

Important Dates in February...

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

Feb 1st Rent is Due and National Freedom Day

Feb 2nd Groundhog Day

Feb 3rd National Wear Red Day for Heart Awareness and the Day the Music Died

Feb 4th World Cancer Day

Feb 6th Last Day of Rent Grace Period and Bob Marley's Birthday (1945)

Feb 7th Late Charges Are Now Due

Feb 8th Last Day to Submit a Notice of Intent to Move

Feb 11th Satisfied Staying Single Day

Feb 12th Super Bowl Sunday and President Lincoln's Birthday (1809)

Feb 14th Valentine's Day, National Organ Donor Day, and Fredrick Douglass's Birthday (1818)

Feb 15th Susan B. Anthony's Birthday (1820) and Disney's Cinderella Opened (1950)

Feb 17th Random Acts of Kindness Day

Feb 20th President's Day Holiday and Love Your Pet Day

Feb 22nd President Washington's Birthday (1732)

Feb 26th Johnny Cash's Birthday (1932)

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.

National Wear Red Day is the first Friday in February

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. This year National Wear Red Day is Friday, February 3rd.

Rent is due on the First of Each Month

While there is a six-day rent grace period, rent is due on the FIRST of each month. After the rent grace period, late charges will be imposed on the SEVENTH of the month. Therefore, be sure you pay your rent in full by the SIXTH of the month. If you cannot pay your rent in full by the FIRST of the month, contact your Apartment Community Manager **before** the FIRST of the month when the rent is already due to request a Late Payment Plan.

Featured Apartment Community - Now Leasing



Welcome to the all-new Plateau 176 apartment community! Set atop a plateau with views of Mount Rainier and its valley, you will embrace the quiet, peaceful setting and convenience of the distinctive studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom floor plans. Plateau 176's soothing custom color schemes, top-level amenities, such as Gated Community, Seasonal Pool, Covered Parking and Garages Available, High-End Fitness Center, state-of-the-art lighting, and spacious indoors and private balconies/patios inspire stylish living in these brand-new apartments. Desirably located in the Frederickson School District and close to major employers, such as JBLM, Ikea Distribution Center, and one of the Amazon warehouses, you will have access to all this vibrant community has to offer while being a short distance from Frederickson's grocery stores, eateries, and shops.
Serene. Convenient. Beautiful.

February is earthquake awareness month

How can you 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 there is an earthquake and 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 you do during an earthquake

If you are inside when the 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 that fire alarms and sprinkler systems frequently go off in buildings during earthquakes, even if there is no fire. If you are outside when the shaking starts... find a clear spot and drop to the ground. Stay there until the shaking stops (away from buildings, power lines, trees, and 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 seat belt 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. Be alert for falling rocks and other debris if you are in a mountainous area or near unstable slopes or cliffs. Earthquakes often trigger landslides.

What do you do after an earthquake?

After an earthquake, the disaster may continue. Expect and prepare for potential aftershocks, landslides, or even a tsunami. Earthquakes often generate tsunamis. 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.



February is Responsible Pet Owners Month

Although it is important to always be a responsible pet owner, we especially encourage pet owners in 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.

Moisture Accumulates This Time of Year

Unfortunately, this time of year, moisture accumulates in our homes. Moisture occurs as the temperatures outside become colder than the temperatures inside. Our goal is to maintain the highest quality living environment for our valued residents. To help us achieve this goal, we must work together to minimize the potential for conditions that could lead to the growth of naturally occurring moistures. If you have a question or concern regarding this issue, please consult your Apartment Community Manager. They will be happy to answer your questions. We also have compiled a handout with tips for preventing moisture for you. Please let your Apartment Community Manager know if you want a copy of this moisture-preventing information.

Looking for a Great Career?

Do you find yourself at your current job wondering what you could be doing? Are you considering a career change? Have you thought about a rewarding career in multi-family property management? As a resident of a Dobler Management Company's apartment community, you have had the opportunity to experience first-hand the many reasons to appreciate your apartment and apartment community. Why not call it your place of employment, too?

Why work with Dobler Management Company, Inc? We offer our employees the opportunity to live in the beautiful communities we manage. Who wants to commute when you can walk out your front door and be right at work? In addition to taking back more personal time from your current day-to-day commute, our apartment community employees receive:

Highly competitive wage and bonus programs
Medical, Dental, and Vision plans
Paid holidays and vacation time
Apartment rent discounts
Free extensive training programs to promote success and personal satisfaction
Empowering team leadership
Visit our website, www.doblermanagement.com, today to complete an online application and take hold of the first steps into a successful and rewarding career with us!

Live where you work and work where you live!

If You Must Move....

We certainly do not wish to see any of our valuable residents move. If you have a concern or unresolved issue, please call or email your Apartment Community Manager or email info@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. However, if you must move, notify the Apartment Community Manager as soon as possible. February 8, 2023, will be the last day to give a proper, written Twenty Day Notice of Intent to Vacate required by the Washington Residential Landlord/Tenant Act to move at the end of this month. However, if you paid a Last Month's Rent, to avoid an error later in your Resident Payment Ledger, your Twenty Day 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 Days Notice of Intent to Vacate form. When disposing of trash or unwanted items, please do not put them outside the trash container. In addition, do not put large objects, such as furniture, in the dumpster or trash compactor. Should you do either of these, you will be charged for the proper disposal of any trash or items left outside the dumpster. Instead, please notify the Apartment Community Manager so she may assist you with an alternative solution, such as having large items hauled off by an independent vendor at the resident's expense. To ensure your Security Deposit Refund Accounting arrives in a timely manner, including your forwarding address on the 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 need an apartment anywhere in the South Puget Sound area in the future, we hope you will think of our apartment communities.

February is Pull Your Sofa Away from the Wall Month

During the winter months, especially here in our Pacific Northwest, cold and damp climate, moisture, mildew, and mold can be more prevalent. One of the favorite places for mold spores to start multiplying is between the wall and a sofa (or other items) pushed right up against the wall.

This month is a good time to be sure your sofa and other furniture are pulled away from the wall and to check for any signs of moisture, mildew, or mold. Keeping furniture at least three inches away from the walls is a good rule to follow. If you have any questions regarding this moisture prevention tip or any other moisture concerns in your apartment home, please contact your Apartment Community Manager.

The Legend of Saint Valentine

The Catholic Church recognizes three different saints, named Valentine or Valentinus. Many believe the history of Valentine's Day is associated with Saint Valentine. All three were martyred, but one of them, Valentine, was the most famous. Valentine defied Emperor Claudius II by performing marriages between soldiers and their brides. Emperor Claudius outlawed marriage for soldiers saying single men made better soldiers. Valentine disagreed with Claudius believing it was a person's right to choose marriage if the person so desired. The right to love and marry whom we wish may have been Saint Valentine's most significant gift.