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President's Message

BACK TO SCHOOL

With school starting August 27th, the kids begin to see the end of their summer freedom. As this school year begins, please remember to watch out for the added hazards. This includes both in the neighborhood at the bus stops as well as watching out for the active school zones around our community. We will have our patrol officers following the bus to help keep things in order, but please use caution and be aware.

POOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER

The Community Pool will close weekdays starting August 20th, but will remain open weekends until Labor Day. Usage of the pool has been especially high this summer, thanks in part no doubt to the hot and dry weather. At the end of the pool season, we will be evaluating the 2012 pool season and start planning for 2013.



IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 2012
6

Landscape Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm
POOL CLOSED

7

Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

11

Walk the bayou and pick up trash –
meet Paul @ the Willow Crossing Bridge
@ 8 am

13

POOL CLOSED

20-24

POOL CLOSED

27

CFISD First Day of School

27-31

POOL CLOSED

All meetings are held in the pool meeting room. All Homeowners are welcome to attend any of the above meetings. Please call Randall Management to be placed on the agenda if you would like to address the Board at the meeting.

MUD Meeting Information – The normal date/time is 11:30 am the first Thursday of the month at the offices of Attorneys Young and Brooks. The address is 10000 Memorial Drive, Suite 260.

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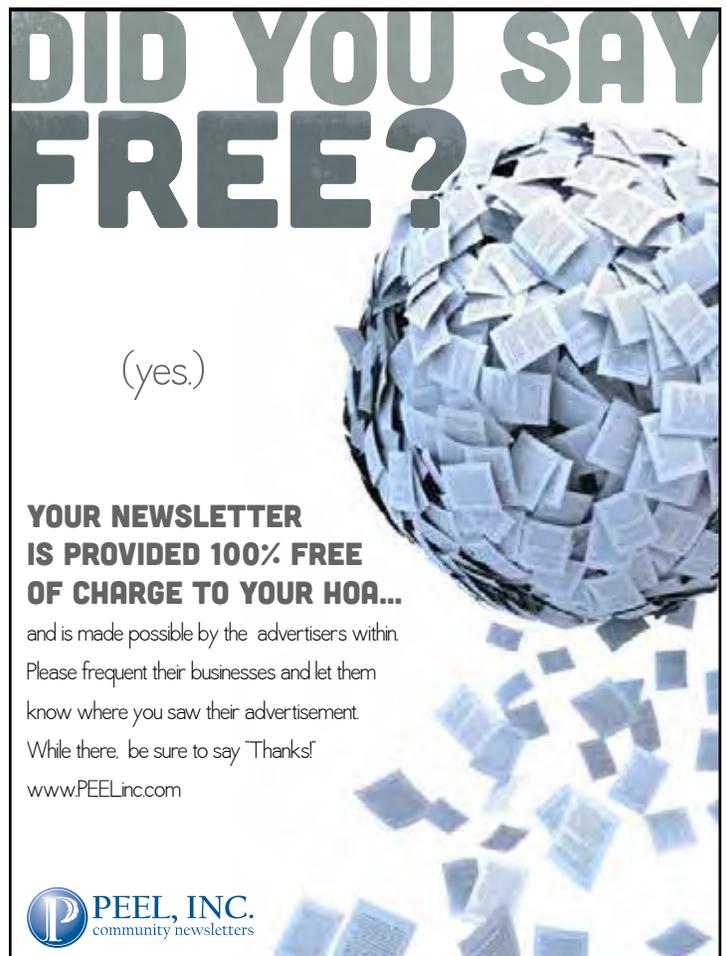
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Checking	Comm Assoc Banc	\$ 7,037.45
Temp Transfer	Comm Assoc M/M	\$100,000.00
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Reserves

Comm Assoc Banc	\$ 33,516.87
Prosperity M/M	\$ 3,070.86
Smith Barney	\$146,237.81
Bank of America M/M	\$ 50,730.52
Total Reserves	\$233,556.06

Accounts Receivable

2010 Owner Assessments	\$ 1,773.19
2011 Owner Assessments	\$ 3,355.28
2012 Owner Assessments	\$ 15,676.80
A/R Collection Fees	\$ 8,503.00
A/R Late charges	\$ 818.35
A/R Legal fees	\$ 7,840.33
A/R Opening Balance	\$ 19,391.50
	\$ 57,358.45

Total Assets		\$401,695.77
Pre-paid insurance	\$ 720.66	
Total other assets		\$ 720.66

Total Assets **\$402,416.43**

LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

Current Liabilities

Prepaid-HOA Fees	\$ 252.00
Prepaid-Legal Fees	\$ 125.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 377.00

Reserves

Beginning balance	\$ 210,013.13
2012 Reserves	\$ 26,304.00
Interest Income	\$ 360.16
Capital Expenses	\$ -3,121.23
Total Reserves	\$233,556.06

Member Capital

Prior Years equity	\$ 74,525.47
Accrual basis equity	\$ 56,981.45
Total homeowners capital	\$ 131,506.92
YTD excess/deficit	\$ 36,976.45
Total member's equity	\$ 168,483.37
TOTAL LIABILITIES & MEMBER'S EQUITY	\$ 402,416.43

Harris County Sheriff's Office Patrol Report JUNE 2012

Category	Number
Burglary/Habitat	1
Burglary/Motor vehicle	0
Criminal Mischief	1
Disturbance/Family	3
Disturbance/Loud Noise	0
Local Alarms	5
Suspicious Person	3
Traffic stop	3
Vehicle suspicious	2

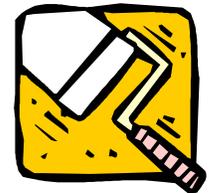
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3 Things You Need to Know About Grass

By Stuart Franklin is President of Nature's Lawn & Garden, Inc.

<http://lawncaresimplified.typepad.com>

Part 1 - See July 2012 Edition

PART 2 - HOW GRASS SPREADS

Some grass types can spread rapidly while others will hardly thicken at all. The way your grass spreads actually depends on the particular type of grass you have. Bluegrass is different from ryegrass which is different from bentgrass and so on. And the ability to spread is also influenced by how well you care for the grass as well.

There are just four methods lawn grass plants normally use to reproduce or extend out from the mother plant. Most grass species are capable of spreading by two or more of these methods.

1. Going To Seed

Dropping seeds is one of the ways all lawn grasses can spread and fill in, but please don't depend on this method. Because we mow the grass before seed heads develop, you rarely see much in the way of seeds on a lawn. If you did not mow your lawn at all, eventually you would see seed heads developing at the top of the stem, extending above the grass blades.

Some grasses types have adapted to mowing and form seeds closer to the ground, below the mower blade. Every year we get a few panicked calls from our local customers complaining that there is something white growing on their grass. Upon inspection it is only the grass seeding, and doing what nature intends it to do.

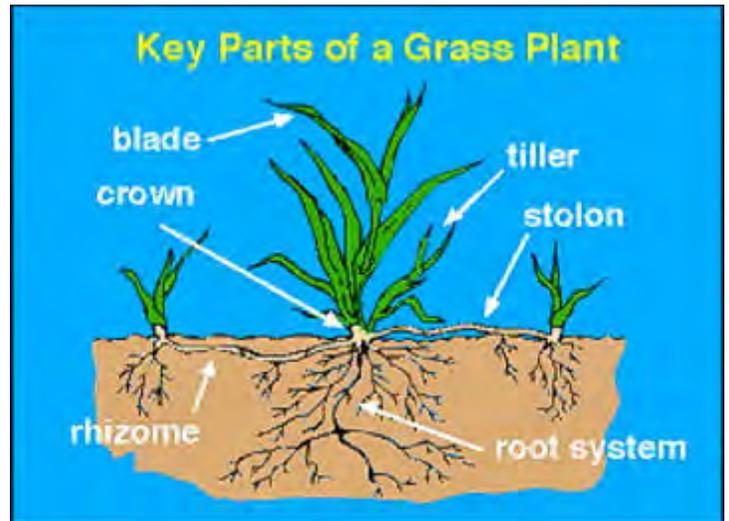
With all the hybrid grasses today, there is also the possibility that the seed may be sterile too. I wouldn't count on the lawn going to seed as a good method of your grass spreading if it is thin.

2. Tillering

A tiller is a new shoot (a new stem with more leaf blades) that forms off to the side of the main plant. It grows out from the crown and essentially makes the mother plant into a thicker or wider plant. If you look at the illustration you can see the tiller to the right of the main stem. (click to enlarge)

Most lawn grasses will send out tillers. Some grasses use this method exclusively for spreading out or thickening. These grasses are called bunchgrasses or clumpgrasses.

Perennial ryegrass, a common lawn grass is actually a bunchgrass. Here's a bunch of it.



The only way this would fill in the bare area would be to get thicker and thicker over time, and that might take a while. Tall Fescue is also a bunchgrass, and most varieties of this are very wide bladed. When you get a spot of this in an otherwise fine bladed lawn, it sticks out like a sore thumb.

Rhizomes

Rhizomes are underground runners (or stems) that pop out of the ground a distance from the mother plant, forming completely new plants capable of sending out its own rhizomes. You can see a rhizome in the blue picture above on the left. Rhizomes are a great way for grass to spread, and typically grasses with rhizomes also thicken by tillering as well. Kentucky bluegrass and fine fescue spread by rhizomes. The rhizomes can spread quite far to find an open spot in the lawn. They will also pop up in your garden beds, like it or not, if bluegrass borders the beds. Good soils make it easy for rhizomes to grow, while dense clay soils can make it very difficult.

Stolons

Stolons are somewhat the opposite of rhizomes in that they are above ground runners that travel on top of the soil. They travel a long or short distance from the mother plant and then form independent grass plants as they go along. You see a stolon on the right side of the blue image up above. Creeping bentgrass, St. Augustine and zoysia grass spread by stolons and they will spread rapidly on top of the soil, especially if the soil is easy to root in and not hard or claylike. They can weave their way through other grass types in a lawn and eventually take over the lawn.

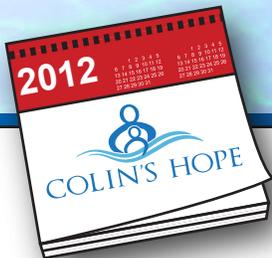
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Ensuring a Healthy Return to the Classroom Begins at Home

As a parent, there's no doubt that back-to-school season requires a lot of effort to get your kids all set for the challenges of the classroom. But it's also an important time to consider your child's health, says Daniel Howard, M.D., a pediatrician with The Austin Diagnostic Clinic (ADC).

"From making sure all of the proper vaccinations have been administered on schedule, to getting their kids back on 'school year' sleep schedules, health is obviously a huge consideration for parents with school-age children," Dr. Howard says.

- **Vaccinations 101.** Children should receive a variety of vaccinations and booster shots to prevent them from getting many serious and highly contagious diseases.
- **Hearing and vision tests.** Consider getting your child's hearing and vision tested before they begin school to prevent learning challenges in the classroom.
- **Health information.** Parents should be prepared to provide schools with a list of emergency contact information that includes telephone numbers for parents, close family, pediatrician, and dentist.
- **Diet and sleep.** Healthy eating is a critical part of a child's physical

and mental development and can help curb the risk of childhood obesity. Sleep is also essential—kids should get between eight to 11 hours per day, depending on their age.

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