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**West Valley Housing Authority** will hold their **Work Session Meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at 204 SW Walnut in Dallas, Oregon. The Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at 204 SW Walnut in Dallas, Oregon. An Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 will be held immediately following the Regular Meeting, if required.**

**Agenda** for the meeting is posted on the Housing Authority website at [www.wvpha.org](http://www.wvpha.org). The location for the meeting is handicapped accessible. Please advise the West Valley Housing Authority if you need any special accommodations to attend the meeting. For information, please call 503-623-8387, TDD 1-800-735-2900.

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**Mind your moss with prevention**

During a rainier-than-usual winter and spring, moss eagerly invaded lawns and made itself at home.

The plush, low-lying plant doesn't get many neutral reactions. People either love it or hate it. Probably more fall on the hate-it side of the fence when it lands in their lawns. That's why Alec Kowalewski, turfgrass expert for Oregon State University Extension Service, gets so many questions about how to get rid of the flowerless plant that dates to ancient times.

Before he gets into the answers, Kowalewski breaks some hearts.

"People have the idea that if they put product down to control it then that's the end of the story," he said. "There's a misconception that once moss is killed, it won't come back. But it will if you don't change the environment."

Moss thrives in moist, shady situations on compacted soil, common conditions in the western areas of Oregon. When lawn isn't maintained properly, moss moves in.

Keeping a nice, dense stand of grass will keep moss at bay. To do that two things must change: soil drainage and too much shade. Grass doesn't grow

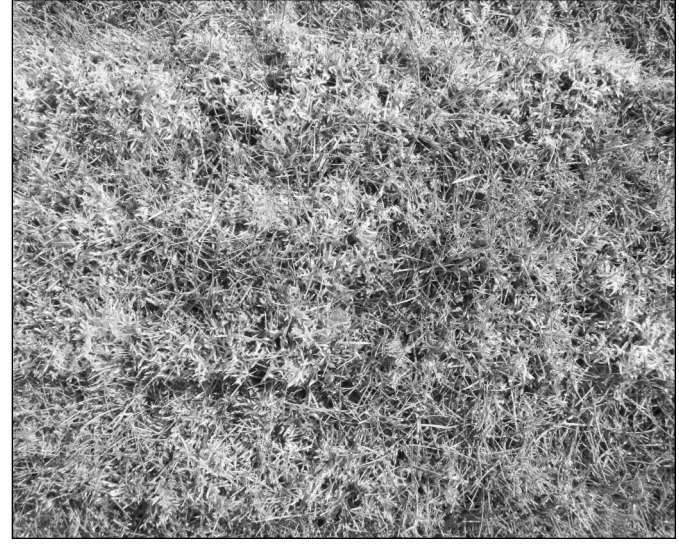


well when the soil is compacted and air and water can't get to the roots. And no matter how many different types of grasses you try, they won't succeed in shady areas.

"Trees and grass don't do well together," Kowalewski said. "By changing the environment, you can establish a healthy lawn."

The only solution is to thin or take out trees. Once that's done, concentrate on the soil. First get the moss out. The easiest way to do that is by renting a dethatcher and running it over the lawn. Then rake up the moss down to bare soil. Moss roots are very shallow so it doesn't take much effort. If you don't want to rent a dethatcher, try using just the rake.

If the soil is compacted, use an aerator — also available at rental shops — to open it up. Usually that isn't necessary except in high traffic areas, Kowalewski said. In fact, he's never aerated his perennial ryegrass lawn, which is what most



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**Moss will continue to invade lawn unless preventative measures are taken.**

people have in their yards.

"After removing the moss, you want to make sure you replace the area with sod or grass seed if you want to turn it back into lawn," he said. "Spring until Memorial Day is a great time to do this as we enter into the sunnier, warmer time of year and moss growth slows down."

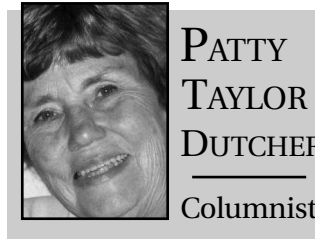
A fertilizing regiment should start now, too. Using an all-purpose lawn fertilizer rather than just nitrogen is the easiest way to go.

Though it may seem counterintuitive, irrigation is essential for controlling

moss. Why? Because you can't have a lush lawn without it. And vigorous grass will outcompete moss. Recommendations for watering have changed, Kowalewski said. Research now shows that instead of 1 inch of water once a week, lawns should be irrigated several times a week for a total of 1 inch. Apply about 1/4 to 1/3 inch three to four times a week. During intense heat, water even more often — up to five times a week — but not any more than 1/4 inch in one application. Measure with a rain gauge, plastic cup or tuna can.

**MI TOWN**

Poets and song writers have extolled the wonders of Paris in the springtime for generations now, and sipping champagne from a café located within the Eiffel Tower is something never to be forgotten. In these days of overcrowded security lines, airport delays and flight cancellations — not to mention maxing out the credit cards or saving for a trip that could possibly turn quickly from dream to nightmare — it's good to know that we can make some perfectly wonderful memories right here in MI Town. We can savor a delicious and downright decadent brunch or take a delightful picnic basket to several of the local wineries within our area, then share a delightful morning or afternoon with friends and family. It doesn't get any better than this.



We've survived another Tax Day and can put memories of receipts, various schedules and the rest of the mound of paperwork away for another year. It's no fun to pay the piper, and even for those who are anticipating refunds, it seems like there is so much money going for government spending. When we take into consideration the services provided to all of us with tax revenues, it makes the whole thing a bit less painful.

One amazing organization worthy of support is Polk County CASA, which was featured in last week's *I-O*. I'm a member of one of the Citizen Review Boards that reviews cases of children in foster care on a monthly basis and can attest to the dedication and care that is given by CASA members to children and their families, that makes every day better for all.

"Pride, Commitment and Service to Others" is the motto of our Polk County Sheriff's Department, and the recent drug arrests remind us that there is an almost overwhelming need for support of law enforcement in the ongoing battle against drug abuse. We all can be the eyes and ears in MI Town to help children and families who are affected by these in-

sidious crimes and offer assistance to those who are in need of treatment programs, and can assist the police whenever possible.

Who doesn't enjoy a walk down memory lane now and then? Christine Lamb White will speak at 7 p.m. next Monday about "Gramma Edie's home that keeps calling me home." Ms. White is the granddaughter of the lady who lived in the house on Third Street in Independence. You can learn more about Independence history at the Heritage Museum presentation (entrance on the river side) at the Independence Civic Center.

Rain or shine — be sure to stop by the farmers' markets in Independence this Saturday and see what's available this week.

**PEDEE NEWS**

Steve and Audrey Cameron visited son James' house in Milwaukie and attended granddaughter Eliana's school program. Then, last Sunday, James and Eliana paid a visit to the farm in Pedee, stopping by to see Aunt Stephanie's newborn lambs on the way. After dinner, Grandma and Eliana had fun making Easter cookies. The Camerons appreciate daughter Stephanie's help in dismantling their old house. She was on the roof last week tearing down the old brick chimney while her dad shouted instructions from down below.



I just learned that at the Kings Valley Charter School science fair in March, seventh-grader Kyron Amerling won the Director's Award. A year ago, Kyron had an accident in which he lost his vision in one eye, and so based his project on how his vision had changed after the accident. He had his class-

mates close one eye and then the other, then keep both open and then had them bring pencils out arm length to the side and then bring them in and see how far the pencils were from each other. It gave everyone a good idea on how he can see. It was very intriguing that Kyron had used something that happened to him.

Students at KVCS are collecting good condition and new socks for Union Gospel Mission to give to the homeless. They've also concluded their food drive, and collected 600 pounds of food. The kindergarten and the first-

second grade classes then took a field trip to the Linn Benton Food Share Warehouse, where they sorted the food that the school had collected.

Diane Telfer and I each entered quilts in the Mid-Valley Quilt Guild quilt show, which is Friday and Saturday at the Polk County Fairgrounds. There will be around 200 quilts, plus a vendor's mall, so should be fun to see. On Friday at 11:30 a.m., I will be giving a demonstration on a fast way to make nine-patch blocks, in case it was always something you wanted to know.

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