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YARD SALE SUCCESS! 51 residents set up last Saturday morning in the Church/Office parking lot to have a yard sale. It was well organized, thanks to Christina Richard and her sister. Thank you for another great community event where we all work together!

POKER RUN SUCCESS: Next one set for Saturday, September 16th.

These cuties from Indian Land set up a Lemon Aid stand at the first poker run stop last Saturday...they raised \$115 and donated it all to our school system for school supplies. Great job ladies! 😊 Together with the Lemon Aid stand, we raised \$680 for the Clover School Cram the Bus with Kindness Program...in addition to everyone that dropped off donations. I love River Hills' giving spirit!



More Youth and Social Committee Fun: Watch these videos...Do you see yourself? If not, don't miss the next event!

Music at the Marina 4.29.23

<https://youtu.be/XgnWTTFnSTY>

Music at the marina 6.17.23

https://youtu.be/HmGZH2Na2_E

4th of July 7.4.22

https://youtu.be/TrFL_TRzpuK

Poker Run 7.22.23

https://youtu.be/qGXr1_ujsu8

NEXT SATURDAY, Back to School Bash! Saturday, August 5th, Hamilton's Ferry Playground from 2-4pm!



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FROM YOUR GARDENS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

Gardening tips for deterring Deer

During the July Cuppa Joes, information and suggestions was shared with attendees on methods to deter deer from enjoying your gardens. For residents who couldn't attend, please refer to the following for ideas to address related garden concerns you may have. As in many cases not all methods may work for you. However; there are four that I would recommend trying to deter deer from your gardens. First: Apply liquid deterrents Second: Put up barriers Third: Use scare tactics Fourth: Change your landscape.

Many liquid deterrents can be mixed together using household products such as, Hot sauce, raw eggs, garlic, cayenne pepper, vinegar, ammonia, oil soap (Murphys), milk, dish soap, cooking oil, and essential mint oils. **Keep in mind that all liquid deterrents need to be reapplied after a rain. It will get washed off.**

Here are two recipes:

Deer Buster Eggnog

2 eggs

2 cloves of garlic
2 tbsp Tabasco sauce
2 tbsp. Cayenne pepper
2 cups of water

Put all of these ingredients into a blender and puree. Allow the mixture to sit for 2 days, then sprinkle or spray it all over and around the plants you need to protect.

Deer Deterrent

1 cup of milk
1 egg
1 tbsp dish detergent
1 gallon of water
Hot sauce (optional)

Mix all ingredients and let steep in the sun for a couple of days then spray on plants.

The idea for all of the liquid deterrents is to smell and taste bad to the deer. Links to additional recipes are: www.bhg.com/gardening/pests/diy-deer-repellent and www.deerbusters.com/blog5-diy-deer-repellent-recipes

Other tried and true methods include:

- Hang bars of Irish Spring in netting off stakes or in branches. Irish Spring contains Tallow (animal fat) not coconut oil. It won't hurt plants. Use the whole bar and as the scent diminishes shave off the outer layer.
- Tie a string to stakes with bells hanging on it
- Tie dryer sheets to plants or stakes (they don't like the scent or the movement of the sheets in a breeze)
- Lay a section of black hose (resembles a snake)
- Tie pieces of white fabric to stakes or plants 10 inches long by 5 inches wide (resembles a deer tail)
- Put stakes around the garden and string fishing line (30 lb) across a few times and crossing
- Simply a bit of Dawn dish liquid in water sprinkled of plants

You can purchase many products from Tractor supply, Lowes, Walmart and Amazon that range in price from \$16.00-\$85.00. Products such as: Liquid fence,

Deer off, Deer Scram, Deer Stopper, Repels all, Coyote Urine, Devices with motion detectors that use lights, sound (ultrasonic wave) or water. Some reach 100 feet! There are also granules (biodegradable into nitrogen nutrients) and pouches to hang on stakes.

The last option is to plant deer resistant plants. Deer don't like plants that have hairy or bristly foliage, or the taste of lavender, mint, onion or garlic.

They do prefer large, flat, smooth leaves Ex: hostas, roses, lilies, and hydrangeas

Here are two websites to help with plant choices: <https://hgic.clemson.edu> (deer resistant plants for the landscape) and <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/deer-resistantplants>

This is a list to help you get started:

Bishops weed	Green and Gold
Ajuga	Acanthus-bears breeches
Chasmanthium Latifolium-River Oats	Pieris Japonica-Japanese Andromeda
Butterfly Bush	Bayberry
Dwarf Alberta Spruce	Caryopteris-blue beard
Shrub Rose	Daphne Shrub
Physocarpus-ninebark	Columbine
Calla Lilly	Solomon Seals
Blackberry Lilies	Irises
Cleome	Oxalis (exotic tropicals)
Singapore Sling cast iron plant	Lime Zinger elephant ears
Lamprocapnos spectabilis-Bleeding hearts	

Native Plants

Mountain Laurel	Trumpetvine
Native palms	Wild Indigo Baptisia-Blue False Indigo
Blue Eyed Grass	Jack-in-a-pulpit
Mountain mint	Eryndium Yuccafolium-Rattlesnake
Eupatorium-Thoroughwort	Swamp Milkweed
Polemoniaceae-Carolina Phlox	
Eutis Penstemon-Beadtongue	

If you would like more information or a plant list please contact the association office or request to contact the Gardens and Grounds Committee.

Try to stay cool everyone!

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