

# Turtle Times

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## ♥ Happy Valentine's Day! ♥

### Turtle Facts



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The leatherback sea turtle is one of the largest reptiles on earth. Ranging in size from 4 - 8 feet in length and weigh between 500 - 2,000 pounds. The average adult leatherback turtle is between 5 - 6 feet long and weighs between 600 - 800 pounds!

### February Stone



Amethyst

### February Flower



Violet

In 15th century France, February 14 was a feast day for celebrating romantic love. The earliest surviving Valentine's letter, written by the Duke of Agincourt to his wife while imprisoned in the Tower of London, harks from this time period.

In the 18th century, people began sending handmade Valentine's cards to each other. In the 1800's, the ability to mass produce cards further grew the tradition of giving Valentine's greetings, which continues to this day.

### February Holidays

February 12 - Lincoln's Birthday

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 19 - President's Day

### Turtle Creek is Energy Star Certified.



The EPA Energy Star certification is earned by commercial buildings that use an average of 35% less energy than typical buildings and also release 35% less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.



### Happy Birthday

to all Turtle Creek residents celebrating a birthday in February!



### Turtle Creek Staff

Doris Adams Property Manager  
Hollie Sturms Resident Services  
Brandon Mooney Facilities Supervisor  
Dusty Hughey Facilities

### Pet of the Month

Duke



Duke is a 7-month-old Pomeranian, born on June 23, 2019. Duke loves his big sister Chloe and getting love from the residents! He loves playing fetch, chewing anything he finds into small pieces, and loving on his family.

We want your photos, pet pictures, recipes, and announcements! Send to [hollie@turtlecreekbranson.com](mailto:hollie@turtlecreekbranson.com)

### Safe House

The Turtle Creek Office is designated as a Safe House during business hours. This is for children locked out or who feel in danger. This is not a baby sitting service.



**Turtle Up!**



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### TURTLE CREEK EVENTS - AT THE CLUBHOUSE

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 & 19 LADIES' TALK, 10 A.M.**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 & 26 MEN'S TALK, 10 A.M.**

#### AREA EVENTS

**FEBRUARY 14 VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER, KEETER CENTER, 4 P.M. - 8 P.M.**

**FEBRUARY 14 VALENTINE'S DAY SHOW, HUGHES BROTHERS THEATRE, 8 P.M.**

**FEBRUARY 14 - 17 TANGER OUTLETS PRESIDENTS DAY WEEKEND SALE, ALL DAY**

**FEBRUARY 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28 & 29 "THE WIZARD OF OZ - THE MUSICAL", HISTORIC OWEN THEATRE**

**FEBRUARY 14 -16 TRI-LAKES BUILDING & HOME SHOW, CHATEAU ON THE LAKE**

**FEBRUARY 14 -16 LEGALLY BLONDE - THE MUSICAL, BRANSON HIGH SCHOOL**

## **Valentine Sugar Cookies**

### Ingredients

- 1 c. butter, room temperature
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. water (a bit more if needed)
- 3 c. flour
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 TSP. salt

### Directions

- Cream butter, sugar and vanilla.
- Add egg and water. Beat until light and fluffy.
- Blend dry mixture into creamed mixture, divide dough in half. Wrap each half in

waxed paper or plastic wrap and chill for one hour.

- If your dough feels too sticky, add a little bit of flour. If your dough seems to dry, add a tiny bit of water and kneed. Roll your dough on the floured surface with a rolling pin. We like to roll our about a quarter inch thick.
- Bake at 375 degrees for 6-8 minutes. Watch them carefully. Take out of oven before edges turn brown.

### Icing

Start with 2 cups of powdered sugar. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla and 1 tablespoon melted butter. Stir in teaspoons of milk one at a time until you reach desired consistency.

\*Recipe Credit: [www.aliceandlois.com](http://www.aliceandlois.com)

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