

## NOVEMBER 2019

### **LANDSCAPING REMINDERS**

#### **Fall Cleanup**

The Horticulturist and crew completed final FRONT garden bed cleanup of annuals and perennials in garden beds without garden markers. If you have garden makers, please perform fall cleanup by November 15, 2019!

The on-site staff will remove all remaining garden markers from garden beds after this date. If your garden beds have not been winterized when this occurs, it will be done for you and the labor charges will be billed back to your unit account.

#### **Leaf Removal**

Superior will be on-site through November.



### Holiday events coming to the Ann Arbor Farmers Market



- \* Wednesday, Nov 27: "Day Before Thanksgiving"  
Wednesday Market from 7am-3pm
- \* Friday, Dec 6: KindleFest from 4 to 10pm (family-friendly events includes a Kid Zone from 4 to 6pm)
- \* Saturday, Dec 14: A Holiday Farmers Market from 7am-3pm
- \* Wednesday, Dec 18: Last Wednesday Market of the year
- \* Saturday, Dec 21: Saturday Market before Christmas
- \* Saturday, Jan 4: Saturday Market winter hours begin from 8am-3pm



A Village resident  
captured the Superior  
crew hard at work!





## **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:**

- 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](http://www.pittsfieldvillage.com), or email us at [office@pittsfieldvillage.com](mailto:office@pittsfieldvillage.com).

We are here to help you in any way that we can.  
Safe Travels!



## **TO DO...**

It's 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 contact the office!



# Recycle, Ann Arbor

## Tips for Single-Stream Recycling

- Review the City's Guide to Better Recycling to avoid the top 12 contaminants we see in the recycling carts.
- Carts must be out before 7 AM Friday for pickup.
- All items must be empty and clean.
- Everything, including cardboard, must fit inside the cart with the lid closed, and the lid may not be secured shut.
- Place shredded paper in clear, sealed plastic bags.
- Place cart with metal lift bar facing the street.

### Pittsfield Village Office

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## Kid's Coloring Corner



Doodle Art Alley ©

### Lights out?

Please call the office if your front porch or back deck lights need replaced. We'll write up a work order and make the replacement ASAP!





## IN THE GARDEN

By Lisa Joseph, Community Horticulturist



Here comes November. Let's get ready for what's to come. How about making up a winter display in your window box using greens, berries, and pinecones? Add some bright ornaments and sparkly twigs for the holidays!

### Lisa's Awesome Plant Recommendations:

#### ASTER 'KICKIN CARMINE RED' – Mature size 3 x 3'

This perennial has a bushy, compact habit that doesn't require mid-season pruning or staking. In late summer, it is completely covered with bright magenta-red blooms with gold centers. Aster is native to North America and is attractive to butterflies and other pollinators.

Plant Aster 'Kickin Carmine Red' in full sun (6 hours of sun per day) and allow for good air circulation to avoid powdery mildew.

**COMBINE WITH:** Other fall bloomers such as Sedum, Ornamental Grasses, Joe-Pye Weed, Dahlia, and the fall foliage colors of Amsonia, Aronia, Summersweet, Viburnum, and Fothergilla. Try planting short Zinnias in front of 'Kickin Carmine Red'.



Got shade? Here you go-

#### HYDRANGEA 'TINY TUFF STUFF'- Mature Size 2 X 2'

This tough little Mountain Hydrangea has improved bud and stem hardiness and blooms on and on. The lacecap flowers tend toward blue, aging to an attractive lilac pink. The dark green leaves turn to lovely shades of bronze and red in autumn.

**COMBINE WITH:** Hosta 'June', 'Gold Standard', or 'Halcyon'; Hakonechloa 'Aureola' (Japanese Forest Grass); Heuchera (Coral Bells); Athyrium n. 'Pictum' (Japanese Painted Fern); and Coleus.



**REMEMBER FOLKS: TO FIRST GET APPROVAL FROM THE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE BEFORE PLANTING ANY PERENNIAL OR WOODY PLANTS IN THE FRONT OF YOUR UNIT!**

**Want gorgeous blooms for the holidays? Let's try this easy flowering bulb!  
Start now!**

#### **Amaryllis (Hippeastrum)-**

The Amaryllis bulb is the easiest to bring to bloom. The large amaryllis flowers come in many beautiful varieties including various shades of red, white, pink, salmon and orange. There are also my favorites- striped and multicolored varieties, usually in shades of pink or red with white.

#### **Preparation and Planting:**

Bulbs should be firm with no signs of injury or decay.

When planting, use a narrow container that is just one inch wider than the widest part of the bulb and twice as tall as the bulb. Select a container that has one or more holes in the bottom for drainage and



use a potting mix that is high in organic matter and that allows for good drainage.  
 Set the bulb in the pot so the roots rest on the potting soil.  
 The bulb should sit up above the edge of the container.  
 Add more soil, tamping it down around the bulb, until one-third to one-half of the bulb remains visible.  
 Set the pot in a sink where it can drain freely and water until the potting soil is thoroughly moist. Allow the pot to drain completely.

### Placement and Watering:

Place the potted bulb in a warm place with direct light since heat is necessary for the development of the stems. The ideal temperature is 68 to 70 degrees. Water sparingly until the stem appears. Then, as the bud and leaves appear, gradually water more. At this point, the stem will grow rapidly and flowers will develop after it has reached full growth. Bulbs will flower in 7-10 weeks as a general rule. Move the plant out of direct sunlight when the flower buds have begun to open.


**To promote blooming, use a houseplant fertilizer with high phosphorus content at half strength. Fertilizer packaging always provides an analysis shown in three numbers such as 10-20-15.**

**These numbers represent the percentage of each of three important macronutrients for plant growth: N (nitrogen) – P (phosphorous) – K (potassium). In this example, the fertilizer contains 10 percent nitrogen, 20 percent phosphorous, and 15 percent potassium.**

November marks the winding down of the outdoor gardening season 2019. Tools, planters, gloves, hoses, all the equipment goes into storage. The time for rest is here. I am still available for landscape consultations through the winter months. Contact me with questions at [pvmastergardener@gmail.com](mailto:pvmastergardener@gmail.com)

## NOVEMBER 2019

**NOTE: THE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
DECEMBER 4TH**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Daylight Savings Time Ends— <b>FALL BACK @ 2:00 am</b>	4	5 6:00 pm - Open forum; <b>6:15 - M&amp;M Committee Mtg</b>	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 6:00 pm - Open forum; <b>6:15 - Land- scape Committee Mtg</b>	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 OFFICE CLOSED  Eat TONS and take a nap.	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30