

Yard of the Month

Congratulations to this month's winner for "Most Improved" yard.



10520 Comanche Lane

Pet Tips



Does your favorite pooch have a case of separation anxiety? Does he sulk when you have to leave the house each morning? He's not alone. It's not unusual for some dogs (and even cats) to go into a funk when their masters start spending less and less time at home while they are out enjoying the summertime sun. To help your furry companion cope, try these tips from www.msnbc.com:

- Leave the room or the house for brief periods, extending your absence for longer and longer periods to help your pet adapt.
- Keep your greetings matter-of-fact so that it doesn't seem like such a big deal. In other words, don't fuss over them too much before you leave in the morning or when you come home.
- Have them perform a command (such as "sit") and give them a treat before you leave. They might even start to look forward to your departure.

DMV Changes



The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has announced that a \$5 service fee will be added to the bills of customers who choose to renew their vehicle registration in person at their customer service centers. To help cut down on operation expenses at these customer service centers, all DMV customers are urged to explore different options when renewing their registrations including:

- **Internet:** Renew online and receive a \$1 discount. A receipt from the online transaction along with an expired registration card can be used until the new materials arrive in the mail.
- **Mail:** Return the renewal notice you receive by DMV along with your payment using standard first-class mail. Most customers receive their vehicle registration materials back by mail within 5 days (but be sure to allow 15 days in case of postal delays).
- **Telephone:** Customers can renew their vehicle registrations by using DMV's automated service by calling 1-888-337-4782.
- **DMV Select:** Customers may visit one of 50 DMV select offices throughout Virginia to complete their vehicle registration renewals without paying the \$5 fee. As of May 12th, Hanover County has opened a DMV Select office at the county's Commissioner of Revenue and Treasurer office at the courthouse. Here, you will be able to process transactions such as titles, registrations, special and personalized plates, trip and overload permits, handicap parking permits, transcripts, name and address changes, dealer title and registration transactions, and returned checks. The county's DMV Select site will **NOT** be able to process transactions related to a Driver's License. For identity and security reasons, these types of transactions are only handled by DMV.

For more information about the changes and how they effect you, email www.dmvnow.com or call the county's Treasurer's office at 365-6050.

KOSMO VILLAGE MOBILE HOME PARK & CAMPGROUND

News You Can Use

Increased Rent: Please remember that the monthly lot rental for our mobile home park residents will be increasing to \$350 effective July 1, 2008.

Summer Hours: The office hours have changed this summer to 9 AM until 5 PM Monday through Friday. Please remember there is a drop box on the southern side of the building where you can drop your rent payments or complaints when our office is closed. Reasonable accommodations will be made to schedule individual appointments for those who need after-hours appointments for lease-related business. Call the office at 798-6689 should you have any questions.

Speed Limit: Please be aware that the speed limit throughout the park has been lowered to 10 MPH. The change was made in the interest of all of our residents—especially the children. This change went into effect several months ago. However, we are receiving complaints of people continuing to drive at an excessive rate of speed. Please refer to Section 6 of the Manufactured Home Lot Lease as well as Sections 10 & 17 of the Rules and Regulations incorporated into the lease. Individuals found to be speeding in the park will receive a lease infraction. Two or more infractions in a 6-month period is grounds for termination. Therefore, it is important that all of our residents obey the posted speed limits and ensure that their guests are doing the same.

Management Memos

Our maintenance team is continuing to find household goods left alongside the dumpster. We have addressed this issue in several different newsletters. If you have a household item that you no longer want but think someone else might benefit from, it is very important that you **not** leave these items alongside the dumpsters. The appropriate way to handle these unwanted items is to donate them to any of the local charities or take it to the Lewistown Road transfer station. They have a covered area set up where individuals can leave items for people to go through and pick up if they think they could use it. The transfer station is just around the corner. Take a left out of the park onto Route 1 and go to the stop light, taking a left onto Lewistown Road. Follow it to the end and you will find the transfer station.

Individuals who are found leaving items around the dumpsters are subject to being fined \$100 if the trash removal service has to make a return trip caused by a blocked container. In addition, a lease violation will be issued and the tenant will be charged for the removal of the items by our staff. **Please do your part to help keep Kosmo clean!**

If you have clothes or shoes that no longer fit, rather than throwing them away, please considering placing them in the Planet Aid donation box that is located near the office. This Massachusetts-based, non-profit organization collects and resells used clothing and shoes to raise funds to help improve the lives of people in developing countries overseas. Some of the development projects they contribute to include schools, health care programs, and HIV/AIDS prevention in Africa, Asia and Central America. Since their establishment in 1997, they have placed more than 5000 donations boxes throughout several metropolitan areas. If you would like more information about this organization, please visit their website at www.planetaid.org or contact them by phone at (804) 399-8635.



Thought For The Month: "Fatherhood is pretending the present you love the most is soap-on-a-rope."

~Bill Cosby

REMINDER: Our office will be closed on Friday, July 4th in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Go Green & Help Save The Blue

This month's highlight of becoming more environmentally conscious is all about conserving water. Water is a life source for us all. We must protect our water sources and conserve their use so that we will continue to have fresh, clean water well into the future. By making just a few small changes to your daily routine, you can save a significant amount of water, which will also help you save money! Here are a few things you can do to help save this precious resource:

- **Fix That Leak!** Leaky faucets that drip at the rate of one drop per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons of water each year.
- **Shower Power.** A full bathtub requires about 70 gallons of water, while taking a 5-minute shower uses 10-25 gallons. When getting ready for your shower, try putting a 5-gallon bucket under the spigot as you adjust the water temperature. Instead of letting that water just wash down the drain, use the water you collect in your bucket to water your flowers outside. If you just can't give up those baths, use the stopper in the drain immediately and adjust the temperature as you fill the tub.
- **Turn It Off.** The average bathroom faucet flows at a rate of 2 gallons per minute. Turning off the tap while brushing your teeth in the morning and at bedtime can save up to 8 gallons of water per day, which equals 240 gallons a month!
- **Make It A Full Load.** The average washing machine uses about 41 gallons of water per load. The next time you need to upgrade your washer, consider getting a high-efficiency model. These use less than 28 gallons of water per load. To achieve even greater savings, wash only full loads of laundry or use the appropriate load size selection on the washing machine.
- **Don't Flush Your Money Down The Drain!** If your toilet is from 1992 or earlier, you probably have an inefficient model that uses at least 3.5 gallons per flush. New and improved high-efficiency models use less than 1.3 gallons per flush—that is a difference of 60%!

REMEMBER: Keeping water costs down will help keep your lot rent down!

Shop Smart

The next time you need to replace a product, especially an appliance, be on the look out for the following symbols:



Energy Star is a government-backed program helping businesses and individuals protect the environment by making energy-efficient choices. Energy efficient choices can save families about a third on their energy bill with similar savings of greenhouse gas emissions, without sacrificing style and comfort.

Look for the Water Sense label when shopping for plumbing fixtures, irrigation services, or other products that meet water efficiency criteria. Water-efficient products and practices help reduce water use and saves money on utility bills.

The History of "Father's Day"



Sonora Dodd of Spokane, Washington, was the first person to host a Father's Day celebration. In 1909, while listening to a Mother's Day sermon, she decided to celebrate the accomplishments of her father, William Smart. Mr. Smart was a Civil War veteran who was widowed when his wife died while in childbirth with their sixth child. He was left to raise the newborn and his other five children in rural Washington state. She wanted to find a way to honor the sacrifices her father had made in raising six children as a single parent and all the other father's of the world. So she held the first Father's Day celebration on June 19, 1910.

In 1924, President Calvin Coolege supported the idea of a national Father's Day. However, it wasn't until 1966 when President Lyndon Johnson signed a proclamation declaring the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed the law which made Father's Day a national holiday.

DON'T FORGET! Father's Day is Sunday, June 15th!

Classifieds



FOR SALE: BRAND NEW Maynardville 14x56, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$45,995. Financing available for qualified buyers. ASK ABOUT OUR SPECIAL LEASING INCENTIVES. Too many amenities to list.

Visit www.kosmovillage.com/ForSale.htm or call 798-6689 for details.

FOR SALE: 1973 Sheffield, newly renovated. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. All flooring replaced and brand new linoleum and carpeting installed. New base cabinets in kitchen. Fresh coat of interior paint. No appliances. \$15,000. ASK ABOUT OUR SPECIAL LEASING INCENTIVES. Call 798-6689 for details.

FOR SALE: 2002 Clayton 32x72 double wide. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large den with fireplace. Call Bob Lucas at 798-3206.

FOR SALE: 2006 Maynardville Blueridge. 2 bedrooms, 2 bath. All appliances convey. Shingle roof, vinyl siding, Thermopane windows, front and back porch. \$40,000. Call Corey at 804-627-3044.

FOR SALE: 1998 Oakwood mobile home for sale. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. \$13,500. Call 519-5820 or 262-6079.



SERVICES: Pet grooming services (including brush, wash, dry, anal gland expression, nail clipping/filing, breath freshening, and eye/ear cleaning) available by local park resident. One-on-one training (with dog & owner), doggie daycare and pet sitting services also available. Call Lorin Mayhew at 752-7644.

SERVICES: Leaf removal services offered. Please leave message 798-1275.

SERVICES: Lawn services provided to mobile home park residents. Call Ron Smith at 402-3562 for more information.

SERVICES: Handyman/plumbing services with local neighborhood references available. Free, honest estimates. Call Ken Parady at 798-7223 or 400-3221.

SERVICES: Painting services offered. Call Robert Spence at 253-3900 or 798-4046.

SERVICES: Notary services by appointment. Call Sonja after 5 PM weekdays and anytime weekends. 798-4046.

Local Swimming

Below you will find a list of local area swimming pools for the summer season. If you have questions regarding hours of operation or entrance fees, please contact them directly.

- Carter Park Municipal Pool: 798-2520. Corner of Askcake Road and Maple Street.
- Cobblestones Water Park: 798-6918. Take 95 South to Exit 84-B onto 295 North. Take Exit 49A towards Montpelier. Go 1 mile and turn left beside Debbie's Kitchen. Follow to end of Road.

