

**The Preserve on Anastasia Island**  
**Newsletter**  
**February 2021**

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"See! I was born on February 29th,  
so I'm still a juvenile!"

**Gym Closed** - Due to a water pipe break and water damage to the weight room side of the gym, we have closed that side until further notice. Gail is working diligently to get it repaired and reopened. Please be patient.

**Recycling Bin** - We have had to abandon the Recycling Program due to constant contamination and the unsightly overflow being placed on the ground next to the bin when full. Here are several locations to drop off recycling: Leth Metal Recycling 730 S. Holmes Blvd, Saint Augustine, FL 32084 ~3.9 mi, Republic Services 445-A Republic Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32095 ~13.7 mi, North Oak Recycling 2270 Dobbs Rd, Saint Augustine, FL 32086 ~2.8 mi, Waste Pro 671 S. Holmes Blvd, Saint Augustine, FL 32084 ~4 mi. Also see attached list.

**Trash Compactor** - **Please do not press the emergency button on the trash compactor.** It is there for absolute emergencies only. It stops the compactor which will back up if left that way. Also, do not leave trash on the ground for someone to clean up. If the compactor is full and cannot hold any more, wait to dispose of your trash. It is emptied 3 times a week – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The entrance to our community should be free of trash lying around.

**Groundhog Day - February 2<sup>nd</sup>**: The first official Groundhog Day celebration took place on February 2, 1887, in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. It was the brainchild of local newspaper editor Clymer Freas, who sold a group of businessmen and groundhog hunters—known collectively as the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club—on the idea. Groundhog Day: History and Facts - HISTORY

**Valentines Day** – February 14: During the Middle Ages, it was commonly believed in France and England that February 14 was the beginning of birds' mating season, which added to the idea that the middle of February, Valentine's Day, should be a day for romance. The English poet Geoffrey Chaucer was the first to record St. Valentine's Day as a day of romantic celebration in his 1375 poem "Parliament of Fowles," writing, "For this was sent on Seynt Valentyne's day / Whan every foul cometh there to choose his mate." History of Valentine's Day - Facts, Origins & Traditions - HISTORY

**No Brainer Day** - February 27 is No Brainer Day. It is believed that the holiday was created by Adrienne Sioux Koopersmith in the United States as a way to remind people that most things are simple and that many problems we encounter daily have obvious and easy solutions. No Brainer Day – Fun Holiday ([timeanddate.com](http://timeanddate.com))

**MARDI GRAS 5K ON THE BEACH** February 20, 8:30AM Anastasia State Park, 300 Anastasia Park Rd. (904) 471-9622 Fees range from \$25. St. Augustine Events February 2021 ([trolleytours.com](http://trolleytours.com))

*Jenny*