

Independence Day

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the 13 Colonies from Great Britain in 1776 actually occurred on July 2, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the US independent from Great Britain rule. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared

by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it two days later on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail: The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of

devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more. Adams's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

Ponderings

We install, repair, maintain and REMOVE ponds. I know, crazy, huh? Yes, sometimes life's changes make people feel they need to eliminate things and that occasionally includes ponds. We will be glad to provide a free estimate for a pond installation, repair, maintenance plan, or even removal.

Just as you fertilize planted flower pots or trees and shrubbery in your landscape, aquatic plants should also be fertilized. Now is the perfect time to do so; especially if you have lilies or lotus. By fertilizing, you will enjoy many more blooms and for a longer period of time. If you are adding plants to your pond, we do not recommend buy-

ing plants and putting them directly into your pond when you get home. They should be repotted and most of the dirt eliminated. Add stone that has been washed. Introducing plants into a pond without repotting can bring unwanted invasive plants and weeds into your ecosystem, including algae, duckweed and watermeal.

Landscaping

Your landscaping should be off to a great start with all the spring rain we had. Unfortunately, if the rain stops for an extended period of time, you will begin to notice your plants stressing from the lack of waterfall. If you do not have a sprinkling system, consider

hand watering shrubbery, especially any new planting you may have added this spring. As far as pruning, if your lilac bushes are not the reblooming variety, prune off the spent flowers and reshape the plant now. Your spring bulbs should

be done blooming too and if the leaves have yellowed, they can be buried under mulch or cut back. Viburnum are also finishing their blooming. Once the flowers die off, give them a "haircut" to keep them shaped up nicely.



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"Vic, our specially trained Border Collie, is ready to control the geese at your property."

Lawnderings

Do you know we are licensed by the State of Ohio to administer lawn treatments? We carry a Pesticide Business License and Denny and Chris are both Certified Licensed Applicators. We offer packages of five lawn treatments for the season. The first treatment, a pre and post emergent, was put on lawns this spring. We are now preparing for the

second treatment, which in layman terms, is a weed and feed. If you would like to have this fertilizing treatment, and are not already registered for lawn treatments, give us a call and we can get you on the schedule. Or maybe your concern is grubs or other insects. The insect control will go on lawns the end of the summer. You can also

register for that now. **Call for a free estimate. Our office number is 330-833-FROG or you may call or text Denny on his business cell at 330-685-3637.**



Border Patrol for Goose Control

January through April are the prime months for goose control. However, that does not mean you can't disrupt their lifestyle now. The geese have molted and are not flying at this time due to the loss of their pin feather during

molting, but man, can they run. Vic never touches or harms them, but they will take off running when they see him. They are persistent creatures and you need to be more persistent to send them away. Vic works throughout

Stark County at residences and several Belden Village businesses have taken advantage of this unique service Pond Wiser is proud to offer. Call Denny at 330-685-3637 for a consultation.

Lake Life

If a fountain for your large pond or lake is something you've been thinking about, Pond Wiser offers all types of aerator/fountains. The costs includes installation. All you will need to provide as a business or homeowner, is an electrical outlet

near the shoreline of the pond. These units not only add beauty to the ponds, but provide much needed water aeration to help control weed and algae growth by keeping the water a more uniform tempera-

ture throughout the season. In the late fall, Pond Wiser can provide a winter storage plan for the unit. Need more info? Call Denny at 330-685-3637.