TRIMARK PROPERTIES

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Hauntingly Horrible

The jack-o-lantern has been around for hundreds of years. It is believed that an Irish myth started the practice. As the legend goes, a gentleman named "Stingy Jack," cleverly cheated the devil out of taking his soul. Once Jack had died, he was sent from heaven with only a burning coal to light his way. Jack placed the coal into a carved-out turnip and is believed to have been roaming the earth ever since. Hence, he earned the name "Jack of the Lantern." This was later shortened to "Jack-o-Lantern" as we know it today. In Ireland and Scotland, people began to make their version of Jack's lantern by carving faces into various veggies and putting them in their windows and doorways to frighten away evil spirits. In England, beets are used! As the Irish, Scottish and English slowly immigrated to America, they brought the tradition of the Jack-o-Lantern with them. They soon discovered that pumpkins, native to North America, make the PERFECT Jack-O-Lanterns!

Pumpkin Mystery Facts you didn't even know you wanted to know!

- Pumpkins are fruits, not veggies. A pumpkin is a squash, which is part of the gourd family. Other gourd family members include gherkins, cucumbers and melon!
- Pumpkins are indigenous to North America, and have been growing here for an estimated 5,000 years!
- The word "pumpkin" originated in 1584, after French explorer, Jacques Cartier reported finding "grosmelons." The name was translated into English as "pompions," which has evolved into pumpkin!
- Pumpkins are good for you! They are low in calories, fat and sodium, and PACKED with lots of vitamins like protein, potassium and iron.
- The largest pumpkin pie ever baked was 350 pounds and five feet in diameter!

Breaking New Ground

In early September Trimark Properties broke ground on Aston Lane our latest luxury apartment complex. Located Just 2 blocks from UF at Little Hall, Aston Lane will feature one, two, and three bedroom floorplans and will come complete with elevated ceilings, wrap around balconies ,oversized porches with modern swings and much more. For a complete overview of Aston Lane with full list of all of its amenities visit www.TrimarkProperties.com.

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Dear Residents,

Fall is in the air, the foliage is changing colors ever so slightly, Gator Football is here and soon little ghosts and goblins will be seen roaming the streets. What a great time to be in Gainesville. We are asking any of you who will be going to Halloween Costume Parties or wearing the famous orange and blue colors for the games to come by our office and have your pictures taken so we can display them here. We will be giving away prizes to the best costumes and Gator spirit! We appreciate each one of you and enjoy having you stop in as often as you can. If you are looking for some things to do this month, Starke and Micanopy are having their fall festivals and of course Orlando and Tampa theme parks are having their Halloween Horror spectaculars. We here in the office like to curl up in a warm blanket with a bowl of popcorn and watch scary movies with lots of company. Some of our favorites are:

Bernice: "Halloween Town"
Dustin: "The Inconvenient Truth"
Joël: "Friday the 13th"
Larry: "Halloween" (the original)
Aubrey: "The 6th Sense"

Please remember Rent Breakfast Monday, October 1st here in the office and as always we have cookies for you everyday. We also invite you to use our copy and fax machines and just drop by whenever you can. We always enjoy seeing you.

Sincerely,
Bernice, Dustin & Larry

Have a spook-tacular Halloween!

Rent Raffle

Pay rent on or before the 1st of the month & **you could win a $50 rent credit!** Fill out an entry form in the office when you pay rent. We'll hold a drawing in the office and notify the winner in next month's newsletter.

September's Winner:
Will Zajac
Congratulations Will!
You can take
$50 off your October rent!

Newsletter Contest

Every month this section of the newsletter is dedicated to a brain teaser. There are no trick answers so just take the question at face value.

The first three residents to bring the correct answer to the office by the time we close on Monday, October 1st, will be awarded a SPOOK-TACULAR prize!

Now for the Halloween Brain Teaser. . .

Name the UF Gator Coach who lived at a Trimark Property!

You can begin dropping off your answers to the office at 9 AM Monday, October 1st. Only one winner per apt.

Be Kind To Your Neighbors

Please remember to be considerate of your neighbors. The quiet hours at Trimark Properties are 11PM to 8AM on weekdays and to 1AM on Weekends.

If you are having a problem with your neighbor's noise level after office hours, please call your night manager and they will be happy to assist.

- **The Courtyards, Union Street: 352-488-0442**
- **The Ivy House: 352-488-0444**
- **Arbor Lofts, Carmichael & Evans Houses, Center Court, Heritage Oaks, University Park Studios: 352-488-0443**
- **Camden Court, Stratford Court, Oak Lawn, Royale Palms, Univ Heights, McKercher & Menges Houses: 352-727-4034**
- **Windsor Hall, Windsor Houses & Duplexes: 352-375-8449**

After paging the night manager, make sure to stay by the phone to answer their call. You night manager can also assist you with any emergency maintenance requests, such as leaks or overflowing toilets. For a small fee of $20, they will even get you into your house if you are locked out. It's just another way that Trimark Properties offers the best service in town! Please give us a call at the office if you have any questions about this or any service we provide.

Parking

Just a reminder! Visitors at The Courtyards need to stop by and pick up a pass to park in the lot. THE PASS IS ONLY GOOD FOR VISITING YOUR APT! If the visitor leaves the property to attend class, he or she will need to move his or her car or it will be towed! Remind your friends when they say good-bye to avoid any trouble!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 **Rent Breakfast** Stop by for free food!	2	3	4	5	6 **UF @ LSU @ 8:00pm(ET)**
7	8 	9	10	11	12 	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 **UF @ Kentucky TBA**
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27 **UF vs. Georgia TBA**
28	29 	30	31 **Halloween**	1	2	3

- John's Tips -

Hi, it's time to talk about maintenance again. Let's talk about toilets. We all have at least one in our apartment, and we can use help with it from time to time. Toilets work due to gravity. The water is stored in the tank, the upper part and flows into the bowl, the lower part. When you push the flush handle a flapper valve in the tank is opened. This allows water to flow into the bowl raising the water level and empting the contents of the bowl into the sewer system. A fill valve in the tank that is controlled by a float, allows water to fill the tank to a predetermined level. The toilet is now ready to flush again. This is a simple explanation of how a toilet works, since most of us don't care how it works just that it does.

We now come to some truly helpful knowledge. To shut the water off to the toilet you need to close the angle stop, which is another name for the water shutoff valve. This valve is located on the wall that the tank is against. It is usually below the tank on the left side as you look at the toilet. To close the valve turn the handle to the right. Here is a way to remember opening and closing of valves. "Righty tighty-Lefty Loosey". By shutting the water off you will stop the toilet from overflowing. So when the toilet starts to overflow you now know what to do.

For those of you that like doing for yourselves please try a toilet plunger, to unclog the toilet. The easiest one to use is called "The Blaster". It is an accordion-style plunger that fits into the bottom of the toilet bowl, and when you push down on the plunger water is forced through the toilet to clear the clog. These plungers can be purchased at Lowes or another hardware store for about $5.00 dollars. If this doesn't work for you please put a work order in and maintenance will take care of the problem. That is enough about toilets for now. Study hard and we'll talk again.

Thanks! John & Your Maintenance Staff