FIRST AND FOREMOST WE ARE ALL SO BLESSED THAT IRMA DID NOT DESTROY WINWARD LAKES. YES A FEW TREES, FENCING, SCREEN PORCH AND ROOF DAMAGE. BUT WE ARE ALL SAFE.

AS YOU HAVE SEEN WE HAVE NEW HOMES COMING IN, AND SOME SELLING AS FAST AS THEY COME IN, SO PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE HOMES, AS THEY MAY BELONG TO SOMEONE.

SEEMS THE HOLIDAYS ARE UPON US, WHETHER WE WANT THEM OR NOT. SO PLEASE, IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE GONE FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME, LET THE OFFICE KNOW, WE WILL WANT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS FOR YOU, PLUS WE WILL KNOW YOU ARE OK, ALSO IF YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE GUEST, PLEASE ADVISE US, SO WE KNOW THAT YOUR GUEST BELONGS HERE.

REMEMBER WITH THE HOLIDAYS, WE HAVE A RENT DROP BOX THAT WE CHECK ON THE HOLIDAYS, SO IF YOU ARE LATE WITH THE PAYMENT WE NOTICE THAT YOU ARE LATE. SO PLEASE DROP YOUR PAYMENTS IN THE DROP BOX. I UNDERSTAND SOME OF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH DOING THAT, BUT IT IS BETTER THEN BEING LATE AS THE OFFICE IS CLOSED.

AND OF COURSE RENT INCREASE IS THIS MONTH ALONG WITH THE ASSESSMENT INCREASE OF .66 CENTS AND THE $5.00 FILING FEE. ALSO I DON’T KNOW WHEN BUT, THE SURVEY SHOULD BE HERE SOMETIME IN OCTOBER SO PLEASE BE WATCHING FOR IT, AND PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FILL IT OUT AS, THEY REALLY WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

IF THERE IS A STORM AND WE LOOSE ELECTRICITY REMEMBER WE HAVE NO PHONE SERVICE!!!!! IF THE GATES ARE CLOSED, THEY WILL AUTOMATICALLY OPEN AND LOCK OPEN.

WE FAIRED THOUGH THIS STORM IRMA, PLEASE REMEMBER TO ALWAYS REMOVE YOURSELVES IF A STORM FORCAST.

BUD AND GINGER

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**Virgo October 2017 Horoscope** - foretells that you are facing two dominant eclipses this month. It is advisable to cut down your activities during those periods. You should only do important things in October 2017.

**Scorpio October 2017 Horoscope** - You can use your autonomy and enterprise to attain your goals the way you want. There is no need for depending on others or compromising to their whims. Scorpio, your way is the best way in October 2017.

NEW HOMES MEANS NEW DEALS AT WINWARD LAKES?

NEW

3726 Yardarm

PREOWNED

3705 binnacle

COMMUNITY DINNER

When: Oct. 14th
Time: 6pm
Meal: Brats, Hots & Hamburgers
Where: Clubhouse
Sign-up sheet is at the hall. Bring a dish to pass!

While out walking, riding, or out with your pets in the neighborhood, it is recommended that you carry your phone and have the following number on speed dial: 813-231-6130, Tampa Police Department non-emergency number. In case of an emergency

REMEMBER WINWARD LAKES IS ON FACEBOOK CHECK US OUT!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

More than 2,000 years ago, the Celtic people feared the eve of Oct. 31 more than any other day of the year. It was the eve of Samhain, a harvest festival which marked the end of the old and beginning of the New Year. However, evil spirits, demons and witches were believed to be roaming the earth on this eve of Nov. 1. The Christian Church told people that the fire rites they had held for the Lord would now protect them from the devil. An that's how Halloween came about ... with its jack-o-lanterns, witches on broomsticks, dressing in costumes and a more recent innovation, going "trick or treating." (Which only started around 1951). It's interesting to note that the broomstick was originally used by the witches, which name comes from the Saxon meaning "wise one." And the Pumpkin was originally a turnip.

HAVE A HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
‘Life is an adventure to be lived, not a problem to be solved.

WHY DO I NEED VITAMIN D

Your body must have vitamin D to absorb calcium and promote bone growth. Too little vitamin D results in fragile, misshapen bones in adults (osteomalacia). Vitamin D deficiency has now been linked to breast cancer, colon cancer, prostate cancer, heart disease, depression, weight gain, and other maladies. Studies show that people with higher levels of vitamin D have a lower risk of disease, although they do not definitively prove that lack of vitamin D causes disease – or that vitamin D supplements would lower risk.
Sales Tips of the Month
De-clutter the outside
We get so caught up in de-cluttering the inside we ignore the outside. Remove all dead or half dead potted plants, tools, unattractive porch furniture, trash, etc., from the yard or porch. Hoses and garden equipment should be kept neatly out of sight. Outdoor furniture should be kept clean and inviting. If patio furniture is coated with green algae imagine what that tells your buyer about your home! Porches must be kept clean, uncluttered. It is NOT for storage.

DEFINITION OF A PUMPKIN
Noun: pumpkin; plural noun: pumpkins
1. A large rounded orange-yellow fruit with a thick rind, edible flesh and many seeds.
2. Informal – used as an affectionate term of address, esp. to a child.
The plant of the gourd family that produces the pumpkin, having tendrils and large lobed leaves and native to warm regions of America.

RECIPE FOR HAPPINESS
2 heaping cups of patience
1 heart, full of love
2 handfuls of generosity, plenty of faith
1 handful of understanding
Dash of laughter
Generous sprinkle of kindness
Combine patience, love and generosity with understanding. Add a dash of laughter and sprinkle generously with kindness, Add plenty of faith and mix well. Spread over a period of a lifetime. Serve everyone you meet.

“Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others keep it from themselves.

A recent study found that over 50% of Americans consider their mother-in-law to be a true friend. These wonderful individuals are always there for us, providing lots of love and support. Mother-in-Law’s day is the perfect opportunity to celebrate the two families that came together when you married, and the woman who raised your spouse!

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER
The month of October is a busy month and an important month in our history. Of course everyone knows about the most famous day in this month that being Halloween on the 31st. But there are other things that happened during this month in the past. For example, October is well known for being National Clock month, Family Awareness month, Walt Disney World opened its gates for the first time in October 1971, Charlie Brown comics were first published in October 1950. The Beatles music group were discovered on October 28, 1961 at a pub in England, at that time they were known as the Silver Beatles. On October 30, 1938 Orson Wells scared the nation with his broadcast of the War of the Worlds. October is also the month when fall typically arrives and daylight savings time follows as well.
1. Where is the Gobi Desert?
2. Is a coterie an exclusive group of people or a birdcage?
3. What fungi are used to make bread rise?
4. Robert Zimmerman was the real name of which singer/songwriter?
5. An epee is used in the sport of fencing – T/F?

Answers are on the back page

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**Kill the lights:** Staff members at Sea Star Aquarium in Coburg, Germany, were puzzled by frequent power outages. Then they found the unexpected culprit – an octopus! The naughty sea creature, named Otto, was caught by a night shift worker. Otto would climb up the side of his tank at night and squirt a jet of water at an overhanging light fixture. After considering the odd behavior, the aquarium staff guessed that the light may have annoyed Otto, so he took matters into his own hands or, should we say, tentacles! Little did Otto know that his actions were affecting the building’s entire electrical system.

**Closed for business:** If you plan to rob a bank at gunpoint, it’s best to wait until the bank opens for business. That’s the hard lesson learned by a thief in Vienna, Austria. The man, wearing a hood over his head and carrying a gun, decided to wait in the bank’s foyer until the establishment opened. Luckily, people passing by on the street noticed him and became suspicious. Police were called, and they arrested the man before he could get away. It wasn’t too hard to do; the hapless fellow was using a stolen scooter as a getaway vehicle.

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**QUOTEABLE QUOTES**

“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day-in and day-out.”

“Peace means loyalty to self ... And loyalty to one’s self means never a gap between thought, speech, act.”

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**World Record Giant Pumpkins**

The world record for giant pumpkins remains in Germany! For the second time in 3 years, the world record for giant pumpkins has fallen at the European Weigh-Off in Germany. German grower Mathia Willemijn brought this behemoth pumpkin weighing 2,624.6 pounds to the weigh-off on October 9, 2017. Congratulations to Mathia! It’s over a ton, and no limit is in sight as to how big a pumpkin can grow.

Up to now, the world record has largely come from the United States and Canada.... Not anymore.

As we watch the world record fall almost every year, we wonder... who’s next and how much will it weigh?

Just how big can pumpkins grow? Who knows... the sky’s the limit.

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**8th ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST TAMPA TRADITION**

We’ll be celebrating with German cheer, dancing and singing to cooler weather and colder beer along the Hillsborough river downtown at the Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park this October 13th, 14th, and 15th. Oktoberfest Tampa 2017 is a time to unwind and make new friends. Learn new customs and sing a few songs. Help us tap the inaugural keg Friday, October 13th, as we open the doors to Tampa’s largest Oktoberfest.
BOSS’S DAY – MON. OCT. 16, 2017
Sometimes we just don’t think enough about our Boss’s or what they go through to help keep us working and make sure our wages get paid. Boss’ Day reminds us that it’s not all roses at the top of the pecking order either, so be sure to thank your boss for all they do! Boss; Day was created in 1958, and by 1979 it had grown popular enough that Hallmark Cards issued a Boss’ Day card to honor the holiday.
Celebrate Boss’ Day by giving them a nice card, or just stop in and let them know how much you appreciate what they do!

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
During National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15) we recognize the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate their heritage and culture. Hispanic Heritage Month, whose roots go back to 1968, begins each year on September 15, the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico, Chile and Belize also celebrate their independence days during this period and Columbus Day (Día de la Raza) is October 12.
Today, 55 million people or 17% of the American population are of Hispanic or Latino origin. This represents a significant increase from 2000, which registered the Hispanic population at 35.3 million or 13% of the total U.S. population.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM) is an annual international health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities every October to increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure. The campaign also offers information and support to those affected by breast cancer.

On October 1, 1896, free rural delivery of mail started in the United States.
October 4, 1957, the first artificial satellite was launched by the Soviet Union.
October 5, 1947, the first presidential telecast address from the White House was made by Harry S. Truman.
October 7, 1816, the Washington (first double-decked steamboat) arrived at New Orleans.
October 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus landed in America.
October 18, 1867, The U.S. flag was formally raised over Alaska.
October 22, 1836, Sam Houston was inaugurated as the first president of the Republic of Texas.
October 31, 1864, Nevada became the 36th state of the United States.