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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8 Daylight savings time begins	9	10 Grounds Committee Meeting 7PM	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day & Women's Club Outing	18 HOA Board Meeting 5:30PM	19	20 Spring Begins	21
22	23	24 Section 4 Coffee	25	26	27	28
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To submit an article for consideration please email it to stephen@sterlingasi.com. The deadline is the 9th of the month prior to the issue.

2015 DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Spring forward 1 hour!

TUESDAY, MARCH 17
St. Patrick's Day
Wear GREEN!

FRIDAY, MARCH 20
Spring begins

SUNDAY, MARCH 29
Woodwind Lakes Easter Egg Hunt

FRIDAY, APRIL 3
Good Friday

SATURDAY, APRIL 4
Woodwind Lakes Garage sale

SUNDAY, APRIL 5
Easter Sunday

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22
Earth day

YARD of the MONTH

We congratulate the following January Yard of the Month winners:

Section #1

8022 Sonata Court

Section #2

7634 Rolling Rock Street

Section #3

8611 Prelude Court

Section #4

8022 Clarion Way

Woodwind Lakes Grounds Committee

We meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Windfern MUD Bldg. in the conference room at Gessner @ Mauna Loa. Please join us and contribute to your community. We hope to see you at our February 10th Meeting.

Plants

If you have any healthy plants that you no longer want for any reason please let us know. We may be able to use them on our common grounds.

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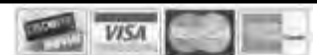
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ST. FIACRE ~ THE PATRON SAINT OF GARDNERS

March 17th is the day when we toast Ireland and its patron saint, Patrick. But Ireland also produced another, though lesser known holy man, one who looks after our yards with their trees, shrubs & flowers - Saint Fiacre.

St. Fiacre was born in Ireland in the 7th century and raised in a monastery. In those days monasteries were the centers of knowledge and learning. Their monks were also regarded as physicians of the body as well as the soul. Travelers brought manuscripts, seeds and plant material from all corners of the known world for the monks to preserve for current and future generations' use. This included the medicinal use of herbs. While living at the monastery, St. Fiacre, in addition to developing an appreciation for silence, became skilled at growing crops and healing the sick.

As a young monk, Fiacre left his family and the monastery to serve God in solitude. Initially he established a hermitage in wooded area by the River Nore in southeast Ireland. He built a hut near a well and cleared space for his garden. From his garden he fed the hungry with its vegetables and fruits, and healed the sick with its herbs from his garden. Soon people were flocking to Fiacre's hermitage for prayers, food and healing.

Longing for solitude to concentrate on his meditative prayers, Fiacre traveled to France where he met Bishop Faro of Meaux who granted him land in a wooded area called Breuill near the Marne River. The first miracle attributed to Fiacre, that became cause for sainthood, occurred when he asked for additional ground for his garden. The Bishop Faro told Fiacre he could have as much land as he could entrench in one day. According to the legend, the next morning Fiacre merely dragged his spade across the ground. His spade turned out to be a version of a saintly tiller/weed whacker/brush clearer/chain saw/stump grinder, turning the soil, and clearing all trees, shrubs and weeds that stood in its path. A local woman hearing of this claimed sorcery was involved, but Bishop Faro declared it a miracle.

St. Fiacre built a small hut for himself, a separate hospice where received visitors, and a chapel beside it. Eventually, he built a small hospital where he would administer to the sick. He grew fruits and vegetables to feed the hungry and cultivated herbs and flowers to use in healing the sick. Visitors to brought seeds and plants from afar, and his gardens became famous throughout Europe, becoming what is now Saint-Fiacre, Seine-et-Marne.

St. Fiacre has a couple of things against him becoming better known. First, no one knows how to pronounce his name, but the consensus seems to be "fee-ACK-ree". The second is that his healing specialties include an intestinal ailment called "les figures de saint Fiacre" or "Saint Fiacre's figs" (we'll leave it up to your imagination). In contrast, Saint Patrick seems much more dynamic, casting out snakes/serpents and standing up to Ireland's tribal chieftains in the

ancient provinces. And he has been upstaged by Saint Francis, who urged gardeners to set aside space within their gardens for flowers and fragrance.

Saint Fiacre doesn't have a feast day in the United States, (its August 30th in Ireland & France), so don't look for a St Fiacre's Day "Everything Must Grow Blowout Sale!". But you can find him honored in several public places with statues in Florida's Cypress Gardens, Charlotte N.C.'s Wing Haven Gardens, New York City's Fort Tryon Park, and the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Saint Fiacre is always depicted with a spade and a garden harvest in his hands. He really does deserve more recognition – having been a skilled gardener and herbalist in a time when herbs were not just pretty or tasty, but an essential part of medicine.

WWL Women's Club

In January, the Women's Club of Woodwind Lakes enjoyed a presentation, "Where in the World Do You Want to Go?" from Travel Agent Gail Ford, (also the club's President). The February 17 meeting will be a Bingo morning with prizes for the winners and will be at the MUD Building on Windfern/Mauna Loa at 10a.m. Our March 17 meeting will be an outing at Merlot 2 and we'll be painting on a canvas.

We are at the last half of our year now and still have some exciting meetings to look forward to.

We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am. If you are interested in being a part of this social club in WWL, we invite you to come join us....there is still time. I guarantee you will enjoy being with some wonderful ladies from WWL!

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SECTION 4 FORUM

The first 2015 meeting of the Section 4 group was held in January. Several items were discussed including the consolidation of signs on the gates. It was also decided that we would host a "neighborhood coffee" at 10 am on Tuesday, March 24th. Please RSVP to Nancy at nancydaw@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Whether you are new to WWL or have been here for 20 years, come and meet a new neighbor. The next quarterly Section 4 meeting will be April 8th at 6:30 pm at the MUD building. Everyone is encouraged to attend or email Polly at runpolrun@gmail.com with any ideas or concerns that you would like to be brought to the HOA board.

Neighborhood Activity Committee

The first subcommittee formed was the Christmas Committee organized by Terry Buckner. The committee hosted a wonderful community celebration with Santa, live music, plenty of great food, great decorations and was well attended. We look forward to the 2nd Annual Christmas Celebration.

July 4th Committee has been talked about by several residents. We want the 4th of July Parade to continue to be an annual celebration. There are so many things we can do for the great holiday to show our love of country and our patriotism. Many groups can join in this celebration such as the Women's Club, Veterans, and Mother's group. If you are interested in this great celebration please contact Ray Pavia at ray77040@gmail.com. The sooner the committee is formed the planning can begin for a great celebration.

CORRECTION: SIGN VIOLATIONS IN FRONT YARDS

No sign, emblem, or banner of any kind may be kept or placed upon any Lot, or mounted, painted or attached to any Single Family Residence, fence, or other improvement upon such Lot so as to be visible from public viewing EXCEPT the following:

- For Sale/Lease Signs
- Political Signs
- School Spirit Signs.
- Security Signs/Stickers. Garage Sale Signs.
- Yard of the Month Signs

Harris County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

Clean out your garage this month to get ready for the WWL Spring garage sale. Take the time to dispose of items you no longer need including household cleaners, yard/pesticides products, used car oil, pool chemicals, paint, batteries, cooking oil, aerosols, etc. Harris County has a convenient drop-off location just a few minutes from the neighborhood and there's no cost. The site is located at 6900 Hahl Rd. On West Little York Rd. (going towards 290) turn left when you get to Ramsco Auto Sales. Go about 1/2 block and you will see it on the left side of the road.

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WWL ANNUAL EGG HUNT

Everyone in the community and their families are encouraged to attend the Easter egg hunt on Sunday, March 29, at 4pm. We will have the Kona Ice Truck (snow cone vendor), 2000 eggs, and photos with the Easter Bunny! Come to hunt eggs, eat snow cones, or just to visit with your neighbors!

If you can volunteer your time to hide eggs, meet me at the Pavilion at 2pm. With enough volunteers, it goes fast!

Look forward to seeing everyone there,
Dana Patterson

Woodwind Lakes Pavillion

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section #4 "Coffee Talk"

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Woodwind Lakes HOA Do Not Feed The Ducks Signs

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Do Not Feed The Ducks sign

Many of us have different opinions about various topics in our community especially the DUCKS. Regardless of our viewpoint no one has the right to deface community property.

One of the DUCK signs in section #4 closer to the Gessner entrance was painted over in black paint. It is a shame that one of our residents would stoop to such behavior. Please be on the lookout for anyone defacing or destroying any community property and Report it to the Constable - (281) 376-3472.

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