



February, 2025

MAKING EVERYDAY SPECIAL: SIMPLE WAYS TO CELEBRATE FEBRUARY

February might be a short month, but it's filled with opportunities to make each day extraordinary. Beyond the well-known celebrations, there are plenty of quirky holidays that bring fun and community spirit. Below are some unique ways to honor these special days in your community.

National Ice Cream for Breakfast Day - Feb 1

Start the month on a sweet note! Treat yourself to a scoop of your favorite flavor first thing in the morning. If you have neighbors or friends who are game, invite them over for an impromptu "ice cream social." It's a delightful—and chilly—way to jump-start February.

National Thank a Mail Carrier Day - Feb 4

Show gratitude to the dedicated men and women who deliver your packages and letters. A simple handwritten thank-you note, or a small snack pouch left in your mailbox area goes a long way in brightening their day. This gesture also strengthens our sense of community and kindness.

National Wear Red Day & National Kite Flying Day - Feb 8

Don your favorite red outfit to raise awareness for heart health. Swing by

the leasing office dressed in red for a quick photo op and share your snapshots on the Mark Dana Management Facebook page. If the weather permits, head outside for National Kite Flying Day. Gather some friends or neighbors for a friendly kite-flying competition in a nearby park or open field.

National Shut-In Visitation Day - Feb 11

Reach out to neighbors who might be homebound or need extra help. A small act—like offering to pick up groceries or dropping off a home-made meal—can make a big difference.

IHOP's National Pancake Day - Feb 13



Who doesn't love pancakes? Whether you whip up a batch in your own kitchen or swing by a local IHOP, celebrate the day by indulging in

fluffy flapjacks. Share your pancake tips, toppings, or favorite recipes on the MarkDana Facebook Page to inspire others.

National Random Acts of Kindness Day - Feb 17

Pay for someone's coffee, leave a kind note on a neighbor's door, or donate to a local charity. Encourage fellow residents to perform one thoughtful deed—big or small—and watch how the goodwill ripples through the entire community.

National Comfy Day - Feb 20

Break out your cozy pajamas, fuzzy socks, or soft blankets. Make it official by planning a "Comfy Night In," complete with movies, popcorn, and plenty of pillows.

National Public Sleeping Day - Feb 28

This day is all about relaxation and humor—though you might want to choose your spot carefully!

From sweet breakfasts to heartfelt gestures, February offers many ways to make every day special. Embrace these fun holidays, involve your neighbors, and let's keep our community spirit shining bright—even in the winter chill!

CHICKEN WITH ROSEMARY BUTTER SAUCE FOR 2

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 boneless, skinless Chicken Breast halves (4 oz each)
- 2 Tablespoons Butter, divided
- 1/4 cup White Wine or Chicken Broth
- 1/4 cup Heavy Whipping Cream
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Minced Fresh Rosemary



DIRECTIONS:

1. In a small skillet over medium heat, cook chicken in 1 tablespoon butter for 4-5 minutes on each side or until a thermometer reads 170°. Remove and keep warm.
2. Add wine to the pan; cook over medium-low heat, stirring to loosen browned bits from pan. Add cream and bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cook and stir until slightly thickened. Stir in rosemary and remaining butter until blended. Serve with chicken.

PUZZLE CORNER

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FEBRUARY 2025 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Groundhog Day	3 Rent Due	4	5	6	7 Exterminator	8
9	10 Late Notices at 10:00 am	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 President's Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

COMMUNITY CORNER

- ▶ Happy Valentine's Day!
- ▶ I am Chad Conner, the new property manager. I want to say "thank you" to all the tenants for making the January inspections easy and enjoyable! It was a pleasure meeting everyone, and I look forward to working with all of you.
- ▶ A friendly reminder that rent is due on the first day of the month. Please do not drop blank or incomplete money orders/checks in the drop box. Money orders/checks should be payable to "Hillcrest Manor," and your name and apartment number should be included in the memo. You may also use the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/HillcrestRent> to pay your rent by card. **Please remember to add the \$5 technology fee when paying online or by QR code. Also be sure to include late fees to payments when they apply.**

COMMUNITY CORNER CONTINUED

- ▶ Any payments made to management are applied to past due balances (Rent, Court, Late Fees, Damages, etc.) before being applied to current balances. The only time payments will not be applied to past due damages is if you have a written payment arrangement with management and it is current.
- ▶ Reminder: Do not flush wipes, even if labeled "flushable." They can clog pipes and cause sewage backups. Always throw them in the trash. Only toilet paper and human waste should be flushed.
- ▶ **SMOKING MARIJUANA IS PROHIBITED ON THE PROPERTY.** Although it is now legal in Virginia, it is not legal under Federal Law. We are a federally assisted property. Each tenant signed a drug-free addendum when moving into the property.
- ▶ Vehicles that are disabled or not properly licensed and inspected cannot be parked on the property. Please be courteous and have visitors park in the visitors' section. All curbs or paved spaces designated as fire lanes shall be indicated by yellow paint as approved by the Office of the Fire Code Official. Parking is not allowed in these areas.
- ▶ If you have been approved for an animal, it is your responsibility to clean up after them in all shared spaces, not just in your unit. Leaving pet waste can spread diseases and parasites, posing a health risk to others, especially children. When walking your pet in common areas, be attentive to where they are going to the bathroom and clean up immediately. Please use the free bags available at our pet waste station. Not adhering to this policy can result in the removal of your animal.
- ▶ Please be sure that you turn in maintenance items into the office. If you have a maintenance emergency after hours or when the office is closed, please use the emergency number 1-800-224-4748.