



THE GREEN ACRES GAZETTE

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Notes From Craig

Are you looking for an investment that pays?

I'm not talking blue chips - I'm talking about wood chips. No, not bonds...lawns. And how about hedge funds - I'd consider those outside your window first. Maybe the healthcare sector deserves a second look, but I'd bank on plant care. You see where I'm going with this.

Many of our client's properties are adorned with beautiful specimen trees, hedges and perennial gardens, as well as lush lawns. Whether simple or manicured, your landscape required money to create, but proper maintenance is sometimes viewed as secondary. I recommend maintaining a relationship with a reputable company, who acts proactively, identifying problem areas and offering remedies before they cost you money. Proper management can save water and reduce the need for chemicals. Hire trained professionals to maintain your property and improve the health of your living assets. It is a worthwhile investment.

If you would like to discuss how we can help with your property care needs, please give me a call at (203) 452-8191.

Sincerely,

Craig Kopfmann, President



New Services

TURF & ORNAMENTAL TREE and SHRUB CARE

We are excited to announce the addition of our new turf and plant healthcare services. It is our goal to improve the health and beauty of your landscape, using ecologically sound strategies coordinated by our licensed custom grounds professional. Call us to discuss your needs and find out more about our programs.

Team News

Mike Hehir, our Property Care Manager, participated in a thirteen week seminar sponsored by the Connecticut Nursery and Landscape Association.

The course covered the basics of botany, plant identification as well as design and technical knowledge. Mike successfully passed the examination and is now a CLP (Certified Landscape Professional).

Mike also received supervisory certification from the state of CT for Turf, Ornamental Tree and Shrub Care. We are proud of Mike's dedication and professionalism and congratulate him on his efforts to better serve our clients.

****SPRING OFFER****

Would you like a complimentary fertilization and pre-emergent weed control application? Call us today and we'll take care of it at no charge*.

Additionally, if you would like to consider a seasonal turf and plant healthcare program, our Property Care Manager can meet with you to discuss your needs.

***New Plant Healthcare Clients Only**

MOST WANTED

Flower Power

Look for the dainty yellow flower of the **Cornelian Cherry** – a real winter bloomer.



The relatively small yellow flower emerges in late February or early March on bare stems. The true harbingers of spring, these blooms persist up to three weeks when very little else is showing color.

TREEmendous

A native of China, the **Paperbark Maple** is widely grown in the Northeast. A must have, it's truly a year round tree that shines with a cover of snow beneath it.



The thin peeling, cinnamon colored bark is the tree's hallmark.

The **Paperbark Maple** has spectacular autumn foliage which can include red, orange and pink tones.

Plant one this year outside your window

Ask Craig...

Q: What is winter pruning?

A: During the winter months, certain plants/trees respond better to pruning that would normally stress them during the active growing season.

Some plants we choose to renovate by cutting them almost to the ground in an effort to force them to thicken and regenerate. This is only safely performed while they are dormant.

Team Training

Always having safety in mind, all Green Acres Crew Leaders attended a Driver's Safety Training course this past month, sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles.

Participants included: Erikson Martins, Marco Cantoral, Angelo Gutierrez, Braulio Pinto, as well as Property Care Manager, Mike Hehir.

Community Update

This past fall, Green Acres assisted in the renovation of the playground at Saint Mark's School in Stratford.

The area required new railroad ties and sand for the children's play area. We were happy to provide a few strong backs to help get the job done!

Any landscape is a condition of the spirit – Henri Frederic Amiel