

January 2022

Christmas tree free drop-off sites



It is important to remember that Christmas trees cannot be discarded on the street or be left out on extensions. The City of Ann Arbor provides four free drop-off locations for undecorated Christmas trees from Monday, Dec. 13, 2021, through Monday, Jan. 17 2022.

The four park locations will be open for Christmas tree drop offs during normal park hours, 6 a.m.-10 p.m. The collected trees will be chipped on a regular basis at the park sites. The drop-off locations are:

1. Southeast Area Park located on Ellsworth at Platt. Trees may be left at the dirt lot north of the basketball courts.
2. West Park parking lot off Chapin near West Huron Street.
3. Gallup Boat Launch parking lot (not the Gallup Livery), entrance on the southeast side of Geddes Road, East of Huron Parkway.
4. Olson Park parking lot, 1515 Dhu Varren Road, near Pontiac Trail.

All tree stands, nails, ornaments, tinsel and plastic items 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. 17, 2022. After this time, Christmas trees must be cut, bundled and saved until the city's compost collection service resumes in April.



Winter Reminders

Thank you for picking up after your dogs!

Please take down all holiday decorations outside by January 15.

Ice Melt / Salt is available at the office (garage). Please stop by for some, if extra is needed.

Sump pumps in the Village

By the Board of Directors

The Maintenance and Modification Committee has had a good number of requests for sump pump installations over the past several months, with good reason, of course, given the flooding last June (and earlier years). These requests are reported to the Board of Directors as part of the ongoing information exchange between committees and the Board.

As a reminder, any co-owner wishing to install a sump pump must submit a request to the Modification and Maintenance committee, using the form available online and at the office in hard copy. Although drafting a set of detailed specifications for sump pump installation is beyond the expertise of committee and Board members, setting requirements and guidelines is well within our responsibilities. We're doing just that: the Modification and Maintenance Committee drafted guidelines that the Board will review at our January meeting.

The reasons, in a nutshell: sump pump installation alters the exterior of the building (common area), affects water flow to other units in the building and neighboring buildings, and requires discharge of water that follows city of Ann Arbor regulations. The Village needs to know what work is being done, by whom, and that permits have been pulled and inspections conducted.

Our buildings are 75 years old and the foundations are showing their age. We've spent several years attending to trees and plantings too close to foundations. That work is pretty well done. But problems remain due to age, soil conditions, grading, and other factors. We've had considerable unplanned expenses this year to fix foundations; there are more that need attention in the coming years. Sump pumps all around may be part of the solution for us and we need to be sure that water coming out of our basements is discharged far, far away from our foundations. We'll be sure to highlight the sump pump guidelines in the newsletter, once they're in place.

Coloring Corner



We made it!

We made it to 2022 – pandemic year #2 is behind us! And we finally got some winter weather to boot. Having lived in Quebec for many years, I miss the snowfalls. Yes, it was cold, but with plenty of layers (just like Charlie Brown!) it was a joy to experience.



With cold and snow comes icy conditions on our roads and sidewalks. Happily, we are again served by Margolis to clear streets as well as sidewalks, up walks and porches. They were out right on time for our first dose of fluffy stuff. They're also keeping us safe by putting down salt on all those surfaces to speed up melting and provide some traction.

A few co-owners in the Village have signs out front saying 'No salt', or have called the office with the same request. Though we understand and sympathize with these requests (Board members have dogs and carpets that take a beating too), our first duty as a Board is to ensure safety for all of us: residents, delivery people, and visitors alike. So, we've asked Margolis' crews to apply the ice melt to all up walks and porches, even if there's a sign indicating otherwise. Please be kind to the snow crews! They are out there in really unforgiving weather at times when many of us are still asleep under our heavy comforters. Please direct any comments or unhappinesses to the Board and delivered to our community manager (who gladly and swiftly relays them to all Board members).

Just so you know: for this winter of 2022, we'll be using ice melt that is predominantly salt (sodium chloride). We purchase what we expect to need months ahead of time, when prices are a tad more favorable and there's salt to be had. For next winter, we'd like to consider other options, such as a combination of ice melt and sand or dirt. We'll be talking about it well before even a sniff of cold weather; should any of you have ideas or comments, please pass them on!

Ellen Johnson, contributor
Board President

Paws & Tails Pet Care

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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.

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Homebody Practice:

Mindful movement, inspired by yogic traditions.

Wednesdays 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 monthly schedule or to sign up:

bit.ly/homebodypractice

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Please Note:

Landscape Committee will not meet again until March 9, 2021

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| 2 | 3 | 4 M&M Commit- tee Meeting | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 <i>Deadline to remove exterior holiday decor</i> |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Board of Directors <i>Virtual</i> Meeting | 27 | 28 | 29 |
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