

No Mow May Participation

The Tree Committee is requesting your participation in No Mow May. This is a movement started in England and quickly gaining strength here. With the recognition our natural surroundings are under extreme stress from climate change and loss of habitat, people are taking steps on their property to make any small difference they can.

No Mow May is to support our early pollinators – bees and butterflies – by allowing flowers to bloom in the lawn. Our obsession with lawns, and the creation of them, has had a major impact on habitat loss to a critical insect population in decline. Not mowing the lawn for one month should be an easy place to begin.

Granted, this is not the best solution to the problem. In a perfect world, we should only be planting native flowers, shrubs and trees that are the support system for a sustainable planet. By allowing a lawn area to grow out there will be weeds (or what are considered weeds) that can get a short-term foothold to compliment the flowers and pollinators. Only a small area to start as a demonstration is all we are asking, preferably in a highly visible location.

This needs an explanation to your neighbors and everyone passing by, so we are proposing a small lawn sign designating this as a No Mow May area. It is a signal to all that; first, you care about the environment; second, this sends a positive statement to others that they can do something too; third, flowers and insects, and not a green mass whose sole purpose as a plant is the ability to be walked on, provides life; fourth, it requires no effort on your part – the objective is to literally do nothing by accepting Nature the way it was intended.

Please consider supporting this initiative on your property.