

Western Village Estates News



November

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Potluck

Octobers Halloween themed Potluck was a great time for everyone. BBQ Pork Ribs were supplied by the Parks Owner and were AWESOME. There were a number of great sides and deserts as well. November's Thanksgiving for those celebrating alone for the Holiday will be at the Elks Lodge next door. The Elks provide an fantastic dinner and all are invited. The dinner is free however they do accept donations.

Holiday Change in Garbage Pickup!

So that I and the volunteers may enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday, **garbage will be picked up the day before Thanksgiving, Wednesday November 25th. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

Card Players needed!

Tired of TV? Want to meet a few neighbors? Need to get out a little? Lets get together a few Monday night card players to see if we can get a group. You could meet Monday nights at 7 pm at the clubhouse, and it's free!

Pet Owners

Just a FRIENDLY REMINDER all pets, Cats, Dogs Ect. Outside your home MUST be on a leash no longer than 6 feet under your physical control at all times. Pets are allowed on the street, on your own lot and in the designated pet area. Individual lots are considered private property. Please respect your neighbors lawns and flower beds. Pet waste MUST be picked up immediately to avoid a City of Oak Harbor enforced \$250.00 fine, with in the City Limits, even on your own property. Not picking up, not having your pet leashed with an appropriate leash, and allowing your pet to wander where it is not welcomed are all individual violations of the Park Residency Agreement. Owners with pets off leash or not picking up may be reported directly to the Oak Harbor Animal Control enforcement officer.

Winter Storms are Here!

- Do you have a flashlight by the bed?
- A jug of water in the refrigerator?
- Candles and matches to light them?
- A few extra cans of food for when it snows.
- Have you had your gutters cleaned.
- Changed the furnace filter and had your furnace oiled and serviced?
- Are your heat tapes plugged in?

Trouts Tails

Howdy folks, my name is Trout, funny name for a dog but I like to swim. I am 42 years old in dog years, 6 in human years and I am Richie's dog. Richie calls me a big teddy bear probably because I'm a big pit bull who loves to cuddle and give everyone kisses. I live on a farm with 2 horses, a cat, and chickens. I like playing with the horses even though they are way bigger than I am. The cat who's name is Jynx isn't very fond of playing so I tend to leave him alone, I like my nose. My favorite activity is playing soccer. I have this big orange ball that I play with. It's also great for standing on even though its hard to keep my balance, I can do it. Walks and runs are fun too because they give me a chance to go out and mark my territory where I haven't been before. I also like meeting new people and fellow animals too. We recently got another dog. He wasn't very nice when we first met, we got into a scuffle. I got a couple bumps but I'm fine. I still want to try and be friends with him because I would have a new playmate. I'm willing to give him a second chance because he's new and I don't know what he's been through so I don't want to be too quick to judge. I believe that people or animals can change if just given the chance whether things go bad at the start or along the road. Everyone deserves a second chance because who knows they may become your best friend.

Garden Notes: October 2015

BULB PLANTING TIME

It's nearly time to plant those spring flowering tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and crocus bulbs. Once the weather has cooled enough to get them into the ground later this month. Plant the bulbs three times deeper than the diameter of the bulb. If you cannot tell the top from the bottom plant it on it's side. Mix soil, bulb dust, peat moss and bone meal or bulb fertilizer into the planting hole.

COLOR SPOTS

Right now is a good time to select and plant flowering kale, cabbage, winter flowering pansies, fall mums, and Daisies, for fall color in the garden.

SOIL TEST

Fall is a good time for a soil test. If your soil is too acid (pH below 5.5), you can apply Dolomite or Agricultural lime. It takes about 3 months for agricultural or dolomite lime to actually raise the pH level.

WATERING

One of the major reasons why some plants do not make it through the winter's cold weather is because the soil is too dry. So it is very important to take time and check to see that all plants have sufficient soil moisture. Be especially careful to check the plants under eaves and shelter of taller shrubs and trees.

PLANTING & TRANSPLANTING

The next five months are the best ones for planting and transplanting both evergreens and deciduous trees and shrubs, and ground covers. Now during the fall and winter dormant season is the time when these plants can be transplanted with a minimum amount of shock. Divide and add new perennials.

SLUGS AND BUGS - STILL!

Slugs and bugs are really on the move again this fall. Not only the adult slugs, but baby slugs even slug eggs are possible problems during the fall season. So whether you use slug baits, beer, salt or some other means of elimination, it is important to get them before they reproduce again!

WINTERIZING

You can start digging up tender plants like geraniums, tuberous begonias, impatiens, dahlias, and gladiolas, store where they are protected from the frost. If dahlias and gladiola roots are six inches deep they probably will survive, especially if covered with a few inches of mulch. Store fuchsias where they won't freeze or dry out. Hardy fuchsias can usually remain in the ground if mulched. Protect tomatoes from frost. Pick and ripen indoors in a paper bag if frost is expected. They don't need sunlight to ripen.

COMPOSTING

Fallen leaves, old vegetable plant parts and grass clippings should be added to the compost pile, to help build compost humus for use in next years garden. Actually, these garden refuse items could even be spaded directly into the soil, where they will compost over-winter. Do not use grass clippings for composting if they have been taken from a lawn that has been treated with "Weed and Feed". The herbicides in some types of "Weed and Feed" can last for up to nine to twelve months and even if composted they could effect the growth of plants and seeds.

WEEDING

Yes, even in October weeds should be cultivated or eliminated before the plants have a chance to flower and go to seed again this fall.

POINSETTIAS & CHRISTMAS CACTUS

Both Poinsettias and Christmas cactus need to be put in a spot indoors where they get ten hours of bright light and fourteen hours of total darkness each day. Keep room temperatures around 65-70 for the poinsettias, cooler around 55-60 for the Christmas Cactus.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				<i>Rent Due</i> Garbage Day		
4	5	6	7	8 Garbage Day	9	10
11 Pauls 90th Birthday	12 Columbus Day Men's Cards 7-10 p.m.	13	14	15 Garbage Day	16	17
18 Halloween Potluck 12 noon	19	20	21	22 Garbage Day National Nut Day	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Garbage Day	30	31 HALLOWEEN

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Standard time
returns 2 am