

# Turtle Times

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# Happy Valentine's Day!

## Turtle Facts



Green sea turtles are primarily herbivores, eating mostly seagrasses and algae. Their diet is what gives their cartilage and fat a greenish tint.

## February Flower



Primrose

## February Stone



Amethyst

## 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.

## Did You Know?

Valentine's Day Fun Facts



Pope Gelasius declared February 14 St. Valentine's Day around 498 A.D.



Sweethearts candy was created in 1902.



"Be Mine," "Be Good," "Be True," and "Kiss Me" are some of the original sayings that are still popular today.



Richard Cadbury invented the first Valentine's Day candy box in the late 1800's.



Over 50 million roses are given on Valentine's Day each year worldwide.

About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year.



## February Holidays

February 2 Groundhog Day

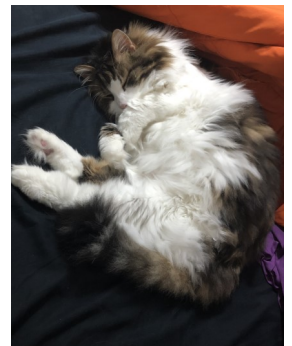
February 14 Valentine's Day

February 15 President's Day



to all residents celebrating a birthday in February!

## Pet of the Month Whiskers



Hello, my name is Whiskers! I am an 11-year-old Norwegian Forest cat. My birthday is in Aug. I was adopted two years ago and now live with my current family. I am very spoiled and love to be pet. I do not like loud noises and prefer a calm and quiet environment. I hide under the bed most of the day and come out at night. Ponytail holders are my favorite toy. I am a very loving cat!

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



## Turtle Creek Staff

**Doris Adams** Property Manager  
**Hollie Storms** Resident Services  
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### 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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### GROUNDHOG DAY FUN FACTS

Punxsutawney Phil is the official groundhog forecaster on February 2, but many states have their own (like New York's Pothole Pete).

Phil's full name, granted by the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club, is Punxsutawney Phil, Seer of Seers, Sage of Sages, Prognosticator of Prognosticators, and Weather Prophet Extraordinary.



### Presidents' Day Fun Facts

Presidents' Day was established in 1885 in honor of George Washington, whose birthday fell on February 22nd.

Originally falling on Washington's actual birth date each year, Presidents' Day was moved to the third Monday in February as a part of the 1971 Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which was established to create more three-day weekends for workers.



## Valentine's Day Saltine Toffee

### INGREDIENTS

- 4 oz saltine crackers (about 1 sleeve)
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup dark brown sugar
- 2 cups dark chocolate morsels
- 3/4 cup pink, red, and white M&Ms

### DIRECTIONS

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line cookie sheet with parchment paper or Silpat mat. Place Saltine crackers on the pan and make sure they are touching and the parchment extends past the crackers.
- Combine sugar and butter in a medium saucepan and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Let boil for 3 minutes. Pour immediately over Saltines making sure all the crackers are completely covered.
- Bake at 400 degrees F for 5 to 6 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle chocolate morsels over the top. Let sit for 5 minutes. Spread melted chocolate and top with Valentine's Day candies. Refrigerate toffee for 2 hours. Once set, break into pieces. Enjoy!