

OCTOBER

2020

Halloween Guidelines

From the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

Tips for trick-or-treaters & parents:

- Share with your children that this year may be different but still will be fun.
- Talk with children about social distancing guidelines expectations. Keep a six-foot distance from others not in your group. To help with social distancing, go to one side of the street at a time and stay to the right.
- Trick or treat with people you live with.
- Avoid congregating in groups around houses.
- Wear a face mask covering both mouth and nose. A Halloween mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask.
- Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask if wearing both causes difficulty breathing. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.
- Only go to houses with safety measures in place.
- Check out halloween2020.org to find exciting activities and ways to celebrate Halloween this year based on levels of COVID risks in your area.

Tips for homeowners:

- Use duct tape to mark six-foot lines in front of home and leading to driveway/front door.
- Position a distribution table between yourself and trick-or-treaters.
- Distribute candy on a disinfected table to eliminate direct contact.
- Consider handing out candy in an open space where distancing is possible, rather than from the front door.
- Consider a neighborhood costume parade; it is an easy way to keep safe space between children.

Visit MLive.com for more information.



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. 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, heat or water).
- Secure all windows and locks.
- Provide a neighbor with a key and notify Management (office@pittsfieldvillage.com) who has it.
- Email management (office@pittsfieldvillage.com) 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.

Garden Beds

Are you enrolled in the Garden Marker Program?

Fall garden bed cleanup begins soon. If you would like the Village to handle fall cleanup for you, remove your green garden markers by October 19, 2020 and return them to the office.

If you do NOT remove your markers, you are responsible for cleaning your beds by removing dead plant material BEFORE WINTER. Please remember to clean out dead plant material from the window boxes as well. Thank you!

Homebody Practice:

Mindful movement, inspired by yogic traditions.

Community classes weekly on Zoom:

Wednesday Unwind: 8:30pm - 30 min

Sunday Reset: 1:00pm - 1 hr

There are no prerequisites, no rules, and no expectations. I offer variations for poses and I design the sequence with beginners in mind. All my classes are streamed live from my living room, right here in the Pittsfield Community.

For more information or to sign up:

Website: bit.ly/homebodypractice

Email: brittanywidin@gmail.com

Instagram: homebodypractice

Paws & Tails Pet Care

I'm located right here in Pittsfield Village!

Have peace of mind while you're away with quality care and affordable rates for your furry family member!

I provide daily dog walking for people who have long, busy, work hours, new puppies who need potty breaks and socialization, or for those that want their dog to have a fun break in their day!

I also provide house visits for dogs, cats, and small animals for those gone on vacations and business trips. Boarding is also available for pups in my home for 24/7 care!

Email to book your free meet and greet with me and to receive more information.

Irenehayes03@yahoo.com

Pets

Pets are not permitted to be tied up or staked on the common or limited common elements. All pets, including cats, are to be confined to the interior of the unit EXCEPT while on a leash under the pet owner's direct control.

LET'S HEAD OUT TO THE GARDEN- October 2020

By Lisa Joseph, Staff Horticulturist

WELCOME AUTUMN!

Here we are on the cusp of winter. I read that we're supposed to have a "normal" winter, no arctic blast, no ice storms. Puffy snow and sunshine. Now that would be my cup of tea!

MY FAVORITE INSECT OF 2020!

Ailanthus Web Worm Moth

I first spotted this unusual moth on my Lantana in August. These moths actually resemble a beetle. They have bright orange wings with clusters of white dots ringed in black, and they tuck and roll their wings close to their bodies at rest.

Thankfully the larvae of these dear friends feed exclusively on Ailanthus, Tree of Heaven. You may be aware of the invasiveness of this weed tree. The many, many seeds it produces germinate and the seedlings sprout up everywhere. Actually, the tree from the novel *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* was a Tree of Heaven, which perfectly represented the theme of the book- perseverance in the face of adversity. Tree of Heaven can live in even the most dreadful location.

Ailanthus Web Worm Moths migrate to the northern states in mid summer, and the female lays eggs in late summer. The eggs overwinter and hatch in spring. Larvae create a web on the leaves and branches so that they are protected as they feed. Defoliation happens late in the season, so this, unfortunately, doesn't thwart the tenacious Tree of Heaven. The moths head south in autumn for the winter.

The adult moth feeds on nectar. A few of the flowers they prefer: Perennials- Aster, Black-Eyed Susan, Yarrow, Coreopsis, Joe-Pye Weed, Ironweed, 'Fireworks' Goldenrod. Annuals- Dahlia, Lantana, Zinnia, Ageratum.



LISA'S PERENNIALS OF THE MONTH:

FOR SUN:

CARYOPTERIS 'SUNSHINE BLUE'- Bluebeard 42 x 42"

This variety of Bluebeard has amethyst blue flowers that pop! against the bright yellow foliage. The plant has a mounded habit, and it is covered in late summer with blooms that attract SO many pollinators. It is drought-tolerant once established and resents over-watering.

Bluebeard is a woody perennial, or die-back shrub, which means that the top may die back to the ground in winter, but the crown will survive. Prune back woody stems to live buds in spring, as you would a Butterfly Bush.



ASTER FRIKARTII 'MONCH'- Frikart's Aster 36 x 24"

A graceful, airy mound that blooms all the way from July until a hard frost causes the plant to call it quits for the season. It's an important nectar source to support pollinators up until season's end. This stalwart perennial tolerates clay soil. Be sure that it gets good air circulation.

To keep it from getting leggy, pinch it back twice before the 4th of July then stop pinching. I like to remove spent flowers to keep it looking fabulous.

FOR SHADE:

Athyrium filix-femina 'Frizelliae'- Tatting Fern 12 x 12"

This charming petite beauty is a type of Lady Fern. Lady Ferns were hugely popular in Victorian times. Tatting Fern is very dainty with an open airy habit and each frond has interesting bright green leaves that resemble tiny fans. Tatting fern is most happy in a spot that gets dappled shade. I plant it on the garden edge where it can easily be observed up close.



attention! PLEASE PULL WEED TREES BEFORE THEY GET TOO LARGE TO PULL OUT BY HAND!

These include Buckthorn, Honeysuckle, Tree of Heaven, Mulberry, and Boxelder. Even some specimen trees can produce many seeds that germinate in the beds, such as Redbud and Maple. If you see a tree seedling in your landscape, and you are unable to pull it out, please contact the office so that the landscaping team can help you out.

October can be overwhelming with the looming thoughts of fall cleanup and getting spring-flowering bulbs planted. The last chores of the 2020 growing season.

HANG IN THERE!

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Maintenance / General Inquiry: office@pittsfieldvillage.com

COMMITTEES

Maintenance & Modification: Lisa Lemble, Chair *Meets the 1st Tuesday @ 6:00pm*

Landscape: Brian Rice, Chair *Meets the 2nd Tuesday @ 6:00pm*

MEETING LINKS

Annual Meeting: Monday, October 5, 2020- <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6534666294073599758>

Maintenance & Modification: Tuesday, October 6, 2020- <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/631832213>

Landscape: Tuesday, October 13, 2020- <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/118079333>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 ANNUAL MEETING <u>VIRTUAL / ONLINE</u>	6 M&M Committee 6:00 pm (virtual)	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Landscape Committee 6:00 pm (virtual)	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 No BOD Meeting this month due to Annual Meeting.	29	30	31 