

Village View

A Publication of the Oakleaf Village Homeowners Association



SCAM ALERT

We made it through the storm without a huge amount of damage, and that is great! Unfortunately many others were not so lucky. South Florida, Puerto Rico, The US Virgan islands, and the Keys got hit hard.

So with all those people in need, soon you will start getting phone calls, e-mails, people coming to the door, and people standing in the street with buckets wanting you to donate your money to help these unfortunate people. The problem is most of these “charities” are scams. The money never gets to those it is supposed to help. Even worst you may end up losing everything you have.

We suggest never trusting anyone that calls, emails or comes up to you asking for donations. The Federal Trade Commission also has a few suggestions that will help you get your money to those that need it, while keeping you safe at the same time.

- 1) Donate to charities you know and trust and that have a proven track record.
- 2) Avoid charities that seem to have sprung up overnight in connection with current events. Some are scams. And even if they mean well, charities formed quickly may not have the infrastructure to be effective.
- 3) Check out the charity with the Better Business Bureau’s (BBB) Wise Giving Alliance, Charity Navigator, Charity Watch, or GuideStar. These organizations provide lists of charities they have screened that are raising funds for specific causes, like Hurricane Harvey or Irma relief assistance.
- 4) Don’t assume that charity messages posted on social media are legitimate. Research the organization yourself online. Search the organization name and words like “scam.”
- 5) Designate the disaster. Charities may give the option to designate your giving to a specific relief effort. That way, you can ensure your funds are going to help hurricane victims, rather than a general fund.
- 6) Give directly rather than through a paid fundraiser. Professional fundraisers get a percentage of your donation, sometimes 50 percent or more.
- 7)When texting to donate, confirm the number with the source before you donate. The charge will show up on your mobile phone bill, but donations are not immediate.
- 8) Find out if the charity or fundraiser must be registered in your state by contacting the National Association of State Charity Officials.
- 9) Check out the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) volunteer and donation page. It outlines the best ways you can help people and communities who are impacted by a disaster.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW!!!

For months we have been asking for volunteers to help the community by joining the HOA board. So far we have had very very few (okay, almost nobody) asked about how they can help the neighborhood.

Most of the people who have been volunteering on the HOA board have been doing it for years and some for decades. They’d like a break and pass the baton to someone else. Unfortunately no one has stepped up so they either continue to volunteer or they leave and nobody replaces them.

Several of our board members are forced to do more than 1 job do to the lack of help.

If **YOU** want the HOA to continue to be **YOUR** voice with the city and county as well as **YOUR** security patrol and beautification workers, then it is time for **YOU** to help out.

We need people to write and layout the newsletter, update the web page and answer inquiries, deliver newsletters, plan social events, maintain the entrances, come to the board meetings with fresh ideas, help with the security patrol, etc. So, if you are willing to help out please contact Tom Tucker at: 937-5935.

GARAGE/YARD SALE

Do you have stuff that you want to turn in to cash? The Oakleaf Village annual Garage/Yard sale is just around the corner. This year’s Garage/Yard sale date is Saturday, November 11th. If you would like to participate, contact Sunny Norfleet at 727-938-7049.

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THINGS TO DO

Sunset Beach Concert Series

When: Thu, October 5, 7pm – 9pm
Where: Sunset Beach, Tarpon Springs

First Friday Tarpon Springs

When: Fri, October 6, 6pm – 10pm
Where: West Tarpon Avenue, Tarpon Springs

Oktoberfest

When: Fri, October 6, 10am – 10pm
Sat, October 7, 10am – 10pm
Sun, October 8, 12pm – 6pm
Where: Tarpon Tavern, 21 N Safford Ave, Tarpon Springs

Night in the Islands

When: Sat, October 7, 6:00pm – 11:30pm
Where: Dodecanese Boulevard, Tarpon Springs

Zombie Run

When: Sat, October 14, 9am – 10am
Where: Tarpon Springs Splash Park, 508 Live Oak St, Tarpon Springs

Trunk or Treat Halloween Bash

When: Sat, October 21, 11am – 2pm
Where: Tarpon Springs Community Center, South Walton Avenue, Tarpon Springs.

Description: Tarpon Springs Recreation 727-942-5628

Author Presentation: “Unsinkable”

When: Sat, October 21, 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Where: Tarpon Springs Historical Train Depot Museum, 160 E Tarpon Ave, Tarpon Springs
Description: The true story of the USS Indianapolis. Hosted by the Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society.

Howl-O-Scream at Busch Gardens

When: Thursday, October 26, 2017 – Sunday, October 29, 2017
Where: Busch Gardens, Tampa
Description: Be spooked by unexpected terrors around every corner at this year’s Howl-O-Scream at Busch Gardens! The park will be open from 7:30 p.m.-1 a.m. Howl-O-Scream is intended for a mature audience.

Sponge Docks Arts & Crafts Show

When: Sat, October 28, 10am – 6pm
Sun, October 29, 10am – 5pm
Where: Dodecanese Boulevard, Tarpon Spring

Tarpon Springs and Lowes Holiday Safety Festival

When: Sat, October 28, 11am – 3pm
Where: Lowe’s Home Improvement, Tarpon Springs
Description: Tarpon Springs Fire Rescue 727-938-3737

Sunset Beach Concert Series

When: Thu, November 2, 7pm – 9pm
Where: Sunset Beach, Tarpon Springs

First Friday Tarpon Springs

When: Fri, November 3, 6pm – 10pm
Where: West Tarpon Avenue, Tarpon Springs

Antique and Treasure Sale

When: Sat, November 4, 9am – 4pm
Where: Tarpon Avenue at US Alternate 19 - Mother Meres Parking lot

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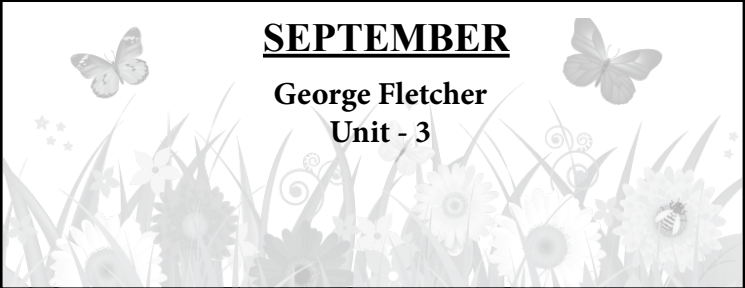
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BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

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REMINDERS



FALL CLEAN-UP
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Time to get rid of that stuff that has been nagging you for awhile
PLACE ITEMS SUCH AS THE FOLLOWING AT THE CURB BY 7:00AM:

Permitted items include furniture, mattresses, household items, carpet and padding bundled in 4' sections, oven, washer, dryer, microwave. Items NOT picked up include: tires, yard waste, propane tanks, air conditioning units, construction material over 4', refrigerators, freezers, electronics or chemicals!



TIME CHANGE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
Remember to set clocks back 1 hour on November 5th





Halloween Safety Tips for Trick or Treating

Kids look forward to Halloween for many reasons. They like the dressing up in costumes but the mostly they like it for the candy and treats! Who wouldn't? Even some adults still like to go out trick or treating. It makes them feel young and happy again. While this section sticks mainly to guidelines for kids, they are just as useful for adults.

Trick or Treating should be one of the great adventures of Halloween for kids! They can get dressed in scary costumes and go door to door, begging "Tricks or Treats!" from neighbors or at the local mall. Lots of small towns have a Halloween Safe Night at the community center or school so kids can Trick-or-Treat safely but going door to door is the stuff of childhood memories! It should be a fun time, without trouble and pain, so following some easy tips can keep your child safe every Halloween.

- Younger children should always go out trick or treating accompanied by a responsible adult. If you have a group of kids going, the parents should choose two or three of them to go along and keep an eye on things.

- Some towns set a curfew for trick or treating which makes it easier for townsfolk to know who's coming to their door. Make sure and stick to the curfew times and stick to subdivisions and areas with a lot of homes so your kids can get in as much trick or treating as possible in a few hours time.

- Plan a safe route so parents know where their older kids will be at all times. Set a time for their return home. Make sure that your child is old enough and responsible enough to go out by themselves. Make sure that they have a cell phone.

- Let your children know not to cut through back alleys and fields. Make sure they know to stay in populated areas and not to go off the beaten track. Let them know to stay in well lighted areas with lots of people around.

- Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they bring them home to be examined by you. This way you can check for any problem candy and get the pick of the best stuff!

- Instruct your child to never go into the home of a stranger or get into their car. Explain why this is not a good idea and what to do if someone approaches them and tries to talk to them.

- Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.

How much do you know about Halloween and other things spooky

- 1) The Celtic holiday that Halloween comes from?
- 2) Morticia Addams is the wife of?
- 3) Merman, Lily and Grampa were members of what T.V. Show family?
- 4) The first Jack O'Lanterns were actually made from?
- 5) The largest one of these is 836 lbs?
- 6) Werewolves are repelled by?
- 7) In Bram Stoker's book, Dracula is killed when his head is cut off and this is plunged in to his heart?
- 8) Between 1520 and 1630 in France 30,000 people were accused of being what?
- 9) Female star of the 1978 movie Halloween?
- 10) In the "Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown" who fights the Red Baron?
- 11) A broom riding witch is the symbol found on this city's police cars?
- 12) The two cities claiming to be the Halloween Capital?
- 13) Samhainophobia is the morbid fear of?
- 14) Country believed to be the birthplace of Halloween?
- 15) Famous magician that died on Halloween in 1926?
- 16) What act caused (answer of 15) death?
- 17) The word bonfire derived from when these were burned?
- 18) Mythical beings who defy death by sucking the blood of humans?
- 19) Created to keep water from running down the walls of buildings?
- 20) Guardians of fields?