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Presidents' Day Origin

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The story of Presidents' Day date begins in 1800. Following President George Washington's death in 1799, his February 22nd birthday became a perennial day of remembrance. At the time,

Washington was venerated as the most important figure in American history, and events like the 1832 centennial of his birth and the start of construction of the Washington Monument in 1848 were cause for national celebration.

While Washington's Birthday was an unofficial observance for most of the 1800s, it was not until the late 1870s that it became a federal holiday. The shift from Washington's Birthday to Presidents' Day began in the late 1960s when Congress proposed a measure known as the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. This law sought to shift the celebration of several federal holidays from specific dates to a series of predetermined Mondays. The proposed change was seen by many as a novel way to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers, and it was believed that ensuring holidays always fell on the same weekday would reduce employee absenteeism.

Did You Know?

Presidents' Day never falls on the actual birthday of any American president. Four chief executives, George Washington, William Henry Harrison, Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan were born in February, but their birthdays all come either too early or late to coincide with Presidents' Day, which is always celebrated on the third Monday of the month.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Incentive Pilot Program

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A \$200 EnergyWise incentive for the installation of a residential vehicle charging station is available for a limited time from Norris Public Power District. This incentive is for customers who purchase an electric vehicle and choose to install a ChargePoint 32 amp Wi-Fi enabled station. Other charging stations may be incented but must pass pre-approval criteria. To qualify for the pilot incentive program, the installation location of the charging station must have internet wireless connectivity.

To receive an incentive, you must:

1. Purchase and install a ChargePoint 240V 32A Wi-Fi connected charging station at your home.
2. Activate the charging station with the ChargePoint app.
3. Download and fill out the EnergyWise [Electric Vehicle Charging Station Incentive Pilot Program application](#).
4. Submit your completed application to Norris Public Power District who will verify that the installation meets the program criteria before issuing any incentive.
5. By signing the application, you agree to release your charging station energy usage data to Norris Public Power District.

Old Man Winter

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Heavy accumulations of ice and snow coupled with fluctuating winter temperatures can bring down utility poles, trees and limbs with the ability to disrupt power for days on end. With this comes a threat to property and to life itself.

Norris Public Power District is devoted to restoring power to customers, but severe damage can take days or weeks to repair. Norris wants you to know how to stay safe and comfortable during winter power outages. Preparation for power outages begins before cold temperatures set in. Your home should be properly insulated, with caulking and weather-stripping around doors, windows and other cracks. If you have trees with limbs that could fall on power lines, the limbs should be trimmed by a professional.

You should also have an emergency kit ready to go. The kit should have flashlights, a radio, batteries, nonperishable food, water, medicines and extra blankets.

If you have done all this preparation, a winter power outage will be less stressful for you. When a storm hits and you are without power, keep the following in mind:

- Avoid going outside. Power lines and other energized equipment could be hidden by snow, ice and debris. Treat all downed lines as energized, and dangerous. Downed power lines do not have to be sparking, arcing or moving to be dangerous.

- Switch off lights and appliances to prevent damaging appliances and overloading circuits when power is restored. Leave one lamp or light switch on as a signal for when your power returns.
- To prevent water pipes from freezing, keep faucets turned on slightly so that water drips from the tap. Know how to shut off water valves just in case a pipe bursts.
- Check on elderly or disabled friends and neighbors.
- Stay inside and dress in warm, layered clothing.
- Close off unneeded rooms.
- When using an alternative heat source, follow operating instructions, use fire safeguards and be sure to properly ventilate. Always keep a multipurpose, dry-chemical fire extinguisher nearby and know how to use it.
- Stuff towels and rags underneath doors to keep the heat in.
- Cover windows at night.
- Keep a close eye on the temperature in your home. Infants or persons over age 65 are more susceptible to the cold. You may want to stay with friends, relatives or in a shelter if you can't keep your home warm.
- Consider installing ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) for electrical outlets in areas that might be affected by melting snow or ice. This will help prevent electrocutions and electrical shock injuries. Portable GFCIs that do not require tools for installation can also be purchased for winter emergency supply kits.

Norris Public Power District hopes you will not have to endure an extended power outage this winter. If you do, a little knowledge and preparation can make the experience less stressful.

Strawberries And Cream Poke Cake

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INGREDIENTS

- 1 box, (15.25 oz.) Strawberry flavored cake mix
- 1 c. water
- ½ c. oil
- 3 eggs
- ¾ c. strawberry jam, warmed
- 1 (8 oz.) pkg., cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 c. powdered sugar
- 2 Tbsp. milk
- 1 (8 oz.) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 pint fresh strawberries, sliced

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly spray a 9 x 13" pan with non-stick baking spray. Mix cake mix, water, oil and eggs according to package directions. Pour batter into the prepared pan and bake for 30-35 minutes (or according to package directions). The cake is done when a toothpick inserted comes out clean and crumb-free.
2. While cake is still hot, use the back of a wooden spoon to poke holes in the cake about 1" apart. Warm the strawberry jam in the microwave (about 30-60 seconds) and stir. Pour the jam into the holes of the cake. Let the cake cool completely.
3. Mix the whipped topping: With a hand or stand mixer, mix the cream cheese and powdered sugar. Add the milk and cream together to a smooth consistency. Add the full container of whipped topping and mix just until combined. Top cooled cake with the whipped topping and spread evenly over the cake. Add the sliced strawberries to the top of the cake. Refrigerate until ready to serve.
4. Cover and refrigerate for up to a week.

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