

February Facts

February is derived from the Latin word "februs" meaning "to cleanse." The month was named after the Roman Festival, Februalia, a month long festival of purification and atonement.

Stone = Amethyst Flower = Iris or Violets

THE PUNXSUTAWNEY CLUB

This is located in Pennsylvania. Let's go back to 1793 when the Delaware Indians settled in this area. The name Punxsutawney in Indian means "town of sandflies." The name woodchuck is also derived from the Indian name "Wojak" which was a groundhog and believed to be their ancestral grandfather.

There is a club in Punxsutawney where the members hike up to Phil's burrow up on Gobbler's Knob, on February 2 and wait for him to emerge. Phil lives in a heated burrow underneath a simulated tree stump in a stage area. Phil's a chubby little groundhog, averaging 15 lbs. Why did they name the groundhog Phil? According to Groundhog.org, he was named after King Philip. Before that, he was called Br'er Groundhog.

Some of you may wonder what Phil does when it's not February 2. He gets around! Of course he always supports his area sports teams. But, he's also made an appearance on the Oprah Show (1995); met President Ronald Reagan (1986); and, even gone a bit political by wearing a yellow ribbon in support of the American hostages in Iran (1981). Phil went high-tech when in 1996 he got his first website and in 1998 his forecast was sent live over the internet.

Phil is loved so much, that after September 11, 2001, troops were assigned to guard him on February 2, 2002.

So is Phil very accurate? Professional weather researchers have determined that the groundhog has been correct only 28% of the time. How has Phil's predictions gone over the years? In 1887 he saw his first shadow according to the records.

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Shadow = 6 More Weeks of Winter
No Shadow = Early Spring



Lake Fairways
Activities Calendar

President's Day combines both Washington's birthday and Lincoln's birthday, since both happen in the month of February very close together. Why was this done?



In 1968, congress (Legislation # 15951) passed a bill that changed several federal holidays, in order for them to fall on a Monday, thus creating a 3-day weekend. The act took affect 3 years later in 1971.

One of the holidays that was affected was Washington's Birthday, which got shifted to the third Monday in February every year, whether it was the 22nd (which is really his birthday) or not. (I'll get to the specifics of each of these birthdays in a second.) Some calendars still print both Washington's Birthday and Lincoln's Birthday on them. Some print "President's Day" on the third Monday in February. However, the third Monday in February is still "officially" Washington's Birthday. Why? Technically, no President or Congress has ever legally changed the name of the third Monday in February to be designated as "President's Day." (Well, not yet) However, socially it has become known as "President's Day" to not only honor both President George Washington's birthday and Abraham Lincoln's birthday, but to pay respect and acknowledge all the other men who have served as our presidents.

Usually only federal employees (and companies connected with them) take the day off as a holiday.

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•  Any event (birthday/anniversary/wedding, etc.) that is scheduled and not hosted/sponsored by the HOA or other ELS vetted group (Men's Club/Tennis/Golf, etc) will be required to comply with the Single Event Insurance requirements. Please see Raina at the sales office for paperwork/requirements Single event paperwork MUST be in hand prior to putting event on the calendar. 
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YEAR ROUND ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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| 8:00-6:30 Open Tennis | 8:00-12:30 Men's Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P *11:00-12:00 Noodle Aerobics/Pool | 8:00-12:30 Ladies Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P | 8:00-12:30 Men's Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P *11:00-12:00 Noodle Aerobics/Pool *1:00-4:00 Bunco/LB | 8:00-12:30 Ladies Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P *1:00-4:00 Dominoes/Card Room | 8:00-12:30 Men's Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P *11:00-12:00 Noodle Aerobics/Pool | 8:00-12:30 Ladies Tennis <p style="text-align: center;">Resident vehicle stickers are back at the gates.</p> |
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February 2025

9:00-10:00 coffee
7:00-9:00 Comedian Gary DeLena
 (set up 1pm) (All Rooms+ L)

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| 2 5:00-9:00 Nite at the Races/All Rooms (set up 3:00pm) | 3 VALENTINES DAY TOURNAMENT 9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/ MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 5:30 Softball Game/Carmelita Park Punta Gorda 6:00-8:00 Left, Right, Center/LB 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/L | 4 9:00-10:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 9:30-12:00 HOA Bd Mtg/L 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 12:00-3:00 Quilting/MH/RM/PR 12:30-3:00 Glass Fusing/CR 5:00-? Taco Tuesday/MH/K (set up 2pm) 6:30-9:30 Billiards/BR | 5 12:00-2:00 90's Lunch Group/MH/K (set up 11am) 12:00-2:00 LFTA Bd Mtg/L 5:30 Softball Game/Carmelita Park Punta Gorda 7:00-9:00 Gator Races/MH/RMH (set up 6pm) 6:30-9:00 Hand & Foot/PR 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/L | 6 9:00-12:00 LF Women's TOPS/RMH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-12:00 Bible Study/L 11:00-12:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 1:00-2:30 CERT/L 5:00-8:00 Big 10 Gathering/L 6:30-9:30 Texas Holdem/RMH 7:00-9:00 LFWC Mtg/LB/CR | 7 9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics 10:00-1:00 Watercolor Class/RMH 2:00 Bowling @ Bowlero 6:00-10:00 LF Bingo/MH/RMH/K Doors open at 4:00pm Sales close at 5:15pm Games Start between 5:35pm and 5:45pm 6:30-7:30 Men's Group/L | 8 9:00-10:00 Coffee 10:00-10:00 Canada Night @ Lake Fairways/All Rooms +L |
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| 9 6:30-8:00 Book Club/L 2:00-10:00 Superbowl Party/All Rooms (set up 1pm) | 10 9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 5:30 Softball Game/Carmelita Park Punta Gorda 6:00-8:00 Left, Right, Center/LB 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/L | 11 9:00-10:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 12:30-3:00 Glass Fusing/CR 12:00-3:00 Quilting/MH/RM/PR 5:30-8:00 LFTA Social/L (set up 4:30pm) 6:30-9:30 Billiards/BR | 12 10:00-11:30 CERT Fall Prevention/MH (set up 9am) 12:30-3:00 Bob Harris Celebration of Life/L/SP (set up 11am) 5:30 Softball Game/Carmelita Park Punta Gorda 6:30-9:00 Hand & Foot/PR 7:00-9:00 LF ESTATE HOA Mtg/MH (set up 6pm) 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/LB | 13 9:00-12:00 LF Women's TOPS/RMH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-12:00 Bible Study/L 11:00-12:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 1:00-2:30 CERT/L 5:00-7:00 LFWC Soup Supper/MH (set up 3pm) 6:30-9:30 Texas Holdem/RMH 5:30-8:00 LFTA Social/L (set up 4:30pm) | 14 HAPPY VALENTINES DAY 9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/ MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics 10:00-1:00 Watercolor Class/RMH 2:00 Bowling @ Bowlero 6:00-10:00 LF Bingo/MH/RMH/K Doors open at 4:00pm Sales close at 5:15pm Games Start between 5:35pm and 5:45pm | 15 9:00-10:00 Coffee 9:00-11:00 Men's Group/L 4:00-9:30 Dinner Bridge Club/L 6:00-9:00 Valentine's Dinner Community Fun/All Rooms (set up 3pm) |
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| 16 12:00-7:00 Poker Run All Rooms (set up 12pm) | 17 HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY 9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/ MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 5:30 Softball Game/Carmelita Park Punta Gorda 6:00-8:00 Left, Right, Center/LB 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/L | 18 9:00-10:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 10:00-1:00 HOA Liaison Mtg/L 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 12:30-3:00 Glass Fusing/CR 12:00-1:00 LFTA Bd Mtg/L 12:00-1:00 LFGA Bd Mtg/LB 12:00-3:00 Quilting/MH/RM/PR 5-? Taco Tuesday/MH/K (set up 2pm) 6:30-9:30 Billiards/BR 7:00-10:00 Men's Club Mtg/RMH | 19 10:00-11:30 CERT Fire Extinguisher/MH (set up 9am) 12:00-1:30 Ladies 18-hole General Mtg/MH 5:30 Softball Game/Carmelita Park Punta Gorda 5:30-10:00 Snoop Party/RMH 6:30-9:00 Hand & Foot/PR 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/L 7:00 NO Gator Races | 20 9:00-12:00 LF Women's TOPS/RMH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-12:00 Bible Study/L 11:00-12:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 1:00-2:30 CERT/L 4:00-5:30 Ent Committee Mtg/L 6:30-9:30 Texas Holdem/RMH | 21 9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/ MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-1:00 Watercolor Class/RMH 2:00 Bowling @ Bowlero 6:00-10:00 LF Bingo/MH/RMH/K Doors open at 4:00pm Sales close at 5:15pm Games Start between 5:35pm and 5:45pm | 22 Tickets for March Show Available Today 7:30-9:00 Pancake Breakfast/All Rooms 7:00-9:00 (Cody Deonath) Concert (set up 1pm) (All Rooms+L) |
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| 23 12:00-6:00 LFTA ELS Tournament/MH/RMH (set up 12pm) 1:00-2:00 US/Can Golf Tournament Signup/L (set up 12:30pm) | 24 9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/ MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 2:00-3:00 LFGA Club Championship Volunteer Mtg/MH 3:00-5:30 Ace Gators Tennis Mtg/L 5:30 Softball Game/Carmelita Park Punta Gorda 6:00-8:00 Left, Right, Center/LB 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/L | 25 9:00-5:00 HOA Election/L 9:00-10:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 12:30-3:00 Glass Fusing/CR 1:00-4:00 Quilting Exhibit/MH/RM/PR (10am-1pm set up) 7:00-9:00 HOA General Mtg/MH (schedule nothing else) | 26 9:00-11:00 CERT-AED/MH/RMH (8:00am set up) 2:00-3:00 LFGA Club Championship Players Mtg/MH 5:00-6:30 Season Ticket Sales 5:30 Softball Game/Carmelita Park Punta Gorda 6:00-9:00 HOA Karaoke/MH/RMH (set up 5pm) 6:30-9:00 Hand & Foot/PR 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/L | 27 9:00-12:00 LF Women's TOPS/RMH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-12:00 Bible Study/L 11:00-12:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 1:00-2:30 CERT/L 6:30-9:30 Texas Holdem/RMH 8:30-10:00 Ladies 18-hole Bd Mtg/L | 28 9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-1:00 Watercolor Class/RMH 2:00 Bowling @ Bowlero 6:00-10:00 LF Bingo/MH/RMH/K Doors open at 4:00pm Sales close at 5:15pm Games Start between 5:35pm and 5:45pm | <p style="text-align: center;">L.F. CLUBHOUSE ROOM ABBREVIATION CODE</p> <table style="width: 100%; font-size: 0.8em;"> <tr> <td>M: MEN</td> <td>MH & K: MAIN HALL & KITCHEN</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W: WOMEN</td> <td>RMH: REAR MAIN HALL</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L: LOUNGE</td> <td>ST: SAND TRAP</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P: POOL</td> <td>SP: SCREENED PORCH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K: KITCHEN</td> <td>SR: SIDE ROOMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CR: CERAMICS ROOM</td> <td>BR: BILLARDS ROOM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CH: CLUBHOUSE</td> <td>PR: POKER ROOM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LB: LIBRARY</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>MH: MAIN HALL</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">a.m. regular • p.m. bold</p> | M: MEN | MH & K: MAIN HALL & KITCHEN | W: WOMEN | RMH: REAR MAIN HALL | L: LOUNGE | ST: SAND TRAP | P: POOL | SP: SCREENED PORCH | K: KITCHEN | SR: SIDE ROOMS | CR: CERAMICS ROOM | BR: BILLARDS ROOM | CH: CLUBHOUSE | PR: POKER ROOM | LB: LIBRARY | | MH: MAIN HALL | |
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