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Semi-Annual Meetings

Rolling Ridge Townhomes -- all townhome owners
Monday July 14, 2014 at 7 pm at Milton Borough building

Rolling Ridge Phase III -- all single family & townhome owners
Monday July 21, 2014 at 7 pm at Milton Borough building

All homeowners are asked to either attend or complete proxy form and mail back to office / give to another attendee. If you have concerns or comments, it is important to show up at the full membership meetings to make yourself heard.. ☒



Brad Haubert or someone from his Fogarty Homes staff will attend the July 21st meeting to give homeowners an update on Berkshire Commons.

TOP 10 EASY TO GROW FLOWER PLANTS AND SEEDS FOR BEGINNERS

1. SUNFLOWERS



Easy plants for kids to grow - they will definitely be impressed with Sunflower 'Mongolian Giant' growing

up to 14 feet tall! Just sow the seeds straight into the ground in a sunny, sheltered spot and watch them grow and grow and grow! Be sure to provide the stems with supports to grow the tallest sunflowers around.

2. SWEET PEAS



Who can resist their delicious fragrance? And the more you pick, the more flowers they produce!

The large seeds of sweet peas are easy to handle, but if sowing sounds complicated then buy them as sweet pea plug plants! A sunny spot, a supportive fence, and plenty of water is all these climbers need to produce your own 'home grown' cut flowers. Just keep an eye out for troublesome slugs and snails - they love the young shoots.

3. NIGELLA (Love in A Mist)



Such easy plants to grow. Simply scatter nigella seed across a patch

of bare soil and let it look after itself! With jewel-like flowers and delicate ferny leaves, nigella is much tougher than it looks. As the flowers fade, this pretty plant will set seed for the following year. What could be simpler!

Summer Gardening Tips

By Michael J. McGroarty

Visit his most interesting website, <http://www.freeplants.com> and sign up for his excellent gardening newsletter. Article provided by <http://gardening-articles.com>.

- ⊙ Don't be afraid to trim those flowering shrubs and trees that need it. Failure to prune is probably the biggest gardening mistake a person can make. I spent 20 years landscaping homes and businesses, and I watched people make the investment in my services, then they failed to prune when the plants needed it, and before you know it their landscape looks terrible.

If you make a mistake pruning, don't worry about it. It's like a bad haircut, it will grow out. Of course use common sense and read the previous articles that I've written on pruning.

- ⊙ Along with summer time comes high humidity. High humidity can cause a lot of problems with the plants in your garden and around your house. One of the simple things you can do is don't water just before dark. Make sure your plants are nice and dry when you tuck them in for the night and you can cut down of the chance fungus being a problem.

One of the more common fungi that I get asked about a lot is powdery mildew. This appears as a white film on the leaves of ornamental plants. Dogwoods and Purple Sandcherry are often the victim of powdery mildew. Powdery mildew isn't extremely harmful to the plants, it's just that the foliage is damaged, and little growing takes place once it sets in. Your local garden center will have a general fungicide you can spray if you'd like to try and control it. Usually once the plant defoliates in the fall the plant is back to normal.

- ⊙ If you have Perennial Rye Grass in your lawn, and you probably do if you're in the north, you must be careful not to leave your grass wet at night. There is a fungus known as Pythium Blight that appears in very humid conditions. This fungus attacks and kills perennial rye grasses. Here in the north most of our lawns are a blend of fescues, perennial ryes, and Kentucky Blue Grass.

If you have problems with pythium blight you will lose the perennial rye grass in large areas of your lawn, and even though the other grasses will still be there and fill in, your lawn will have areas that are much darker green than the rest of the lawn because you will then have concentrations of Kentucky Blue grass.

You can see this fungus in the early morning. It looks like white cotton candy laying on top of your lawn. It usually appears along walks and driveways where the soil is the wet if you have been watering. To prevent pythium blight, water as early in the day as possible.

4. Aquilegia



Aquilegias are easy plants to grow from seeds and will come back

year after year. Start aquilegias in small pots for transplanting later on. Once they are established they will happily set seed so you will never be short of new plants! They tolerate almost any conditions in sun or semi-shade, and their pretty bonnet-like flowers come in almost every imaginable colour combination.

5. Eschscholzia

(California Poppy)



If you are not a fan of watering then Eschscholzia would make

easy to grow plants for your garden. These colourful little annuals thrive in poor, dry soil and full sun so they are perfect for filling forgotten corners of the garden. Simply scatter them where you want them to flower and let them take care of themselves. Each year they will set seed which will grow the following summer, creating effortless drifts of colour.

6. Nasturtium



Quick growing and colourful! Nasturtiums are easy plants for children to grow.

Sow them in borders as ground cover or let them spill out of containers. The large nasturtium seeds can be sown directly into the soil - just wait until after the last frosts. Try some of their edible flowers in a salad or as a pretty garnish.

- ⊙ Another nasty little blight that likes summer time is Fire Blight. Fire Blight attacks ornamentals, especially Apple trees, Crabapple trees, Cotoneasters, and Pyracantha. You know you have Fire Blight when a branch on one of your plants dies and turns almost red. The leaves usually hang on but turn reddish brown. The damage usually starts out near the end of the branch and works its way toward the main stem of the plant. There is little you can do except prune out the affected branch, cutting it as far back as possible.

Fire Blight is very contagious to plants so you should burn the branches you prune out. You should also dip or wash your pruning shears in rubbing alcohol after each cut to keep from spreading this deadly fungus.

- ⊙ Unfortunately, I've got one more summer time culprit to warn you about. It's a handy little fungus that grows in mulch. Actually there are all kinds of fungi that tend to grow in mulches, and most of them are really disgusting looking. But this little gem is unique in the fact that as it grows it tends to swell. Then somehow it manages to explode, and it will spatter your house with tiny brown specks. The experts have appropriately named this one "Shotgun Fungus". Isn't that a cute name?

These tiny little brown specks will fly as high as eight feet into the air, and once they stick to your house or windows, they stick like glue. I know that right now there are people hollering across the house at their spouse, "Hey, remember those brown specks all over the house? I know what they are. It's from the mulch!" Tell me I'm wrong, but I know I'm not.

A lot of people are victims of this nasty little fungus, but they don't know it. All they know is that there are tiny brown specks on the house that look like paint. So far they have blamed everything from spiders to aliens.

There's not a lot you can do to prevent this fungus. I have found that if you keep the mulch loose so air can circulate it is less likely to grow fungi. Don't just keep adding layer after layer to the mulch around your house. You should skip at least every other year and just loosen the mulch you already have down. If you loosen it and then rake it flat it will look like you've just mulched. Mulch is great, just don't let it get packed down hard. Loosen it up at least once a year.

7. Marigold

These easy to grow bedding plants are another great choice for kids.



Marigold seeds are easy to handle and grow really quickly so you won't have to wait long for

their colourful flowers. From tall varieties for the border to small types for beds and containers, there is a marigold to suit every sunny spot in the garden.

8. Hardy Geranium

(Cranesbill)



Reliable, low maintenance, ground cover that will wander through your

borders year after year. Hardy geraniums are not difficult to grow from seed but you can grow them from bareroots which is even simpler.

9. Fuchsias



Easy to grow patio plants when grown from plugs, and best loved for

adding colour to hanging baskets and containers. Fuchsias come in all colours and shapes, from trailing to upright you could even try the climbing fuchsia 'Lady Boothby' for an ambitious display. For a really professional look, pinch out the tips of each stem while the plants are still young to encourage lots of bushy growth.

10. Pansy



With their cheery faces, it's hard to resist the appeal of pansies. These

garden favourites are easy plants to grow from seed but even easier from pansy plug plants. Whether you grow them for winter or summer colour, remember to deadhead the faded flowers to encourage more and more

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Free movies the first four Fridays in August

All movies start at dusk

August Friday Night Outdoor Movies

For movie titles and additional information, call or visit the Milton Public Library

Each of the first four Fridays in August The Milton Public Library is hosting a the annual August Friday Night Outdoor Movies on the grounds of Rose Hill at 541 Broadway, Milton. Admission is free to the public and all movies will start at dusk.

AUGUST 1ST movie rated PG-13

A complimentary glass of wine and some light appetizers corresponding with the era of the movie will be served before the movie. Movie viewers are asked to bring a lawn chair or blanket.

AUGUST 8TH movie rated PG

End of Summer Reading Day of FUN!

Starting at 6:30 pm. Children that participated in the Summer Reading Program are invited to join in the Games, Door Prizes, A Craft, Bon Fire, Hot Dogs, and FUN. It's also the last day kids can turn in the Reading Logs for PRIZES.

Families can visit the library the last week in July to view the Art Show, using pieces of art the kids have made during the summer. Also, KJ singer songwriter will be performing a song and storytelling around the camp fire. For more information on KJ visit her website: www.kjasmile.com

AUGUST 15TH movie rated PG-13

A complimentary glass of wine and some light appetizers corresponding with the era of the movie will be served before the movie. Movie viewers are asked to bring a lawn chair or blanket.

AUGUST 22ND movie rated PG-13

Pre-teen Hawaiian Luau Night starting 6:00 pm
Wrapping up our summer reading series with a Pre-teen Hawaiian Luau Night hosted by the Outdoor Survivor 4-H club.

Great for ages 10 and up. Have fun in a Hula Hoop Contest, doing the Limbo and show us how to do the chicken dance, all in good fun prior to the show of our Outdoor Movie. Wear your best Hawaiian attire and you may be a winner.

Light Snacks, Music, Dancing and Prizes come join the fun. A suggested \$2 donation per person.

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Sponsor for the movies: Blaise Alexander

Rolling Ridge Info

OUTSIDE WORK ON YOUR PROPERTY

Any work done on the outside of your property may need approval by the Architectural Review committees of each Association. For Single Family homes, please contact Tom Lang and for Townhomes, please contact the administrative office. Work done without approval is in violation of the covenants and restrictions for each Association.

WALKING YOUR DOG

Please keep all dogs on leash when not on your property. The Milton Borough ordinance requires that all dogs be restrained when off your property and the covenants and restrictions of the Association require all pets be under owner's control when outside. Dogs running loose may be reported to the Milton Police Department for violating Borough codes.

SELLING YOUR HOME

If you are selling your home, you are required under Pennsylvania State law for planned communities to ask for and receive a re-sale certificate from the Association. The information on this re-sale is a required part of your closing documents at the time of sale. Anyone purchasing your home must also be given a copy of the covenants and restrictions for the Association. Please contact the administrative office to discuss this when you decide to list your home..

SUMMER PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Please make sure to maintain your property during these summer months. Grass must be mowed, weeds pulled, bushes trimmed. All homeowners are responsible for keeping their property in good shape outside. This helps everyone's property values as the Rolling Ridge development maintains its reputation as a quiet, well maintained community.

NEW PHASE OF ROLLING RIDGE

Finally, a big welcome to our newest phase of the Rolling Ridge Community, Berkshire Commons. Work will begin this month in the fields across Golf Course Road on new townhomes and single family homes.

An exciting time as we welcome new homeowners to our Community. The website for Berkshire Commons is www.berkshirecommons.info. Please check it out. 



If you have some local news like someone's graduation, birthday, milestone anniversary, accomplishment, or perhaps an article that might be of interest to Rolling Ridge residents, contact the editor for inclusion in this newsletter.

ANY work done on the outside of your home such as adding landscaping, sheds, patios, decks, etc., must be approved by the ARC committee.

For single family, contact Evan Emala

For townhomes contact
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*If you do the work without approval,
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WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Rolling Ridge is a friendly and growing community. If you see new neighbors out and about, make sure you stop and say hello to welcome them to the community.

Daniel & Tina Zeigler
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