

The heat was on this Summer!



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A Message from the VP



As the Summer season comes to a close, you may be wondering why this seems a bit late. Well, I will tell you that I certainly can't believe we are peaking into what will be September already. The Spring and Summer seasons have flown by, and as much as I try to keep up, I'm still human as we all are and it hasn't been an easy ride this year.

With that said, we are so very thankful for each and every opportunity, connection and contact, relationship and conversation we have with our clients, colleagues, and many who we consider friends. We've been working very hard to improve upon our greatest flaws, and although we will never be perfect, I can only hope that our efforts don't go completely unnoticed. We will always be a work in progress!

As I prepare for another semester at York College, we are very happy to announce that as of August 28th, Kelly will be in the office full time. She will be available Monday through Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm, to answer your calls and emails, to work on improving our paperwork load within the office, to learn new job tasks and our CAD Design software. At some point in the near future, she will be taking over the Hardscape and Landscape Designs, in an effort to decrease the wait times for clients like yourself. Over the next several months, Kelly will be learning more week by week, and her role and presence within the office will be seen.

Please feel free to reach out to Kelly or myself with any questions or concerns, as we strive to do our very best for each of you.

Thank you with warm regards,
Carrie Almony, VP/Office Manager

MAXIMIZE DESIGN SPACE FOR SMALL LANDSCAPES

Having a small yard shouldn't be an excuse for you to not give much thought to its appearance. In fact, it should give you all the more motivation to spruce it up so that you can fully maximize the space that you have. In the process, you can even help your lawn look bigger than it actually is, further improving the appearance of your property. Almony's offers high quality design plans that will show you exactly what your outdoor space will look like upon completion. We start with property measurements and topographical map, and then create a series of conceptual sketches, preliminary elevations and final renderings as your vision evolves. Your outdoor space needs to matter. That's why creating an outdoor environment that defines who you are and what matters most to us can enhance our lives in so many ways.



A well-executed landscape design takes into account the natural environment, working with elements to highlight their special attributes and transforming what might otherwise be considered "problem areas" into functional, beautifully landscaped areas (think hilly terrain vs. terraced gardens). Also, Proper landscape design goes hand-in-hand with responsible stewardship of our environment.

Attractively landscaped spaces increase property values because they naturally increase our enjoyment of those spaces. And still beyond that, countless studies have determined how vital our connection to the natural world is to our overall well-being – physically, emotionally, and for many, even spiritually.

So start thinking of what your dream outdoor space would look like. Our professional design plans can take you from dreaming, to reality with a fresh and new landscape to accommodate any space. Having a small yard shouldn't be an excuse for you to not give much thought to its appearance. In fact, it should give you all the more motivation to spruce it up so that you can fully maximize the space that you have. In the process, you can even help your yard or lawn look bigger than it actually is, too, further improving the appearance and value of your property.

CONSIDERING A PROJECT? LET'S TALK PROCESS! A WELL-DESIGNED OUTDOOR LIVING SPACE, WHICH MAY CONSIST OF A NEW PATIO NEXT TO THE LANDSCAPE POND AND WATERFALL, POSSIBLY A SITTING WALL NEAR THE FIRE PIT, MAYBE THAT OUTDOOR KITCHEN TO ENHANCE YOUR BACKYARD GET-TOGETHERS, CAN ENRICH YOUR LIFE, GREATLY ADDING TO THE ENJOYMENT OF YOUR HOME. ALMONY'S WILL TAKE YOU FROM DREAMING AND PLANNING ALL THE WAY TO THE FINAL, FINISHED PROJECT. OUR OBJECTIVE FROM THE BEGINNING IS TO UNDERSTAND YOUR WANTS AND NEEDS, CONNECTING THESE WITH THE EXISTING LAYOUT OF YOUR PROPERTY, INCORPORATING THE NECESSITIES TO ENSURE LONG TERM STABILITY OF THE PROJECT, AND FINALIZING WITH A UNIQUE AND TAILORED DESIGN MADE JUST FOR YOU!



CONTACT THE OFFICE TODAY TO SCHEDULE A TIME TO DISCUSS YOUR NEXT ENHANCEMENT!

“ Summer is the time for plans and projects ”

Planting a pollinator garden — Pollinators have become quite the buzz (no pun intended) word. Without pollinators, we would have a third less food to eat. But without our help, pollinators like hummingbirds, butterflies, moths, bees, flies and beetles are quickly losing their food sources. So how can you create a pollinator garden in your own backyard? Choose plants that flower at different times of the year to provide nectar and pollen throughout the year, and provide a variety of flower colors and shapes to attract different pollinators. For example, butterflies are attracted to white, red, orange and purple, and hummingbirds prefer red, fuchsia, purple and yellow. Here are some pollinator-friendly plants to consider for your garden: Bee Balm, Cardinal Flower, Chrysanthemums, Columbine, Delphinium, Penstemon, Salvia, Verbena and Dianthus.



- ⇒ Plant in clumps, rather than single plants, to better attract pollinators.
- ⇒ Plant garden herbs, such as basil, rosemary and lavender, which provide good nectar sources for pollinators, and good herbs for your use.
- ⇒ Whenever possible, choose native plants. Native plants will attract more native pollinators.
- ⇒ Consider planting milkweed to provide food for Monarch Butterfly Caterpillars.

Once you have your garden planted, the focus shifts to maintenance. Plants will need more water in the first growing season when they are establishing a root system. Your garden needs about 1 inch of water per week, including rainfall. Don't forget to mulch around plants to help retain moisture and control weeds.

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MAINTENANCE CAN BE TOO MUCH!

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Tips to Prepare your Landscape

Once the first official frost is no longer a threat, don't you just want to run out into your yard and start landscaping? All winter long the excuse of it being too cold, or everything is covered with snow is no longer an issue. Now that summer is here, gardening, landscaping and increasing your curb appeal is on most people's minds. Here are some tips to also help you prepare your outdoor home for gorgeous landscaping.

Know what local 'pests' are in the surrounding areas: While you may think that all you have to plan for is sun and water for your landscaping, think again – pests such as wildlife, insects, and stray animals can wreak havoc on your landscape. Plan in advance if you will need fencing, wire mesh, or possibly planting natural plantings can ward off many local pests.



Planting at the suggested time of year: While you may be excited to plant your fruit trees and flowering shrubs, many plants will thrive better for years to come if you plant them at the suggested time of year that horticulturists and gardeners suggest. Look at gardening websites and ask at your nursery what times are best for the plantings you choose for your outdoor home.

Plan for maintenance: Unlike a paint color in your home (once paint's up, you're job is done), landscaping requires maintenance and care. From pulling weeds to watering, and pruning to occasional replacement of dead plants. Once again, plan what plants will suit your maintenance schedule. Consider hiring Almony's to take care of your yard if necessary all year round. You will be surprised how much you enjoy your landscape when planning for it.

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New Freedom Cemetery Association

Brian and Carrie have been active members of the Association for more than five years now. The Association has been actively working to improve the appearance of the cemetery, as it is not affiliated with any churches — they stand alone and are funded solely by burial lot sales and donations.



One of the many improvements has been the Scattering Garden, located at the center circle of the Cemetery. This was an area always left free of burial; a place where many members envisioned and dreamed of an area with benches and trees, to sit and reflect for those who have passed away. This area was a tremendous undertaking for the Association, a long time goal for some, and hopefully a place of reflection for many in the decades to come.



In the near future, with the help of more volunteers and contributors, this area will be a place to scatter remains, acknowledge your loved one with a Plaque and/or Engraved Brick in remembrance, and return as often as you need to be in their presence. If you would like further information on the Center Circle project, to purchase a Memorial Bench, to order an Engraved Brick, or discuss volunteer opportunities, please email Carrie@Almonys.com or call the office at 717-235-5981.



Outdoor Entertainment and Relaxation

Do you love the relaxing sound of an outdoor water feature, but hate the thought of having to maintain it? Almony's can help! We install maintenance free water features, so you can sit back, relax and enjoy the calming sound. They incorporate the sights and sounds of water to any environment by providing a unique, natural stone water feature that can be easily tied into any yard or landscape.



Landscape lighting is a great addition to any backyard oasis that adds a new dimension to your water feature by bringing it to life at night. With today's busy lifestyle, it is often difficult to enjoy your landscape during the day. The team at Almony's can illuminate your water features after the sun goes down. Enjoying your garden is easy - day or night. To add even more fun to your outdoor space, the team at Almony's is skilled in installing outdoor speakers, with hidden wire and modern components. Since this is the age of cell phones and mobile devices, the entire sound system can be controlled from your phone.

If you would like your landscape to create a better sense of well-being and relaxation, installing a fountain in your landscape garden area is the perfect solution. Your water feature could be simple or dramatic, employing sound, lighting and movement. This can create year-round interest for family and friends to enjoy an ever-changing landscape element — from tadpoles in the spring to full-grown frogs in the late summer. Let Almony's incorporate this beautiful addition into your landscape design. Your yard (and hopefully your taste in music) will be the envy of the entire neighborhood!

NOTES FROM THE ADMIN . . .

- ⇒ AS OF AUGUST 28TH, THE OFFICE HOURS ARE: MONDAY — FRIDAY 8:30AM TO 5:00PM
- ⇒ CALL TODAY FOR AERATION AND OVERSEEDING
- ⇒ SIGN UP EARLY FOR FALL LEAF CLEANUP
- ⇒ UNFORTUNATELY, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, ALMONY'S WILL NOT HAVE FIREWOOD
- ⇒ BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2017 THERE WILL BE A SERVICE CHARGE FOR ALL CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS OVER \$5000 PER PROJECT/INVOICE

Welcome to Our Team . . .

Kerry Baum - Kerry joined the team part-time in the Fall, and after graduation this past May from Susquehannock High School, he became a full-time team member. We enjoy his cheerful smile and his ability to handle multiple tasks and jump in where needed. Kerry moved to our Hard-scape crew, learning and growing his knowledge in all aspects of patios to retaining walls. In his free time, Kerry enjoys spending time outside — fishing, hunting, being with his family and attending tractor pulls. He is also quite the collector of antique tractors! As for Kerry's future goal, he's dreamed of becoming a paid fireman for Baltimore County. As for now, he volunteers with Rose Fire Company in New Freedom.



Dalton Munsell - Dalton joined our lawn maintenance crew in April, and has been a wonderful addition to the Almony's team. Dalton has been beautifying lawns for more than 5 years! He lives locally in SYC with his girlfriend, Courtney and their cat named Phoebe. One of Dalton's favorite things to do is skateboarding, and he is very skilled with over 11 years of mastering the sport. In his free time, he enjoys watching hockey and cheering on his favorite team, the Washington Capitals. The next time you see Dalton mowing your lawn, give him a wave and know that he always takes pride in his work.



The Almony's team takes great pride in our workmanship, our employees and our relationships with you. Thank you!



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