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Spring Forward.....It's that time of the year to spruce-up the yard!



Have You Sprung Into Spring Yet...?

As the winter season comes to an end, spring is just around the corner. That's right....after a long cold and wet winter, we've finally sprung into the spring season, with the sun shining and the warmer days approaching, it's that time of the year to spruce-up the yard.

With newly spring foliage appearing on the limbs of those winter dormant trees and shrubs, brings a feeling of fresh growth amongst the homes in our community. Now it's time to bring a little extra color to our yards.

The question now is....how do I get beauty and color into my yard without spending a fortune.

Landscaping can become a nightmare and be very costly if not done properly. Many homeowners buying their homes for the first-time tend to fall into a common mistake of over buying and over planting in their yards. Landscaping actually is really very simple, once you've understood how to plan and plant.

However, because many homeowners fall into that common error of over buying and over planting, the cost of landscaping can actually double in cost. This common mistake can actually resort into over spending year after year and gaining little results throughout the year itself.

It's no surprise that landscaping cost money, but spending those funds wisely can lessen the cost of doing business and sprucing-up your property, increasing the value by as much as 10-20% of its actual real-estate market estimate.

Now that we've identified the need to spruce-up the yard with a little landscaping, let's identify the means. The first step into landscaping, is to identify actually what the dimensions are with your property and then begin to visualize what you'd like to accomplish. This can be done by taking a picture of the property and sitting down, while looking at various plant

BMP Inspection...maintenance and repairs underway!



BMP Damaged

As previously mentioned in our last Community Newsletter, we identified the damaged BMP storm drain located in the common area. You may remember, that this storm drain was identified by York Coun-

ty's Department of Environmental & Development Services during a routine inspection. In order to comply with code and compliance, this storm drain must be repaired or replaced. The Board of Director's is currently working with a BMP contractor to identify a cost effective means in order to accomplish this

task and resolve the issue. Preliminary cost are estimated to be around \$2000.00-\$3000.00 to repair the storm drain. Replacement value could reach an estimated cost of \$5000.00 to complete the project. We're currently looking at repairing the storm drain, as opposed to replacing it, due to the actual cost. ■

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Facebook... Remember
To Look For Us On Facebook

That's right, it's our community on social network!

Bruton Glen Homeowner's Association is currently on a social network, Facebook. Many thanks to one of our board members, Erik Tremblay for maintaining this provision. In an effort to better communicate with our homeowner's and perhaps get in touch with technology in today's world, Erik's taken the time to bring our community to light, by promoting us on Facebook. It's the intent of the Association and board members to provide another means of communicating with our community as a whole. We hope that you'll take the time to visit us on Facebook, as well as on our web site at www.BrutonGlen.org. When visiting Facebook, simply log-in to your account. Once you've logged in, simply search for Bruton Glen Homeowner's and the page link should pop-up. ■

LIVING TODAY, ONLY MAKES
TOMORROW WORTH
WAITING FOR....REMEMBER,
WE LIVE FOR THE MOMENT
TODAY, BUT LIVING FOR
TOMORROW TAKES TIME,
EFFORT AND PATIENCE.

LET US WORK TOGETHER TO
MAKE TOMORROW A BETTER
DAY THAN YESTERDAY!

COME JOIN US!



Community Yard Sale

The next scheduled community yard sale is tentatively planned for Saturday May 18th, 2012 from 8:00 am — 2:00 pm.

Homeowner's have the opportunity to clean-out their closets, attic space, garage, etc. of all those unwanted items and get ready to sell their treasures to all those yard sale shoppers. Remember, one man's trash is another man's treasure. Advertisement will be provided in local papers and sponsored by the Bruton Glen Homeowner's Association. ■

We're on the Web!

www.BrutonGlen.org

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material to establish ideas of what to plant and design in the yard. Remember, when designing landscaping in your property, look at a five year window, meaning that anything you wish to plant should be visualized in growth as five years down the road. How large will these plants have grown in five years, before maturing.

In order to minimize landscaping cost, It's highly suggested to divide the project into sections. By breaking up the property into sectors, it allows such design projects to take on smaller jobs and then be able to grow and build into other areas of the yard over time. This is done by concentrating on smaller areas at a time year after year, while spreading out the cost of completing each landscape project, minimizing those cost over a period of time.

The best method is to start with the most common area of the property first, which everyone, including yourself visualizes every day. That area would be the front yard. Start with designing flower beds around the structure of the property, while moving out into the yard with other flower beds and tree bowls. This presents a first impression on you as a homeowner and the property itself. As time passes and the years follow, the transition of a beautifully landscape yard comes together. Utilizing this method also allows the homeowner to grow with their property, changing various landscape ideas, while spreading the expense over a longer period of time, minimizing cost.

Start by designing the dimensions of the flower beds, then think of the bed as a picture or painting. You want to provide a background effect or anchor for the bed. This can be accomplished by providing shrubs as anchor points, then planting perennials in front of those, with planting annuals as accents. This technique provides a common theme and allows for the planting of various annuals from year to year, changing what flowers are planted and also minimizing cost over the long haul.

Homeowner's need to research plant material before buying and planting such trees, shrubs, flowers, etc. in order to properly design and allow for future growth. The biggest mistake most homeowners make is over-planting, trying to fill a flower bed with too many plants at one time. Planting needs to be accomplished by positioning the plant material before actually putting them in the ground. This provides a visual effect of how the plants will look before actually planting them. It's certainly much easier to move a plant sitting on the ground, then it is digging up the plant to move it to another spot and then replanting that same plant over again.

Now that we've covered the design and planting aspects of landscaping, finishing the project with a coat of mulch, actually brings it all together. Mulching the flower beds not only presents a vivid appearance, but actually brings nutrients to the newly planted materials. Mulch holds moisture in the beds allowing the plant material to feed after watering or receiving a rain fall.

Change the way you look at yourself and your property....it's your investment, landscape for success. ■



"ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT"

Last month Bruton Glen Homeowner's Association held its Annual Easter Egg Hunt, which was sponsored by the RAC committee. After some initial planning, members of the RAC committee put

together a fundamental action plan, which resulted in plenty of fun, games and food for everyone who attended. Easter eggs filled with candy and prizes were spread throughout the grounds of the park, providing all age groups plenty of goodies and sweets.

Overall, the event was a huge success. The Board of Director's and RAC committee members would like to thank all of those parents who provided a helping hand in accomplishing the days events. Without your assistance, this event would not have been possible. ■