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NEXT



Tuesday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings are held in the Davidson Middle School Library (unless otherwise advised). You are invited and encouraged to attend. Minutes to the meetings may be found on our website.

From a Board Member . . .

Dear Silver Oaks Homeowners:

Since the installment of our new board members back in November 2009, we on the board have been diligent in trying to make a difference within our community. Even though we have met opposition with some of our ideas, we believe we are on the right track to do the right thing to please everyone.

As an elected member of the Architectural Committee, I personally have tried to have a "hands on" attitude towards this position. So far, I believe we have succeeded in making the neighborhood more inviting by upgrading the entry way; replacing all of the stop and speed limit signs; resurfacing all cross walk striping and adding stop bars.

Walking the community in the evenings has given me the opportunity to speak with neighbors I might otherwise not have met. One of these conversations led me to approach the committee with the idea of erecting a sign to honor our military members that are fighting for our country. Specifically, those military members; our neighbors.

A sample of this sign was brought to the last board meeting for a vote on whether and where it should be installed. The board voted YES to the installation of the sign at the entrance of the subdivision. With the approval of our County Commissioner Wayne Harris, and the Okaloosa County Road Department, this sign has been permitted and installed. We are grateful and appreciative of their quick response to our request.

My intent of the sign is to remind everyone that we are still fighting a war and are "Awaiting Their Return." All Silver Oaks homeowners that have a loved one deployed are encouraged to contribute a "yellow ribbon" to the sign post until their family member returns home.

Respectfully,

Keith Boudreau, Tsgt USAF Retired



Be Persistent in Battling Common Chamberbitter (Mimosa Weed)

By Larry Williams

In your lawn and landscape beds, do you have the weed that has leaves resembling those of a miniature mimosa tree?

On the undersides are many small, round balls. If you don't have this troublesome weed, you are certainly the exception. It's called chamberbitter and it is very common in North Florida.

The bad news is there is little information on the biology of this difficult-to-control weed. But it can be controlled if you are persistent.

Chamberbitter, botanically known as *Phyllanthus urinaria*, is found throughout Florida. It germinates from early summer through early fall. The most distinct feature of this weed is the numerous, small, smooth, round fruits attached to the undersides of its stems.

Chamberbitter is very competitive in our lawns. It produces a great number of viable seeds and it has good shade-tolerance but will grow in full sun.

Early detection and action are important. Once it sets seed, control is that much more difficult. To begin the battle against chamberbitter, apply a pre-emergent herbicide when the soil starts warming up, usually around the first of May.

Atrazine (sold under various brand names) or isoxaben (Gallery) provides good control. Isoxaben (Gallery) is safe for all the warm-season grasses. Atrazine, however, is not registered for use on Bahia grass or Bermuda grass. Atrazine is safe to use on centipede grass and St. Augustine grass when used according to label directions.

It is important to note, however, that atrazine can be used only twice in a year. Also, it should never be applied in the root zone of any ornamental plant.

Once the chamberbitter weeds have germinated, a post-emergent herbicide may be necessary. Nonselective herbicides containing glyphosate, such as Roundup, are effective but only in areas such as landscape beds where the weed is isolated and you can keep the spray off desirable plants. In lawns, you must use selective post-emergent herbicides that won't hurt the grass.

Barry Brecke, UF-IFAS Extension weed scientist, recommends atrazine or simazine applied twice, with applications spaced about three weeks apart.

Atrazine + bentazon (sold under the trade name, Prompt) may be a little more effective. Again, plan on two applications spaced about three weeks apart. Products containing mixtures of 2,4-D, dicamba, MCPP or MCPA (Weed-B-Gon, Weed Stop, etc.) applied twice, seven days apart, may also be used at recommended rates.

If you do decide to use any of the herbicides mentioned, follow the label directions to the letter.

Mechanical pulling is always an option. However, be sure not to shake the soil from the root system, as it will just spread the seeds.

For more information about gardening in our area, visit the University of Florida IFAS Leon County Extension Web site at http://leon.ifas.ufl.edu.

*Larry Williams is the horticulture extension agent for University of Florida IFAS Extension in Okaloosa County.

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NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY September 12th

Do you know it's history?

In 1970, a West Virginia housewife, Marian McQuade, began a campaign to initiate a National Grandparents Day. Her primary motivation was to champion the cause of lonely elderly people in Grandparents nursing homes. She also hoped to persuade grandchildren to tap the wisdom and heritage their grandparents could provide. The first Grandparents Day was proclaimed in 1973 in West Virginia. In 1978, the U.S. Congress passed legislation, 4 signed by President Jimmy Carter, proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day. September was chosen for the holiday to signify the "autumn days" of life.



If you have not participated in a neighborhood garage sale before, here are some good hints from Heloise:

- Price everything BEFORE your sale begins.
 Put tags or stickers on individual items, or put one price on an entire table of items. You can also fill bags or boxes and price them.
 Customers want to know what everything costs, so if you make it easier for them, items will sell faster!
- As you plan your sale, remember that people go to garage sales to find bargains so price things accordingly.
- When getting payment for items sold at your sale, if you do not want to accept checks, post a large sign stating "CASH ONLY".
- Enhance your garage sale! Let your children set up a refreshment stand. They can sell cookies, lemonade, soda, donuts, etc. It will make customers happy and they might linger longer.
- And last but not least, try tying balloons to your mailbox to make your individual sale more noticeable.

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- 1. Customers have 30 days from the day of purchase to change any **standard** size frame; this will be with no additional expense. However, to change to a more expensive frame an additional charge will occur. It is important for each customer to check their Order Form and make sure everything is complete and exactly what they have ordered. We are only human, and when we get busy, sometimes mistakes are made. By the customer reviewing his/her order form this helps us to correctly fill your order the first time.
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- 4. The largest frame size we make on site is 40×60 inches. The largest glass we have available on site is 40×60 inches. The largest non-glare glass is 36×48 . Any frame ordered over the above sizes will be the customers responsibility for pick up and delivery.
- 5. In consideration of all our customers, the following items require two weeks to be completed: jerseys, shirts, medals, flags, plates, crochet items, canvas to be stretched or restretched, any shadowboxes, and any frame over 30×40 . Any order of ten or more of the above items will require extra time to ensure the highest quality and outstanding service.
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