



THE GREEN ACRES GAZETTE

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Notes From Craig

We have been fortunate over our nearly 20 years not to have any serious accidents or injuries on the road or on our client's properties. This winter our team invested significant time on a very important topic...safety. The outcome was an organized and specific program to promote personal safety for our team and yours. Simple things like wearing a safety belt in vehicles to the safe and correct operation of equipment at your home continue to be a part of our culture. As we all enter the summer months that often include travel and outdoor activities, please remember...the safe way is the best way.

Sincerely,

Craig Kopfmann, President



Team News

Erikson and his wife had their first baby, Isabella, on March 20th. Congratulations on their new addition!



Going Green?

Roofs are turning green—no, not green shingles—green with plants. Designed to reduce storm-water runoff, the benefits also include longer roof lifespan, energy conservation and cooler air around your home.

Green roofs are common in Germany, Sweden, and other European countries. Cities and small towns, office workers and homeowners have been enjoying the benefits of planted roofs for decades—so why not here?

The United States may not be as far behind as you think. Municipalities are encouraging “green over black” to help ease the pressure on outdated storm water systems and cool the heat island effect. Did you know that the temperature of a typical asphalt roof can reach over 140 degrees while a planted green roof remains below 120 degrees? How’s that for staying cool this hot summer?

It may be awhile before plants on roofs are a common site on your drive through the neighborhood. Starting small could be the answer.

How about that garden shed or pool cabana?

*** Most Wanted ***

Flower Power

Geranium 'Rozanne' has large violet-blue flowers with white centers that reach 2" blooming from late spring to fall. It grows about 20"x 24" which makes it a great flower for containers as well. This perennial does best in part shade with moist, well-drained soil, but can tolerate full sun with adequate moisture. A truly long-blooming beauty!



Outrageous Outdoors

With continued interest in outdoor living, homeowners are looking to put their outdoor spaces into the best light. What a better way to do this than with outdoor lighting.

Bathe a stunning façade, a charming patio, planting or water feature in the soft, ambient glow of low voltage lighting to add aesthetic and practical enjoyment to any natural environment.

Designs are available to complement any outdoor setting, from country charm to sophisticated urban. Low voltage systems have a practical side too—wattage can achieve a wide range of lighting effects with energy efficiency.

Ask us to design and install your outdoor lighting and discover the possibilities.

TREEmendous

Franklinia, A.K.A the "Ben Franklin" tree is unique for its mid-summer bloom. Slow to emerge in spring the long tapered leaves take on a brilliant almost tropical sheen. Plant this tree and your patience will pay off in the form of three inch white flowers in mid to late July.

Ask Craig...

Q: Why do my Hydrangeas struggle to flower while my neighbors are in full bloom?

A: There could be several reasons for low flower production:

- Too much shade can result in gorgeous leaves & no flowers. Position your plants to receive good filtered sunlight or direct morning sun.
- Try to provide even moisture as too much or too little can affect flower production.
- Big leaf hydrangeas (mop heads) flower on the previous year's growth, known as old wood. Therefore, destroying or removing these flower buds will keep your plant from flowering. Late winter cold snaps can damage buds as well as untimely pruning. To lessen winter damage position plants to face north or east and if possible avoid pruning altogether.

Team Training

With quality and service in mind, our landscape and maintenance crews attended CT Nursery & Landscape's sessions on pruning, proper planting techniques and shrub maintenance. Some seminars are now available in Spanish encouraging our team to learn more.

Community Update

We made it! Craig Kopfmann owner of Green Acres, along with friends and clients of Green Acres, successfully completed the crossing of LI Sound in support of Kayak For A Cause VIII. A heartfelt thank you to all who supported our efforts! Join us next year - check out www.kayakforacause.com.