the future. What a fitting symbol for this first day of the year; this month is our door into the new year. The Romans often made promises to Janus and exchanged good wishes, which is where we get the tradition of making resolutions.

Even in astronomy, there is a sense of new beginnings. In the Northern Hemisphere, the days are starting to get longer again, and we look forward to the light's re-emergence.

On January 3, 2026, Earth reaches perihelion, which is the point in the planet's orbit where it is closest to the Sun. At perihelion, Earth will be 91,403,637 miles from our bright star. Don't forget your sunscreen!

January's Moon is called the Wolf Moon. The Saxon word for the month was Wulf-monath or "wolf month." This year, the Full Moon reaches peak illumination on Saturday, January 3, at 5:03 A.M. EST. It can be seen rising from the horizon around sunset that evening.

### Want to Volunteer?

Do you want to be more involved in the community? You can reach out to the Board of Directors at [board@townewest.com](mailto:board@townewest.com) and let us know you want to help. We are always happy to have volunteers to assist us with event planning and helping during events.

### Fun Dates in January

January 1<sup>st</sup>: New Year's Day, also celebrated as Z day where people whose last names start with Z get to be first for a change.

January 3<sup>rd</sup>: National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day

January 5<sup>th</sup>: Twelfth Night, an English folk custom that marked the end of Christmas merrymaking, and in Celtic tradition, the end of the 12-day winter solstice.

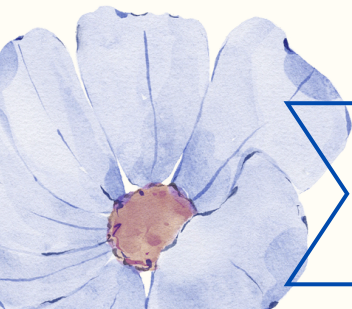
January 6<sup>th</sup>: Epiphany, According to the New Testament's Gospels, on this date, the Magi—the three wise men or kings—venerated and brought gifts to the infant Jesus.

January 17<sup>th</sup>: Benjamin Franklin's birthday. He was not only a world-renowned statesman, inventor, and scientist but was also fascinated by agriculture.

January 19<sup>th</sup>: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (observed) This holiday is held on the third Monday in January and honors the principles of this civil rights leader and Nobel Prize Winner dedicated to nonviolence.

January 29<sup>th</sup>: National Puzzle Day

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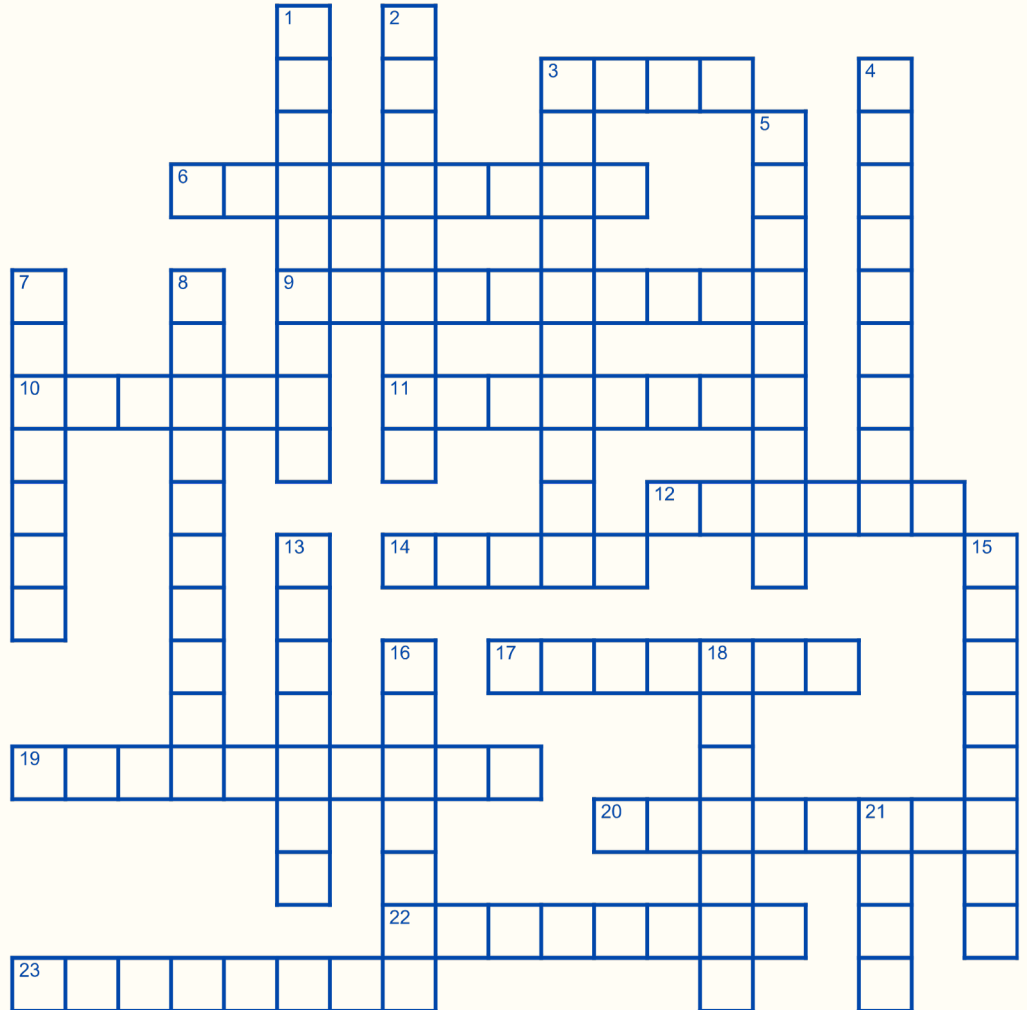
# JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 BOARD MEETING 7PM	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



ACROSS

- 3. Wintry precipitation common in January
- 6. January's birth flower
- 9. Restlessness from staying indoors
- 10. Season in full swing during January
- 11. Zodiac sign for late January birthdays
- 12. January's birthstone
- 14. Icy coating on January mornings
- 17. Frosty figure built after fresh snowfall
- 19. Wintertime activity on frozen ponds
- 20. Comforting chocolate drink for cold days
- 22. Christian feast day on January 6th
- 23. Cozy coverings for chilly nights



DOWN

- 1. Zodiac sign for early January birthdays
- 2. Arctic mammal taking January swims
- 3. Unique ice crystals falling from winter skies
- 4. Cozy spot for gathering on cold evenings
- 5. Popular destination for winter sports enthusiasts
- 7. January 1st celebration

- 8. Winter plunge for warm relaxation
- 13. First month of the new year
- 15. Severe January snowstorm
- 16. Frozen water droplets hanging from roofs
- 18. Hand warmers for snowy days
- 21. Typical January weather condition

Aquarius	Hot Springs
Blankets	Ice Skating
Blizzard	Icicles
Cabin Fever	January
Capricorn	Mittens
Carnation	New Year
Cold	Polar Bear
Epiphany	Ski Resort
Fireplace	Snow
Frost	Snowflakes
Garnet	Snowman
Hot Cocoa	Winter

# January

- BITTER
- BLIZZARD
- CALENDAR
- CELEBRATION
- FIREPLACE
- FREEZING
- FROST
- FROSTY
- HIBERNATION
- HOLIDAY
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- ICICLE
- INDOOR
- JANUARY
- MITTENS
- MLK DAY
- NEW YEAR
- PARKA
- POLAR
- RESOLUTION
- SCARF
- SKIING
- SLEDDING
- SNOWFLAKE
- SNOWMAN
- SWEATER
- WINTER

WORD SEARCH DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

P	E	R	S	O	Y	V	S	W	F	M	X	P	I	Y	X	L	Y	J
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