

# TARA TALK



## WHO'S NEW IN TARA TOWNHOMES?



House #3: James Duckworth

House #13: Kellie Simon

House #32: David Coursey & Scott Higley

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS!!!**

## Valentine's Day Trivia

The first heart shaped box of chocolates was introduced in 1861 by which chocolate maker?

- A. Hershey's
- B. Cadbury
- C. Russell Stover
- D. Nestle

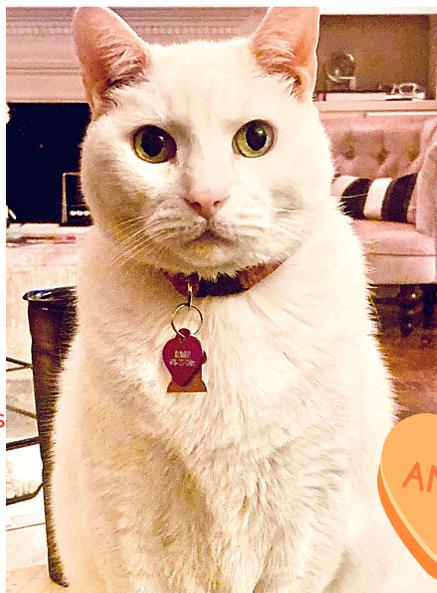
*(Answer on page 2)*



## TARA PET OF THE MONTH

### Meet Romeo!

Our pet of the month is Romeo of House #26! Romeo is a 13 year old gentleman looking for his Valentine... could it be you? On summer days, you may find him sunbathing on the balcony while his mom, Ashley Tavalario tends to her flowers. You may also catch him relaxing in his window hammock. He enjoys warm summer breezes, fall scented candles, and heated blankets in the winter! He spends most of his days lounging around the house but loves toys filled with catnip. February is his favorite month because he loves love and attention which makes his name a purrrrfect match! 12/10 the best Valentine kitty!!!



## TARA BOOK CLUB

March's book of the month is *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende. Contact Jan Allen in #14 if you'd like to join us!

# RECIPE OF THE MONTH: STRAWBERRY VALENTINE CHEX MIX

## INGREDIENTS

- 6 cups Rice Chex cereal
- 1 bag of white chocolate baking chips {12 oz}
- 1 box of Strawberry Creme Jell-O Pudding {pudding, NOT gelatin!}
- Valentines M&M's and/or Sprinkles
- Red food coloring (optional)

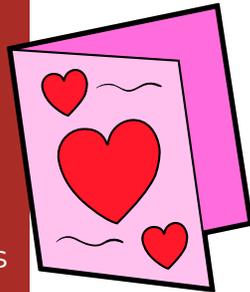


## DIRECTIONS

1. Measure out 6 cups of Chex cereal into a large bowl.
2. Pour chocolate into a small glass dish. Microwave for 1 minute 20 seconds. Let sit in the microwave for 3 minutes. Remove and gently stir. If chocolate loses its shape and looks smooth, it's done. If not, return to the microwave in 15 second increments, letting it sit for 2-3 minutes each time, until melted and smooth.
3. Add 4 TBSP of the strawberry creme pudding into the white chocolate and stir gently until smooth. Add 2 drops of red food coloring, if desired.
4. Pour the chocolate mixture over the Chex cereal and stir gently to coat.
5. Transfer cereal mixture to a large piece of wax paper. Sprinkle with M&M's and Valentines sprinkles, if desired. Let cool to set. Break pieces and store in an airtight container to save. Candy can be made up to 3-4 days ahead, if desired. It saves well!

*Did you know??*

Americans send over 145 MILLION Valentine Cards each year (not including the ones kids exchange in classrooms). Of all recipients, teachers receive the most cards annually!



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**REMINDER**

**Please keep your garage doors closed and front lights on as much as possible to help the community with security and visibility at night (plus it looks fabulous!)**

## HAVE EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR NEXT TARA TALK?

Email Ally (#19) at [allymay@me.com](mailto:allymay@me.com) and Maggie (#16) at [mginn6@gmail.com](mailto:mginn6@gmail.com) to join in the fun!

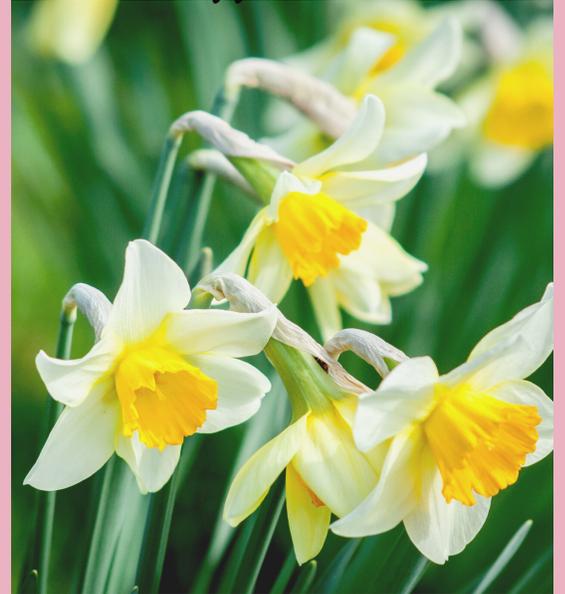
*Trivia Answer: E. Cadbury*

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## What's Blooming Around Tara?

**One of the best parts of Tara is the beautiful greenery and landscaping - get excited for this month's featured foliage!**

### *Daffodils*



1. Daffodils can be found growing all over Tara, and will be in bloom from February to as late as April
2. There are 25 different species and nearly 13,000 hybrids!
3. Daffodil bulbs should be planted in the fall, and will return annually
4. Daffodils should not be placed in a vase with other flowers as their stems are toxic to other flowers
5. They are used to celebrate 10th anniversaries (as is tin)
6. Oakland Cemetery has an annual Daffodil Day while thousands are in bloom throughout the grounds - this year's event is February 26th from 10am-2pm. Maggie 10/10 recommends!