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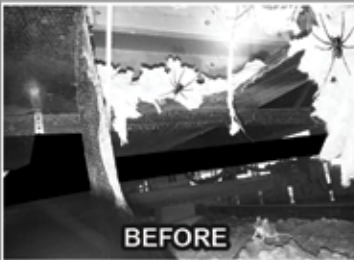
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3rd St – 164 -183..... Violet Escobar (70)  
4th St – 111 – 161..... Kim Haswell (158)  
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To contact Vickie: call 727- 288-3991 or see her at lot #248 after 3 o'clock.

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

*By Violet Escobar*

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**A**lthough November is known as a month for reflecting on things for which we are most thankful, it is also a time to realize all things big and small that happen every day that bless us in so many ways.

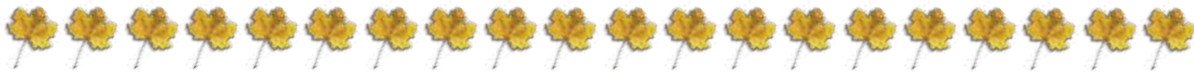
As for me, I am blessed every day even before I open my eyes just knowing that I can enjoy another day in my modest little home with a loving husband by my side and good friends nearby and food on the table... and that's just the beginning.

Sometime my back hurts or my knees hurt, but when I see the sun, feel a cool breeze from the window and hear the sweet song of the birds outside, I know I have a thousand reasons and more to be thankful.

I trust that you will take this time to ponder all of your blessings. Realize all the little things that 'go right' in your life and don't dwell less on those things that don't work out the way you would have liked. Enjoy your life and be thankful for all the little things are often taken for granted.

Have A Wonderful And Blessed Thanksgiving Day!





## THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (HOA)

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**I**n case you didn't know... it is the Homeowners' Association that is the supporting body for the community. We are a group of residents, governed by a Board of Directors who are governed in turn by State Laws that look out for our welfare.

The HOA has a VISION: We envision a community that offers an inspiring lifestyle with quality of life and is a desirable place in which to live and enjoy the benefits of family friends and community.

Our MISSION: Our Mission is to enhance and preserve quality of life and sense of community through effective and efficient management of the Association, enforcement of rules and support initiatives and improvements that benefit the greater good of the community.

Our VALUES: In all our activities we strive to achieve our vision and mission. We value integrity, fairness, common sense, community participation, respect, cooperation and sense of community.

We want every resident to feel welcome and encourage anyone and everyone to get involved in any way they would choose. There are so many things you can do; from the smallest behind-the-scenes or occasional things to the more active things. WE WANT YOU!

You can join HOA for just \$12 a year per household... that's less than 3 ½ cents a day. For just \$12 you don't have to do anything more than you are doing right now but you still have the right to vote on important issues that affect our park and most importantly, your membership increases the power we have over anyone who would try to take away our rights as home owners. Contact anyone on the HOA Board to find out how you can join today!

## FMO NEWS

*Submitted by Violet Escobar*

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### FMO Park Representative

#### **IF ANYONE ASKS YOU "WHO IS THE FMO?" YOU CAN SAY...**

The FMO is a not-for-profit, membership organization whose purpose is to protect mobile/manufactured home owners.

The FMO like any corporation has a President.

The FMO has a Vice-President.

The FMO has a Board of Directors who set policies, procedures and goals.

The FMO consists of many Districts. Each District consists of officers, which might include Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Advisors, Secretaries, and Treasurers.

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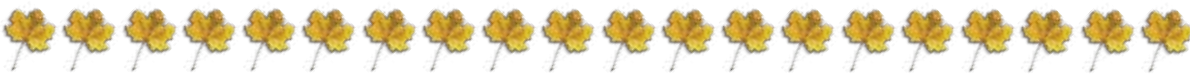
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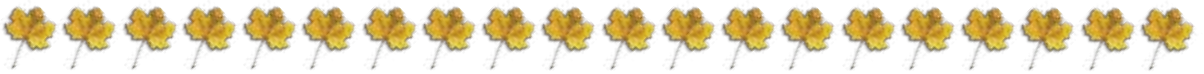
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The FMO has an attorney that advises the Board of Directors.

Our attorney files amicus curiae (“friend of the court”) briefs when necessary.

The FMO legal counsel answers legal questions submitted by members in each issue of the official FMO member magazine, FMO News.

The FMO has volunteers who give their time by serving on the Florida Mobile Home Relocation Corporation.

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## **UP COMING**

### **RENT DAY OFFERING**

Monday, Nov. 2 – The manager is offering free Coffee & Donuts in the clubhouse to anyone who pays their rent on the 1st day of the month. If the 1st day of the month falls on a Thursday or a Sunday when the manager is not working, you can pay your rent on the next day and still enjoy coffee and donuts.

### **MONTHLY HOA MEETING**

Monday, Nov. 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Our HOA meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. We hope to see a large attendance on the. Watch for news about a scheduled Guest Speaker

### **HEALTH QUESTIONS ANSWERED**

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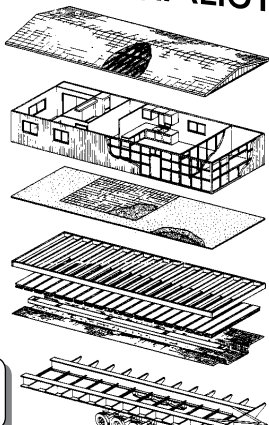


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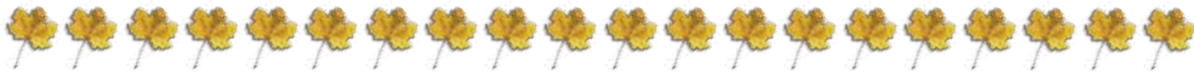
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## HOA MEETING – OCTOBER 5, 2015

Those present included:

HOA President Cliff Shaffer, 2nd Vice President David Grinnell, Secretary Kim Haswell, Treasurer Rosalie LeBlanc.

There were 22 residents in attendance and speaker FMO Section 1 Director James Hamilton and his Executive Assistant Rebecca Cooper.

The meeting started promptly at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Cliff Shaffer introduced Director James Hamilton and Executive Assistant Rebecca Cooper.

Director Hamilton went right into what the Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida is about and what it stands for. He spoke in great detail about what the organization does for mobile home owners. Membership is only \$25 per year.

He went over some of the new changes to House Bill 307 which includes Florida Statutes 723. Home owners can call 800-226-9101 Option #1 to request a free copy of FL. Statutes 723-2015.

There was a question and answer session which consisted of questions like:

- How long has the FMO been in business – Since 1962
- Who is our park representative – Violet Escobar

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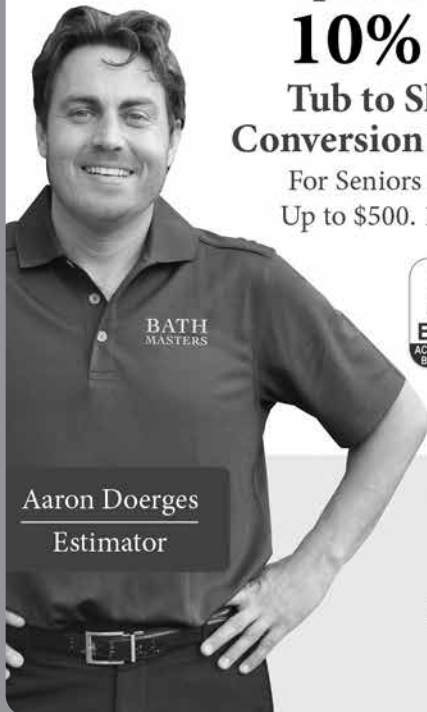
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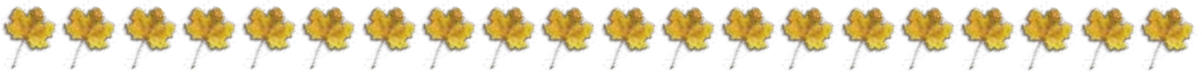
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The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. by David Grinnell and Kim Haswell.

## **WORD OF THE MONTH – THANKFULNESS**

*Article by Violet Escobar*

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**B**eing thankful is more than just a season or a holiday, it's a way of life.

One of the main reasons that we lose our enthusiasm in life is because we become ungrateful. We let what was once a miracle become common to us.

Sometimes we focus so much on what we don't have that we fail to see, appreciate, and use what we do have!

“Thankfulness creates gratitude which generates contentment that causes peace.”

— Todd Stocker

### **QUOTES:**

“My obsession with gratefulness... I can't stop. Just now, I press the elevator button and am thankful that it arrives quickly. I get onto the elevator and am thankful that the elevator cable didn't snap and plummet me to the basement. I go to the fifth floor and am thankful that I didn't have to stop on the second or third or fourth floor.

I get out and am thankful that Julie left the door unlocked so I don't have to rummage for my King Kong key ring. I walk in, and am thankful that Jasper is home and healthy and stuffing his face with pineapple wedges.

And on and on. I'm actually muttering to myself, 'Thank you...thank you . . . thank you.' It's an odd way to live. But also kind of great and powerful. I've never before been so aware of the thousands of little good things, the thousands of things that go right every day.”

— A.J. Jacobs

“I may not be where I want to be but I'm thankful for not being where I used to be.”

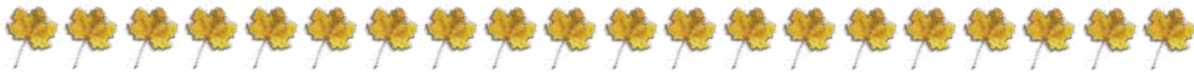
— Habeeb Akande

You simply will not be the same person two months from now after consciously giving thanks each day for the abundance that exists in your life. And you will have set in motion an ancient spiritual law: the more you have and are grateful for, the more will be given you”

— Sarah Ban Breathnack, Simple Abundance: A Daybook of Comfort and Joy

“Rest and be thankful”. William Wadsworth

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# VETERANS DAY

*Submitted by Ricardo Vega; Edited by Violet Escobar*

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**V**eterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day—a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

## VETERANS DAY FACTS

- In 1954, President Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.
- In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975 President Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date.
- Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World Wars I and II on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November). In Europe, Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11.

## VETERANS STATS

The brave men and women who serve and protect the U.S. come from all walks of life; they are parents, children and grandparents. They are friends, neighbors and coworkers, and an important part of their communities. Here are some facts about the current veteran population of the United States.

## DID YOU KNOW?

There are approximately 23.2 million military veterans in the United States.

- 9.2 million Veterans are over the age of 65.
- 1.9 million Veterans are under the age of 35.
- 1.8 million Veterans are women.
- 7.8 million Veterans served during the Vietnam War era (1964-1975), which represents 33% of all living veterans.

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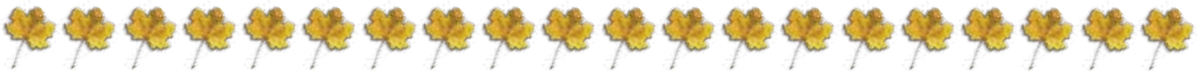
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- 5.2 million Veterans served during the Gulf War (representing service from Aug. 2, 1990, to present).
  - 2.6 million Veterans served during World War II (1941-1945).
  - 2.8 million Veterans served during the Korean War (1950-1953).
  - 6 million veterans served in peacetime.
  - As of 2008, 2.9 million veterans received compensation for service-connected disabilities.
  - 5 states have more than 1 million veterans in among their population: California (2.1 million), Florida (1.7 million), Texas (1.7 million), New York (1 million) and Pennsylvania (1 million).
  - The VA health care system had 54 hospitals in 1930, since then it has expanded to include 171 medical centers; more than 350 outpatient, community, and outreach clinics; 126 nursing home care units; and 35 live-in care facilities for injured or disabled vets.
- SOURCE: History.com

## **THANKSGIVING DAY**

*Submitted by Ricardo Vega; Edited by Violet Escobar*

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Thanksgiving Day is celebrated primarily the United States and in Canada. It's a day to give thanks for the blessings of the previous year as well as the harvest. Thanksgiving was traditionally a religious and cultural celebration, but today is celebrated by many people the U.S. and in Canada regardless of their beliefs or culture.

In the U.S. Thanksgiving is held on the fourth Thursday in November while In Canada it is held on the second Monday in October. Similar holidays exist around the world in other countries and cultures, but have different names and are held on different days. The only ones likely to not enjoy a Thanksgiving feast today would be the turkeys. Ceremonies to give thanks are common in almost all religions, especially after harvests.

### **INTERESTING THANKSGIVING FACTS:**

- The first Canadian Thanksgiving is thought to have occurred in 1578, when an explorer Martin Frobisher held a Thanksgiving celebration for surviving his journey from England.
- Some believe that the first Thanksgiving celebrations in Canada can be traced to French settlers. These settlers who came to New France in the 1600s with explorer Samuel de Champlain, celebrated successful harvests with large feasts of thanks. They also shared their food with the native people.
- Most of Canada considers Thanksgiving a statutory holiday.
- The first Thanksgiving in the United States was held at Plymouth in 1621. This feast was prompted by a good harvest and celebrated by pilgrims and puritans.
- It wasn't until the 1660s that the harvest feast became an annual affair.

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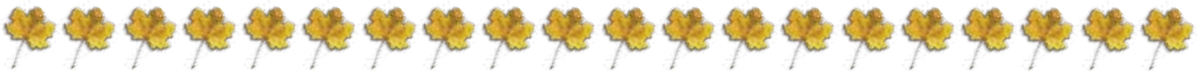
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24	25	26  <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	27 6:15P- 7P Bingo Snack Bar 7P BINGO	28



- Each year the President of the United States pardons a turkey. This lucky turkey is guaranteed to spend the rest of its life living freely and not ending up on a turkey platter.
  - When the pilgrims arrived on the Mayflower, the Wampanoag Indians taught them how to cultivate the land. These Indians were invited to the first Thanksgiving in 1621.
  - The first Thanksgiving in 1621 was celebrated for three days.
  - The first Thanksgiving feast was made up of lobster, chestnuts, onions, leeks, dried fruit, cabbage, carrots, chicken, rabbit, honey and maple syrup and other items.
  - There were no mashed potatoes, pumpkin pies, or even corn on the cob at the first Thanksgiving feast.
  - The writer of *Mary Had a Little Lamb*, Sarah Josepha Hale, is thought to be the person who persuaded Abraham Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday.
  - In 1863, Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November to be the national day for Thanksgiving.
  - Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in the 1920s and is still held today.
  - Approximately 280 million turkeys are consumed on Thanksgiving in the United States.
  - The Friday after Thanksgiving is called Black Friday in the United States and is the first official shopping day for Christmas.
  - Even if turkeys wanted to escape before Thanksgiving they couldn't fly. Commercially raised turkeys are not able to fly.
  - Other countries that celebrate Thanksgiving include: Germany - they celebrate the Harvest Thanksgiving Festival in early October; Grenada - they celebrate Thanksgiving Day on October 25th; Korea - they celebrate Korean Thanksgiving Day in late September or early October; Japan - they celebrate Labor Thanksgiving on November 23rd; Liberia - they celebrate Thanksgiving on the first Thursday of November; and Norfolk Island celebrates Thanksgiving on the last Wednesday of November.
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## 3RD ANNIVERSARY

*Submitted by Ricardo Vega; Edited by Violet Escobar*

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### INTRODUCTION & HISTORY

The Neighborhood Watch (NW) in Crystal Lake Mobile Home Community started with a planning meeting on October 18, 2012 and started officially with the Meeting held on November 15th, 2012 at 7pm at the Clubhouse, with Officer Donna Saxer from the Crime Prevention Unit of the Pinellas Park Police Department.

Since then, Crystal Lake has been watching for any suspicious activities or people and stopping trespassers between 49th Street North and US 19. According to many residents who

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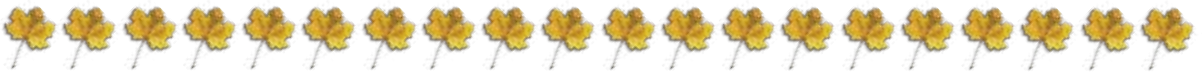
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have lived here for a while, the trespassing has been reduced. But we still need the participation of all residents to keep a watchful eye from their home, and report any suspicious activities or people to the Police Department to the office or to NW.

Our Neighborhood Watch is a volunteer based, community oriented team, that partners with law abiding neighbors and our local police department. We are accountable for our individual and team performance.

Since November 2012, Crystal Lake Neighborhood Watch (CLNW) has been working to make Crystal Lake a better place to live. Crystal Lake Mobile Home Park “Neighborhood Watch” aims to involve residents with discouraging and preventing crime at the local level. The ultimate success of Neighborhood Watch depends greatly on a commitment of cooperate between area residents and the police -- and more importantly, between residents themselves. CLNW is a self-funded, all volunteer, registered Neighborhood Watch and is not affiliated with any political organization, nor does Crystal Lake Neighborhood Watch accept or receive any fund from any political organization.

### **NW TEAM IN CRYSTAL LAKE**

At the present time, we have five people that actively patrol our streets: Vickie and Corky Craver (Coordinators who also Patrol), Violet Escobar and Margie Vega (who Patrol and answer the incoming calls to NW) and Richie Vega (who Patrols on foot, scooter and bike).

### **WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM?**

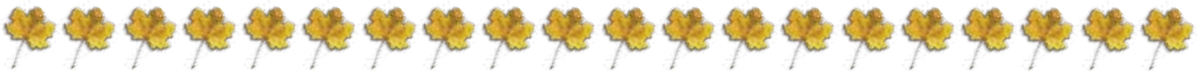
A Neighborhood Watch is a program in which all the people who live in one area agree to watch out for each other. So if one of your neighbors notices a suspicious character hanging around your house or a car, or if they see someone driving up and down your block as though they’re looking for something, they will notify you or contact the police. Criminals are warned of an active watch by signs that are posted prominently in the area. When they see these clear signals that the people in this community are working together to prevent crime, they will know their chances of being caught are much higher and will go somewhere else.

### **OUR MISSION**

The mission of the Crystal Lake Neighborhood Watch program is to work in proactive partnerships with the law abiding citizens, and the local police and governing jurisdictions, to address issues of crime, fear of crime and neighborhood disorder, to achieve the goal of maintaining the exclusivity and integrity of our neighborhood while improving and enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

### **OUR VISION**

We are committed to preserving today and designing tomorrow through community camaraderie, communication, awareness education, and neighborhood policing in action.



## VALUES STATEMENT

Our Neighborhood Watch is a volunteer based, community oriented patrol program committed to being the extra eyes and ears for our community for our local police agency, watching out for each other, and networking to build strong neighbor bonds.

- We recognize and embrace the diversity of our community
- We pledge to work as partners with law abiding neighbors and our local police department
- We are accountable for our individual and team performance
- Integrity is essential to our program
- We depend on the community's trust, confidence, and support
- We commit to making every contact designed to enhance that relationship
- We have a positive attitude and will look to accomplishments rather than obstacles

## THE BENEFITS OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN OUR COMMUNITY

There are obvious benefits Neighborhood Watch volunteers and our community have experienced throughout these three years such as:

- a reduction in crime
- a better quality of life
- a greater sense of security, responsibility, and personal control
- building community pride and unity
- preparing for helping others and ourselves in our community
- providing law enforcement agencies with volunteer support year round
- becoming the extra "eyes and ears" of law enforcement personnel and therefore reduce law enforcement's burden

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

*Submitted by Ricardo Vega*

**T**he Neighborhood Watch consists on the participation of EVERY resident in our park who wants to feel protected and take a part in making Crystal Lake a safer place to live.



There are many ways in which you can help. As for now, we provide you a partial list of things you can do:

- Be a Watch Captain** - Collect information from patrols in your designated area, remind people in your area about meetings and encourage them to attend.
- Be a Street-Patroller** - make a note of anything you see that seems suspicious on your daily walks such as unidentified vehicles (We're looking into getting decals for authorized cars), people walking or biking through looking into carports or walking between houses, etc.
- Be a Window Watcher** - Be more observant and take a minute or two to make a note of anything you see on your street that just doesn't look right. Save this information for your



Watch Captain to deliver to the Coordinator for record-keeping or a necessary action.

So you see there's something for everyone to do to have a part in keeping our park safer and always remember: If you see something suspicious, pick up the phone and call the Pinellas Park Police Department at (727) 541-0758.

### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

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## **NOVEMBER**

*Submitted by Richie Vega*

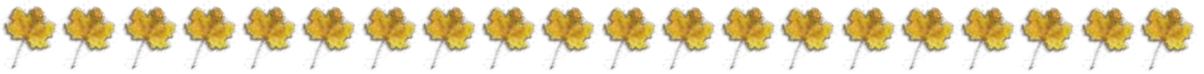
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## **F**ACTS

- November is the eleventh month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars and one of four months with the length of 30 days.
- November starts on the same day of the week as February in common years and March every year. November ends on the same day of the week as August every year. November starts on the same day of the week as June of the previous year in common years and September and December of the previous year in leap years. November ends on the same day of the week as March and June of the previous year in common years and September of the previous year in leap years. In years immediately before common years, November starts on the same day of the week as August of the following year while in years immediately before leap years, November starts on the same day of the week as May of the following year. In years immediately before common years, November ends on the same day of week as May of the following year while in years immediately before leap years, November ends on the same day of the week as February and October of the following year.

### **EVENTS IN NOVEMBER**

- November 10 is the birthday of the United States Marine Corps.
- November 14: World Diabetes Day
- November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women



- November 26: Thanksgiving Day

### **MONTH-LONG OBSERVANCES**

- Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
- COPD Awareness month
- Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month
- American Diabetes Month
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- Epilepsy Awareness Month



### **SYMBOLS**

- November's birthstones are the topaz which symbolizes friendship and the citrine.
- The birth flower for November is chrysanthemum.
- The zodiac signs for the month of November are Scorpio (until November 22) and Sagittarius (November 23 onwards).

## **CRIME PREVENTION SAFETY**

*Submitted by Ricardo Vega*

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### **AUTO THEFT PREVENTION: BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEMS**

There are a number of systems available. But you should know that there is no such thing as a burglar alarm system that will make your house burglar proof 100% of the time. However, a good alarm system can deter or detect most intruders and will afford an added measure of security when you are away from your house.

Some alarm systems are strictly perimeter protection and others use strictly interior protection. The best system is usually one that protects the perimeter of your home combined with some interior protection. The interior traps detect an intruder after he has entered the home or bypassed the perimeter system.

Preference for the desired level of security and type of system used depends entirely upon your budget and the design of your home. The cost of an alarm system varies greatly, not only because of the equipment, but also due to other considerations such as the distance to the alarm company, local telephone rates, the amount of wiring required, the construction materials of your home, etc. If it is connected to a monitoring service such as an alarm company central station, answering service, or other (telephone) facility, there is a monthly service charge plus telephone line and mileage rates.

NOTE: Many alarm companies offer services for a variety of emergencies such as burglar, fire, holdup, medical, etc. However, some alarm companies do not have the capability to dis-

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## EVENTS & PROGRAMS

**BAZAAR** - November 15th. Rancho Village on Ulmerton Rd, 12 noon - 4pm. Tables available \$15.00 each.

**Teakwood Village East Annual Bazaar**, Largo (Missouri Ave. behind the new Walmart at Aloha Clubhouse). Sat. Nov. 14th from 8am-1pm. Furniture, clothes, crafts, baked goods and much more. Lunch available.

**Huge Pre-Christmas Sale.** Lake Haven MHP 1415 Main St. Dunedin FL. Decorations, gift items, small appliances & glassware. The biggest bale sale in town! Lunch served all day. Sat., Nov. 21st, 2015 - 8am-2pm.

**5th Annual Arts & Craft Fair.** Sat., Nov., 14th, 2015 9am-1pm. Lake Haven MHP - Paradise Island Clubhouse. SR580 & Lake Haven Road, Dunedin. Handmade items for gifts & home décor.

**ART/CRAFT Fair.** Lake Highlader MHP. 1500 County Road 1. Friday, November 20th. 9am- 1pm

**Car Port and Craft Sale at Oak Crest MHP**, Largo. Saturday, November 21st 2015, 8am to 2pm. Crafts and food for sale in the clubhouse.

**FLEA MARKET** Saturday, November 28th 9am-Noon. Lake Seminole Resort Clubhouse 10245 110th Ave N. Largo. Clothes, books, household items, decorations.

**Caribbean Isles Craft/Granny Attic** November 25, 8am-1 pm, Breakfast/ Lunch available. 12100 Seminole Blvd., Largo

**Annual Craft Fair** Saturday Nov 7, 2015 @ Paradise Island Clubhouse, 1001 Starkey Rd. Largo. Open 9am-1pm. A big variety of crafts. Bake sale and canteen open for food.

**CRAFT SHOW**, East Bay Oaks, 601 Starkey Road, Largo. Saturday, Dec 5th from 8-2. Also Bake Sale, Basket Raffle, & Hot Lunch Available.

**CRAFT FAIR!** Saturday November, 7th, 8 AM - 2 PM, Sugar Creek Mobile Home Park Clubhouse - 10265 Ulmerton Rd., Largo (Behind Pier One Store) Lunch and Bake Sale. Table \$10.00 727-584-4204

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Sat. & Sun, Nov. 7 & 8, 8A - 2P. ANNUAL CARPORT SALE. Lincolnshire MHP, 1071 Donegan Rd., Largo. Clothing, Furniture, antiques, crafts, household items.

## HELP WANTED

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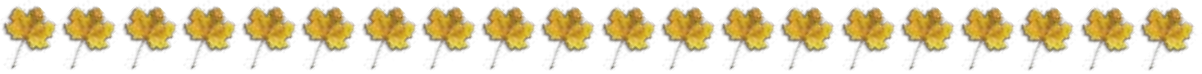
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tinguish the exact nature of the problem when they receive a signal into their central station.

Following are some of the alarm components the company will probably discuss with you:

**Perimeter Alarms** The basic home system is a simple closed circuit loop system consisting of contacts or screens on doors and windows. Most are designed to ring a bell or activate a siren, and/or illuminate the area to scare off an intruder. This will usually scare away most residential burglars. There are several types of sensors used on perimeter alarm systems which include:

**Magnetic Contacts** One of the most widely used residential devices is an electro-mechanical contact consisting of a magnet in one sealed enclosure and a switch in another sealed enclosure. They are attached to doors, windows, transoms and other openings and wired to a central control box.

**Screens:** These special screens have an unobtrusive, built-in alarm wire. They are usually custom made to fit the particular window to be protected.

## **Interior Alarms**

**Pressure Mats** Basically, this is a flat switch operated by pressure from a foot step. They're usually installed under carpeting next to entrances, windows and stairways, and other areas where a burglar would likely travel through the home. The mat may also be used for spot protection on the interior of a perimeter system.

**Photoelectric Beam** Small, unobtrusive sensors are installed in hallways, large rooms, stairwells, and other similar areas. Any interruption of the beam by a person walking through it causes an alarm.

**Ultrasonic (Motion Detection)** Any movement within the protected area triggers an alarm. The unit should not be installed where there is likely to be normal traffic in the house at odd hours, or where it is subject to large amounts of wind turbulence from open windows or heater or air conditioning vents.

**Microwave (Radar)** This system is similar to ultrasonic - it detects motion in a specific area. The difference is that the unit operates at a higher frequency and does not use air as a transmission medium. Care must be taken in the installation to avoid accidental alarms due to the protection waves travelling beyond the required coverage area. It must be FCC approved. This unit is generally not recommended for home use.

**Sound Units (Noise Detection):** These systems operate by detecting noise. They are generally limited to use where there is low ambient noise.

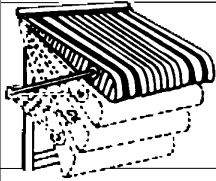
**Passive Infrared System** This system is a detection system operating in a mode similar to the photoelectric beam and can be applied to cover a room or hallway.

**Capacity (Proximity)** This system is useful for protecting safes, files, cabinets, etc. The major drawback of this system is that it will only detect a person several inches in proximity to the object being protected.



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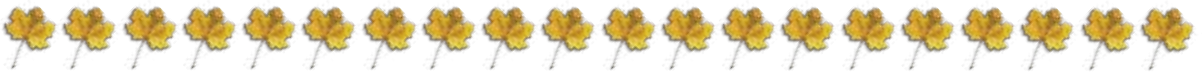
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Closed Circuit Television One system of some limited use to the homeowner is the TV camera. This can be manned so that the homeowner can view who is at the door, or with some sophisticated systems and adequate lighting, can view the complete exterior.

NOTE: You may also wish to consider having a fire alarm (smoke detection ionization) system installed along with your burglary system - have the company give you an estimate for both. It is often economical to take care of it all at once.

## **THINGS TO WATCH FOR**

Here are some ways to check the quality of your system:

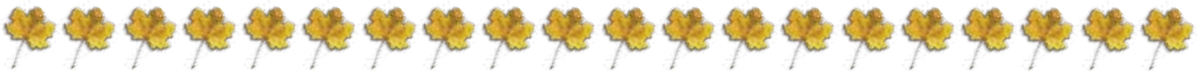
- Complete systems should operate on house current and/or battery back-up supplied current. (Self-contained, trickle-cell, battery powered units are satisfactory if equipped with a reliable testing device.)
- The system should have some monitoring device to alert the homeowner if any malfunction exists prior to operation.
- The audible alarm features of the system should be heard in any part of the protected premise, and loud enough to alert neighbors and/or passersby.
- Temporary losses of power, such as blackouts that cause the system to change over to battery power, should not trigger an audible alarm.
- Any external components of the system should be made as inaccessible as possible so that intruders find it difficult to cut through wires or cables outside the home in an attempt to deactivate the system.
- Main components of the system should meet the electrical safety standards set by Underwriter's Laboratories, Inc.
- Internal wiring should be installed in conformity with the standards of the Electrical Code.
- If you have a fire alarm installed with your burglary system, it should include a "test facility" for checking to see if it is functioning correctly.
- Make sure warning decals are displayed advertising your home is protected by an alarm system.
- Reset feature - every alarm system using an audible annunciator should have a reset feature to turn the bell and/or siren off after sounding for a maximum of 15 minutes.

## **READ YOUR CONTRACT**

The alarm company should make a written proposal and give you a copy of the contract you will be signing. Make sure you read it.

Remember that your property and perhaps your personal safety are at stake. What appears to be a "bargain" may actually prove to be an easily compromised or an extremely limited alarm system. In this regard, be sure that the sensor devices (magnetic contacts, motion detectors, pressure mats, screens, etc.) to be installed are

Underwriter's Laboratory, Inc., approved for burglary protection.



## YOU AND YOUR ALARM SYSTEM

The effectiveness of your system depends on you. Understand how it works, and what it takes to keep it operating properly. Ask the company to give you written instructions for the operation and testing of your system. By law the companies are required to provide these instructions. When the alarm is installed try to have all the members of your family present for instruction. Be sure to let your neighbors know you have an alarm system and ask them to call the police if the alarm is activated.

**NOTE:** Panic Buttons and Hold-up alarms are frequently installed in homes or businesses for the purpose of summoning the Police in a life threatening emergency such as an attempted robbery or mugging. They are sometimes placed in foyers or dwellings or under counters in stores for individuals to set off in times of emergency.

Unfortunately, this type of alarm system is sometimes abused and set off in situations that are not actual emergencies such as, observation of a suspected shoplifter, receipt of a bad check or motor vehicle accident. It is important when installing a hold-up alarm or panic button that all individuals at home or work be instructed in the proper use of such a device. Any questions about the use of this type of alarm system may be addressed to the Police department.

## CHOOSE A REPUTABLE COMPANY

Make sure you deal with an established firm with a proven history of service and performance.

All of the employees of the alarm company who sell or service alarm equipment, and thus have access to your home, should be bonded.

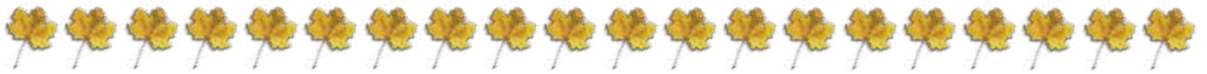
The company should be willing to supply a list of nearby homeowners or commercial installations who are satisfied customers and who may be contacted for references. You should select at least three local companies and make an appointment with their representative to meet with you to appraise your security needs and cost factors. Be sure to get the name of the person who will be coming from each company which you do not sign until you have selected the system you want.

You may check the reputation of alarm companies with agencies such as The Better Business Bureau, the State Department of Consumer Protection, and the Alarm Association of Florida.

**NOTE:** Next month we will continue this series of articles of **CRIME PREVENTION SAFETY**.



**A Complete Listing of Resident Services  
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# WELCOME OUR NEW RESIDENTS

Submitted by Ricardo Vega

**H**ave you seen many new faces lately? Yes, they are our new neighbors that found their homes in Crystal Lake. So, next time you see them around, say “HI” to them and make them feel welcome. Information provided here was collected by Richie (Neighborhood Watch Patrol) and ordered by home number.

1. 267 Betty
2. 260 Melainy & Tony
3. 245 William & Gary
4. 242 Chris
5. 212 Michael
6. 208 Ursula & Joe
7. 165 Stephanie & Rebecca
8. 118 Frederick
9. 76 Kim & Michael
10. 75 Paul & Myra



## WELCOME HOME!

We are pleased to welcome our new residents. We are so happy you’ve chosen Crystal Lake to call home! If there is anything we can do to make you stay more enjoyable, don’t hesitate to ask!

As from us, the old fellows, next time you see the new faces, say “HI” to them and make them welcome!

## WHAT’S COOKING?

RECIPES

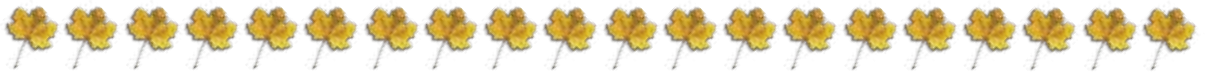
### PUMPKIN PIE ICE CREAM RECIPE

#### Ingredients

- 8 oz. Heavy Whipping cream
- 14 oz. Sweetened Condensed Milk
- ¾ cup Pumpkin Puree
- 1 tsp Pumpkin Pie Spice
- ½ tsp Vanilla

#### Instructions

- Whip the cream until stiff peaks form.
- Gradually add condensed milk while continuing to beat.
- Stir in the pumpkin, vanilla and spice.
- Freeze for at least 4 hours.



## AMISH CORNBREAD



- 1 cup coarsely ground corn meal
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 cup plus 2 tbsp. Milk
- 4 tbsp. Oil
- 1 egg

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. (The original recipe stated 450, but that seemed a little high to me.) Spray an 8" square baking pan with Pam.

In a bowl, combine the cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. In a separate bowl, whisk together the milk, oil and egg. Make a well in the center of the dry mixture and pour in the milk mixture; stir until blended. Pour into pan, bake for 25 minutes, or just until a toothpick inserted into the middle comes out clean and the top is lightly browned.

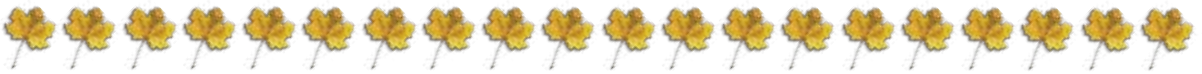
## SLOW-COOKED CHILI

*Serves 10*



- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1 28-ounce can whole tomatoes, undrained
- 1 1/2 cups chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 jalapeno pepper, minced (optional)
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 16-ounce cans kidney beans or beans of your choice, undrained, or one cup soaked and cooked dried beans
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin

Brown the ground beef in a pan and discard the rendered fat. Transfer the browned meat to the slow cooker. Using a clean pair of kitchen shears, coarsely slice the tomatoes into smaller chunks right in the can and then add them to the slow cooker. Add the remaining ingredients and stir to combine. Cover and cook on low setting for 7 to 10 hours. Add a little water if the chili seems too thick, or cook uncovered toward the end of cooking time if the chili seems too thin. Keep in mind that it will thicken as it cools.



## QUINOA SLIDERS - CRISPY VEGETARIAN QUINOA BURGERS

### Ingredients

- 1 cup quinoa, any color (regular, red, black, or a mixture)
- 2 cups vegetable broth
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 shallot, minced
- 1 medium zucchini, grated
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 2 eggs



- 1/2 cup cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella or Monterey jack cheese
- 1/3 cup bread crumbs
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Prep Time: 15 minutes
- Cook Time: 30 minutes
- Total Time: 45 minutes
- Yield: About 15 sliders

### Preparation

Place the quinoa in a medium saucepan with the vegetable broth. Bring broth to a simmer, then reduce the heat to low and cover the saucepan. Cook the quinoa until all of the liquid is absorbed, then turn off the heat. Leave the saucepan on the stove, covered, for 5 minutes longer. Set quinoa aside to cool.

Place the vegetable oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add the minced shallot and sauté until soft and fragrant.

Add the carrots and the zucchini, and cook until softened, about 5 minutes.

Place the cooked quinoa in a large bowl. Add the cooked vegetables, the eggs, the cheeses, and the bread crumbs. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Add more bread crumbs if the mixture seems too wet to shape into patties.

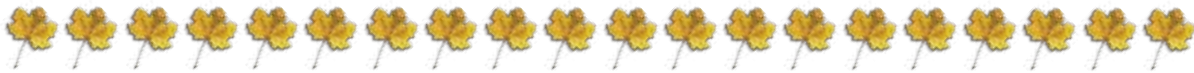
Dampen your hands with water, then shape the mixture into about 15 small or 8 large patties, about 3/4 inch thick.

Heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil in a large skillet. Working in batches if necessary, cook the quinoa patties over medium heat until they are well browned and crisp on both sides, about 8 minutes. Add more olive oil to the skillet as needed.

Serve quinoa burgers on hamburger buns with the condiments of your choice.







## THIS-N-THAT

### QUOTES

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"Peace begins with a smile." - Mother Teresa

"Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start." - Nido Qubein

"Life becomes easier when you learn to accept the apology you never got." - R. Brault

"I make myself rich by making my wants few." - Henry David Thoreau

"Everything will be okay in the end. If it's not okay, it's not the end." - John Lennon

"Show respect even to people who don't deserve it; not as a reflection of their character, but as a reflection of yours." - Dave Willis

"A person's a person, no matter how small." - Dr. Seuss

"Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny." - C.S. Lewis

"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself." - George Bernard Shaw

"No matter how you feel, get up, dress up, and show up." - Regina Brett

"Don't count the days; make the days count." - Muhammad Ali

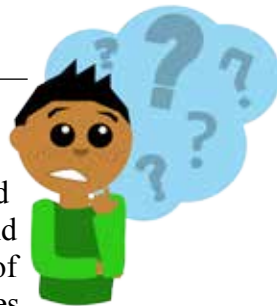
Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud." - Maya Angelou

## TRIVIA

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**Question:** What Nobel Prize-winning author committed suicide by gunshot in 1961?

**Answer:** Ernest Hemingway was a novelist, short story writer, and journalist. He published seven novels, six short story collections, and two non-fiction works. Many of his works are considered classics of American literature. He was renowned for novels like *The Sun Also Rises*, *A Farewell to Arms*, *For Whom the Bell Tolls*, and *The Old Man and the Sea*, which won the 1953 Pulitzer. In 1954, Hemingway won the Nobel Prize. He committed suicide on July 2, 1961, in Ketchum, Idaho.



**Question:** The city of Liverpool, England is served by an airport named after which man?

**Answer:** Liverpool John Lennon Airport is an international airport serving North West England. In 2001, the airport was renamed after Liverpoolian musician John Lennon of The Beatles, 21 years after his death. A 7 foot tall bronze statue stands overlooking the check-in hall. On the roof is painted the airport's motto, a line from Lennon's song "Imagine": "Above us, only sky". In 2005 the Yellow Submarine, a large-scale work of art, was installed on a traffic island at the entrance to the airport.

**Question:** What car company once manufactured and sold the "Datsun" line of automobiles?

**Answer:** Datsun is an automobile brand owned by Nissan. In 1931, Datsun Motorcar Co.



chose to name its new small car "Datson", a name which indicated the new car's smaller size when compared to the DAT's larger vehicle already in production. When Nissan took control of DAT in 1934, the name "Datson" was changed to "Datsun", because "son" also means "loss" in Japanese and also to honor the sun depicted in the national flag. In 1986, Nissan phased out the Datsun name but re-launched it in 2013 as the brand for low-cost vehicles manufactured for emerging markets. The Datsun name is most famous for the 510, Fairlady roadsters, and later the Fairlady (240Z) coupes.

## SEEN ON FACEBOOK

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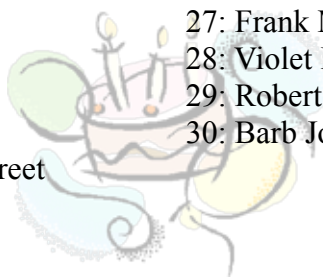
**F**orgive people in your life, even those who are not sorry for their actions. Holding on to anger only hurts you, not them. Zig Ziglar  
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## HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY

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| 1: Tim Savage – 6th Street         | 27: Frank Myers – 4th Street    |
| 3: Jane Hatch – 5th Street         | 28: Violet Escobar – 6th Street |
| 6: Sandy Waight – 6th Street       | 29: Robert Shorter – 2nd Street |
| 11: Jay Lloyd – 3rd Street         | 30: Barb Johnson – 6th Street   |
| 18: Vladimir Moldovan – 4th Street |                                 |



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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**I**am unaware of any wedding anniversaries in November. If you have a wedding anniversary in November, please let me (Violet) know ASAP.



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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**W**e would like to acknowledge all birthdays and anniversaries in our newsletter each month. Because this information was gathered at the Meet and Greet, not everyone was available to fill out the very short form. Please call, e-mail me or see me so that I can get this information from you. Thank you so much for your participation.



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