



**Bee Friendly Gardening**  
A Program of Pollinator Partnership  
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**How Our Town Created a Pollinator-Friendly Property Maintenance Ordinance (Part 1)**

By Bonny McLaughlin Stitt, BFG Member



I've always loved gardening, but it took on a new significance for me after reading Doug Tallamy's book, *Nature's Best Hope*, in the fall of 2022. What had seemed like a selfish hobby suddenly became a meaningful, potentially world-changing project right here in my own backyard in West Fork, Arkansas. I never imagined that this project would eventually catapult me into political involvement in my community!

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**Fall Garden Tasks That Help Pollinators**  
Simple efforts that have a big impact

By Suzanne Bontempo of [Plant Harmony](#)

As we transition our gardens into the fall season, there are two tasks that will save us time while helping our pollinators. The first thing to consider is to leave those fallen leaves. As the hues of fall transition our bountiful summer gardens towards the quiet of the winter, we are often faced with hours of raking those leaves that have dropped from our deciduous trees and shrubs. Well guess what? When we put down the rake and leave those leaves, we invite a natural part of our garden's ecosystem to support the many invertebrates that would like to overwinter right where they just enjoyed their summer, in your garden.



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**Using Apps to Help You Identify Plants and Animals**

**Three Popular Applications You Should Try**

By Nancee Caye, BFG Member

[iNaturalist](#).

I enjoy using iNaturalist on the computer by uploading the photos I take to help me identify the insects, birds, and other animals I see in the hopes I can learn more. I've found that I can ask questions about how to better photograph a subject to have it be more easily identified by others. I also enjoy knowing that researchers can use what I'm seeing and entering on my account to better understand a species.



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**Bylaws for Biodiversity**

Did you miss the Member webinar provided by Bee City Canada's Jordan Phelps? You can catch the replay [here](#)!



**Bylaws that Build Biodiversity: Empowering residents to create pollinator habitat**

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Thank you from Sara Wittenberg, your Bee Friendly Gardening Manager



**Notable Dates:**

- September - National Honey Month
- September 22 - First Day of Fall
- September 28 -National Public Lands Day
- October - National Leave the Leaves month
- October 24-31 - Bat Week
- October 26 - National Make a Difference Day
- October 31 - Halloween

**Bee Friendly Gardening is for Every Landscape!**  
**Be a part of the Bee Friendly movement.**



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