



McFARLAN VILLAGES

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COURT STREET
VILLAGE

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Letter From the Administrator

Last month we kicked off 2018 to a great start! We began the New Year with the countdown and a balloon drop. Then we had a fantastic shopping trip to Great Lakes Crossing. January is just the beginning of the new events and classes that we have planned this year. McFarlan Villages is and will continue to wow all residents this year, so hold on, because you're in for a wonderful ride!

Kelly Price
Administrator
McFarlan Home

Black History Month

Each February, Americans celebrate Black History Month. This tribute dates back to 1926 and is credited to Harvard scholar Dr. Carter G. Woodson. The observance originally ran one week and included the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Since 1976, the contributions of African-Americans have been celebrated for the entire month of February.



Fun Events in February

- 2/2 Groundhog Day
- 2/2 National Wear Red Day
- 2/4 Super Bowl LII
- 2/9 Winter Olympics Begin
- 2/13 Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday
- 2/14 Valentine's Day
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday
- 2/16 Chinese New Year
- 2/19 Presidents Day
- 2/25 Winter Olympics End



Presidents Day Is February 19th!

C-SPAN surveyed historians in 2017 to create a ranking of past U.S. presidents. The top five spots went to Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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Paczki Day

Fat Tuesday is also known as Paczki Day in some parts of the country. Pronounced "poonch-kee," the traditional Polish pastries, similar to jelly doughnuts, are made of rich yeast dough that is fried, then filled with fruit preserves, cream or custard.



Winter Olympics 2018

Every four years, athletes around the world gather for the Winter Olympics to compete for the gold medal. This year, the Winter Games are held in PyeongChang, South Korea. The opening ceremony is the official kick-off for the 16-day contest, and will be held on February 9th. Closing ceremonies will bring an end to the festivities on February 25th.

There are 15 winter sports played in the games, including skiing, snowboarding, luge, skating, hockey, and the increasingly popular curling!

Be sure to tune in to your favorite events to cheer on Team USA! The Winter Olympic Games will be broadcast on NBC.



The Merriment of Mardi Gras

Many people associate Mardi Gras with colorful beads and masks, but there is much more to the holiday.

Mardi Gras means "Fat Tuesday" in French and takes place the day before Ash Wednesday, when Lent begins. Some celebrate an entire season of Mardi Gras, called Carnival, which begins on Epiphany on Jan. 6.

According to many historians, Mardi Gras has roots in ancient Roman spring festivals. The holiday is thought to be the blending of these festivals and the season of Lent, a time of penance and fasting. The celebrating and feasting during Mardi Gras was a way to rid the home of rich food and drink that could not be consumed during Lent.

Mardi Gras came to America in 1699, when French explorers landed in present-day Louisiana, just south of what is now New Orleans. The men held a small Fat Tuesday celebration, and in the years that followed, other French settlers observed the holiday with street parties, masked balls and large feasts.

The festivities continue to be a cherished tradition in Louisiana, the only state where Mardi Gras is a legal holiday. New Orleans holds one of the most famous Mardi Gras celebrations, with multiple parades put on by organizations known as krewes.

Another tradition still alive today is king cake, which is braided brioche dough laced with cinnamon and covered with sugar or icing in the Mardi Gras colors of purple, gold and green. A small plastic baby is baked inside the cake, and whoever finds the baby in their slice must prepare the next year's cake.



Quotes

"How sweet the words of truth, breathed from the lips of love."
—James Beattie

"Once in a young lifetime one should be allowed to have as much sweetness as one can possibly want and hold."
—Judith Olney




"Life is short, and it is up to you to make it sweet."
—Sarah Louise Delany

"The road to greatness is often sought, but if journeyed with kindness, it is sweetly paved."
—Tom Althouse

"Connecting our hearts through love yields a nectar so sweet we are forever full."
—Amy Leigh Mercree

"But friendship is the breathing rose, with sweets in every fold."
—Oliver Wendell Holmes

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	HAPPY Birthday!			<i>Celebrate</i> BLACK HISTORY <i>Month</i>	1 Groundhog Day 2 F. Grow (East) A. Moore (McFarlan) B. Morea (East) J. Page (East) B. Rugley (East)	3
4  SUPER BOWL	5	6	7	8 M. Willingham (East)	9 Winter Olympics Opening Ceremonies	10
11 A. Chizmadia (McFarlan)	12	Mardi Gras 13 D. Greenwald (East)	Valentine's Day 14 M. Macklin (East) S.B. Towner (East)	15	Chinese New Year 16 R. Frato (West)	17
18 S. Dunlap (West)	Presidents Day 19	20 C. Bowens (East)	21	22	23 	24 Frazier (East) E. Williams (East)
25 Winter Olympics Closing Ceremonies T. Mull (East)	26 L. Gaines (East) S. Kelly (McFarlan)	27	28 	February 2018 Birthdays McFarlan Villages		

"This Month In History"

FEBRUARY

1878: Thomas Edison receives a patent for his first major invention, the phonograph.

1905: The first Rotary Club meets in Chicago. The service organization now has more than 35,000 clubs worldwide.

1914: In Washington, D.C., a groundbreaking ceremony is held on the western end of the National Mall for the Lincoln Memorial.

1922: Embracing the "broadcasting boom," President Warren G. Harding

has a radio installed in the White House.

1935: The board game Monopoly goes on sale with a price tag of \$2. Now a classic favorite, millions have played the property trading game.

1947: Inventor Edwin H. Land demonstrates his Polaroid Land Camera, which could produce a black-and-white photo in 60 seconds.

1954: A group of children in Pittsburgh is the first to be inoculated against polio with a new vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk.

1968: With smiles, songs and stories, the TV series "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" premieres on national public television.

1985: The Coca-Cola Company launches a new flavored soft drink, Cherry Coke.

1995: American businessman Steve Fossett completes the first solo flight across the Pacific Ocean in a balloon.

2006: At the Winter Olympics in Italy, U.S. speedskater Shani Davis becomes the first black athlete to win an individual gold medal in Winter Games history.

2011: "The Artist" wins the Oscar for best picture. It was the first silent film to win the award since "Wings" in 1927.

2014: Comedian Jimmy Fallon becomes the host of the late-night talk show "The Tonight Show."