

February 2020

4th Annual



Saturday, February 22

1:00 to 3:00 pm

In the garage adjacent to the office (parking lot side)

Stir up your favorite recipe to share with your neighbors!

Hot and spicy?

Sweet or savory?

Thick and rich?

Come enjoy some hot chili on a chilly afternoon!

Contact the office to register!

734-971-0233 or office@pittsfieldvillage.com

Attention!

Resident Rules– Renovated

When was the last time you took a look at our resident rules? Maybe when you purchased your home in the Village? Hmm... how long ago was that?

Well, you're going to get a chance to see the updated version in the very near future! A fresh take on their presentation, along with new rules adopted over the past several years, is currently in final review by members of the Board, the committees and members at large from the community. Look for them in the spring!

Ellen Johnson

Pittsfield Village Board President

City of Ann Arbor

Discover. Connect. Protect

TAME THE TOXINS

Toxic household cleaners and chemicals, used motor oil, paint and other hazardous substances should never be poured down a sink, into a storm drain or onto the ground. To keep them out of our water supply, always dispose of home toxics and household hazardous waste at a county collection site or take-back program.

<https://www.washtenaw.org/278/How-Do-I-Dispose-Of>



Ice Melt
available
at the office

IN THE GARDEN

By Lisa Joseph, Community Horticulturist

So, how is your winter going? **Winter?** People are wearing shorts! I'm in Big Rapids right now, and last month, I saw bluebirds eating the softened fruit in the crabapple! **Blue-birds!** My perfect winter is to have lots of glistening fluffy snow, perfect for snowshoe treks and hikes in the woods, and bright sunny days. There's still time.

It's February folks! Time to start planning for the upcoming gardening season. Gather up your gardening catalogs and magazines, make a pot of tea, choose a cozy chair, and let's start browsing.

Lisa's Awesome Plant Recommendations

VERONICA 'ENCHANTED INDIGO'

- * Mature size 18 x 18"
- * SPIKE SPEEDWELL from the Magic Show Series
- * Long-blooming from mid to late summer

The blossoms are a vivid royal purple that pops against the bright green glossy foliage.

This stalwart perennial performs best in full to part sun (at least 4 hours per day), is not attractive to deer or rabbits, and is adored by butterflies and other pollinators. Shear back after flowering to encourage re-bloom.



'PURPLE ILLUSION' is another variety that has rich rosy purple flowers.

COMBINE WITH: Leucanthemum 'Daisy May' or 'Banana Cream' (Shasta Daisy), Echinacea 'Orange You Awesome' or 'Delicious Candy' (Coneflower), Zinnia, Coreopsis 'Moonbeam' or 'Crazy Cayenne', Perovskia 'Blue Jean Baby' or 'Denim 'n Lace' (Russian Sage), Achillea 'Firefly Amethyst' or 'Apricot Delight' (Yarrow), Agastache 'Rosie Posie' (Anise Hyssop), or Phlox p. 'Bright Eyes' (Garden Phlox)

EUPATORIUM 'BABY JOE'

- * Mature size 36 x 24"
- * Joe-Pye Weed
- * Blooms from mid-summer into fall.

Finally a Joe-Pye Weed for smaller gardens! Butterflies and other pollinators flock to these natives when the huge mauve pink flowers are in bloom. The dark purple stems that hold up these large domed blooms are thick and stur-



dy, so staking is not necessary.

COMBINE WITH: Leucanthemum 'Alaska' (Shasta Daisy), Perovskia 'Blue Jean Baby' (Russian Sage), Phlox 'Grape Lollipop' or 'Laura' (Garden Phlox), Echinacea 'Sombrero Lemon Yellow' or 'Sombrero Baja Burgundy' (Coneflower), Ornamental Grasses, upright Sedum like 'Autumn Fire' or 'Brilliant', or Nepeta 'Cat's Meow' (Catmint in front).

NOTE: Try a smaller ornamental grass. Two that I like are Miscanthus 'Little Kitten' (Maiden Grass; 3 x 2') and Pennisetum 'Burgundy Bunny' (Fountain Grass; 16 x 16").

GOT SHADE? LISTEN UP!

I'm in love with Lady Fern, but with a mature height of 36", this robust fern is not suitable for all gardens. That's why I am so excited to introduce a new smaller relative.

ATHYRIUM FILIX-FEMINA

'MINUTISSIMUM' - DWARF LADY FERN

- * Mature size 12 x 12" —take a look!

This diminutive gem has arching bright yellowish green fronds in a compact clump. It's perfect in a charming fairy garden or at the edge of the border in front of a bold Hosta such as 'Guacamole' or 'Autumn Frost'.



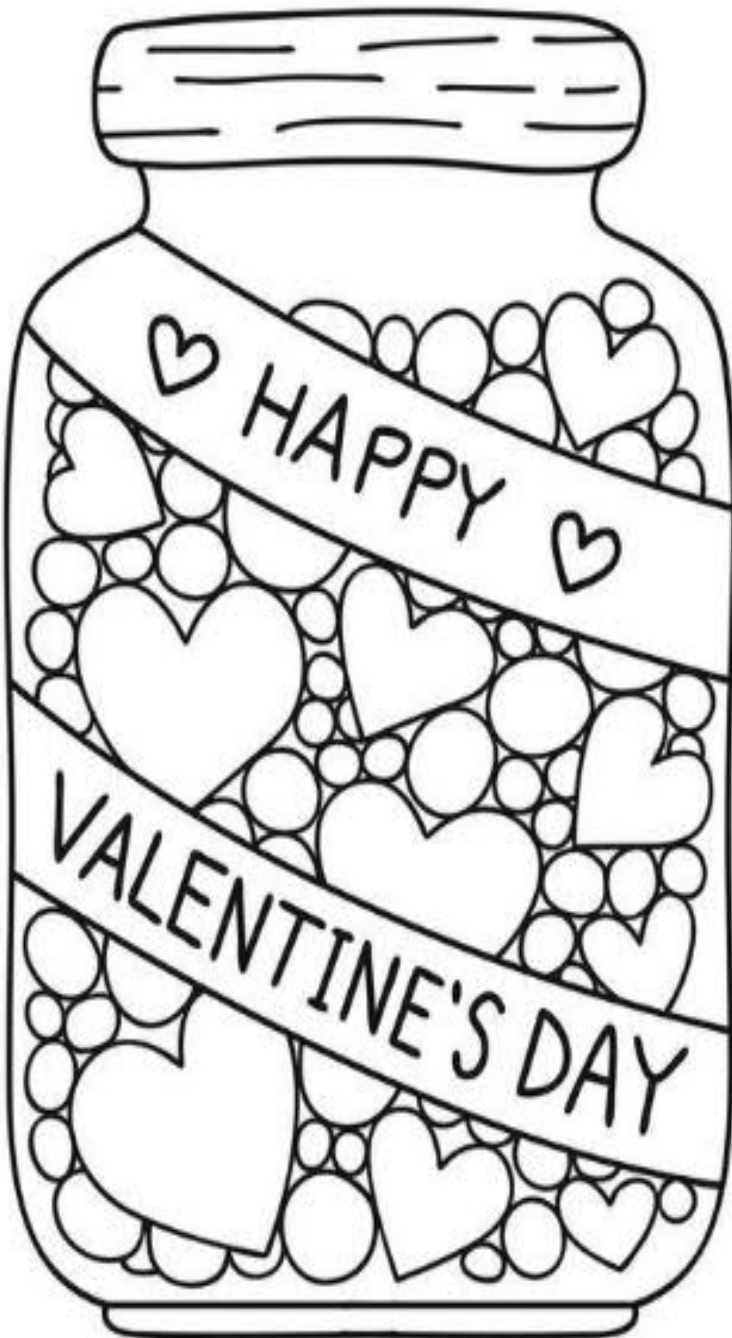
I always treat my ferns to a fresh application of composted leaves in the spring. They reward me for my generosity with lush healthy growth all season long.

COMBINE WITH: Hosta 'Halcyon', Heucherella 'Pink Fizz' or 'Solar Eclipse' (Foamy Bells), Tricyrtis 'Autumn Glow' or 'Samurai' (Toad Lily), Tiarella 'Sugar & Spice' (Foamflower), Hakonechloa 'Aureola' (Japanese Forest Grass), Asplenium 'Roma' (Masterwort), Astilbe 'Delft Lace', and with annuals such as Coleus 'Kingswood Torch' and pink or magenta impatiens.

In the coming months, I will start my planning for my favorite summer activity, planting up annuals in pots. In the March newsletter, I will share with you some of my tried and true star performers as well as a few annuals that are going to be new on the market in 2020. I'm always anxious to test new subjects!

For now, bundle up and go outside and play. Perhaps some cocoa with mini marshmallows will be waiting for you when you come inside all invigorated and pink-cheeked!

Kid's Coloring Corner



County Farm Park

Nelson Meade County Farm Park History

County Farm Park is located on the east side of the City of Ann Arbor (Just minutes away from Pittsfield!). Washtenaw / Platt.

This 141 acres of county land was bought from Claudius Britton in 1836 for \$1200. A poor house and insane asylum was built in 1837 and used until 1917 when a brick hospital was constructed and named the Washtenaw Infirmary. The infirmary stood until 1967 when it was ordered to be closed or modernized. In 1972, the infirmary was vacated (and eventually razed) and Project Grow began using 8 acres of land for their gardens.

County Farm Park has acres of installed landscapes, and hundreds of planted specimen trees (oaks, black-gums, maples, ashes and more!)

There are great sensory opportunities in a special octagonal perennial garden; diverse and vernacular vegetable and flower displays in the Project Grow Gardens; beautiful native woodland flowers in Britton Woods; a native grasses display along the outer loop trail; and a Kids and Trees nursery, which is just a beginning of the developing plans for a children's playground, children's garden and accessible gardens - all with a farm theme.

Information & Rules

- ♦ All dogs must be on a 6 foot leash
- ♦ Two Pavilion/Shelters are available to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis and may not be reserved walking/jogging/biking trails
- ♦ Motorcycles prohibited in County Farm Park
- ♦ Bicycles prohibited in Britton Woods Nature Area
- ♦ Phone 734-996-3196
- ♦ Parking available off of Platt and Medford Roads
- ♦ Picking wildflowers and plants is prohibited anywhere in the park
- ♦ Edible nuts and berries may be sampled, but may not be collected in bulk and removed from the park

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Help Wanted!

I am a resident on Oakwood. 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 734-741-9010.

RECOMMENDATION!

We received a call in the office with a glowing review of MJ Window Cleaning. "They were professional, courteous and affordable." "My windows sparkle and shine!"
Sonia
To reach MJ Window Cleaning, call
734-433-8333 (\$75 minimum)

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.

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16	17	18	19 6:15pm open forum; 6:30pm: BOARD MEETING	20	21	22 CHILI COOK-OFF! 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 IT'S A LEAP YEAR!!!