

# CITY OF PEPPER PIKE

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To: All Pepper Pike Residents

From: Mayor Bruce H. Akers

Date: April 20, 2009

Subject: (a) Deer- Proof Gardens                      (c) Mail Service  
(b) Next Shredding Date                      (d) Cardiovascular Screening

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The purpose of this letter is to address several current issues.

(a) **Deer-Proof Gardens**

This coming Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Pepper Pike will sponsor a seminar at which nationally known master gardner, Sandy Baker, will speak about how residents can deer-proof their gardens. These meetings are free and open to the public.

The first meeting is Saturday morning, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am, at Daisy Hill Nursery in Hunting Valley, 34050 Hackney Road, off of SOM Center Road, (between Shaker Blvd. and South Woodland Road). Ms. Baker will repeat the seminar at a second meeting on Saturday afternoon, from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm, at Orange Public Library, 31300 Chagrin Blvd. Joining Pepper Pike in sponsoring these seminars are Lyndhurst, Moreland Hills, Orange and Solon.

Long-time resident, Marcia Unger, brought this program to our attention, and I appreciate that she and others are opposed to our deer culling program. Therefore, I agreed with her that our community should take the lead in offering these seminars as a constructive alternate approach to this very controversial and frustrating issue. For those who oppose deer culling but want to keep their gardens in tact, planting the right flowers and using deer-proofing products on the market, this seminar should prove helpful.

Sandy Baker has been teaching and consulting with landscapers and arboretums on the subject of deer-proofing gardens for years. A lifelong organic gardner, and former owner of a greenhouse and nursery business, she is familiar with plant materials and related projects, and stays abreast of new products and technology dealing with the issue of deer-human conflicts in the garden.

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There will be a raffle at each seminar, the winner of which will have Mrs. Baker do a private walk-through in their own garden on Sunday. Friends and neighbors of the two winners may join the walk-through if this winner so wishes.

(b) **Next Shredding Date**

Mark your calendars for the next shredding date. It will be Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm (note the change in time). More details to follow.

(c) **Mail Service**

I have been receiving an increasing number of complaints about mail service problems, either at the Mayfield/Lyndhurst branch or by the mail carriers delivering to residents' homes. I have shared previous complaints with the manager, but the problems seem to be escalating.

Therefore, I propose to compile a detailed list of specific issues, and then I will sit down with Mrs. Pearson, the manager. But I need to have your input, your particular problem or issue in preparing this list.

Would you please write or e-mail to me the problems you are having or have had with your mail service. The more specific you can be, the better it will be in talking with the manager. Furthermore, in past complaints, a number of you specifically asked that I not identify who is complaining for fear of some kind of retaliation by the mail carrier. That is alarming that anyone would fear that, but if I'm going to have the manager address specific issues, she needs to know what addresses are having the problems. So I urge you to let me use specific addresses as I point out the problems. If you don't feel comfortable with that, I will respect your confidentiality.

Hopefully this effort will result in some kind of improved service.

(d) **Cardiovascular Screening**

Last year, University Hospital (UH) offered our residents a free cardiovascular screening. Over 280 residents took advantage of it. We have approached UH to ask if they would continue to offer this service for residents who were unable to be screened last year. UH has agreed to, but can't do so until September. However, the sooner we get some dates lined up, the better. But we need to know if there is sufficient interest to schedule some dates in September. If you are interested in having a cardiovascular screening, please call Barb Hennen 216-896-6125, and she will record your interest.

If you have any questions or comments on any of the above topics, please feel free to call me. I can be reached at area code 216: 831-9604 (home); 896-6126 (City Hall); 533-7870 (cellular). Or I can be reached via e-mail at: [brucehakers@pepperpike.org](mailto:brucehakers@pepperpike.org).

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