

Summer Fun is the word....



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A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT



I HOPE THIS NOTE FINDS YOU WELL AND ENJOYING THE WONDERFUL SUMMER. WE'VE BEEN BLESSED WITH BOUNTIFUL AMOUNTS OF RAIN, SO MUCH THAT THE CREWS HAVE BEEN MOWING GRASS LIKE WE'VE NEVER HAD TO BEFORE. THE MOWING CREWS, AND YES

WE HAD TO BRANCH OFF FROM ONE CREW TO TWO FULL-TIME CREWS, HAVE BEEN DOING A PHENOMENAL JOB IN HANDLING THE OVERWHELMING RUSH THIS YEAR. THE LANDSCAPE CREW, WHICH HAS ALSO GROWN WITH A THIRD FULL-TIME CREW MEMBER, HAS BEEN KNEE-DEEP AND ARMS-LENGTH IN SHRUBS AND TREES, WEEDS AND MULCH. THEY HAVE BEEN DOING A FANTASTIC JOB AT ACCOMPLISHING MORE THAN I COULD HAVE EXPECTED OF THEM. THE HARDSCAPE CREW, ALTHOUGH SHORT-STAFFED AT TIMES, HAS BEEN ABLE TO GROW AND THRIVE WITH PROJECTS BEYOND MY IMAGINATION. THEY HAVE TAKEN BACKYARD BLANK CANVASES AND TRANSFORMED THEM INTO USEABLE, FUNCTIONAL, BEAUTIFUL PIECES OF OUTDOOR LIVING SPACES.

I COULDN'T BE MORE PROUD TO BE A PART OF SUCH A GREAT TEAM, AND JUST LOVE THAT I GET TO COME TO WORK EVERY DAY. I LOVE MANY ASPECTS OF MY ROLE, MY POSITION, IN MY COMPANY, BUT I TRULY LOVE BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING ME THAT OPPORTUNITY!

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.ALMONYS.COM IN THE COMING WEEKS, AS WE WORK TO UPDATE OUR PHOTO GALLERY. YOU MAY ALSO KEEP UP WITH US ON FACEBOOK — SIMPLY SEARCH FOR ALMONY'S PROPERTY SOLUTIONS AND KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR OUR 'PROJECTS OF THE WEEK' - WHO KNOWS, YOU MAY BE FEATURED SOON!

THANK YOU AGAIN,

CARRIE ALMONY, VP/OFFICE MANAGER

WHY DID MY FLOWERS STOP BLOOMING?

During the hot/dry period, keeping your lawn or seasonal flower beds looking healthy is much easier with a lawn sprinkler system. However, if there are any spots in your lawn that have "less than perfect coverage" or your controller has less than perfect programming, under drought conditions, your lawn will begin to show signs of stress right away. This is usually noticed first with a dull green color, then a yellow color and finally brown (drought stressed) or burnt grass. It is also easy to recognize signs of stress on your annual flowers. The plants begin to drop their bloom and become wilted. You may also notice that they are not blooming as much as usual or not blooming at all. During time of extreme heat without water, your flowers can literally die overnight. It is a good idea to place a rain gauge in your lawn area. Lawns prefer 1 inch of rainfall per week so adjust your watering accordingly; we recommend watering early in the morning hours as the sun is rising.



Almony's Watering Tips:

- Make sure to inspect all of your sprinkler and hose heads for proper operation.
- Water a minimum of 3 days per week, and consider healthy rain falls as a bonus.
- It is better to water deep and infrequent, than to water every day for brief periods.
- Generally, shrubs can survive with less water than grass, so don't forget your lawn when it needs some attention.
- As a general rule, more plants are killed through over-watering than not having enough water.
- Add plant fertilizer to increase blooms



Instead of hiding your landscape . . . Illuminate it!

Add aesthetic beauty and home security at the same time with outdoor landscape lighting from Almony's Property Solutions. A well illuminated home and landscape showcases the beauty of your home at night, while providing security and peace of mind. New technology, such as digital controls and improved low-voltage LEDs has added a great deal of excitement to this market. So let the beauty of plants, trees, shrubs and flowers shine forth every hour of the day and night, instead of hiding in the shadows. Enjoy your outdoor living space even after the sun goes down!

"He who plants a garden, plants happiness"

Easy Tips to a Beautiful Landscape

We all want beautiful landscapes with the least amount of effort. Follow these simple tips to make your landscape look its best!

1. Freshen the mulch! Great looking landscapes have that "manicured" look and adding fresh mulch makes the landscape look neat and clean. Fresh mulch covers up dirt from pulling weeds, exposed roots and levels soil, and protects the roots of plants from temperature extremes.
2. Install seasonal color! Well placed seasonal color beds and/or planters will add a bright spot to any landscape.
3. Prune your shrubs! The new growth can cover windows, walkways or disrupt views throughout your property.
4. Fertilize your lawn, shrubs and trees! One of the safest investments today is to improve your landscape. Steady, scheduled, predictable lawn maintenance services can make your property shine all season long.

The team at Almony's can help you with all of these tasks! Call or email us today 717-235-5981 or Office@Almonys.com



Summer Chores:

- * Prune your Azaleas
- * Prune evergreens
- * Prune suckers off of Crape Myrtles
- * Scout for pests
- * Weed beds and deadhead Annuals
- * Mow, trim and edge your lawn
- * Check your lawn for fungus or animal boring; mid-Summer is the time to apply Grub Control before damage occurs
- * Sharpen your mower blades
- * Fertilize your lawn
- * Prepare for your Fall color plantings

Aeration with Over Seeding

Why should this be considered for my lawn?

Aeration vastly improves the appearance of any lawn.

What is Aeration?

A small walk-behind machine is used over the entire area to be aerated, whether the entire lawn for optimal results or a problem area that needs added attention. The benefits of Aeration include removing plugs of soil to allow water, air and nutrients to filter into the roots of the existing grass resulting in healthier, stronger lawns, as well as fewer weeds and pest problems. Loosening soil in the root zone also allows grass roots to penetrate deeper, which can help the turf increase tolerances to drought and heat. In a nut shell, stimulating the growth and hardiness of your lawn will help fill in patchy areas and defend against disease, drought and weed infestation. With this added help, you will increase the aesthetic appeal of your lawn. Healthy, attractive and well-maintained lawns improve curb appeal, for the enjoyment of yourself and others.

Why do I need to Over Seed my lawn?

After several years, mature grass begins to slow down its production rate. Since a blade of grass lives an average of 45 to 60 days, production of new tillers (grass) must continually outpace the dying off of older grass. Young grass will produce tillers faster than older grass. Remember, the production rate of mature grass slows over time. Therefore, a lawn should be Over Seeded on a regular basis. One of the most important secrets to maintaining a healthy, thick lawn is to make sure your grass is young.

When is the best time to Aerate and Over Seed?

There's several reasons why Fall is the best season to perform this service. Over Seeding lawns in the Fall gives the grass a head start. The roots have become established before winter, which greatly reduces crop loss should we have a hot, dry Spring. It also reduces or eliminates competition from Summer weedy grasses. Soil temperatures are still warm in the Fall, which is necessary for seed germination, and the cooler air temperatures which are better for grass growth. Finally, with rain amounts and soil moisture generally better in the Fall, this all combined makes for the best time of year to Aerate and Over Seed!

Grow and thicker, healthier, happier lawn!

Did you know Almony's does . . .

Lawn Services

- * Mowing
- * Lawn Treatments
 - * Fertilization
 - * Aeration
 - * Over Seeding
 - * Exterior Pest Control
- * Field Mowing
- * Leaf Cleanup and Removal

Landscape

- * Landscape Design
- * Landscape Installation
- * Landscape Maintenance
- * Season Flower Packages
- * Shrubbery and Tree Care
 - * Trimming / Pruning
 - * Insect and Disease Treatments

Hardscape

- * Hardscape Installation
 - * Retaining Walls
 - * Walkways/Sidewalks
 - * Patios
 - * Sitting Walls
 - * Fire Pits
 - * Outdoor Living Spaces
 - * Ponds

Excavation

- * Site Preparation
- * Septic Installation
- * Shed Pad Installation
- * Grading/Re-Grading
- * Drainage Resolutions
- * New Lawn Installation
- * Driveway Installation
- * Brush Hogging

Other Services

- * Hauling
- * Firewood
- * Snow Removal

And more, just ask!

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GET TO KNOW...



David 'Jay' Metcalf. Jay joined the team in the midst of our busiest time of the year, and jumped in as a team player. He came with nearly ten years of experience in the landscape industry, focusing the more recent three years on hardscape installation. He has brought many ideas and strategies to the crew, and he and Brian are a paired force of accomplishment together. Jay really enjoys all aspects of hardscape, from planning and building, to adding his professional craftsmanship to every project. Most recently this season, he has put attention into not only patios and walls, but to landscape lighting as well.

Jay and his wife Lauree have a beautiful daughter Isabella. In his free time, he enjoys fishing, camping, going to the beach and amusement parks. Jay is a very laid back and enjoyable kind of guy. He is upbeat and always has a smile on his face—even in the hottest of the hot, you'll catch him singing a tune to himself!

Jay is continually striving to improve his skills, and his knowledge. He goes above and beyond to make sure his workmanship shows in his projects, not to be willing to sacrifice perfection for timing. Next time you see Jay on your project, feel confident that he's giving you his best!



ALEX WILLIAMS HAS BEEN BACK FOR ANOTHER SUMMER WITH THE TEAM. WELCOME BACK ALEX! HE IS BORN AND RAISED IN GLEN ROCK, WITH A FAMILY OF TWO SISTERS AND TWO BROTHERS, AND GRADUATED FROM YORK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN 2013. ALEX CURRENTLY ATTENDS THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, MAJORING IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING. EXCELLENT JOB ALEX! HE ALSO PARTICIPATES IN THE NAVY ROTC PROGRAM AND HOPES TO BECOME A PILOT UPON COMMISSIONING IN MAY OF 2017. IN HIS FREE TIME, ALEX ENJOYS FISHING AND SPENDING TIME OUTSIDE. HE IS A TREMENDOUS HELPING HANDS, ALSO JUMPING IN WHEREVER NEEDED. THANKS ALEX FOR ANOTHER GREAT SUMMER!

AND ALSO MEET...

Austin Rae and Clark Thoman!

Austin and Clark joined the Almony's team in September of 2014. As they headed into their senior year at Susquehannock High school, they came to the office in search of an intense, hardworking, motivating job. They wanted to work seven days per week, all hours of the night—it didn't matter. Interestingly enough, Austin actually came to the office for a position, and when Carrie agreed to hire him as the weekend "wash crew", on his first day he brought Clark with him. She thought 'well, they must come as a pair' and how grateful are we to have them. They are funny and hardworking, always willing to help in any way.



Austin has been accepted to Penn State, York campus and will begin classes in the end of August. He has a hefty goal to take classes and still try to work nearly full time, so we will be mindful of his need

to complete school work as a priority! Austin has spent most of his time since graduation as a floater on the team. He is always willing to hop around wherever needed and he jumps right in to get the project completed.



Clark has been accepted to the Universal Technical Institute in Exton, Pennsylvania. He will be working full time up to his departure in the end of September. We will happily accept his return during his time-off

for breaks. Clark has spent his time since graduation as crew foreman for mowing crew #2. He has done a great job handling the workload and we appreciate his hard work. Great job guys and thank you!

Thank you!

WE WANT TO SEND A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR BEING A VALUED AND LOYAL CUSTOMER. WE HAVE ALWAYS APPRECIATED AND ENJOYED MAINTAINING YOUR PROPERTY AND ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR REFERRING SO MANY OTHER NEW CUSTOMERS TO US. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, WE SIMPLY COULD NOT DO WHAT WE DO OR BE AS SUCCESSFUL AS WE HAVE BEEN FOR 18 YEARS, IF WE DID NOT HAVE CUSTOMERS LIKE YOU.

THE ALMONY TEAM APPRECIATES YOUR LOYALTY AND TRUST IN US TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY FOR YOU. THIS TEAM OF HARDWORKING MEN (AND WOMEN) ENJOY OUR LINE OF WORK, ALTHOUGH LABOR INTENSIVE, AND STRIVE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE BEST SERVICE AT EACH AND EVERY VISIT. WE ENJOY WORKING WITH YOU AND FEEL HONORED TO BE CHOSEN FOR ALL OF YOUR PROPERTY NEEDS, NO MATTER WHAT THE PROJECT. YOUR CONTINUED PATRONAGE AND SUGGESTIONS ARE A VITAL PART OF OUR GROWTH. AND FOR THAT, WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL. THE TEAM AT ALMONY'S WANTS YOUR FEEDBACK ON OUR SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS AS THEY ARISE AND WE WANT TO KNOW HOW WE CAN IMPROVE TO BETTER SERVICE YOUR PROPERTY AND MEET YOUR NEEDS.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO LET US KNOW HOW WE ARE DOING:

OFFICE@ALMONYS.COM OR REACH US AT 717-235-5981.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MANY MORE YEARS OF WORKING WITH YOU.

*"We recently fired our lawn guys, and have been having trouble finding lawn maintenance crews that do as good a job as Almony's. I just heard a lawn mower outside and looked, low and behold I saw an Almony truck! Yay!!!"—
Tom H., New Freedom*



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With an exemplary level of professionalism, the Almony's team is committed to accomplishing the highest of quality in our finished projects to the