

# CELEBRATE GOPHER TORTOISE DAY!



## The Nature Center at TGO celebrates **GOPHER TORTOISE DAY**

with TGO NatureScape at  
**TORTOISEVILLE**  
(accessible on the Doggie Walk)

**Thursday**  
**April 10**  
**3 to 6 p.m.**

**Gopher Tortoise Day** has been established by the State of Florida to recognize these amazing reptiles and their importance in the ecosystem. Gopher tortoises are a keystone species, since over 350 other species utilize their long, underground burrows for shelter and protection. They are classified as Threatened by the State, primarily due to habitat loss, and we are lucky to have them living here at TGO.

TGO NatureScape and its team of volunteers and supporting partners have been working to improve the wildlife habitat at Tortoiseville, adjacent to the Doggie Walk Cart Path just north of Baytree Drive. **Come out anytime between 3pm - 6pm** to learn about Florida's only native tortoise and our Habitat Restoration Project.

There will be a tent and knowledgeable experts will be on hand to tell you everything you need to know! Also find out how you can volunteer to help with the effort or provide financial support. We will have displays and handouts, and you might be able to see a gopher tortoise up close!

