



**NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY IS
FEBRUARY 1ST**

Freedom Day is a day to promote equality and to appreciate freedom. Many Americans use this day to reflect on the importance of freedom and to remember and honor those who fought for all Americans to be free. The United States President usually issues a proclamation on this day and a wreath is laid out below the Liberty Bell.

**FEBRUARY 2ND IS NATIONAL
WEAR RED DAY**

By wearing red on this day, women show their support and commitment to the fight against Heart Disease. At the end of the day, everyone should know why Women Go Red.

**MARDI GRAS THIS YEAR IS
ON FEBRUARY 13TH**

Mardi Gras is French for Fat Tuesday, which refers to the practice of eating rich and fatty foods before the ritual fasting of Lent starting on the following day, Ash Wednesday. The events of Carnival celebrations begin after the Epiphany or Three Kings Day, on January 6th and ends on Fat Tuesday.

FEBRUARY IS EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS MONTH

HOW CAN I PREPARE: Become aware of fire evacuation and earthquake plans for all of the buildings you occupy regularly. Pick safe places in each room of your home, workplace and/or school. A safe place could be under a piece of furniture or against an interior wall away from windows, bookcases or tall furniture that could fall on you. Practice drop, cover and hold on in each safe place. If you do not have sturdy furniture to hold on to, sit on the floor next to an interior wall and cover your head and neck with your arms. Keep a flashlight and sturdy shoes by each person's bed.

WHAT SHOULD I DO DURING AN EARTHQUAKE:

If you are inside when shaking starts... Drop, cover and hold on. Move as little as possible. If you are in bed, stay there, curl up and hold on. Protect your head with a pillow. Stay away from windows to avoid being injured by shattered glass. Stay indoors until the shaking stops and you are sure it is safe to exit. If you must leave the building after the shaking stops, use stairs rather than an elevator in case there are aftershocks, power outages or other damage. Be aware fire alarms and sprinkler systems frequently go off in buildings during earthquakes, even if there is no fire.

If you are outside when shaking starts... Find a clear spot and drop to the ground. Stay there until the shaking stops (away from buildings, power lines, trees, street lights). If you are in a vehicle, pull over to a clear location and stop. Avoid bridges, overpasses and power lines if possible. Stay inside with your seatbelt fastened until the shaking stops. Then, drive carefully, avoiding bridges or ramps that may have been damaged. If a power line falls on your vehicle, do not get out. Wait for assistance. If you are in a mountainous area or near unstable slopes or cliffs, be alert for falling rocks and other debris. Landslides are often triggered by earthquakes.

WHAT DO I DO AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE: After an earthquake, the disaster may continue. Expect and prepare for potential aftershocks, landslides or even a tsunami. Tsunamis are often generated by earthquakes. Each time you feel an aftershock, drop, cover and hold on. Aftershocks frequently occur minutes, days, weeks and even months following an earthquake. Check yourself for injuries and get first aid, if necessary, before helping injured or trapped persons. Put on long pants, a long sleeved shirt, sturdy shoes and work gloves to protect against injury from broken objects. Look quickly for damage in and around your home and get everyone out if your home is unsafe. Listen to a portable, battery-operated or hand-crank radio for updated emergency information and instructions. Check the telephones in your home or workplace to see if you can get a dial tone. Make brief calls to report life-threatening emergencies. Look for and extinguish small fires. Fire is the most common hazard after an earthquake. Clean up spilled medications, bleach, gasoline, or other flammable liquids immediately. Open closet and cabinet doors carefully as contents may have shifted. Help people who require special assistance, such as infants, children and the elderly or disabled. Watch out for fallen power lines or broken gas lines and stay out of damaged areas. Keep animals under your direct control. Stay out of damaged buildings. If you were away from home, return only when authorities say it is safe to do so. Use extreme caution and examine walls, floors, doors, staircases and windows to check for damage. Be careful when driving after an earthquake and anticipate traffic light outages.

FEATURED APARTMENT COMMUNITY OF THE MONTH



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**Live Where You Work and
Work Where You Live!**

If you are seeking employment, consider joining our team! Save yourself a time consuming and expensive work commute by contacting your Apartment Community Manager, today! We love to hire our residents! If you know of someone in search of employment, refer the person to your Apartment Community Manager or to our website, DoblerManagement.com. Once your referral is hired, you will refer a \$200 Employee Referral Check!

IMPORTANT FEBRUARY DATES

- Feb 1st** - Rent is Due and National Freedom Day
Feb 1st - 3rd - Resident Appreciation Days at your Apartment Community
Feb 2nd - National Wear Red Day and Groundhog Day
Feb 3rd - Last Day to Pay Rent to Avoid Late Charge and The Day the Music Died
Feb 4th - Rent is now Late and Late Charges are Due and World Cancer Day and Super Bowl Sunday
Feb 6th - Bob Marley's Birthday (1945)
Feb 7th - The Beatles first visited USA (1964)
Feb 8th - Last Day to Submit Notice of Intent to Move and Boy Scout Anniversary Day (1910)
Feb 11th - Satisfied Staying Single Day
Feb 12th - President Lincoln's Birthday (1809)
Feb 13th - Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday
Feb 14th - Valentine's Day, National Organ Donor Day and Fredrick Douglass's Birthday (1818)
Feb 15th - Susan B Anthony Day and Disney's Cinderella Opened (1950)
Feb 17th - Random Acts of Kindness Day
Feb 19th - Presidents Day Holiday
Feb 20th - Love Your Pet Day
Feb 22nd - President Washington's Birthday (1732)
Feb 26th - Johnny Cash's Birthday (1932)
Feb 27th - Elizabeth Taylor's Birthday (1932)
Feb 28th - Resident Appreciation Day

February is Black History Month, Heart Healthy Month, Pull Your Sofa Away from the Wall Month, Be a Responsible Pet Owner Month and Natural Earthquake Awareness Month

RENT IS DUE ON THE FIRST

Rent is due on the FIRST of the month. There is a three day grace period. Rent is considered late after the THIRD of the month. Late Charges take effect on the FOURTH day of the month. If you are unable to pay your rent in full by the FIRST of the month, contact the Apartment Community Manager before the FIRST of the month when the rent is already due.

SMOKE FREE REMINDER

Just a reminder the apartment communities managed by Dobler Management Company, Inc are smoke free. Depending on your apartment community, the policy will be one of these levels:

Gold: No smoking on the entire property.

Silver: No smoking in any buildings including apartments and 25 feet from building entrances.

Bronze: No smoking in the apartment and common areas, although smoking may be allowed on patios and balconies.

These policies improve air quality and reduce everyone's exposure to secondhand smoke.

PREVENT VEHICLE PROWLDS AND BREAK-INS

Vehicle prowls occur anywhere... where we live, work and play. Here are a few ways you can help prevent having your vehicle prowled:

Always lock your vehicle. Before departing your vehicle, whether going to work, shopping or returning home, always lock all doors and be sure no windows are open. Do not leave anything in view, which may interest criminals. Even an empty shopping bag or a gym bag, may create unwanted interest. Locking items in the trunk of your vehicle, is preferable to leaving them within sight. Park your vehicle in well-lit locations. Install a vehicle alarm system and always use it. Record your vehicle serial numbers and keep them in a secure place other than your vehicle.

Criminals are opportunists. Do not give criminals a reason to break into your vehicle. If you see something, say something. Report suspicious people and activity by calling 911, and then report it to your Apartment Community Manager.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The month-long tradition of celebrating Black Americans actually started in February of 1976. Previously, this event was known as Negro History Week and was celebrated the second week of February. The month of February was chosen due to the birthdays of two important men, President Lincoln and Fredrick Douglass, who was a social reformer and leader of Abolitionists.

WATCH FOR ICE REMINDER

When temperatures fall, be careful leaving and returning to your apartment, especially in the early morning and late at night. Use caution when driving, parking and walking. Black ice, the invisible sheen of ice which can occur on sidewalks, parking lots and roads, is very hard to see. Be careful when getting in and out of vehicles, since there may be black ice. When walking on ice or snow, do not wear tennis shoes or high heels, and take short, flat steps. When going up and down stairwells, be sure you hold onto handrails. Use care, too, when getting mail from your mailbox and around the dumpster area when depositing trash in the dumpster. Also, when warming your vehicle before departing, stay with your vehicle when the motor is running. For everyone's safety and crime prevention, do not leave your vehicle running unattended, even for just a few minutes.

FEBRUARY IS PULL YOUR SOFA AWAY FROM THE WALL MONTH

During the winter months, especially here in our Pacific Northwest cold and damp climate, mold can be more prevalent. One of the favorite places for mold spores to start multiplying is between the wall and a sofa pushed right up against it. This month is a good time to be sure your sofa and other furniture are pulled away from the wall to check for any signs of mold. Keeping furniture at least three inches away from the walls is a good rule to follow. If you have any questions regarding this tip or any other moisture concerns in your apartment home, please contact your Apartment Community Manager.

IF YOU MUST MOVE

We certainly do not want to see any of our valuable residents move. If you have a concern or unresolved issue, please either call or email your Apartment Community Manager or email livehere@dmcimail.com. We encourage you to make your voice heard. You are a valued resident, and we appreciate the opportunity to hear your concern and correct the situation. Your satisfaction is important to us. If you must move, notify the Apartment Community Manager as soon as possible. The last day to give proper, written Twenty Day Notice of Intent to Vacate required by Washington Residential Landlord/Tenant Act to move the end of February will be February 8th, 2018. However, if you paid a Last Month's Rent, in order to avoid a Late Fee and a Three Day Notice your Notice of Intent to Vacate must be completed and submitted to the rental office by the third of the month. For your convenience, there is a Cleaning List at the bottom of the Twenty Day Notice of Intent to Vacate form. When disposing of trash or unwanted items, do not put them outside the trash container. In addition, do not put large objects, such as furniture, in the dumpster or trash compactor. Instead, please notify the Apartment Community Manager so she may assist you with an alternative solution. To ensure your Security Deposit Refund Accounting arrives in a timely manner, include your forwarding address on your Notice of Intent to Vacate form, as well as confirming and assuring this information is written correctly when you turn in your keys. As a former resident, you will qualify for a \$250.00 Former Resident Referral for any friend, co-worker or relative you refer who chooses to rent from any Dobler Management Company Inc, managed apartment community. Also, should you be in need of an apartment anywhere in the South Puget Sound area in the future, we hope you will think of our apartment communities.

FEBRUARY IS RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS MONTH

Although it is important to always be a responsible pet owner, we especially encourage pet owners the month of February, Responsible Pet Owners Month, to share the message that pets are always well treated. Now is a good time for pet owners to review the Pet Agreement signed at the time of move-in to ensure you are in compliance with each of the items listed in this important document. Both you and your pet will benefit from your efforts.

In addition, please be responsible and clean up those "little messes" pets and service animals, too, leave behind. Not cleaning up after your animal can create health hazards in the yards and common areas. Also, do not leave food or water outside for your animal. These will attract unwanted animals, such as strays, scavenger birds, insects, and rodents. These unwanted animals cause unsanitary conditions, may endanger your animal, your children, and/or your neighbors'. Therefore, only feed your animal inside your apartment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Apartment Community Manager. Take the time to love your pet a little extra this month, and please encourage those who have not had their pets spayed or neutered to do so.