

Happenings

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FEBRUARY IS HERE!

Welcome to February—a short but mighty month filled with meaningful moments, exciting events, and plenty to look forward to as we make our way through the heart of winter.

This February brings the excitement of the Winter Olympics in Italy, the thrill of Super Bowl LX in California at the San Francisco 49ers' stadium, and time to reflect and learn during American History Month and Black History Month.

The month is also rich with special days and celebrations, including Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, Mardi Gras, Chinese New Year, and Ash Wednesday—each offering its own opportunity for connection, reflection, and fun.

From global events to cherished traditions, February gives us many reasons to stay engaged, celebrate together, and find warmth even on the coldest days. We're glad you're here to enjoy it with us!



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WINTER OLYMPICS 2026

The 2026 Winter Olympics—officially known as the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games—will take place in beautiful northern Italy **from February 6–22, 2026**. Events will be hosted across Milan (Milano) and Cortina d'Ampezzo, two iconic locations that perfectly blend vibrant city life with stunning Alpine scenery.

These Games promise to be especially exciting, featuring 116 medal events across 16 winter sports disciplines. Athletes from around the world will compete in beloved classics such as alpine skiing, figure skating, ice hockey, snowboarding, and ski jumping. New and expanded events—including ski mountaineering, freestyle skiing, and mixed-team competitions—add fresh energy and variety to this year's program.

One of the most charming highlights of Milano Cortina 2026 is the pair of official mascots, Tina and Milo. These playful stoat siblings were created through a public design contest and represent the spirit of the host cities. Tina symbolizes the Olympic Games, while Milo represents the Paralympics—together celebrating diversity, resilience, and the joy of sport.

In the months leading up to the Games, the Olympic torch traveled an inspiring 12,000-kilometer journey, beginning in Olympia, Greece, and winding through communities across Italy before arriving in Milan for the Opening Ceremony—a powerful symbol of unity and Olympic tradition.

JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

We'll be featuring Italy- and Olympics-themed documentaries all month long, so be sure to tune in and enjoy the excitement. Everyone is also invited to watch the Opening Ceremonies with us **in the Activities Room on Friday, February 6 at 2:00 PM**.

Come share in the fun, the culture, and the Olympic spirit—we hope to see you there!



MILANO CORTINA 2026 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES MILAN & CORTINA D'AMPEZZO



WHAT'S GOIN' ON?

NEW! GRIEF SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD

A monthly grief support group is available for anyone who has experienced the profound loss of a child. **This group meets in the Sunroom on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.**

The loss of a child is one of life's most difficult and deeply personal hardships. This support group offers a caring, understanding space where participants can share, listen, and find comfort in knowing they are not alone. Coming together can help lighten the burden through shared experiences and mutual support.

The group is led by resident Ruth Billington, who warmly welcomes anyone who feels they may benefit from attending. All discussions are held in strict confidence, ensuring a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

If you have questions or would like more information, please feel free to speak with Denise at the Worthington.



ROLLERS & STROLLERS

Join the patio home residents every Wednesday at 10am as they "Roll 'n Stroll" around the circle. A great way to get some fresh air and connect with your neighbors. The weather is nice, come out and get some exercise with friends!

READERS THEATRE! – YOU ARE INVITED!

By popular request, we're excited to launch a brand-new activity this month: Readers Theatre — a fun and engaging way to spark creativity, connect with others, and bring stories to life!

Readers Theatre offers a variety of benefits for older adults, including cognitive stimulation, enhanced communication skills, emotional expression, and meaningful social interaction — all in a relaxed, enjoyable setting. No memorization is required, and everything you need is provided — including scripts, skits, and reading prompts.

Join volunteer, Michele Shaub, every Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM in the Worthington Activity Room and discover the joy of performing without pressure. Whether you're a seasoned storyteller or just curious, come see what it's all about!

INFORMATION MEETING WITH PAM HEALTH GREELEY

You are invited to join us at The Worthington for an Information Meeting with PAM (People Always Matter) **on Wednesday, February 11th at 2:30 PM in the Worthington Town Hall.**

This relaxed and informative session will provide a clear overview of PAM's services, values, and the compassionate support they offer. The presentation will be easy to follow and focused on what matters most—people, dignity, and respectful care. There will be plenty of time to listen, learn, and ask questions.

Residents and family members are warmly welcome to attend. This meeting offers an opportunity for open discussion, thoughtful conversation, and direct connection with PAM representatives, who will be happy to explain available programs and resources in a straightforward and respectful way.

This is a wonderful chance to become informed, feel empowered, and learn more about services that truly put people first.

NATURALIST KEVIN COOK — PART 2 OF HIS NEW NATURE SERIES

Join Kevin on Thursday, February 12th, at 10:00 AM in the Worthington Activity Room for the 2nd installment of a new, always-popular nature series!

This installment is entitled "Kind not Size, A Nest Helper, and Unexpected Venom" and he states, "Slurring names imposes misunderstanding that becomes culturally accepted. And who would expect a snake could help an owl raise offspring? Speaking of snakes invokes images of venom, but no one associates venom with mammals even though we have one."

This unique and thought-provoking presentation is perfect for anyone curious about how nature and humanity shape each other across the Centennial State.

Don't miss it!

Sign-up required!
Call 970-490-1000

THE TORINO CIRCLE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

From the FREEDOM FORUM: "News stories about book bans have been on the rise in recent years. Attempts to challenge books, restrict their availability in some way, or completely remove books from public school classrooms and libraries have happened in many states and school districts."

Our group has decided to read a banned book that is totally unknown to any in our group, and have a discussion about book banning.

We will be meeting Monday, February 16th, 2025, at 10:00 AM, at the home of Carol Herbert (#862). Our group selected the book The Absolute True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie.

This banned book, “which is based on the author’s own experiences, tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the reservation to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.”

*Barbara Hagen and Carol Herbert,
Co-Organizers*

If you are new to our community or would like to join our group, but haven’t read the book, join us anyway. We’d enjoy having you there. Any questions about joining, or anything else about the group, **please contact Barbara Hagen at (970) 219-9600 or e-mail her at bhagen6NT@gmail.com**

TORINO CIRCLE GENTLEMEN’S BOOK CLUB

More Than a Book Club – A Time to Connect

Calling all gentlemen of Torino Circle! You’re invited to join a new monthly gathering that’s not just about reading—it’s about sharing, connecting, and enjoying great conversation with fellow neighbors.

Reading the book is optional—your life experience, thoughts, and stories are what truly make the group special. Whether you’ve read every chapter or just come for the coffee and camaraderie, you’ll be warmly welcomed.

Next Meeting:
Monday, February 16th, 2026

Time:
10:00am

Location:
Home of Bob & Mary Clark (#863)

Book:
YOUR CHOICE!
Choose the best book you’ve ever read. You will have 5 minutes to tell us why! Your favorite might just be chosen as our book for March!

Questions? Contact Bob Clark at (970) 420-0318

We look forward to seeing you there—bring your thoughts, your stories, and a smile!

TORINO CIRCLE LUNCH BUNCH

Please join us this month when Carol Herbert hosts our next gathering...a brunch bunch:

*Thursday, February 12, 2026
at 11:00 AM*

Another Broken Egg (2909 E.Harmony Road, #140, near Harmony and Ziegler)

Menu available at <https://www.anotherbrokenegg.com/locations/fort-collins-co/>

RSVP: Contact Carol **no later than Tuesday, February 10, in person, at 916-288-8803 or at the.princess.carol@gmail.com.**

Please consider hosting our next Lunch Bunch on March 12. Here’s what the host does:

- Choose a restaurant (list available from Ellie Aronow) and contact them about date availability and final headcount deadline.
- Let the restaurant know that the group usually numbers 10-16 people and ask whether they have a separate room. If not, ask if they have a “quieter” spot for our group.
- Ask what table sizes are available. Tables of six or eight usually work best; but tables of four seats have also worked.
- Inquire about parking availability.
- Accept RSVPs in person or via cell phone, text or email (your choice).

Questions? Contact Ellie (in person or by phone at 480-993-7910). As coordinator, she will post a Lunch Bunch notice on the community bulletin board, submit information to the Happenings, and send a reminder email.

GUEST SPEAKER EVENT: ONCE UPON A YEAR WITH JIM WILLARD

Thursday, February 19th, at 11:00 AM

We’re excited to welcome back Jim Willard for his popular series, Once Upon a Year! **Join us on Thursday, February 19th, at 11:00 AM** for a nostalgic journey through time.

In this engaging program, Jim will take us on a trip down memory lane—exploring notable moments from years past, including highlights in world events, politics, pop culture, music, and entertainment. It’s a fascinating and fun look at the decades that shaped our lives.

This event fills up fast, so sign-ups are required!

Reserve your spot today by calling 970-490-1000.

Don’t miss out on this entertaining and enlightening stroll through history!

TORINO SHARING LIBRARY

The current library stewards are Dan and Kathy Wendland (#827). **You can reach them at 970-377-1235 if you have questions or concerns.** Bob Clark (#863) has provided our magazine sharing rack at the library.

Thank you to all who donate books and magazines to keep our selection interesting and diverse!



MAINTENANCE/LANDSCAPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

FURNACE FILTER CHANGE-OUTS

Carlos and Sam have started changing out furnace filters. If they haven't changed yours yet, they will get to you very soon. Thank you for your patience!



IMPORTANT MAINTENANCE & LANDSCAPING REMINDER:

To ensure your maintenance needs are handled efficiently, **please remember to always call the Worthington Front Desk at (970) 490-1000 to place a work or landscaping order—especially during evenings, weekends, or after hours.**

A few helpful tips:

- Our maintenance team follows a scheduled list using an app called *Limble* and may not have time to take on additional requests during a visit.
- For the best service, please avoid adding extra tasks in person while they are working in or around your unit.
- To keep everything organized, we kindly ask that you do not email or text work orders to the Administrator, particularly outside of business hours.

Reminder: Maintenance is available on-call for emergent needs on weekends and after hours. Some examples of a maintenance emergency include Air conditioning or heat not working, no hot water, water leaks or flooding, and egress-related issues.

Note: If your smoke detector is alarming and saying “fire” or “carbon monoxide”, please contact 911, do not contact the front desk.

*Thank you for helping us serve you better
by following these simple guidelines!*