

The Knollwood Voice



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Next Community Meeting

Thursday, October 31, 2019, at 6:00pm

Waugh/ Mt. Meigs Fire Station

The Benefits of Edging a Lawn

Edging is a very important finishing touch that make all the difference between a good-looking lawn and a great one. Edging provides a lawn with a well-manicured look that cannot be achieved using any other means.

There are several lawn edging benefits besides looking great, including reducing weeds and improving its overall health. Furthermore, edging provides cleaner lawn lines, with tidy weed-free borders that won't distort the shape and structure of lawn edges, which keep both lawn and garden looking good in every season.

Summary of lawn edging benefits

- * The border is kept crisp and neat
- * Provides a barrier for plant roots, preventing flowering plants from growing into the lawn
- * Mulch and other material such as gravel are kept in check

- * Prevents turf grass growing into flower beds and other areas
- * Enhances overall design by defining different areas of the garden
- * Prevent weeds growing into flower beds
- * Acts as a visual barrier as people cannot walk in areas with edging

Ragged and untidy lawn edges spoil a nice lawn. After maintaining the grass by mowing to make the lawn look tidy, neat and beautiful, ensure the lawn edges also appear crunchy and well-ordered by neatening them up. Characteristics of a lawn not looking good, include grass growing into the surrounding borders.

Using a pair of lawn-edging shears can solve the problem by cutting away any long grass that is starting to intrude into the borders. It is recommended doing this after every mowing. The job can be done standing up without bending by using long-handled shears.

Edging also offers protection to garden bed from unwarranted pass through as it creates a visible barrier that keep people out of areas they are not supposed to be walking.

The goal of lawn edging is to improve the look of lawn and make it easier to maintain. Lawn edging is both aesthetic and functional in this application. The lawn achieves a well-manicured look, creating a clean line for mowing and trimming.

An Essential Structural Component in Landscape Design

Edging is a vital structural element in landscape design as it is a revenue generator. Installation of a quality lawn edging presents an excellent opportunity to produce bonus revenue. In fact, edging can be sold as a stand-alone project for enhancement work.

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Community Update

Knollwood Helping Knollwood

Volunteers requested for neighborhood clean-up and those physically unable. Contact the KHA.

BONDS Changes

- BONDS and the Clean City Commission have combined under Neighborhood Services.
- Gathering of Neighborhoods meetings at noon at Vaughn Park Church of Christ, 3800 Vaughn Rd.

Meetings

- Upcoming KHA community meeting dates

Change your thoughts and you change your world.

~Norman Vincent Peale



are: July 27, 2019 and October 31, 2019, January 22, 2020.

- The Montgomery City Council meets every 1st & 3rd Tuesday @ 5:00 pm, City Hall, 103 S. Perry St.
- The Montgomery County Commission meets every 1st & 3rd Monday @ 9:30 am, 100 S Perry St.

To submit a topic for a future publication, contact your block captain or send an email to milledge6@aol.com.

From: "46 Life Hacks You'll Wish You Knew Sooner"

Easy Mulch Spreading

Getting mulch up close to flowers and bushes is easier if the mulch is in a small container. So I place buckets and pails in my wheelbarrow and fill them up with mulch. It doesn't matter much if the mulch misses the bucket and lands in the wheelbarrow. Once you're done dumping the buckets, dump what's left in the wheelbarrow in an open area and spread it out.

Simple Lawn Edging

To edge your lawn, garden, or flowerbed, lay down a 2x6. While holding the board with your foot, drive a flat spade along the board's edge. Move the board as needed to create a clean, straight line.

Plant-in-a-Pot Landscaping Design

Ever wish you could reorganize your garden after seeing how the mature plants look? Here's a clever way to do it. You'll need a bunch of pots of the same size, so they'll nest in each other. Put your plants in doubled pots, and then bury them at ground level. Whenever you want a change, lift out the top pot and put in a different one. This method is also really slick for bringing plants indoors over the winter. This method is great for quickly changing out seasonal plants, and allows for easy experimentation with color and placement of plants and flowers.

Remove Highlighter Stains

Ever wish you could remove highlighter marks from a book? Lemon juice fades highlighter enough to make it virtually undetectable. Cut a lemon in half and get some juice on a cotton swab. Run the swab over the highlighted text and watch the color fade.

Zip-Tie Phone Stand

When referencing projects plans or a photo for inspiration while working on a DIY project, most of us use our phones to display images or instructional videos. The only problem with this method is that our phones don't prop themselves up, making it difficult to see at the images while working. You can make a smartphone stand out of just about anything these days, but it doesn't get much simpler than looping zip ties around your phone (1 on each side). All you have to do is tighten the zip ties until they are snug to the phone with the zip-tie heads facing down and near the edge of your phone. Now you can watch video instructions or look at project drawings without having to hold it in your hands the whole time.

Secret Cash Stash

"Sometimes I don't want to carry my wallet around. At the beach, for example, when I have to leave my belongings unattended while I go for a swim. But I still need cash on hand for food, drinks, etc. So I turned an empty tube of lip balm into a secret cash stash. You could do the same with an empty stick of sunscreen, too. A long nail works great for digging out any remaining bits of lip balm, and a cotton swab wipes away any waxy residue. Not only is the tube small enough to fit in my pocket, but it'll also fool any potential thieves. I mean, who would steal someone's used lip balm?"

No Air Pump? No Problem! Use a Shop Vacuum

If you don't have an air compressor to inflate your air mattresses or pool toys, you can use your shop vacuum instead. Just pop the top off of a plastic squeeze bottle and fit the top to your vacuum's hose. You may have to use duct tape. Once the top is secured to the hose, attach the hose to your vacuum's exhaust port. It'll blow up your inflatables in no time. To deflate, attach the hose to the vacuum port and suck the air out.

Instant Picture Frame Bumpers

Stop wall frames from slipping out of place and scratching the wall paint by putting small dots of hot glue on the back corners of the frame. The hot glue not only prevents movement, but it also holds the picture away from the wall to prevent scratches and nicks.

Fix Wobbly Furniture with a Penny

Need to shim a wobbly bench or table, but don't have time to run to the home center for furniture feet? No worries, just reach for your pocket change!

You can use a coin to shim wobbly furniture in a pinch. Use hot glue to attach the coin to the problem area, adding additional coins as needed. Coins work well as a temporary fix because they come in a variety of thicknesses and cost less than a dollar!

Edging - continued from page 1

A good quality edging can be seen from afar—that nice sharp bed-line really defines the garden and makes a great impression.

Edging is not only a necessity, but also an icing on the cake. It helps make your home look its best—giving a home a much more finished and professional look.

Uneven Lawn Edges

A sharp spade, or a half-moon edging iron can be used to correct broken, ragged and uneven lawn edges by re-cutting them into shape.

Good straight lines can be achieved using a short plank of wood or resemblance as a cutting guide. A garden hose produces perfect wavy edges. For the perfect looking lawn, re-cutting the edges should be done once a year, more so if the lawn is on

away easily.

Broken Lawn Edges

Broken edges make mowing and edging a difficult endeavor besides making the lawn look untidy. Quick and easy repairs improve the look of lawn and make mowing easier.

Edging Equipment

The right kind of equipment consideration include the size of the lawn equipment will be used, how often you plan to edge the trim the lawn, and your budget. For example, a frequently used lawn will require more powerful equipment to best suit the job.

A small lawn that doesn't require spending a lot of time edging, a pair of vertical cutting shears will do just fine. An electrical or gas-powered

edger will come in handy for more than a quarter acre of lawn or lawn used often.

One of the critical decisions having to make is deciding between electric and gas-powered models. Electric models require implements that typically reach a distance of 100 to 150 feet from an outlet. If distance extends beyond this, you may need to invest in a gas-powered tool—also suitable for a large lawn that calls for a lot of trimming, since it tends to be smaller and more mobile than electric powered ones.

You can go for a horizontal trimmer than can be used for both edging as well as trimming by turning the trimmer at an angle that allows cutting horizontally.

www.progardentips.com

The Best Apple Crumble Recipe

A decadent dessert that's actually good for you? We've got you covered with this scrumptious crumble.

Though "as American as apple crumble" might not have the same ring to it, it does have the same spirit behind it. These individual dishes of tart, sweet roasted apples and crunchy cobbler topping make for a deeply satisfying end to a meal. What makes this one so special is the topping: Not only do the oats and almonds give this dish a shot of fiber, healthy fat, and antioxidants you wouldn't find in a standard flour-based crumble, but the crunchy texture of the topping makes for a more rewarding contrast to the soft cooked apples.

SERVES 4

2 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, and cut into wedges	1 cup rolled oats
1/2 cup apple juice	Pinch salt
4 Tbsp brown sugar	2 Tbsp chilled butter, cut into small pieces
1/4 tsp cinnamon	1/4 cup chopped almonds
1/4 tsp nutmeg	Whipped cream or crème fraiche

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F.
2. Combine the apples, apple juice, 2 tablespoons brown sugar, 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon, and 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg in a large mixing bowl.
3. In a separate bowl, combine the oats with the remaining 2 tablespoons brown sugar, 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon, and 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg, plus a good pinch of salt.
4. Add the butter and work the mixture with your fingertips until it comes together in moist clumps. Add the almonds and work them in as well.
5. Divide the apples among 4 ramekins, and top with the oatmeal-almond mixture. Bake in the middle rack of the oven for about 25 minutes, until the apples are hot and bubbling and the crumble has begun to brown. (If the topping isn't significantly brown, you can turn on the broiler for the last minute of cooking.)
6. Let cool for a few minutes. Serve with a generous dollop of whipped cream or crème fraîche.

Eat This Tip

This crumble topping—made from crunchy bits of almonds and fiber-rich oats—can be adapted to almost any fruit. It's best to follow the seasons, not only because the fruit will be more readily available and cheaper, but, more importantly, because it will be better. Here are three seasonal crumbles worth trying as well:

- Spring: Rhubarb and strawberries
- Summer: Peaches and blueberries
- Fall: Pears and cranberries

Knollwood Homeowners Association

Vision—We welcome all to our thriving community with love, courtesy, and respect.

Mission—To preserve and promote Knollwood Subdivision as a pleasant community for residents and a vital contributor to the Greater Montgomery Area.

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Communication with the Knollwood Homeowners Association must be sent to the Secretary.

Around the Corner (News and Notes)

Our Condolences to:

Ms. Lucinda Harden and family in the passing of her aunt in July.

Welcome New Neighbors:

* Ms. Debra A. Smart, 165 Ash Drive

* Ms. Kayla McCall, 201 Knollwood Blvd.

Thinking of You:

* Mrs. Bernice Ballard, Knollwood Blvd.

* Mr. Howard Daniels, Elm Drive

* Mrs. Oscar Miles, Elm Drive

Thank You:

◇ For working on the clean up of the median—Mr. Thomas Anderson, Mr. Bennie Harris, Mr. Rena Harris, Mr. Jimmie Horton, Mr. Lucious McDade, and Mr. Woody Wordlaw.

◇ For keeping drains clear, taking care of vacant properties, and picking up trash throughout the neighborhood - Mr. Rena Harris

KHA Covenant and Restrictions Highlight

B. STANDARDS FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE B.1. RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES - No residence shall remain in need of repair. - Lawns shall be maintained regularly by cutting and edging. - Shrubs, bushes, and landscape plants shall be trimmed and kept to appropriate heights. - Landscape beds shall be clean and not overgrown with weeds/debris. - Street in front of residence shall be clear of leaves, dirt piles, straw, and to the debris.

Keep your face always toward the sunshine - and shadows will fall behind you.

~Walt Whitman



Observances

July	Month	Juvenile Arthritis Awareness; UV Safety Month
Jul 4	Thursday	Independence Day
Jul 24	Sunday	Parents' Day
Jul 28	Sunday	World Hepatitis Day
August	Month	Children's Eye Health and Safety; National Immunization Awareness Month
Aug 6	Tuesday	First Day of School
Aug 21	Wednesday	Senior Citizens Day
September	Month	National Preparedness; National Food Safety Education; National Childhood Obesity Awareness; Childhood Cancer Awareness; National Sickle Cell; World Alzheimer's Month
Sep 2	Monday	Labor Day
Sep 8	Sunday	National Grandparents Day
Sep 8 - 14	Week	National Suicide Prevention Week
Sep 11	Wednesday	Patriot Day ; 9/11 Remembrance Day
Sep 18	Wednesday	National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day; Wife Appreciation Day

COVENANT CORNER

HOA Membership Dues

\$200.00

May be paid in full

Due on or before July 15, 2019

\$100.00

Due on or before June 15, 2019

\$75.00 late fee due after July 15, 2019

\$100.00

Due on or before December 15, 2019

\$75.00 late fee due after January 15, 2020

Send all payments by check or money order to:

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