

Busch Realty's Newsletter



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How to Grow Winter Fruits & Vegetables in Florida

Excerpt from garden guides.com

Our top closing Agent for the 4th quarter. Congratulations

Maria Griffin

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Happy New Year!

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In to a depth of 10 to 12 inches.

Plant beets, carrots, parsnips, English peas, peppers, potatoes and radishes starting in January. When planted again in January, there usually is enough time to have another complete harvest before the weather gets too hot to grow some of these. Protect tender plants from freezing by draping plastic or cloth over them when freezing temperatures are predicted, but remove as soon as the weather returns temperatures above freezing.

Winter strawberries are an important part of gardening in all parts of Florida. Planting is done from late September to early November. Fruiting begins in November and continues into April or May. Freezing weather may interrupt fruit production, according to the University of Florida. Plants should be covered with sheets or blankets to protect them during these periods. Strawberry plants prefer eight hours of sunlight and like slightly acidic, well-drained soil.

Because Florida's hardiness zones, as designated by the USDA, range from Zones 8 to 10, vegetables can be grown all year. Milder winters allow for longer growing seasons than areas north of the panhandle, so there is more time and opportunities to grow crops during the winter. Knowing when to plant each plant is vital to the production of vegetables and fruits as the growing conditions vary greatly during the year.

Shovel a thick layer of compost on the entire garden area, at least 2 inches thick, and turn it in using a shovel. Turn the soil, mixing the compost

Two types of blueberries grow well in Florida conditions, the rabbiteye blueberry and the southern highbush. Rabbiteye grows well in the northern half of the state, while southern highbush variety does well in the lower half. Blueberries require well-drained soil enriched with organic matter. Adding a bit of sulphur to the soil gives it the acidity that blueberries need to thrive. Mid-December to mid-February is the best time to plant blueberries. Pruning should be done at time of planting. Harvest begins in April.

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Marion County Profile

County Seat: Ocala

Population Est. 2011-332,529

Welcome to Ocala and Marion County— where the charm and grace of the South blend with modern culture. Our rolling hills, expansive horse farms, sparkling springs and graceful oak trees beckon travelers to stop and experience the diversity of our many towns, large and small. Marion County is more than a place to live.. It's a place to be experienced.

West Marion Community Hospital announces \$40 million expansion

Courtesy of Star Banner by Fred Hiers

West Marion Community Hospital has announced a \$40 million expansion that includes adding a fourth floor to its patient wing, increasing the number of operating rooms and emergency exam/treatment rooms, and clearing the way for nearly 180 more parking spaces.

The announcement comes just months after West Marion owner Hospital Corporation of America financed a \$15million project that added 12 rooms for cardiovascular patients, another 12 for general

Surgery patients, and a new catheterization lab at the State Road 200 Hospital.

West Marion CEO Ginger Carroll said both sets of improvements to her 94 bed facility anticipate growth along the SR 200 corridor. The new patient floor will include 36 beds, 2 more operating rooms and space for 2 more in the future, and 9 more emergency room examination and treatment units.

Read complete article January 8, 2016 Ocala Star Banner



Commercial Corner For Lease



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Favorite Seasonal Recipe Cabbage Fat-Burning Soup courtesy of Allrecipes, by Nell Marsh



- 5 Carrots, chopped
- 3 Onions chopped
- 2(16oz) cans whole peeled tomatoes with liquid
- 1 lg head cabbage chopped
- 1 envelope dry onion soup mix
- 1 can cut green beans drained
- 2 quarts tomato juice
- 10 stalks celery chopped
- 1 14oz can beef broth

Pot. Add onion soup mix, tomato juice, beef broth, and enough water to cover vegetables. Simmer until vegetables are tender.
May be stored in the refrigerator for several days.

Directions:

Place carrots, onions, tomatoes, cabbage, green beans, peppers, and celery in large



The Market

Closed Listings	October 2015	November 2015	December 2015
Residential	392	319	374
Farm	16	7	10
Manufac. Home	33	30	31
Res. Acreage	17	23	24
Res. Waterfront	8	2	1
Golf Course Comm.	36	34	38
Patio home/Villa	10	13	13
Airstrip Comm.	0	1	2
Condominium	11	9	8

Experts forecast relatively low gas prices in 2016

Experts with AAA are forecasting relatively low gas prices in 2016. The annual average price of gas is likely to end up between \$2.25 and \$2.45 per gallon, compared to 2015's average of \$2.40, according to AAA– The Auto Club Group's weekly Gas Price Brief.

"Gas prices remained at their lowest level for the year-end holidays since the 2008-09 holiday season," spokesman Mark Jenkins said in the news release. "Increased demand from holiday travelers temporarily froze prices in place, but gas could get even cheaper in January as demand tapers off." Excerpt from Star Banner – Staff Report

House of the Month

Bellechase
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