

NOVEMBER 2020

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 your own fall clean-up by November 15, 2020!

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.

TO DO...

It's time to disconnect the outside garden hose (s). Please unscrew the hose (s) and store it inside your unit. If you have the shut-off valve inside for the outside faucet, turn this off until spring. If you require assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the office!



Did you Know?

Available from our libraries:

No Computer Help Line

Do you have an essential task that requires you to get online, but don't have a computer or way to access the internet? We can help! Text or call 734-327-4200 to get started.



Printout Pickup

Need something printed but don't have access to printer? We're happy to help! Visit aadl.org/printing, and upload the things you'd like printed. Printouts are usually ready for pickup the next weekday. Need help with sending your print request? You can always email us at ask@aadl.org or text or call 734-327-4200 and we'll help.

New York Times Online Access

Explore NYTimes.com instantly with your Ann Arbor District Library card. Visit aadl.org/nytimes and log in using your AADL username and password to access all the regular newspaper content, view videos and photos, and access the Times Machine—an archive of New York Times journalism from 1851-2002. NYTimes.com can also be read in Spanish or Mandarin Chinese.

Robalee Chapin, Resident





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, heat or water).
- 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.



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 by **7 AM Friday** for pickup.
- All items must be empty and clean. Wash!
- 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.

PV Progress



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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!



When you turn your clocks back on November 1, change the batteries in all smoke detectors, and your thermostat *(if applicable)*

LET'S HEAD OUT TO THE GARDEN- November 2020

By Lisa Joseph, Staff Horticulturist

WELCOME LATE AUTUMN!

We've been working hard planting bulbs and perennials and getting the fall cleanups completed. Planting will be winding down this month. Any perennials I have still in pots, I will bury down into the soil on the east side of my house behind some shrubs. Cover the plants with leaves. Never had a fatality.

Want festive blooms for the holidays? Let's try this easy flowering bulb -



Amaryllis (Hippeastrum)-

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

My Grandmother always had at least one blooming Amaryllis displayed when we visited on Christmas Eve. I've admired them over the years, yet I never have tried one on my own. Here is what I've learned:

Preparation and Planting:

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

When planting, use a narrow container that is just about 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 just one-third 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

Heat is necessary for the development of the stems, so place the potted bulb in a warm place with direct light.

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. I'm anxious to plug away at this method, but if you want to spend a little extra money, you can purchase an Amaryllis bulb already potted up.



2021 will be the year of the resurgence of the Periodical Cicada!

They appear here in Michigan in early summer once every 17 years.

Gary Pearson, an Entomologist at Michigan State University tells us,

"They will cover trees, they'll cover walls of buildings. The individual cicada noise isn't that loud, but when you get them all together, the sound can be somewhat deafening."

Pearson said there will be over one million cicadas per square acre. The last emergence in Michigan was in 2004. He thinks the resurgence will be concentrated in the Ann Arbor region. Nature is fascinating. I look forward to this spine-tingling display. Keep your earplugs handy!

WHAT'S THAT GORGEOUS BLUE FLOWER STILL BLOOMING IN THE CORNER BEDS? ASTER LAEVIS 'BLUEBIRD'

Late summer sky blue blossoms on vase-shaped plants that reach up to 48" tall. Asters are a great late summer nectar source as well as a host plant for



butterfly larvae. Pinch Aster back a couple of times before the fourth of July to keep it well-branched and tidy. Cut the plant down in fall after flowering to prevent reseeding.

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

I am still available for email landscape consultations through the winter months.

Contact me with questions at pvmastergardener@gmail.com

November marks the end of the outdoor growing season 2020. Tools, planters, gloves, hoses, all the equipment goes into storage.

Time to take a breather.

Virtual Meeting Links

Maintenance & Modification—Wednesday, November 4, 2020 @ 6:00pm

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/581813541>

Landscape—Tuesday, November 10, 2020 @ 6:00pm

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/961215637>

Board Meeting— Wednesday, November 11, 2020 @ 6:15pm-

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6431229738328449805>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends— FALL BACK @ 2:00 am	2	3 ELECTION DAY	4 6:00 pm - M&M Committee Mtg	5	6	7
8	9	10 6:00 pm - Land- scape Committee Mtg	11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING via webinar—6pm	12	13	14
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