

**WOW!
THANKS!**

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Check this out! Our newly rehabbed pollinator garden!
Labor & Materials, **Courtesy of Superior!**



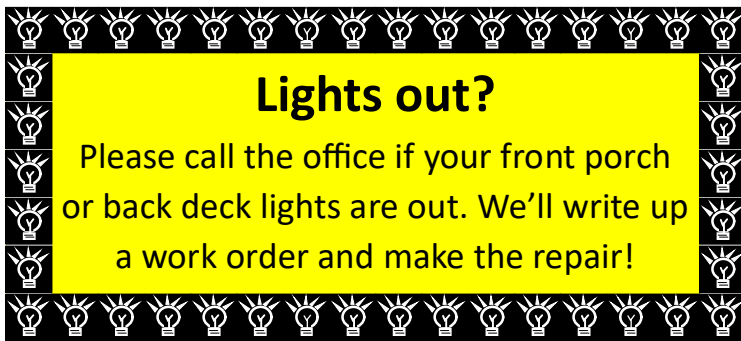
Crabapple Tree Replacement Program

Submitted By: Brian Rice, Landscape Committee Chair

One of the great joys of living in Pittsfield Village is the blossoming of our ornamental trees during spring time. Many of these trees are crabapples that were planted decades ago and are now in decline and coming to the end of their life expectancies. Worse, some of these trees are also prone to fungal diseases such as Apple Scab, and Cedar-Apple Rust, and Fire Blight, a bacterial disease, that cause them to become defoliated. This gradually weakens them, further hastening their decline and eventual death.

Going forward, if we wish to maintain peak bloom during Spring, then it's very important to begin replacing the most diseased or dead crabapples we have. Not doing so would put us at risk of losing that spring bloom we all enjoy and makes Pittsfield Village the special community it is.

At the request of the Pittsfield Village Board of Directors, the Landscape Committee, working in conjunction with our landscape contractor, Superior Mow & Snow, and our site manager, Kendra Zunich, have identified declining trees to be removed and replaced. We will begin by removing a few very diseased and/or dead trees this fall. They will then be replaced next spring with new varieties of crabapples that are far more fungal disease resistant than the trees we currently have. Since these will be younger trees, it will take them several years to get established. But give them time. They'll be worth the wait. Residents with crabapple trees immediately adjacent to their units will be notified either by mail or by a notice posted to their unit a minimum of 48 hours prior to a crabapple being removed and/or replaced. (CONTINUED on pg. 3)



Brace Yourselves, Winter is Coming:

It is hard to believe that, yet another summer season is soon coming to an end. While we have many nice days looming out before us, we know that cold temps, icy patches and that white fluffy stuff will soon be on the horizon. We therefore, begrudgingly, have to start planning and taking steps to properly prepare our homes for the winter to minimize any chance for misfortune or additional prep work in the Spring. Below is a checklist of home preparations for the winter season:

- ⇒ Schedule a furnace and hot water tank inspection with a local provider as these are not typically association responsibility items to maintain.
- ⇒ Replace the batteries in the smoke detectors and Carbon Monoxide detectors (if any) in your unit.
- ⇒ Hose /sweep off any debris from A/C unit and cover, to minimize damages to blades caused by heavy snow and ice.
- ⇒ Pick up a small basket of de-icer (at the PV office) to keep on hand for small areas of refreeze on your porch or walk ways.

Taking the time in the next few weeks to properly prep your home can keep many of the frustrations of being a homeowner at bay for the next few months and actually make less work for yourself in the spring.

For Our Snow Birds

If you are going to be away for an extended period during the winter season, you will find that you have a bit more prepping and planning to do before you depart. Remember that without proper heat in the unit, plumbing pipes may freeze and expand which can then cause tears/breaks in the pipes that have the potential to cause severe flooding. Without electricity, sump pumps and furnaces cannot operate, all of which can also lead to frozen and burst pipes. It is therefore your responsibility to maintain the utilities at all times to ensure that the unit is properly winterized for the season. We caution you that you will be responsible for all damages which may occur as a result of failure to maintain heat and electricity at the unit.

Use this checklist of winterization steps to secure your home before you leave:

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- Keep heat set above 60 degrees (or at temperature outlined in Bylaws as applicable) and open cabinets containing pipes to allow heat to enter.
- Do not shut off basic utilities (electric and heat).
- Secure all windows and locks.
- Provide a neighbor with a key and notify Management who has it.
- Email management with emergency contact info so that we can contact you or your designated emergency contact in an emergency situation.
- Ask a friend, neighbor or family member to inspect the interior of your unit periodically for any signs of a problem if you are not routinely available to perform these inspections yourself.
- Stop deliveries and forward mail so that it is not obvious that the unit is vacant.

These minimal steps should be taken to protect the value of your property, maintain the aesthetic quality of the community and prevent safety/liability issues to your unit and adjacent units.

If you have any questions, please always feel free to contact us at 734-971-0233, visit www.pittsfieldvillage.com, or email us at office@pittsfieldvillage.com. We are here to help you in any way that we can.
Safe Travels!

TO DO...

It's right about time to disconnect the outside garden hose (s). Please unscrew the hose (s) and store it/them inside your unit. If you require assistance, please let us know by contacting the office.



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Recycle, Ann Arbor

Recycle Ann Arbor wanted to send out a few reminders about recycling for residents, in addition to an announcement about exciting changes to the processing of Ann Arbor recyclables! A website was created to explain the process and show residents what their community recycling stream looks like. **Recycling Guidelines** can be downloaded on the City's website.

Cardboard Recycling and Extra Recycling Service: Contact Recycle Ann Arbor at (734) 662-6288 or info@recycleannarbor.org to arrange an extra recycling service or special cardboard pick-up. Recycling carts need to be brought to the curb for this extra service. Cardboard boxes **must** be flattened and folded or cut into sections that will fit into the bed of a pickup truck (5'x5' or smaller). Pick-ups will generally be scheduled 2-3 business days later.

This special service is free for the first time you request the service.

Crabapples...

What The Crabapple Tree Program Is:

- Removal and replacement of diseased and declining crabapples trees. Every tree
- removed will be replaced with a younger, more disease resistant cultivar so as to maintain the overall attractiveness of our community.
- Being proactive in maintaining and enhancing our treescape so as not to ultimately lose the beauty we all enjoy.



What It Is Not:

- A program to arbitrarily remove healthy trees and not replace them.
- This will not result of a net loss of ornamental trees. The overall number of these trees will remain the same.

LANDSCAPING / Clean-up

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The crews have completed fall clean-up!
If there are GARDEN MARKERS in your beds, this is now YOUR job to do. You must remove all dead plant material before WINTER.

Our staff will be removing the markers from the beds soon.

The last mowing and leaf removal will commence very soon as the weather gets crisp.



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IN THE GARDEN- November 2018

By Lisa Joseph, Staff Horticulturist



November marks the end of the growing season for the most part. Gardeners may have a few last minute tasks to complete such as bringing in pots and garden art and digging up and storing inside any tubers we plan to overwinter. I like to wait for a sunny, not so chilly day to head out to do these things. This year one of the **Dahlia** tubers I plan to overwinter is '**Little Bees Wings**'. I loved this wonderful Dahlia with its adorable yellow and red pompom flowers blooming all season.

LET ME SHARE WITH YOU ONE OF MY 2018 FAVORITE ANNUALS
THIS ONE BLOOMS CONTINUALLY WITH LITTLE CARE!



It's called AGERATUM 'ARTIST PURPLE'- mature size 12 x 12"

Unlike the Ageratum of the past, the Artist Purple requires no deadheading. The new blooms cover the old ones. The only time I pruned it back was to contain its growth a bit, and it started up blooming again in just a week! The bright magenta-purple color of the button blooms on Ageratum 'Artist Purple' draw the eye, especially when combined with bright yellow Snapdragons, Marigolds, Zinnias, or Dahlias. It would look good in a container or window box with chartreuse Sweet Potato Vine and light pink Petunia. I've even added it in my perennial bed among the yellow and green-variegated Iris, bright cerise 'Cherry Pops' Bee Balm, and in front of late summer-blooming Sedum 'Autumn Fire'.



Got a Spot with Partial Shade in your garden? Excellent plant recommendation! Listen up...

LISA'S PLANT OF THE MONTH ATHYRIUM NIPONICUM 'PICTUM'- Japanese Painted Fern

This is a beautiful fern with foliage mounds reaching two feet at maturity and fronds in dramatic colors of blue-green, burgundy, and silver. I like to place this plant in a spot at or near the garden border combined with purple-leaf Coral Bells and a white-variegated Hosta such as 'Patriot'. Ferns like organically rich and well-drained soil. Feed your ferns during the growing season with compost or general purpose fertilizer. Cut back old fronds after new growth begins in spring. Divide the clumps every 2 to 3 years.

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I'm ready to give in to the inevitable cold snowy months to come. November is the month that I finally get out my serious winter jacket, hats and scarves and thick mittens. I get myself into the right frame of mind by thinking about those sunny winter days when the ground is covered with snow, the wind isn't too harsh, and I head out for a hike through the quiet woods.



Upcoming Holiday Events

Wednesday, December 5:

Craft Night—Make your own holiday cards!!! We'll also be making fun ornaments.

Have some cocoa with us, get crafty, and enter to win in the Xfinity door prize drawing - drawing will be held December 21st! (final day for donations)

MITTEN TREE — donations will be collected beginning on December 5 (craft night). Stop by the office with your mittens, gloves, and hats.



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**Ann Arbor Community
FREE Concert event
Sunday, November 18 @ 2:00pm**
Classical Piano Recital
Andrew Anderson
Faber Piano Music Institute
3042 Creek Drive
At corner of Packard

*Donations appreciated
734-975-1995*

****NOTE:** November and December Board meetings are combined and will be held **Thursday, December 6th.**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Daylight Savings Time Ends FALL BACK @ 2:00 am	5	6 ELECTION DAY	7	8 6:00 pm— Open forum; 6:15 Maintenance & Modification Mtg	9	10
11	12	13 6:00 pm - Open forum; 6:15 - Land- scape Committee Mtg	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24  Eat TONS and take a nap.
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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