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## Summer Vacation

You can do a little research on the web and find different theories as to why we might have the tradition of summer vacations. Some believe the reason the kiddos needed to be off during the summer was for helping on the family farm with the crops. Other theories were because certain classes wanted to take holidays and the children would be absent so much that it was decided to close all the schools during the summer. There are more, but I won't list them here. I am discussing summer vacation because we are doing something different this year at A-All. **A-All Pest will be closed the week of July 4th.** After 55 years we decided it's time for a short break. But don't worry. We'll be back the next week all refreshed and eager to meet your service needs, and if you need something before we go just give us a call and we'll get you on the schedule! **Please make plans now** as a few days before the vacation we may get booked with requests.

In David McCullough's book "*John Adams*", there are many passages relating to disease in Philadelphia. I have to admit that I did not read this book, but I do remember Ann told me about these passages when she read it and have browsed my areas of interest in it. One section discussing 1793 states, "In Philadelphia, beginning in August, yellow fever raged in the worst epidemic ever to strike an American City....By the last weeks of August people were dying in Philadelphia at a rate of more than 20 a day....By October the rate reached more than 100 a day."

Just think of the mental stress upon the people governing the new country, burdened with the fact you could die or your loved ones could die just because you were living in the capital city trying to help this fledgling nation stand. Remember how we reacted to Ebola and West Nile when it was mostly a threat and not this kind of staggering death.

Later McCullough writes of 1797 Philadelphia, "In days the city had become a bake house again, as Abigail wrote....'The hot weather of July has weakened us all. Complaints of the bowels are very frequent and troublesome.' Strangely, cats were dying all over the city. The streets were filled with dead cats. No one had an explanation, and no one in Congress wished to delay departure an hour longer than necessary. On July 10, exhausted, irritable, members of both houses started for home ..."

It would be a century before they found that the mosquito (disease transmitter) was the reason people were dying. They knew that in the summertime it was better just to leave the city. This is my theory why it was just part of the fabric of our society to have a summer break. It's good to relax. Abigail discussed how John needs to relax and get away. Since no one has come up with something better we all enjoy summer vacations.

In the show "*The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*" on Amazon, the Weissmans arrive in the Catskills of New York for their annual summer family stay at a camp. Ann got me into watching the show and I enjoyed the development of the comedian. (I've always liked comedy. I loved the 70s SNL, Steve Martin and so forth. Always wanted to go to a comedy club and I fulfilled this when we took a trip to NYC.) The Weissmans had an annual summer routine for decades to get out of the city for several weeks (just like our founding fathers). The 50s and 60s were mosquito

### Pest of the Quarter:

#### Fleas

- Can stay in dormant pupae stage for months until host vibrates them out
- Pets on a flea program should reduce home infestations
- Wildlife living in or around homes can introduce flea infestations



free because of DDT fogging, so avoiding disease was not their incentive for leaving. Mrs. Maisel's dad had his exercise routine in the Catskills in the 1960s. Exercise is always a good way to relax. It is today's urbanites who are closed in containers unable to see the open spaces and enjoy fresh air. Unable to get relief from our urban pests due to limited pesticide options, unlike the past. Still today, everyone's goal is to get fresh air and eat organic fresh foods, non-caged animals, drink fresh water, etc. Who would want to be in NYC in the middle of the summer even today? It makes sense to leave the city.

So once again, taking a step back in time, our employees will take the time to retool and relax and I hope you get the chance to do the same this summer. Be sure to use your bug sprays in or out of the city. If you walk in parks think about avoiding chiggers with repellents. We were in Hot Springs last year spending a night in a bed and breakfast and the lady had a cat. I sat in a chair that the cat had been in on the front porch. Of course, the cat must have had fleas and they were jumping on me. This cat still had a few of its lives left unlike the Philadelphia cats. So realize, whether animals are domesticated or not they can provide a lot of bugs to irritate us. - David



**We will be closed the week of July 4th. We will not be providing service that week so please plan ahead if you need anything. Mosquito spray for a party? PLEASE Schedule it NOW!**

**If you ever have a possible bug or part of a bug PLEASE save it! That will help us to identify the problem more quickly, target the correct pest and begin treatment sooner.**

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*A RARE picture....David relaxing! =>*

**A-All WILL BE CLOSED the Week of July 4th!!**

**PLEASE NOTE that A-All Pest  
Control WILL BE CLOSED the  
week of July 4th this year!!!**

**PLEASE** schedule any service needs prior to this vacation as far in advance as possible as we might otherwise be booked for service at the time you desire and don't want to disappoint you.

We'll be back to the office July 8th.



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