

# Province Hill - February 2019

Tips for Living, Laughing and Loving Your Apartment Life

*Apartment Buzz Alert February*

## FUN FACTS

### What is February?

February comes from the Latin word februa, which means "to cleanse." The month was named after the Roman Februalia, which was a month-long festival of purification and atonement.

It's the only month to have a length of less than 30 days! Though it's usually 28 days, February is 29 days in leap years.

January and February were the last two months to be added to the Roman calendar (c. 713 BC); originally, winter was considered one month-less.

Originally, February was made the last month of the calendar year! Eventually (c. 450 BC), February was moved to its place as the second month.

## Fitness Center Info

There is a new upright fitness bike on the way.

New shelving system with coat racks coming soon.

Please remove street shoes before entering the gym. We will have a boot tray outside the door for your convenience.

## SEASONAL RECIPE

### Valentine Treat

Looking for an impressive Valentine's Day dessert, but don't have the time to cook all day? Use this quick cheat to make professional-looking Valentine Petite Fours in minutes.

All you'll need is a frozen pound cake, 1" cookie cutters, confectioner's sugar, water and light corn syrup. Slice the pound cake into approximately three 1" layers, then cut out hearts & other shapes with cookie cutters (in a pinch, just cut into squares). Mix six cups of confectioner's sugar with half a cup of water, two tablespoons of corn syrup & optional food coloring, then heat until the mixture is pourable but not runny. Place cake shapes on a rack & pour the mixture over them. Cool for an hour, then trim & add decorations as desired.

**Fun Fact:** Children between the ages 6 and 10 exchange more than 650 million Valentines Day cards each year.



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## FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

### This Short Month is Packed with Holidays & History

February 2nd Groundhog Day.

February 12th Abraham Lincoln's Birthday. The 16th president of the United States was born in a one-room, 16X18-foot, log cabin with a dirt floor.

February 14th Valentine's Day.

February 15th Chinese New Year. This date is also Susan B. Anthony's birthday & National Flag of Canada Day.

February 18th President's Day.

February 22nd George Washington's birthday.

## MADISON EVENTS

### Here are a couple ideas

Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Wisconsin  
February 16th, 2019  
Olin Park - Downtown  
1156 Olin-Turville Ct.  
Madison, WI 53715

In 2018, nearly 1,000 brave souls took the plunge in Madison. The best part? After their bodies returned to 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit and the donations were tallied, they raised more than \$324,000 for Special Olympics Wisconsin. Let's see what Madison can do in 2019.

Wisconsin Garden Expo  
February 8th - 12 PM - 8 PM  
February 9th - 9 AM - 6 PM  
February 10th - 10 AM - 4 PM  
1919 Alliant Energy Center Way  
Madison, WI 53713

Wisconsin Public Television's Garden & Landscape Expo is a midwinter oasis for people to venture out and dig their hands in the dirt. Now in its 26th year, this three-day event celebrates the latest trends in gardening and landscaping, and attracts more than 20,000 people from across the Midwest.

