

Alexander Creek Newsletter

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Dumb Jokes

One day, not long ago, I decided to have lunch at one of my favorite hangouts. So, I hopped in my car and headed to my destination. Once there, I got out of the car and headed toward the entrance. As I walked thru the entrance I heard this voice say “My, what a handsome man”. I looked around to see who made the comment, but no one was there. Puzzled, I walked over to the bartender and mentioned what had happened. The bartender said, “It’s the peanuts, they are complimentary”.

Two pretzels were walking down the street .
.. one was a salted.

Recipe

This recipe can be made using just about any berries or combination of them.

Blackberry Crisp For Two

2 c fresh or frozen blackberries
2 Tbsp sugar
1 tsp cornstarch
1-1/2 tsp water
½ tsp lemon juice
½ c quick cook oats
¼ c packed brown sugar
¼ c all-purpose flour
½ tsp cinnamon
¼ c cold butter

Preheat oven to 375. Place berries in greased 1-quart baking dish. In small bowl, combine sugar, cornstarch, water and lemon juice; stir until smooth. Pour over

berries. In another bowl, combine oats, flour, brown sugar and cinnamon; cut in butter using forks or your fingers until crumbly. Sprinkle over berries. Bake, uncovered, for about 20-25 minutes. Serve with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream, if desired.

Spring Maintenance in Alexander Creek

Seeds have been sown on the shelter house grounds by the developer, but for lacking water, not much grass has come up. The developer does intend to install an irrigation system on the lot. Small steps, but progress non-the-less.

The monument signs at the entrance were power washed and shrubs were trimmed up. The island was cleaned up as well. Weeds and volunteer trees in the island were sprayed. A bit more minor trimming and debris pickup is still needed.

Cutting tall grass and weeds has begun on the trails at the South end of the subdivision. Removal of volunteer trees will be a part of it eventually.

Depressions on the shelter house grounds have been getting filled. It’s a slow process when digging dirt off a dirt pile with a shovel and transferring it where it’s needed by hand.

Cleanup behind the home on 2001 Creekview Lane has been mostly done. What’s left will be picked up on July 2nd. So far 20 yard waste bags were filled and hauled off.

Maintenance (cont.)

There are a couple more areas that will get some attention in the near future. The butterfly garden is next on the list. Poison ivy and oak along a stretch of the trails will be sprayed somewhere in that mix.

KC Sprinkler Pros were here on Friday, June 30 to evaluate the irrigation system for the front berm and island. The system was turned on and all zones were examined. There were clearly some needs. The bid by KC Sprinkler Pros will be discussed by the board at the July work session.

Moving Ahead

The board met with KC Hardscapes on June 21st to have an initial conversation regarding improvements around the shelter house. 3D plans will be brought before the board soon for more discussion. There are a lot of options to consider. When designs are finalized, it will be presented to residents for viewing. The cost of the project will be provided when design are presented. The entire project may need to be done in phases, but costs will be divulged when the design is done.

Dues

Hopefully, everyone who pays dues quarterly has gotten their invoice from YMG.