



FEBRUARY WEATHER PREDICTION FOR FLORIDA

Temperatures slightly below normal and precipitation slightly above normal. Temperatures should average from 56 in the north to 61 in the south.



FEBRUARY GARDENING TIPS

Since February tends to be dry, check your plants and lawn for dry spots and add water if needed. Prune and fertilize your established fruit trees before the month's end, and cut your roses back, reducing their size by 1/2 to 2/3. If you saved your holiday poinsettia, move it outdoors this month when the plant begins to fade. Poinsettias love places that are out of direct sunlight. February is also time to prune hardy shrubs and trees, like Abelia, Arborvitae, Beautyberry, Eleagnus, Gardenia, Althea, summer Hydrangea, summer Spirea, Sumac, Japanese Keria, Butterfly Bush and Yew. But don't cut your Azaleas, Oak Leaf Hydrangeas, Forsythia and other spring bloomers, because you'll snip off their spring-blooming buds.



FLORIDA TIDBIT

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At the end of the Seven Years War, England acquired Florida and divided it into East Florida and West Florida at the Apalachicola River.

BIG READ TEA PARTY



Tracy Borgatti, Jennifer Sloane and Toby Manion discuss their perspectives on *The Great Gatsby* at a tea party reminiscent of scenes from the 1925 novel. The party at the historic Plumb House was the finale of Clearwater's edition of The Big Read, a national initiative to encourage communities to collectively read a selected classic novel and hold related events. The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative, Clearwater Cultural Affairs, Clearwater Public Library System, and Clearwater Historical Society were partners in the program.

- Started work on EAR-based Comprehensive Plan amendments. EAR stands for Evaluation and Appraisal Report and is the process in which the city's Comprehensive Plan is reviewed and updated every seven years.
- Participated in the developer selection process for the Prospect Lake Park site.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR LIBRARY

- Hosted reception for the 2006 International Parade of Carousel Elephants, sponsored by the Patel Foundation for Global Understanding as part of the library's annual public art display.
- Featured a demonstration by famed Florida Highwayman artist Sylvester Wells at North Greenwood Library with tremendous community support. The Friends of the Library established a Highwaymen collection at the Main Library.
- Completed the Special Collections area at Main Library and partnered with the Clearwater Historical Society and Clearwater Depression Glass Club to celebrate Clearwater's unique history.
- Hosted first Studio Waltz, using Main Library galleries as a hub for north Pinellas County gallery hop.
- Worked with Pinellas Public Library Cooperative to plan and execute National Endowment for the Arts grant for The Big Read. Hosted scholarly book discussion, showed *The Great Gatsby* film at Main Library, and worked with Cultural Affairs to coordinate the finale event.
- Increased community outreach contacts to include arts, social, and business organizations through book clubs, rotary, and art organizations.