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www.covingtonlakepoa.com

Free Classified Advertising on the website for Property Owners of Covington Lake. Sell or swap with your neighbors.

Business Classified Advertising is \$25.00 per year. If you have a local business, you can build awareness and expand your customer base. See the Covington Lake website for details.

Sixth annual Beach, Boogie & BBQ Festival at the Market Common <http://www.grandstrandevents.com/>

The Sun Fun Celebration of Summer ends Labor Day weekend with the sixth annual Beach, Boogie & BBQ Festival

- 5:30-9 p.m. on Friday, **Sept. 2,**
 - 12-9:30 p.m. on Saturday, **Sept. 3,** and
 - 12-5 p.m. on Sunday, **Sept. 4,**
- at Grand Park at The Market Common. The festival, now extended through Sun-

day, will feature finger lickin' good barbecue and food from both vendors and competitors available for purchase, along with free live entertainment featuring American Idol's Season 2 country crooner Josh Gracin.

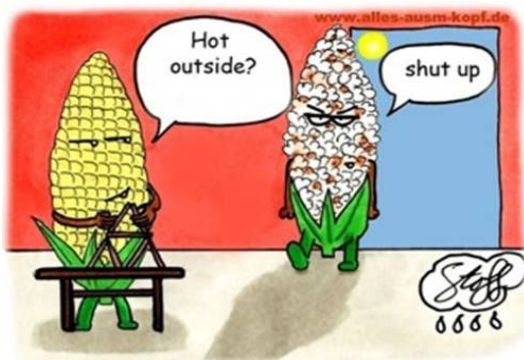
Organized by the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, this family-friendly festival will

also feature wake board demonstrations, free boat rides, activities for children, and a celebrity meet-and-greet with the Bravo's Top Chef: Season 4 contestant and winner Richard Blais.

Three cooking events promise to attract the nation's finest competitors: the 'Anything Goes' cooking contest and tasting on Friday, Sept. 2, and the Official S.C. Barbecue Championship and Kansas City Barbecue Society Cook-off on Saturday, Sept. 3. Each competition will award prize money to winners.



It is not illegal to feed songbirds from a feeder but it is unlawful to feed migratory waterfowl in Horry County. Do not feed the Ducks and Geese in our Ponds.



ARE YOUR PLANTS BEING EATEN BY DEER AND RABBITS?

www.waysidegardens.com/gardening/GP/listpage/deer-resistant

Wayside Gardens has a listing of plants and shrubs that are resistant to being eaten by deer/rabbits.

You put a lot of time and thought into picking the perfect plants for your garden. The last thing you want is to choose your treasures, get them nestled in their new homes, and then watch them become a nighttime feast for

passing animals! Thanks to our selection of deer- and rabbit-resistant bulbs, shrubs, and perennials you can rest easy in the knowledge that your beautifully coordinated blooms and foliage will be safe and able to grow into their full glorious potential! They'll provide season after season of exceptional beauty while proving unpalatable to nighttime visitors!

Wayside Gardens
1 Garden Lane
Hodges, SC 29695-0001

If you have specific questions about plants and gardening, feel free to e-mail our skilled staff of horticulturists directly at gardener@waysidegardens.com

OR
Contact Customer Service:
Phone: 1-800-213-0379
Fax: 1-800-817-1124

STYX — OCTOBER 14, 2011 FRIDAY AT HOUSE OF BLUES

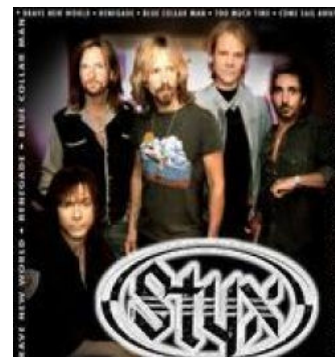
House Of Blues - Myrtle Beach

4640 Highway 17 South
North Myrtle Beach,
SC29582

843-272-3000

Styx's 2011 tour will be roll-

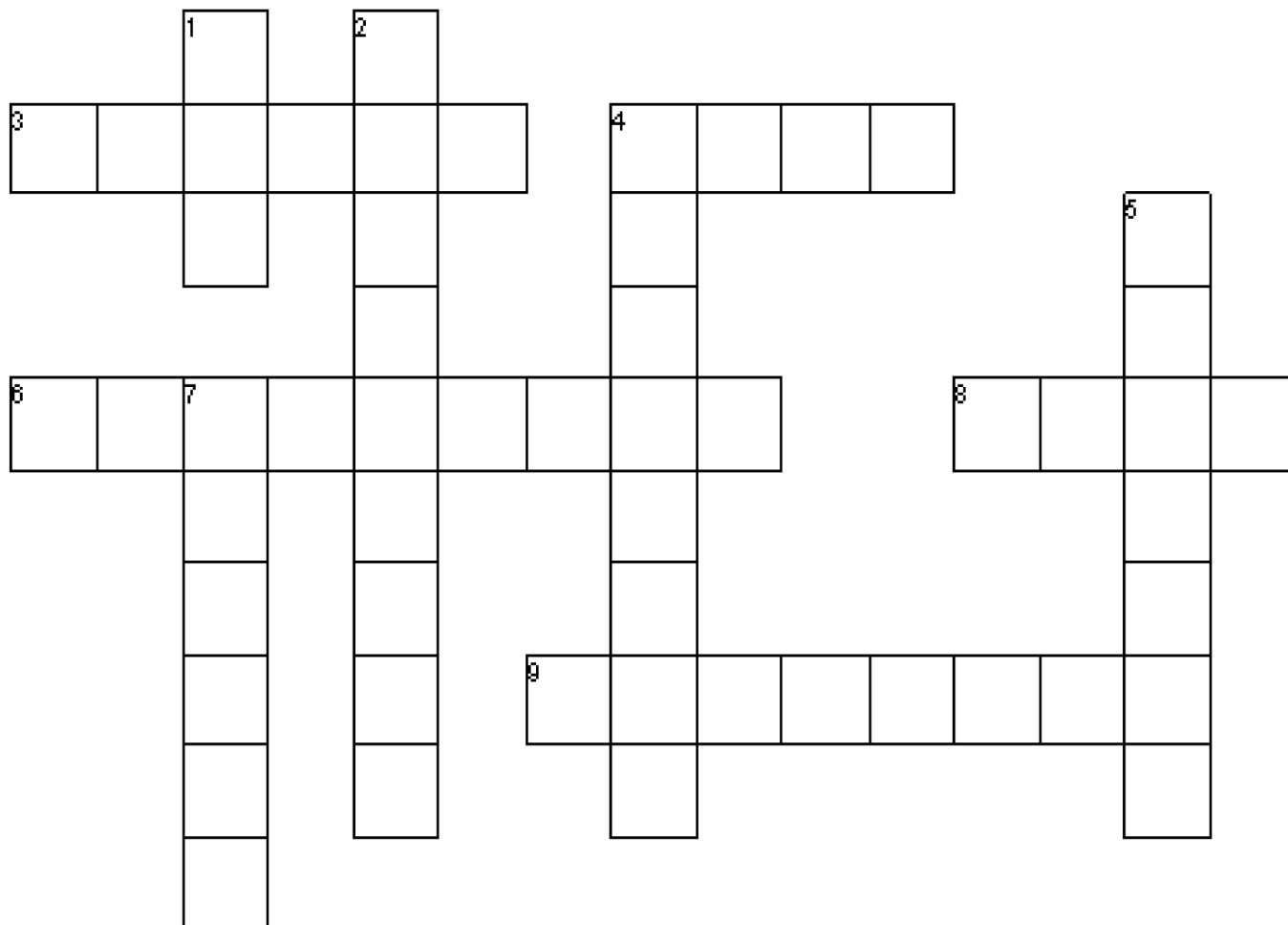
ing into North Myrtle Beach on October 14! Don't miss Styx at House Of Blues - Myrtle Beach during their 2011 concert tour: snap up those Styx tickets before they sell out!





Family Fun Shop

Autumn Crossword Puzzle



Solve the Autumn Crossword Puzzle by using the clues below:

Answers on Back Page

Across

3. Autumn is when _ _ _ _ _ fall off of trees.
4. In Autumn the weather begins to _ _ _ _ down.
6. In Autumn, a _ _ _ _ _ may be seen in a farmers field.
8. Autumn is a good time to enjoy _ _ _ _ that has grown through much of the year.
9. In Autumn people pick _ _ _ _ _ and carve them with scary faces.

Down

1. In Autumn _ _ _ that has grown in fields is ready to be bundled for animal feed.
2. Autumn begins in the month of _ _ _ _ _.
4. In Autumn, it is fun to see _ _ _ _ _ leaves on trees.
5. Many farmer 's crops are ready for _ _ _ _ _ in Autumn.
7. Fall is also called _ _ _ _ _.

PROTECTING OUR PONDS IN COVINGTON LAKE

When it rains, water flows over impervious surfaces such as roads and rooftops. That runoff picks up oil, chemicals, and other pollutants and carries them into the storm drain system. Unlike the sanitary sewer system that drains waste from homes and businesses, water that enters the storm drain system is not treated at a wastewater treatment facility. It drains directly to one of our ponds. Everyone can make a difference in protecting our water quality.

What You Can Do to Help?

- Properly dispose of used motor oil at any of the Horry County Recycle Centers. Many auto parts stores also recycle used motor oil.
- Report any non-emergency pollution problem by contacting the Property Owners Association through Premier Management. For emergency pollution problems, such as major

spills, call 911.

- Never dump anything down a storm drain. Storm drains carry untreated water directly to our ponds.
- Keep your leaves and grass clippings out of the street to keep them from washing into storm drains and causing drainage problems and pollution in our ponds.
- Keep your automobile and your gas-powered lawn mower or blower well tuned so they do not drip toxic fluids.
- Do not use chemicals/fertilizers on your lawn before it is expected to rain, and try using organic or slow-release products, which are better for your lawn and for the environment.
- Be conservative with pesticides and herbicides (weed killers) and try natural alternatives. Call your local Clemson Extension Service to find

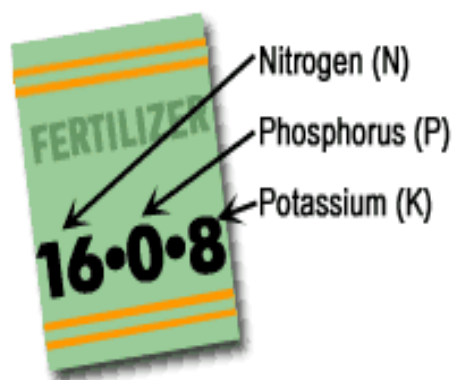
out more about natural pesticides.

Lawn Fertilizer Doesn't Just Fertilize Lawns

Lawn fertilizer, especially when applied incorrectly, fertilizes a lot more than just your lawn. Excess nutrients are carried by runoff into our ponds. The same nutrients that help grass grow also help algae and pond weeds grow, leading to algal blooms and excessive aquatic plants that are not only unpleasant to look at but also affect food quality and habitat for fish and other organisms.

Does this mean environmentally aware citizens are doomed to have unattractive lawns? No. By following the few simple recommendations, you can make sure that you're not contributing excess nutrients to our ponds.

Covington Lake homeowners should also consider the water quality and wildlife benefits of a more natural setting for lake-front property.



When you buy fertilizer the package will be labeled with three numbers. The first number indicates total nitrogen (N), the second indicates phosphorus (called available phosphate (P_2O_5)) and the third, soluble potash (K_2O). **Look for a middle number of zero, which indicates phosphorus free fertilizer**



LIVING WITH URBAN WILDLIFE IN COVINGTON LAKE

The most common wildlife species encountered in urban surroundings, includes, but are not limited to: deer, raccoon, red fox, opossum, black bears, squirrels, and alligators.

Why are these animals living in my community?

Many of these urbanized animals are living with humans due to local land development and growth that was once their own natural habitat and home. Most urbanized wildlife species are opportunistic, intelligent creatures that have adapted well to our urban and suburban landscapes. Combined with a general lack of predators and an easy access to food sources, such as: garbage cans, compost bins, gardens and outdoor pet food bowls some wildlife species have been able to proliferate in most developed areas.

Identifying "nuisance" wildlife:

Urban dwelling wildlife is a fact of urban life. In many cases,

tolerance and prevention (eliminating unnatural food sources, sealing up potential den locations) is the best approach. If you do find yourself in conflict with your local wildlife population, the first thing to consider is identifying the source of the problem. What is attracting the animal to your property? Is there a way to eliminate the attractant? Do you need to speak to your neighbors to do the same?

The vast majority of urban wildlife conflicts occur because someone in the neighborhood is either deliberately or inadvertently providing some sort of unnatural food source.

Do not feed wild animals:

Deliberate feeding of wildlife makes them more comfortable around humans and more likely to get into situations where they are unwanted or in danger.

It also encourages unnaturally high population levels within a

Small geographic area. This creates a higher risk of disease transmission among the species and the likelihood that they will become pests. **It is much better and more humane to allow population levels to adjust to the food and habitat naturally available.**

Feed pets indoors: This will eliminate a raccoon attractant and will diminish the likelihood of an unwanted encounter between your pet and a wild animal.

Cover it: Tightly cover all garbage cans.



Grand Strand Humane Society has a CAT OVERFLOW ALERT

Have you ever wanted to help homeless and abandoned animals and just wasn't sure how? Become a guardian angel of one of our animals! We have a great program that allows both individuals and businesses to help us take care of and find

homes for our animals. Call 843-918-4916 if you are interested in this great program!

We offer a discount adoption rate for senior citizens. We waive the adoption fee for any person 55+ years of age that

adopts an animal 5+ years of age. For people 55+ that adopt an animal younger than 5 years old, we offer 25% off the adoption fee.



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We're on the Web!
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**SLOW
DOWN**



Only bad drivers themselves can cure their bad driving habits. They will do this only when they decide it is to their benefit to change.



Answers to Crossword Puzzle on
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ACROSS

- 3. Leaves
- 4. Cool
- 6. Scarecrow
- 8. Corn
- 9. Pumpkins

DOWN

- 1. Hay
- 2. September
- 4. Colorful
- 5. Harvest
- 7. Autumn



NEWSLETTER SURVEY — opinion@covingtonlakepoa.com

For those of you that read the quarterly newsletter, we would like for you to rank your concerns for Covington Lake.

Below are some suggestions that you can choose from or you can add your own suggestions.

- 1. Crime
- 2. Recycling
- 3. Speeding
- 4. Pool Safety
- 5. Noise
- 6. Parking
- 7. Trash Collection
- 8. Maintaining Property Values
- 9. Association Dues

- 10. Common Area Landscaping
- 11. Dog Waste Stations
- 12. Volunteering for Committees
- 13. Communication from POA
- 14. Social Events
- 15. Garage Sales
- 16. Community Watch
- 17. Playground
- 18. Covenant Enforcement

Give us your top (3) three concerns and give us a brief explanation for each.

Please submit via email back to
opinion@covingtonlakepoa.com

THANK YOU

**WE
WOULD
LIKE
YOUR
OPINION**

We will not use your name

