

Stonebridge

NEWS

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Stonebridge Community Garage Sale

When: Saturday June 9, 2012

Time: 9 am-1 pm

Where: Your House!

Start getting your "treasures" ready for sale. Stonebridge is holding its Annual Community Garage Sale.

The Community Association will advertise the Event in the local newspapers, and on websites. Signs will be posted on Jockvale to alert passing traffic the week of the Garage Sale.

Please put signs directing traffic down your street on the day of the Sale. Please remember people will come down your street if they see a lot of stuff for sale. If you don't have a lot, think about pooling your items with a neighbour.



2nd Annual Stonebridge Golf Tournament & Family BBQ

GOLF IS SOLD OUT!!!!

We are still selling tickets for the BBQ.

When: June 10, 2012

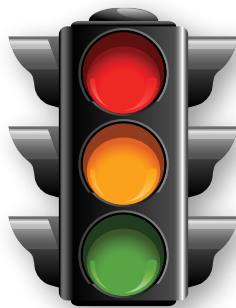
Time: 5 pm

Where: Stonebridge Golf and Country Club

Cost: \$20/Adult
\$10/Child

Tickets must be pre-purchased by June 3, so Clubhouse has correct numbers.

For tickets please e-mail lhopkyns@hotmail.com



New Lights at Jockvale and Riverstone New Pedestrian Crossing

As a community we have been requesting new a traffic signal at the intersection of Riverstone Drive and Jockvale. After the significant feedback the city received from our community and Community Association about the dangerous intersection, they have listened.

The City of Ottawa will install traffic signals at both the intersection of Jockvale Road with Riverstone Drive/ Albeti Ridge as well as a signalized pedestrian crossing at the entrance to W.C. Levesque Park. These will be included as part of the current plans for widening Jockvale Road.

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How to get rid of Grubs and keep them away

Keeping your lawn healthy

Every year we get a flood of questions regarding grubs in lawns. What do you do and when do you do it to rid yourself of these pests?

You always see the damage caused by white grubs in the spring. Of course human nature dictates that we feel obliged to do something the moment we see the resultant damage. When dealing with insects, though, once you see the damage, it's usually too late.

First, let's take a look at the insect itself. White Grubs in our area are typically the larvae of the Japanese Beetle or the June Beetle. They appear in the ground as a white worm-like insect with a dark tail end. When removed from the soil or disturbed, they form a curled "C" shape. In the early spring, grass can often be lifted like sod. Crows, skunks, and raccoons often make a mess of the remaining lawn as they dig in the ground looking for grubs to snack on.

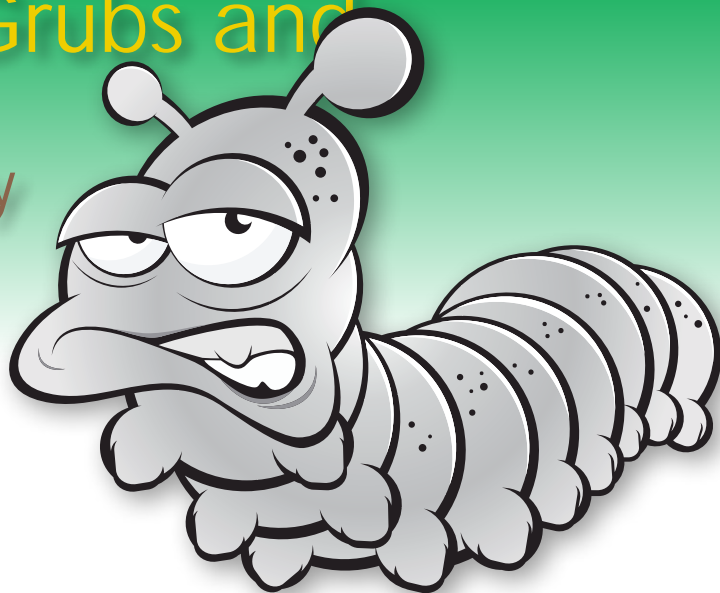
The grubs visible in the spring are at the largest larvae stage. They come closer to the surface of the soil after the winter dormant period and do a little munching on grass roots. The damage seen in the spring, however, is the damage from the previous year. The appetite of the grubs in the spring is relatively minor and grass can typically survive this limited damage an April. The grubs then begin to pupate in the soil as plants start to grow. The adult beetle then emerges from the soil around June. After feeding for a time, the adult beetle then lays her eggs back in the soil and those eggs hatch in June/July. This is the point where grubs are most susceptible to various control methods. For the rest of the summer the larvae feed on grass roots and grow. They burrow down deep into the soil for the winter and thus the cycle repeats.

Because lawns are actively growing when grubs do most of their damage, we typically don't see problems in our lawns during the summer or the fall. The grubs end up weakening the plant enough that winter survival of the grass is comprised which is why we see all the damage in the spring.

The "adult" larvae are difficult to kill. It needs lots of chemicals to do the job and the window to actually do something in the spring is very short. In general, it's best to ignore the grubs in the spring and instead concentrate on getting your lawn back into shape. That means spreading some more grass seed to re-establish a good healthy lawn.

Once June and July arrive, it's time to try and deal with those newly hatched grubs. In Ontario, we have very few options left for grub control. Well, effectively one: Nematodes - a microscopic worm that seeks out grubs and kills them. Products like GrubOut (water based Sevin) or commercial products (like Merit) are banned as of April 22, 2009.

Nematodes are a fussy bunch of bugs. A small package can contain up to 50 million of these worms. They get diluted in water and are applied with a hose end sprayer. Their effectiveness is not 100% but it is typically effective enough to strike enough of a balance that the grub population is reduced to the point your lawn suffers little to no damage. However, there are some rather specific conditions to nematodes.



- First, the soil needs to be 15 degrees Celsius or else they will die.
- Second, they travel in water so they need lots of water to get into the ground.
- Third, they are killed by ultra-violet light from the Sun.

With all these conditions, it makes Nematodes sound rather difficult.

My suggestion with Nematodes: Stand out in the rain on a warm June day and water your lawn with Nematodes. You look like a dork, but it covers off all the conditions - the soil is warm, mother nature is providing water, and you don't often get sun and rain together. It's not a perfect solution, but it seems to be the best option for the home-owner.

Grub control is more preventative than anything. If there has been grub problems in your neighbourhood, I highly suggest the dorky Nematode application annually in June.

And one last bit of advice - a healthy plant gets less bugs. Keep your lawn good and healthy and you will have less chances of getting problems.

Provided by Richmond Nursery. Our Garden Centre is located at 3440 Eagleson Road, the corner of Richmond Road and Eagleson Road.

Brain Teasers

1. What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?
2. You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?
3. What goes up and down the stairs without moving?
4. What goes around the world but stays in a corner?
5. I have holes in my top and bottom, my left and right, and in the middle. But I still hold water. What am I?
6. Give me food, and I will live; give me water, and I will die. What am I?
7. Throw it off the highest building, and I'll not break. But put me in the ocean, and I will. What am I?
8. What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps, has a bed but never sleeps?
9. No sooner spoken than broken. What is it?
10. I'm light as a feather, yet the strongest man can't hold me for much more than a minute. What am I?

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MANAGING YOUR INVESTMENT ADVISOR

KEEP THE MONEY IN YOUR POCKET (Part 2 of 3)

Investing is a little like baseball, it can be a full time job or you can play it on weekends for fun. In either case, keeping score is the same. Are you staying ahead of your opponent?

About winning

Most investors like to score lots of runs, but often lose sight of the opponent. Your advisor can help. If your objective is to save for retirement, an advisor can set a capital accumulation goal and help you to work towards it. If you are retired, you need to outlive your money. A financial planner can provide help with budgeting, tax savings and prudent investing to increase your chances. Be aware that financial goals and investment solutions are different. Scoring lots of runs increases the chance of meeting most objectives, but often too much risk is taken causing you to fall behind as the bottom of the ninth inning rolls around when the odds of recovering are against you.

What's the score?

Your investment advisor should be able to tell you the score at any time. In investing terms, that means providing your portfolio's return for the last quarter, year, and since you

gave him/her your money. If all you receive is a statement of holdings, ask them for a performance report. Mutual fund companies provide return reports for their funds. However, if you bought or sold any units during a period, your return will be different than the annual fund return they show. If you use mutual funds, ask for the actual return of YOUR investment portfolio. You are paying them 2.5% a year so make them earn it.

Benchmarks

Knowing your score is fundamental, but winning or losing depends upon your opponent. How you are doing compared with a capital accumulation path towards retirement is the best measure. Many advisors use a benchmark like 60% Canadian stocks (S&P/TSX Composite), 40% Canadian bonds (DEX Universe) to measure how your investments are doing against some indexes. This is good. If you fall behind this measure, try to reduce your costs by using index funds or exchange traded funds (ETFs) and getting rid of your advisor. Keep the money in your pocket, not theirs!

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Tips to keep your granite looking great!



Granite is a timeless addition that will add elegance and value to your home. A naturally occurring stone, granite is formed of minerals, mainly Quartz, Feldspar, Hornblende and Mica, among others. Each mineral contributes to the appealing appearance of granite, creating its unique colours, patterns and textures. No two granite deposits are identical; therefore each slab is a one-of-a-kind piece of natural art.

Having withstood millions of years of underground pressure, granite can easily tackle the daily abuse of kitchen wear and tear. Granite surfaces are resistant to scratches and chipping, whereas hot pans or cold dishes will not burn, melt, crack or discolor the surface.

With the proper maintenance, your granite countertop can keep its new look for years to come. By following the recommended steps below, you can keep your granite looking its best!

1. Wipe up spills immediately
2. It's best to use a clean microfiber cloth
3. Use a dry cloth to dust and use warm water to wipe away any minor stains
4. Use mild dish or hand soap and water for tougher stains, but don't forget to fully rinse off the soap
5. Use a soft cloth to dry the surface

When dealing a particularly stubborn stain, here is a poultice to try.

- 1 cup flour
- 1-2 Tablespoons mild dishwashing soap

Create a thick paste by mixing the above ingredients with water. Apply the poultice to the stain, cover it overnight with plastic wrap, and in the morning scrape the mixture from the stain with a wooden utensil and rinse clean.

With its natural beauty, lifelong durability and low maintenance, granite is an ideal choice for kitchen and vanity countertops.

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Brain Teasers Answers

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|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. A Towel | 4. A Stamp | 8. A River |
| 2. An Ear of Corn | 5. A Sponge | 9. Silence |
| 3. A Rug | 6. A Fire | 10. Breathe |
| | 7. A Tissue | |

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