

April 2021

Garden Marker Program

ORANGE STICKS THIS YEAR!

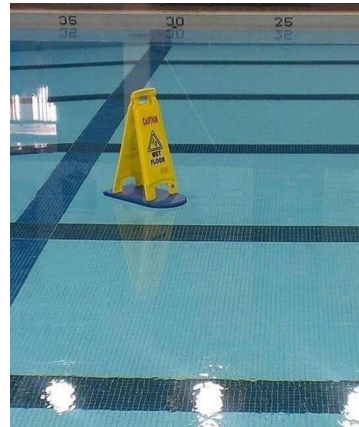
Place Garden Markers in your bed (s) before April 16th only if you wish to participate in the maintenance of your garden beds.

If you want Pittsfield landscape crews to maintain your beds, DO NOT participate in the garden marker program!

Please note: *if you opted for NO SPRAY on the Mulch Form, then you are then obligated to use garden markers **and** tend your own garden.*

Failure to comply could result in fines.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact the Village office at office@pittsfieldvillage.com or 734-971-0233.



Summer Employment Opportunities at the Village!

The Village is currently seeking pool attendants for the summer season! The pool season runs from Memorial Day Weekend to mid-September.

Shifts are 7 days a week, either from 10:45pm- 4pm or 4pm-9pm. Applicants must be 18+year of age!

Please contact the office at office@pittsfieldvillage.com for more info + to apply!

CITY OF ANN ARBOR COMPOSTING

Check out the city's tips page for suggestions on how to deal with yard material and ideas for those who want to explore alternatives to disposing of compost material at the curb.

Compost carts

The City is offering 64 or 96 gallon size compost carts. Residents can pick one up for free or one can be delivered for \$59. The first cart is free, additional carts will be charged the additional cart fee. To order or pick up a cart, please first contact the Customer Service Center by phone at 734.994.7336, or via email at customerservice@a2gov.org.

Paper yard bags and bundled brush/tree limbs

Paper yard bags may be used for yard trimmings such as leaves, weeds and other vegetation. Bundled brush or tree limbs, four feet or less, can be tied with natural twine in bundles up to 18 inches in diameter, can be left at the curb for pickup. Individual tree limbs must be less than 6 inches in diameter.



As bags can be difficult to service at times while also posing a greater injury and health risk to staff, we are encouraging all composters, who can, to take advantage of carts. If you must use paper yard bags, please don't overload them. If you can't lift it comfortably, neither can city staff.

PSA– DO NOT FLUSH WIPES!

As always, please refrain from flushing anything but toilet paper. If your pipes are clogged from flushing wipes, you will be charged for the maintenance call!

Realtor/For Sale Signs

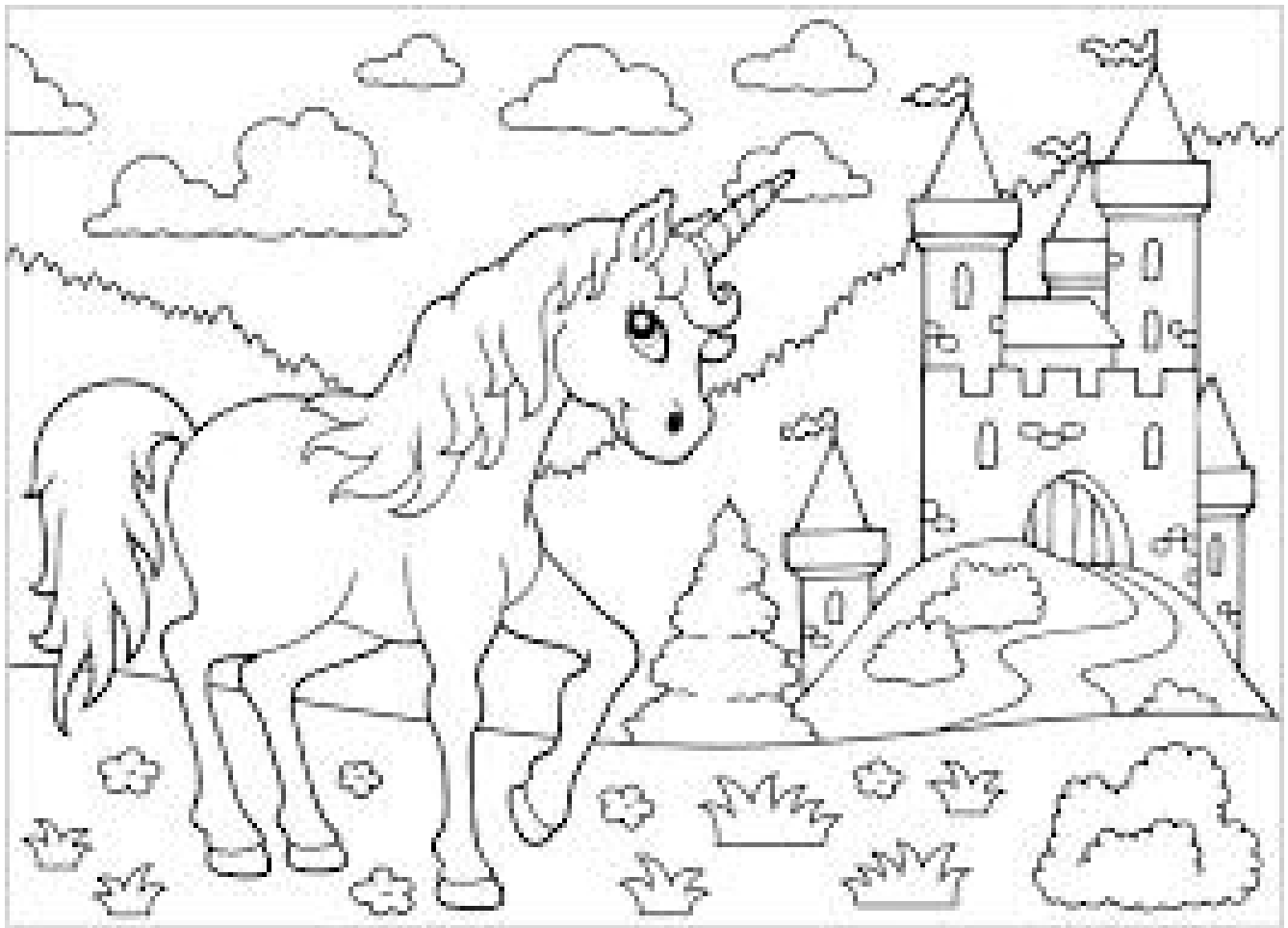
A friendly reminder that 'For Sale' signs are required to be within your unit's garden bed, not in the common area!



Pet Waste

If you have PET FECES in your yard, please clean it up now!! Waste must be picked up and properly discarded immediately. Thank you for keeping our community clean, sanitary, and beautiful. Lawn crews will soon be on site every week!

Please check for updates through the City of Ann Arbor's website: www.a2gov.org for updates regarding the City's composting program, or at 734-994-7336.



Flower Giveaway Update

Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Directors has decided to cancel this year's Flower Giveaway. This decision did not come easy, as the Board recognizes the Flower Giveaway is a popular spring social event.

The Board will use funds allocated for the Flower/Bulb Giveaway to combat Buckthorn overgrowth along the Village's property line.

The Board and the Landscape Committee are still considering areas to target for this overgrowth project. When available, additional details will be provided. Residents are invited to attend the monthly Landscape Committee and/or Board meetings if you have any questions or concerns.

The Board + Landscape Committee look forward to hosting next spring's Flower Giveaway!

PSA

Tax Fraud & Scams

It is getting to be the time of year for tax scams and fraud.

The AAPD has some resources
<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/police/safety-prevention/Pages/Frauds.aspx>

SPRING IS IN BLOOM!

Let's see the fruits of your labor....*and those of the Landscape Committee members along with Superior Staff.*

Let us see all those spring flowers as they emerge from the newly warmed soil of spring!

Our 1st Annual Bulb Giveaway was held in the fall of 2020 and you donated your efforts to beautifying your gardens and our community!

Please email a picture of the wonderful, full- of- life new blooms to: office@pittsfieldvillage.com.

We cannot wait to see!

Homebody Practice:

Mindful movement, inspired by yogic traditions.

Community classes weekly on Zoom:

Wednesday Unwind: 8:30pm - 30 min

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

Hi, my name is Irene Hayes, owner of **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.

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

Contact information: irenehayes03@yahoo.com

IN THE GARDEN

By Lisa Joseph, Community Horticulturist

I love spring anywhere,
but if I could choose, I would
always greet it in a garden.

-Ruth Stout

Welcome April, one of my favorite months!
From beginning to end, April offers the beauty and bright colors of spring-flowering bulbs, the greening of the grass, and the budding out and flowering of trees and shrubs.

FUN PROJECT!

Create a spring display in your window box. There are many cool season annuals to use for this activity: Pansies, Ranunculus, Swiss Chard, Osteospermum (African Daisy), and Ornamental Kale. I also use perennials that can later be planted out in the garden such as Dianthus, Bleeding Heart, Columbine, Brunnera, and creeping Phlox. For a tall accent, try using pussy willow or curly willow branches. Faux plant material can look sensational too, and you'll be able to store and use the goods next spring as well!

BLOOMING PERENNIAL IN THE SPOTLIGHT: PUSCHKINIA SCILLIOIDES VAR.



LIBANOTICA
Striped Squil I
or Lebanon
Squil I

Each little bitty bulb yields scapes of six to eight star-shaped ice blue flowers with deep blue mid veins and two strappy shiny leaves. The foliage disappears early, going dormant by late spring. The bulbs, slow to estab-

lish, will eventually naturalize into nice plots. Puschkinia is resistant to rodents, deer, and Black Walnut toxicity. Puschkinia flowers are fragrant. Cut a small nosegay for a tiny vase indoors where you can breath in the yummy grape Kool-Aid scent.

LISA'S FAVORITE ANNUALS - RECOMMENDATIONS

Sunny location:



Gomphrena 'Ping Pong Purple' - 20" tall by 12" wide; bountiful ball-shaped magenta blossoms all summer; low-maintenance and drought tolerant; perfect in the garden bed or in a container where the flowers will weave among their neighbors.

Ageratum 'Artist Blue' (Flossflower) - 12" tall by 10" wide; cute bright blue fluffy button blossoms; the older blooms are buried under new foliage so the plants don't need deadheading; flowers all summer long, well into fall.



Verbena 'Meteor Shower' (Brazilian Vervain)- 30" tall by 12" wide; light purple small globes of florets on tall stems wave in the breeze and attract pollinators and hummingbirds; this new refined relative of Verbena bonariensis sets little seed and is non-invasive



Shady location:



Fuchsia 'Gartenmeister Bonstedt' - 36" tall by 24" wide; finally a Fuchsia that is heat tolerant and blooms all season long! This upright plant has dark burgundy foliage and puts out nonstop long tubular coral flowers that attract hummers.

Colocasia 'Black Magic' - (Elephant's Ear) - 5' tall by 2' wide; this plant quickly puts out a boisterous mass of huge dark purple leaves that look tropical; not drought tolerant so be sure to provide supplemental water.

Hosta 'Curly Fries' - 6" tall by 16" wide; I like

how the foliage colors of Hosta mix with other flowering shade lovers in planters. 'Curly Fries' is a charmer with narrow rippled bright chartreuse leaves and lavender flower scapes in midsummer.



TO DO THIS MONTH:

~Garden marker folks, start on your weeding chore early so that it's easier to keep up with the weeds. We want to root them out before they set seed!

~Clumps of daylilies and Hosta that are dying out in the center or putting out smaller and fewer flowers need to be divided. Lift the whole clump and use a heavy knife or sharp spade to cut the hearty outer parts into 4 pieces, each containing healthy roots and several shoots that will grow quickly when replanted at the same depth.

~And most importantly, inhale the sweet scent of blooming Hyacinths, Daffodils, and Tulips this month!

ENJOY THE OUTDOORS AND BE KIND TO YOURSELF

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Monday— Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Office: 734-971-0233 Fax: 734-971-3421

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Next Month

- Annual Meeting (May 3)
- Pool Opening– Memorial Day Weekend (May 22)

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Meeting Links:

M & M

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/743307845>

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<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/747091949>

BOD

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1172274421737309711>

COMMITTEES

Maintenance & Modification: Lisa Lemble, Chair

Landscape: Brian Rice, Chair

APRIL 2021

SEE LINKS ABOVE TO JOIN COMMITTEE AND/OR BOARD MEETINGS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 	5	6 Maintenance & Modification Committee Mtg	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Landscape Committee Mtg	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 6:15 pm Open Forum; 6:30 pm: Board of Direc- tors Meeting	29	30	