



January 2020

Pittsfield Village

GREEN SPACES • GREAT NEIGHBORS



Where can I discard my Christmas tree?

Christmas trees cannot be discarded on the street or be left out on extensions. **The City of Ann Arbor provides four (4) FREE drop-off locations for undecorated Christmas trees beginning Friday, December 14, 2019 through Friday, January 31, 2020.**

- Parking lot across the street from the Drop-Off Station at 2950 E. Ellsworth at Southeast Area Park, dirt lot north of the basketball courts.
- West Park parking lot off Chapin near West Huron Street
- Gallup Boat Launch parking lot, entrance on the southeast side of Geddes Road, East of Huron Parkway.
- Olson Park parking lot, 1515 Dhu Varren Road, near Pontiac Trail.

All tree stands, nails, ornaments, tinsel, and plastic bags must be removed from the trees and discarded. The collected evergreens are chipped into mulch or composted. Any metal, glass or plastic ornaments left on the tree can ruin the processing equipment, harm the operators, and spoil the landscaping mulch. Since wreaths and evergreen roping are generally made with wire or plastic backing, these items should be placed inside trash carts.

All drop-off locations will be closed after Jan. 31, 2020. After this time, Christmas trees must be cut, bundled and saved until the city's compost collection service resumes in April.



Please note the City's Drop-off Station on East Ellsworth near Platt Road will not be a site for discarded Christmas trees as it had been in previous years.

SKUNKS, SKUNKS, SKUNKS

Over the past several months there have been increased skunk sightings throughout the City of Ann Arbor. There have also been reports of skunks with distemper. Distemper is a viral disease spread through saliva. An animal infected with distemper will likely be lethargic, have difficulty breathing, be disoriented and/or have convulsions with increased salivation. **Many of the symptoms of distemper are similar to those of rabies; however, the two diseases are not linked.**

What should I do if I see a distressed critter?

If a Village resident notices a distressed skunk, or wild critter, please contact the Humane Society of Huron Valley at 734-662-5585. The Humane Society can safely remove these critters. Legally, the Village Maintenance staff cannot remove critters from the common area.



What can I do to help deter critters?

Critters are attracted to food sources such as bird feeders. If you have a bird feeder, please make sure you are using a tray attachment under your feeder to keep seeds off the ground. Additionally, under no circumstances should residents be spreading seed/feed in the common areas.

If you have skunks around your unit, or living under your deck, an application of ammonia can be applied to safely deter the animals for your space. Mothballs can also be placed around the perimeter of your unit. Additionally, peppermint essential oil works as a deterrent.

SPACE HEATER SAFETY

Heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires in the United States. More than 65,000 home fires are attributed to heating equipment each year. These fire result in hundreds of deaths, thousands of injuries and millions of dollars in property damage.

Portable electric space heaters can be a convenient source of supplemental heat for your home in cold weather. Unfortunately, they can pose significant fire and electric shock hazards if not used properly. Fire and electrical hazards can be caused by space heaters without adequate safety features, space heaters placed near combustibles, or space heaters that are improperly plugged in.

Safety should always be a top consideration when using space heaters. Here are some tips for keeping your home safe and warm when it's cold outside:

- Make sure your space heater has the label showing that it is listed by a recognized testing laboratory.
- Before using any space heater, read the manufacturer's instructions and warning labels carefully.
- Inspect heaters for cracked or broken plugs or loose connections before each use. If frayed, worn or damaged, do not use the heater.
- Never leave a space heater unattended. Turn it off when you're leaving a room or going to sleep, and don't let pets or children play too close to a space heater.
- Space heaters are only meant to provide supplemental heat and should never be used to warm bedding, cook food, dry clothing or thaw pipes.
- Install smoke alarms on every floor of your home and outside all sleeping areas and test them once a month.
- Proper placement of space heaters is critical. Heaters must be kept at least three feet away from anything that can burn, including papers, clothing and rugs.
- Locate space heaters out of high traffic areas and doorways where they may pose a tripping hazard.
- Plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet. Do not use an extension cord or power strip, which could overheat and result in a fire. Do not plug any other electrical devices into the same outlet as the heater.
- Place space heaters on level, flat surfaces. Never place heaters on cabinets, tables, furniture, or carpet, which can overheat and start a fire.
- Always unplug and safely store the heater when it is not in use.

Neighborhood Meeting on Climate Change

January 30, 2020 6:30-8:30 PM

Pittsfield Elementary School Multipurpose Room

We will find out how climate change is expected to affect Ann Arbor, what resources are available to help and we will start to find ways we can work together to make changes to improve outcomes for our neighborhood and our neighbors! We will have people from the city's office of Sustainability and Accountability speak, then we will gather in small groups to talk among neighbors!

Pizza will be provided.

If you have concerns, please come and discuss them with your neighbors!

Together we can face this and help each other and our planet!

Come and bring your neighbors!

For further information or to help with the meeting, please contact Su Hansen
734.417.8397 or Su@suhanzen.com

*Sponsored by The Village Environmental
Sustainability Group*



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the 4th Annual Pittsfield Village Chili Cook-off

**Saturday, February 22, 2020
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**



Make up your favorite recipe
and we'll hold a friendly com-
petition for the best chili in
Pittsfield Village!

A delicious event you're sure to enjoy!

Help Wanted!

I am looking for someone VERY RELIABLE to clean up my car
and the area around it when it snows from December to end of
March.

I am willing to pay per month. The person does not have to do it
every day. Which days to be decided.

If you are interested, please TEXT at 734-741-9010.

Thank you!

(owner on Oakwood)



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cats, and small animals for those gone on vacations and
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receive more information.

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IN THE GARDEN
Oh, Gardens. Sleep in your
winter slumber...
Stay tuned next month..

Holiday Decorations

**The deadline to remove holiday decorations &
lighting is January 15, 2020!**

Kid's Coloring Corner




Do you need appliance repair? The office received this glowing review!

*"I recommend **Papa Joe's Appliance**. John has come for my washer, refrigerator and today for my dryer. He responded quickly each time, was professional and friendly, as is his wife who answers the phone. I bought a new washer after we talked about my needs and he spoke to the store so they delivered within two days. He showed me how to defrost my freezer and said I have a great refrigerator - not to buy a new one. He cleaned my dryer vent and checked that no little critters had tried to move in. He has integrity as well as skills and know how. I left him finishing up in my basement when I had to go get my granddaughter. I give him 10 out of 10".*



JANUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! OFFICE CLOSED	2	3	4
5	6	7 6:00pm open forum; 6:15pm M&M Committee	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 6:00pm open forum; 6:15pm Landscape Mtg	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 6:15pm open forum; 6:30pm: Board Mtg	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	