



LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE REMINDER TO ALL

More Tree & Shrub Trimming

Mid to late August the **second** tree and shrub pruning takes place to give the shrubs a fresh look and to keep the size of the plants to scale with our units.

Superior will be pruning all trees and shrubs including those in beds maintained by Garden Marker Program participants.



August

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The eight month of the year where everyone clings on to the heat and attempts one last barbecue.

BOX TREE MOTH INVADES THE VILLAGE

The invasive box tree moth is highly destructive and extremely difficult to contain or eliminate. It is now spreading throughout south and central Michigan, and Washtenaw County has been on the quarantine list for a couple of years.

Boxwoods, a favorite of this voracious insect's caterpillar form, are planted in front foundation beds throughout the Village and many are now showing signs of decline. We don't expect to be able to contain or reverse the growing infestation, and over the next several years all of our boxwoods may eventually succumb to the damage done by these invasive pests. In the end, it's likely that all will require removal and replacement with other suitable shrubs.

The Landscape Committee has mapped out our boxwood plantings and identified those that are most severely affected at the present time. We expect to do some removal yet this year, but will not begin a program of replacements until next year.next page

BOX TREE MOTH INVADERS THE VILLAGE continued...

A budget for removal and replacement is in the process of development, and the necessary work will likely be carried out in phases over the next several years.

If you would like more detailed information about the box tree moth infestation in Michigan, click on this link: [MSU Box Tree Moth Article](#).

As with our utilities replacement and road construction projects, patience and good cheer will be necessary as we deal with the destruction wrought by this insect menace.

--Jan Frank, Member of the Landscape Committee



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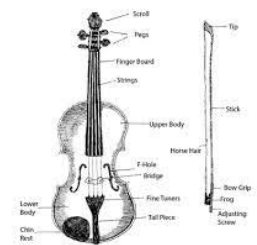
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All residents: please respond! WE ARE SO CLOSE! Numbers matter! If everyone responds, then everyone, regardless of income has a chance of qualifying for free energy-savings upgrades from the City and DTE. Even if you yourself don't meet the income threshold, your neighbor may, and if enough neighbors do, then you, too, can benefit from the program. To date, about 160 residents have submitted their 3-question survey answers. We need to get much closer to a full 422.



Help Pittsfield Village Qualify for Free Energy Upgrades!

Exciting things are going on in our collaboration with Ann Arbor's Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI), and we need your help! Pittsfield Village may be eligible for a DTE energy efficiency program that would provide **free insulation and air sealing** to units throughout the Village - meaning lower energy bills and a more comfortable home for our residents. This is where we need your help: to qualify, we need to verify that more than half of our households earn less than 80% of Ann Arbor's median income - and that means we need to hear from *you*.

The Village Board and OSI are conducting a short, simple confidential survey asking for just three things: your address, your household size, and your estimated income bracket for 2025. That's it! A few pieces of information from enough of our neighbors could unlock a real benefit for the whole community.

Here's how you can respond:

1. **Drop off at the Office** - the survey mailing sent to your home.
2. **Electronically** - Use your phone camera to scan the QR code here.
3. **In person** - OSI's AmeriCorps crew will be knocking on doors for a final outreach round, so don't be surprised to see a friendly face stopping by!

A few important things to know:

- Participation is **voluntary**.
- All responses are **confidential** - only combined, aggregate results will ever be shared.
- **No documents are required** - no tax returns, pay stubs, or financial statements needed: strictly an honest estimated income total for your household.

Data will be stored securely with Pittsfield Village office during the survey and after completion with our attorneys, Hirzel Law, PLC.

For questions about this survey or the DTE energy efficiency program, contact the Pittsfield Village Office at office@pittsfieldvillage.com / 734-971-0233 or OSI at jlaron@a2gov.org / 734-794-6000 ext 43723.

Ideally, we will receive enough completed surveys from Village condo households to confirm that based on income, we as an association qualify for these DTE energy savings funds! With the community's support, we know we can do it. Thank you for taking a few minutes to help make Pittsfield Village an even better place to call home!

Sincerely, Jessica Lehr, PV Sustainability Group Board Liaison



Village Women's Social

Our group is made up of women living in the Village who are in the "later part of life." We meet on the third Thursday of the month at 1:00-3:00 pm in the Pittsfield Village Community Room. Our next meeting will be **Thursday, August 20 from 1 pm until 3 pm**. We hope you can join us!

Contact Su Hansen 734.417.8397 or Suhan722@gmail.com with any questions.

Dear Garden Marker Participants,

Recently the Landscape Committee has been out and about, and we wanted to take a moment to thank each of you for the care and attention you've given to your gardens this season.

Despite the extreme heat and smoky conditions, the garden beds throughout the community are generally in great shape. Your hard work and dedication help make Pittsfield Village a beautiful place to call home, and we truly appreciate your efforts.

As we've been touring the property, we've noticed a few recurring matters that we'd like everyone to address:
Plants That Need to Be Removed.

The following plants have been appearing in several garden beds and should be removed, as they are invasive or not permitted within the community:

- ⇒Mullein
- ⇒Queen Anne's Lace
- ⇒Feverfew

Please take a few minutes to inspect your garden bed and remove these plants if they are present.



Milkweed Reminder

We appreciate residents who are interested in supporting pollinators. However, please remember that **Common Milkweed** is **not permitted** in garden beds because of its aggressive spreading habit.

The following milkweed varieties **are permitted**, provided they remain within the rear garden beds:

Swamp Milkweed

Butterfly Weed

These varieties provide excellent habitat for monarch butterflies while remaining manageable in our shared landscape. If you have any questions about approved plantings or would like assistance identifying a plant, contact the members at landscapecommittee@pittsfieldvillage.com.

Thank you,

Pittsfield Village Landscape Committee

LEAVE THE LEAVES YEAR 3 IS HEADED OUR WAY!

This fall marks the third year of Pittsfield Village's "Leave the Leaves" program, which allows residents to opt out of leaf-blower clearing in one or more of our individual garden beds. The Office will send out an email with enrollment paperwork in late August, and we have roughly one month to enroll. (Please check the form for exact dates.) Here, I just wanted to take a moment to address a few FAQs—you are welcome to reach out to me at elbrihtwell@gmail.com, though, if you have a question that didn't make the list!

WHY LEAVE THE LEAVES?

There are so many benefits! Doing so improves the topsoil in your garden beds. It provides a natural mulch that reduces weeds. It offers shelter and sustenance to countless beneficial insects, including our beloved bees, butterflies, and fireflies, not to mention the birds and other wildlife who share our space.

SHOULD I LEAVE ALL OF MY LEAVES?

If they are free of disease, leave them all. But you will want to remove weeds and/or any diseased plants. In my garden, for instance, while I don't have many weeds, this still means disposing of anything with powdery mildew, which overwinters in Michigan. The remains of any diseased plants should go in the trash, not the compost.

IS IT A LOT OF WORK?

No. That said, you will likely need to devote a few minutes a few times a season to sweep or otherwise gather leaves away from your foundation.

Each participant needs to maintain a one-foot leaf-free zone around the perimeter of your unit. The good news is that this is actually better for our foundations in general: leaves, mulch, and other debris can gradually lead to our siding rotting if they are left in contact with it. Allowing organic matter build-up next to our foundations can also invite some of the less welcome wildlife—see yellow jackets and mice—so these few minutes will make your lives easier in the long run.

DO I HAVE TO BE IN THE GARDEN MARKER PROGRAM?

Nope!



DO I NEED TO CLEAN UP THE LEAVES IN THE SPRING?

Nope! You can leave them as they are. They will gradually (usually over a year or two) break down into lovely new soil for you. If you like a slightly neater look, you can mulch over them. No harm done.

CAN I STILL HAVE EMERGENT TREATMENT IN THE SPRING?

Yes. Leave the Leaves is independent of this. If you opt for pre-emergent treatment in the spring, as is the case with any mulch, it can go right on top of your left leaves.

Please consider joining us this year! A little effort can yield a lot of benefits for local biodiversity.

--Erin



Cornhole anyone?



Good Food and lots of smiles!



The water felt great!



Our resident DJ spun some great tunes!



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