

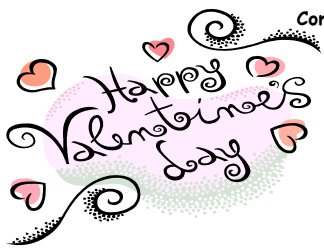


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Monday - Friday 10am to 5pm

**Around Town**

**Community News**

**Community Coffee Hour.** Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am in the clubhouse.

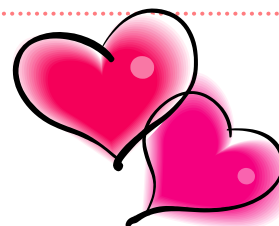
**Julius Caesar, Father of Leap Year**

Julius Caesar was behind the origin of leap year in 45 BC. The early Romans had a 355 day calendar and to keep festivals occurring around the same season each year a 22 or 23 day month was created every second year. Julius Caesar decided to simplify things and added days to different months of the year to create the 365 day calendar, the actual calculations were made by Caesar's astronomer, Sosigenes. Every fourth year following the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February one day was to be added, making every fourth year a leap year.

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII further refined the calendar with the rule that leap day would occur in any year divisible by 4 as described above.

**Super Bowl XLVI.** Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>. New York Giants vs New England Patriots. Kick-off time 6:30pm EST Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis featuring Madonna at half-time.

**Bridal Extravaganza.** Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Mall of Monroe. Noon-4pm. Vendors will be present as well as a fashion show at 2pm. For more info call 734.242.9150



**Groundhog Day** (from Wikipedia)

“Groundhog Day is a holiday celebrated on February 2 in the US and Canada. According to folklore, if it is cloudy when a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day, it will leave the burrow, signifying that winter will soon end. If on the other hand, it is sunny, the groundhog will supposedly “see its shadow” and retreat back into its burrow and winter will continue for six more weeks.

The largest Groundhog Day celebration is held in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Groundhog Day received worldwide attention as a result of the 1993 film of the same name which was set in Punxsutawney and featured Punxsutawney Phil.

The holiday, which began as a Pennsylvania German custom in southeastern and central Pennsylvania in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, has its origins in ancient European weather lore, wherein a badger or sacred bear is the prognosticator as opposed to a groundhog. The holiday also bears some similarities to the medieval Catholic holiday of Candlemas. It also bears similarities to the Pagan festival of Imbolc, the seasonal turning point of the Celtic calendar, which is celebrated on February 1 and also involves weather prognostication.”

