

Tropicana Village News



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October 2021

LARGE ITEM TRASH PICK-UP OCTOBER 4th

Don't forget our quarterly large item pickup is being done on October 4th. Please have any large items out and ready for pickup. As a reminder we are now doing large item pickup once per quarter, on the first Monday of each quarter. If you need a pickup outside of this, there will be an up-front cost of \$20 to be paid prior to scheduling the pickup. Alternately, you may contact Meridian Waste at 314-291-3131 to schedule a pickup directly from them.

MIND MANGLER

What has a mouth but cannot eat, moves but has no legs, and has a bank but cannot put money in it?

Send your answer to: Tropicana_Village_MGR@outlook.com or call the office (636) 366-9009 by the 10th of the month. Winner will be drawn at random, and will receive \$50 rent credit. Must be current on rent to be eligible.

VISIBLE ADDRESS NUMBERS

All homes in Tropicana Village need to have visible address numbers so that emergency services can locate you in the event of an emergency. Please ensure that you have visible address numbers placed on your home. This is a requirement for the 911 system, and **needs to be completed in by October 15th**. If you do not complete this, we will complete this on your behalf and the cost of labor and materials will be charged to your account.

WORDS FROM THE MANAGER

It is a little disappointing to see the summer go, but I'm sure many of you are happy that grass cutting is about over. I will be sending some last lawn notices for the year soon. Please keep cutting your lawn, soon it will stop growing. Mow and trim a few more times to get us through until next year. Furthermore, I want to thank everyone who has been doing such a great job keeping their grass mowed. This really helps the appearance of Tropicana Village. Thank you.



October 31, 2021

Fun Facts about Halloween

- 🦇 Halloween originated from an ancient Celtic festival. The origins of Halloween date back 2,000 years to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, which was celebrated on October 31 on the eve of their new year. The Celts believed that the dead returned to earth that night, and so they lit bonfires and donned costumes to ward off the ghosts.
- 🦇 Irish immigrants brought Halloween to the U.S. During the mid-1800s, a flood of Irish immigrants fled from the potato famine to the U.S., bringing the tradition of Halloween with them.
- 🦇 The most lit jack-o'-lanterns on display in one place is 30,581. The City of Keene, New Hampshire holds the Guinness World Record for the most lit jack-o'-lanterns on display. Keene was the original record holder in this category and has broken the record eight times since then.
- 🦇 Trick-or-treating has existed since medieval times. It was inspired by the medieval English tradition of "souling" which involved children going door-to-door on All Souls Day, offering prayers for residents' deceased loved ones in exchange for food.
- 🦇 Candy Corn was originally called "Chicken Feed." When it was first popularized around the end of the 19th century, it was marketed with this name. This is said to be because people fed their chickens mostly corn, and the candy corn resembled chicken feed.

Halloween
Humor

Why do demons and ghouls hang out together?

Because demons are a ghoul's best friend!

MOSCOW MILLS POLICE

Police Station Phone Number: 636-356-4612

Radio Dispatch Phone Number: 636-528-6100



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HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Halloween is approaching.

The most **SPOOKTACULAR** home will win a **free month's rent**. Let's get decorating!

LATE FEES

Rent is due in advance on the first day of each month. A grace period of 5 days is allowed for payments. Therefore, if rent is not paid by the 5th day of the month due, a late fee of \$25.00 will be posted to the account on the 6th day of the month. If you have a Tropicana Home Loan, payment is due on the 15th day of each month. If not paid by the 20th, a late fee of \$25.00 will be posted to the account on the 21st day of the month.

LETTERS AND DEADLINES

If you receive a letter from Tropicana Village about deficiencies that need correction (lawn maintenance, exterior home maintenance, etc.) please ensure that you get the item(s) corrected within the expected completion time based upon the item needing remediation.

POOL CLOSED

The pool is closed now. Thanks go out to the pool monitors for keeping our pool for Tropicana Village residents' use. Next year, to help the pool monitors, you will need to have a current pool wrist band and photo ID with you to use the pool. If you do not have these items you will be asked to leave. The pass holder must be present with any guests or children. This will appear again in the April 2022 newsletter, along with the 2022 pool pass application process.

REMINDER: please keep your pool pass band as it will be used going forward.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

A parent or responsible adult should always accompany children in the neighborhood. If your older children are going out alone, please plan and review what route they will take, and agree on a return time. Remind trick-or-treaters of the following safety tips:

- Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going
- Carry a mobile phone for quick communication
- Only go to homes with a porch light on
- Remain on well-lit streets, and always use the sidewalks
- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic
- Never cut across yards or use alleys
- Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat
- Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks
- Don't assume the right of way – motorists may have trouble seeing trick-or-treaters
- Notify law enforcement authorities of any suspicious or unlawful activity

Recipe Corner

Lasagna Soup



Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground beef (can use ½ pound ground beef and ½ pound Italian sausage if desired)
- 1 medium onion, diced
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 8 cups water
- 1 can diced tomatoes (15 oz)
- 1 can tomato sauce (15 oz) or marinara sauce of your choice
- 8 lasagna noodles crushed into bite size pieces
- 10 ounces ricotta cheese
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- Grated parmesan cheese for garnish

Instructions:

1. Sauté meat and onions until meat is browned and onions are translucent
2. Add garlic and stir for a minute or so.
3. Add salt, pepper, Italian seasoning, basil, and oregano – stir to incorporate
4. Add water, canned tomatoes and tomato sauce and bring to a simmer.
5. Add lasagna noodles and cook until noodles are soft (but not mushy)
6. Add ricotta and mozzarella cheese and cook until melted
7. Garnish with parmesan and serve.

Yield: 6 to 8 servings

Prep time: 10 minutes

Total time: 40 minutes

Recipe source: This is my own adaptation of several recipes.

CLASSIFIEDS

Tropicana Owner's Address:
4884 Mette Road
Moscow Mills, MO 63362

VEHICLE REPAIR

Vehicles may only be repaired, tuned up, or worked on in the parking facility provided. Residents may only check fluids, belts, hoses and change flat tires in their driveways. Thank you.

BUILDING PERMITS

The City of Moscow Mills requires that residents obtain a permit when installing fences, decks, sheds, and carports. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 636-356-4220.

MIND YOUR PETS

Reminder, pets must be on a leash when outside. There are many pets being let out outside to roam the neighborhood. This is not only a Tropicana Village violation, but also a city violation. Please keep animals indoors unless they are on a leash. Pets on a leash should be attended at all times, and not left outside to bark. Also, remember to pick up after your pets right away!

All Climate Heating & Cooling

Tom
636-978-1283
636-248-4085
Reasonable Rates

Arco Mobile Home Parts & Supplies

101 Arco Drive
St. Charles
636-947-4111

Complete Mobile Home Parts & Service

2549 N. Hwy. 61
573-384-6216

Evans Guttering, LLC

Reggie Evans
636-668-8205
314-267-6873

Excalibur Manufactured Housing Services

Damon Fravell
636-566-6583

Farm Bureau Insurance

Sandy Glass
636-356-1520

Grass Cutting

Jerry
Cut & Trim for
\$20-\$25
636-734-0302

The Home Specialist

Michael Reed
636-728-8237

Warren County Pest Control

"Ridding the world
of bugs one house
at a time."
636-456-1408

MIND MANGLER WINNER

September Winner: Erin
Blattel, 259 W Port Au
Prince Ln.

Congratulations on \$50 off
rent!

Last month's answer: The
Match!

BEST KEPT YARD WINNERS

2021 Winners

JAN Dominic & Sharon Gentile
145 West Port Au Prince

FEB Francis Mills
1485 Trinidad

MAR Thomas & Mary Nowak
323 Tabago

APR Richard Blanchard
271 West Port Au Prince

MAY Tammy & Joe Koster
283 West Port Au Prince

JUN Linda Austin
163 West Port Au Prince

JUL Brenda Ambrose
425 Tabago Lane

AUG Deborah Ingram
85 West Port Au Prince

SEP Patricia Toomey
1389 Trinidad

If you have a business you'd like to add to the classified section, please contact the office.

Reminders:

- Contact Moscow Mills City Hall at 636-356-4220 for shed permits
- Suspicious activity, trespassing, or property damage should be reported to the Moscow Mills Police department at 636-528-6100 (non emergency number available 24 hours per day). Remember to dial 9-1-1 in the case of an emergency