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Mowing Tips

Provided below are some steps to help maintain the mower. These should be done after each mowing:

1. Mow very slowly, it's not a race. This is extremely important. It's safer, gives you time to react to obstacles, and minimizes damage should you hit something.
2. When turning off the mower, put the throttle in "slow" and slowly pull out then push in the choke as engine shuts down.
3. Remove the black belt guards located on top of the blade deck and remove debris between the belts and pulleys



Before



After
Lift the mower deck plate to access additional pulleys for cleaning.



Deck plate closed



Deck plate open

4. Use a glove, broom, leaf blower or an air compressor to blow off debris.
5. After mowing, leave gasoline in the tank. Purchase gas at a local gas station and give Jimmy Williamson your gas receipt for reimbursement.

Ticks and Lyme Disease

Small Critters

This article was submitted by Debbie Crouse

Spring, what a wonderful time of year. Days get longer and warmer, flowers start blooming, kids play more outside, birds return from winter migrations and animals come out of hibernation. Oh yeah, and ticks and mosquitoes

reappear. That's right, even though it is only the end of March and the weather is still rather cold, ticks are already active in our area. While most people refer to ticks as insects or bugs, they are actually arachnids and have 8 legs like spiders. All ticks are ectoparasites (external parasites) and feed on the blood of the host animal.

In West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle two types of ticks can be found, *Ixodes scapularis*, the black legged (or deer) tick and *Dermacentor variabilis*, the American dog tick. The black legged tick is the smaller of the two with the nymphs being as small as a pin head and the adults growing to a little smaller than an eighth of an inch. Dog ticks on the other hand grow to about a quarter inch in size and are easier to see on human skin. See the chart below for tick sizes compared to a dime. Like all ticks, both local tick species feed on blood. Both species of tick can also transmit disease. Dog ticks can transmit Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Tularemia. Black legged ticks (deer ticks) can transmit Lyme disease, [anaplasmosis](#) and [babesiosis](#). This second half of this article will focus on Lyme Disease.



from CDC

website

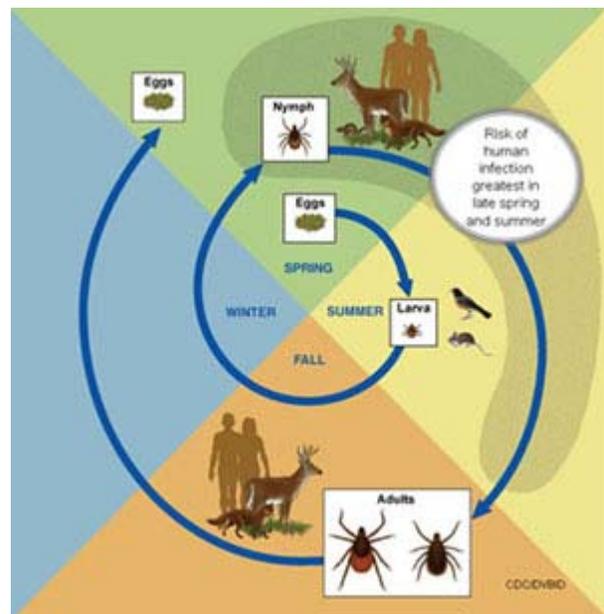
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Deer Tick Life Cycle

The black legged tick has a two year life cycle and a three stage feeding cycle. Females lay eggs in the spring. The eggs hatch as larva in the summer and the larva feed on small animals such as mice or birds in the summer and early fall. If the host animal carries Lyme disease, the larval tick takes the bacteria into its body as well as the blood meal and remains infected for the rest of its life. After the initial blood meal the larva becomes inactive and transforms into the nymph stage. The next spring the nymph feeds on mammals and birds in order to grow into an adult. During this feeding the tick

nymph can transmit the bacterium into the host animal. Usually, the host is a small rodent but sometimes the host is human. The nymphs are most active in late spring and summer when the weather is warmest. This is also when human outdoor activity is greatest and when most cases of human Lyme disease occur. After the nymph transforms to the adult stage, the adult tick feeds on larger animals and sometimes humans. In the spring, the adult females lay eggs and the cycle starts over again.

While both the nymph and adult deer ticks can feed on humans most Lyme disease infections occur from bites from the much smaller nymph. It is also interesting to note that while adult black legged ticks feed on deer, the deer do not become infected.



Black legged (deer) tick life/feeding cycle from CDC website

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/Lyme/ld_transmission.htm

Lyme Disease

While both local tick species can carry disease only the black legged (deer) tick carries Lyme disease. Lyme disease is caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*. The only way to contract Lyme disease is via the bite of an infected black legged tick. The first symptom of Lyme disease is usually a rash called erythema migrans. The rash spreads outward over a couple of days with the center sometimes fading give the rash a bullseye appearance. The rash occurs in about 70-80% of people infected and can show up at the bite site anywhere from 3-30

days after the bite. Other symptoms of Lyme disease include fatigue, chills, fever, headache, swollen lymph nodes and joint aches. In cases where there is no rash these may be the only symptoms. In most cases, a tick needs to be attached to your skin (feeding) for longer than 24 hours for infection to occur. If a deer tick has been attached to your skin for less than 24 hours your chances of getting Lyme disease are extremely small. However, just to be safe monitor the bite site for the rash and watch for other signs and symptoms. If in doubt, contact your doctor who can, if necessary, do a blood test to test for infection.

Untreated Lyme disease can spread to other parts of the body causing other symptoms such as Bells Palsy, severe stiff neck and/or headaches, joint pains and heart palpitations or dizziness. Many of these early symptoms will resolve even without treatment. After a few months, about 60% of untreated patients experience severe arthritis in large joints, especially the knees. In addition, about 5% of untreated patients may develop chronic neurological symptoms months to years after infection. These include numbness and tingling in the hands and feet, problems with short term memory and concentration and/or numbness and tingling in the hands or feet.

Most cases of Lyme disease can be cured with antibiotics, especially if antibiotics are started early in the infection. However, there are a very small percentage of people who continue to have Lyme disease symptoms months to years after treatment.

Prevention Tips

- Use insect repellents with 20-30% DEET on exposed skin and clothing
- OR use Permethrin, another type of repellent that is lethal to ticks, on clothing. DO NOT use Permethrin on exposed skin.
- Wear long sleeves and long pants when outside. For added protection, tuck pant legs into your socks.
- Do daily tick checks on yourself, children and pets.
- Remove any ticks that are found, DO NOT FREAK OUT. Immediately remove the tick with fine nosed tweezers. For more instruction on tick removal visit http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/Lyme/ld_tickremoval.htm
- Pets can bring ticks into your home. Protect your pet and yourself by using

a tick control product designed for animals.

Websites with more information:

<http://www.ent.iastate.edu/imagegal/ticks/>

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/Lyme/images/TickMaster4_12.jpg

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/Lyme/index.htm>



Adopt-a-Spot Cleaning a highway can be fun and rewarding!



L to R: Paul Maher, Patty Wilmoth, Debbie Crouse, Jimmy Williamson and John Crouse

Decked out in blaze orange, Deerfield Village residents hit the streets to clean along Kearneysville Pike. They each received a lunch bag and coffee mug from the Adopt-a-Spot program for participating in the event. Paul, Patty, Debbie, Jimmy and John volunteered their time to make Deerfield Village entrance pleasant, thank you.

Tree Trimming Finishing them off

The tree trimming project behind Lot 11 was completed February 7, 2009. The project began the day after Thanksgiving 2008 and about two rows of trees remained to be trimmed. This area of the orchard has never been trimmed, so

it was a momentous occasion to complete the job to allow mowing in that area. Beginning May 16, 2009, at 8:00 am, the limbs that were left on the ground will be relocated east of the orchard to create a natural barrier between Deerfield Village and the neighbouring farm. Please consider helping move the limbs.



L to R: Paul Maher, Debbie Crouse, Tom Miller, Betinna Maher, Jimmy Williamson and Steve Campbell



Social Committee Plans 2nd Outdoor Movie!!

Come and join in the fun!

Mark your calendars for June 13, 2009 at 8:30 pm to kick-off the summer with an outdoor movie in surround-sound. Why empty your wallet at a theater or even a drive-in when you can get top quality cinema experience right here in Deerfield Village? Mike and Marilyn Katterjohn will provide the screen, projection and sound equipment and Jan and Trudi Tooke (Lot 12) will provide their backyard. The family-oriented movie has yet to be selected. Let Mike know your preferences. See you then.

If you didn't know...

the generosity from a neighbor

Tom Miller paid to have a new chute and belts replaced on the mower. He saved the Deerfield Village residents money because of his generosity. If you see him, thank him.



Freedom's Run The first Shepherdstown Marathon!!

Scheduled for October 3, 2009, the Freedom's Run Events will allow runners and walkers to explore our land in events ranging from a challenging and scenic marathon connecting National Parks of great consequence-Harpers Ferry, the C&O Canal, and Antietam Battlefield; a half marathon winding through the Antietam story and connecting to the C&O; a 5k and 10k crossing the Potomac on the Rumsey Bridge and coursing the C&O; a kids/family fun run touring historic Shepherdstown. All runners and walkers experience a thrilling finish on the football field of Shepherd University.

Runners and walkers of all abilities will experience a living museum, living history, and witness the results of historic preservation. The soul of generations past and present merge, as we fight to sustain this soul for our future generations.

Discover John Brown's Fort, The Armory of Virginus Island, Murphy Farm, and Packhorse Ford. Turn up the fall leaves on the C&O Canal. Encounter Antietam Battlefield, arguably the most respectfully preserved land in our nation. It was here that 23,000 Americans were killed or wounded in what still is the most costly day in American History.

The pre-Civil War towns of Sharpsburg and Shepherdstown welcome the runners as they head to the finish on the campus of Shepherd University. The terrain will be a mix of rural road, hard pack C&O Canal Trail, and 50 meters

of synthetic turf at the Shepherd Football field finish.

Participants and Families will enjoy a day of post race festivities in Shepherdstown. The event is a non profit to support the Eastern Area Health Education Center, Healthy Kids Healthy Communities, and Washington's Way West National Heritage Alliance.

Amy Campbell is arranging for Deerfield Village volunteers to run an aid station set up along the course to provide refreshments for the participants. Please contact Amy if you are interested in volunteering.

The Freedom's run website is located at:

<http://www.freedomrun.org/Default.aspx>

A zoo in the village

Birthday party brings animals

On October 11, 2008, Edward and Alexandria of Lot 34 had a birthday party that drew different animals. Several children attended and enjoyed playing with the animals. Happy birthday Edward and Alexandria, it was a fun day.





Annual POA Meeting Board members elected

The annual meeting of Deerfield Village Property Owners' Association, Inc. was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009 at 61 Pathfinder Court. There were present 17 members representing 12 homes, 15 properties represented by the developer, Wilmoth Construction Company, Inc., and 10 property owners represented by proxy. A quorum was present. Deerfield Village President Debbie Crouse ran the meeting.

Regarding the budget items, budgeted expenses exceeded income for the second straight year. Fortunately, less money was needed for snow removal.

An election for the next Board of Directors was conducted. The following members were elected for a one year term: Terry Bauer, Steve Campbell, Debbie Crouse, Andrea Longnecker, Betinna Maher, Tom Miller, Jimmy Williamson, Pattie Wilmoth and Paul Wilmoth.

An amendment to the Deerfield Village Covenants allowing the association members to vote for a special assessment for legal matters, if needed, was presented at the meeting. Members voted in person and by proxy. Pattie Wilmoth, a licensed notary for the State of West Virginia, witnessed each signature at the meeting and obtained additional signatures after the meeting that allowed the assessment to be adopted.

Several individuals were recognized for contributing to the maintenance of the common grounds, which included mowing, tree-trimming and conducting several Adopt-a-Spot efforts. The Adopt-a-Spot campaigns were successfully organized by Debbie Crouse. Additionally, Jimmy Williamson's was recognized as an effective treasurer and creating and maintaining the Deerfield Village website and Steve Campbell for maintaining the newsletter. Paul Wilmoth was recognized for maintenance of the grounds that included adding concrete walks to certain sections of the trail, raking the trail, and snow plowing. Trudi Tooke, Amy Campbell and Andrea Longnecker were recognized for Social Committee events throughout the year involving movie night, a Halloween party, a candy cane hike and delivering welcome baskets to new Deerfield Village residents.

Recent issues discussed during the meeting included a concern about the increasing presence of dog waste, speeding and the use of firearms in the community.

April 7th Board Meeting Officers selected

The first order of New Business was the election of officers for the Board. The following were chosen:

President – Terry Bauer

Vice President – Debbie Crouse

Secretary – Pattie Wilmoth

Treasurer – Jimmy Williamson

The committee chairpersons are as follows:

Finance – Debbie Crouse

Rules & Policies – Steve Campbell

Streets & Grounds – Betinna Maher

Social Co-chairs – Andrea Longnecker, Amy Campbell, Trudi Tooke

All votes for officers and chairpersons were unanimous.

Thank you, Debbie, for serving as president, you did a great job. Thank you, Terry, for volunteering to be president.

Welcome

New Family in Deerfield Village:

Lot 7: The Saids

Board Meetings Summarizing them

January 2009:

- Tree Policy Resolution;
- Changes to the Covenant amendment regarding legal fees;
- Dues; and
- 2009 Board of Director nominees

February 2009:

- Annual meeting letter;
- Completion of year-end tax forms;
- Special assessment to cover legal fees;
- Signing and approving of the policy resolution on complaints and covenant violations;
- Satellite dish resolution; and
- Annual meeting agenda and presentations

April 2009:

- Guest Speaker Tom Shantz regarding the Freedom's Run Marathon;
- Gift baskets;
- Mailing of tax forms;
- Signatures for changes to the Covenant amendment regarding legal fees;
- Dues delinquency;
- Satellite Dish policy resolution;
- Election of officers;
- Jefferson County Organization of Homeowners Associations;
- April 25th Adopt-a-Spot announcement;
- Announcement of Shepherdstown Elementary School Activities; and
- Donation to Paul Wilmoth for snow plowing

The minutes to the meetings are located on the Deerfield Village Website at:

<http://www.deerfieldvillagewv.org/board-meeting-minutes/>

If you have any questions on any of the meetings, please contact a Board of Director.

Its time to meet...

The family of lot 4

Jim and Terry Bauer live on Lot 4 on Blossom View Ct. Terry is a native West Virginian, and Jim is from New Jersey, although he has been accused of having a southern accent after living here since 1980. After meeting in college and marrying, we lived a short time in New Jersey, and then settled in Charleston. We moved to Harpers Ferry in 1985 where we had 3 acres, a pool, and lots of grass to mow. Our children had a wonderful place to grow up and play.

Jim is a manager of a computer group at the Martinsburg Computing Center. He has been there since 1989, and has had a variety of positions. He is a gardener, and enjoys biking and hiking.

Terry is a nurse anesthetist, and is currently practicing in Hagerstown, MD. She enjoys quilting, and biking on our back roads. Much of her time is spent keeping up with her three children.

Andrew is graduated from the University of Southern California, and works as an aerospace engineer for Boeing in Los Angeles. He loves the California lifestyle, and is lucky enough to live in Santa Monica in a sweet house with fruit trees and only 10 blocks from the ocean.

Emily is a senior at Elizabethtown College near Harrisburg, PA. Her major is elementary education with a minor in Spanish. She loves little children, running and being with her friends. She will spend her summer in Tucker County, WV teaching young children reading skills with an Americorp program.

Julie is a junior at High Point University in North Carolina. She is pursuing a major in non-profit leadership and business. She enjoys biking, reading, and taking care of Prescott next door to us. She will spend her summer at home

doing some work, and seeing her West Virginia friends.

We were some of the first families to come to Deerfield Village, where we have met many nice people. Jim and I are both active community people, and have projects at church, as well as here in our neighborhood. During my time as president of the homeowners association, I hope to get to know more of our neighbors, and encourage each of you to do the same.