



OCTOBER WEATHER PREDICTION FOR FLORIDA

Temperatures near normal. Precipitation slightly above normal. Temperatures should range from 73 in the north to 77 in the south. Weather should be pleasant, although isolated storms are expected at almost any time.



OCTOBER GARDENING TIPS

Collect pine straw (or dried out pine needles) in your yard for replenishing mulch. When mulch is used, it must be protected from washing out of the planting bed. Remove leaves from your lawn and use them as compost or as mulch. Inorganic mulch, such as gravel or rock, should only be used where washouts occur. Ferns can be divided in the fall; take cuttings from your Confederate Rose, Angel Trumpets, Salvias and Clerodendrum fern plants. Do not cut back your shrubs during October. Instead, wait until spring to do major shaping. It's time to refrigerate Tulips and Hyacinth bulbs for six to eight weeks before you plant them. Now is when you'll see a lot of Monarch Butterflies.



FLORIDA TIDBIT

1961...

Alan Shepard, the first American astronaut, is launched into space from Cape Canaveral.

FIRE OPEN HOUSE



Firefighter John Savage helps this little tyke, Brady, down from the cab of a fire engine at the annual Clearwater Fire & Rescue Open House. Every city fire station participates in the event that gives residents and their families a first-hand look at the public safety programs that protect them.

- Installed web cams on Clearwater Beach so that Beach Walk progress can be viewed online at www.myclearwater.com.
- Upgraded network connectivity with satellite IP phones and mobile satellite "Fly-Away" kits and configured and delivered backup Web server to Martin County for emergency preparedness.
- Upgraded network data storage capacity with Compellent Storage-Area-Network solution.
- Redesigned and implemented network data and systems backup solution.
- Supported software upgrades to financial and payroll systems.
- Facilitated consolidation of IT support services for five departments, which resulted in budget savings of more than \$300,000 annually.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FIRE & RESCUE

- Presented "Move Aside" initiative to the driver's education program at Countryside and Clearwater High Schools.
- Implemented annual "Slow Down" program to encourage drivers to slow down the on first day of school.
- Received the Pinellas County "Top Shock" agency award for 2006.
- Graduated two recruit classes of Firefighters.
- Developed a peer fitness trainer program for employees to stay healthy and fit.
- Made available Hepatitis A & B vaccinations to all line employees.
- Participated in the National Joint Agency Team for "Everyone Goes Home" Whistle Stop Tour to reduce the line-of-duty deaths in the fire service.