

TOWN NEW WEST NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY
2026

Important Dates in February

- Feb 1: National Freedom Day
- Feb 2: Groundhog Day
- Feb 6: National Wear Red Day (First Friday)
- Feb 8: Super Bowl LIX
- Feb 12: Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb 14: Valentine's Day
- Feb 15: Susan B. Anthony's Birthday
- Feb 16: Presidents' Day (Federal Holiday)
- Feb 17: Chinese New Year & Ramadan
- Feb 22: George Washington's Birthday (Actual Date)

February is also Black History Month as well as America Hearth Month.

Reminders

Beginning February 5th, you can check fortbendmud2.org for a map showing the progress of the changes in the lids of the recycle bins that make them trash bins from the last recycle day, which was January, 29th.

2026 Assessments

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

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VALENTINE'S DAY FACTS

Valentine's Day is the second-biggest card holiday after Christmas, with teachers receiving the most cards, and its traditions stem from Roman festivals and Christian martyrs, featuring popular gifts like chocolate (first heart-shaped box by Cadbury) and roses, while modern celebrations include "Galentine's Day" for friends, and candies originated from medicinal lozenges.

Here are 5 facts about Valentine's Day:

Second Largest Card Holiday:

After Christmas, Valentine's Day is the biggest day for exchanging cards, with around 145 million cards exchanged annually, note sources like.

Teachers Get Most Valentines:

Teachers receive the most Valentine's Day cards each year, followed by children, mothers, wives, and significant others, according to [Comfort Life](#) and.

Conversation Hearts Started as Medicine:

The popular candy hearts began as medical lozenges (like for sore throats) and were first printed with sweet messages in 1866, say [ASU Prep Digital](#) and.

Heart-Shaped Boxes are a Cadbury Innovation:

Richard Cadbury created the first heart-shaped box of chocolates in the 1860s, a tradition that continues with millions sold today, note sources like.

Origin in Pagan & Christian Roots:

The holiday blends ancient Roman fertility festivals with the stories of Christian martyrs named Valentine, becoming a romantic holiday in the 14th century, according to [history.com](#).

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 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. Volunteers are needed for the Recreation Committee, Publicity Committee, and Architectural Control Committee.



Winter Olympics 2026

The Winter Olympics start on Friday, February 6, 2026 in Milan and Cortina, Italy. This marks the fourth time Italy has hosted the Olympics. While well-established events such as Alpine Skiing, Speed Skating and Ice Hockey will be featured, some new sports are debuting this year. Making its Olympic debut is Ski Mountaineering along with new events, Skeleton Mixed Team, and Women's Doubles Luge. The games will be spread out in Italy with the ice events, such as Figure Skating and Hockey being played in Milan while mountain events, like Alpine Skiing and Downhill will be featured in Cortina, Livigno, and Bormio.

The first Winter Olympic Games were held in Chamonix, France, in 1924, featuring 16 nations while 2026 is expected to have over 90. Norway holds the record for the most Winter Olympic medals at 400 through the 2022 Olympics, with the United States coming in second with 330 total medals.



Name: _____ Date: _____



- AQUARIUS
- CANDLELIGHT
- CARNATION
- CHOCOLATE
- COZY
- CUPID
- FEBRUARY
- FIREPLACE
- FRIENDSHIP
- GROUNDHOG DAY
- HEART
- HUG
- KISS
- LEAP YEAR
- LOVE
- MARDI GRAS
- PINK
- PISCES
- PRESIDENTS DAY
- RED
- ROMANCE
- ROSES
- SKIING
- SNOW
- SWEETHEART
- VALENTINE
- WINTER

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

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WORD SCRAMBLE
DIRECTIONS:
Unscramble each set of letters to discover a vocabulary word relating to the wintry month of February.

OOCHLETAC _____

SRCDA _____

ICCELI _____

CDUIP _____

FBARYURE _____

CSFRA _____

SIMTNTE _____

KOCESIO _____

OFTABOLL _____

HARET _____

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CAYDN _____

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