Timely Turf

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Need to get out after the recent cold weather; like spicy food? If so, then join Steve at Bent Brewstillery in Roseville Saturday, February 9 from 2-7 PM for "Heat Up your Love Life: A Celebration of Minnesota-made Fiery Foods." Go to their website and click on Events to learn more about this happening. In early March again, Steve will be presenting a class at the Annual Garden Expo. This event, held at North Branch High School, Saturday, March 2 from 9 AM-3:30 PM and presented in part by the Chisago County Master Gardeners, covers a wide variety of gardening topics. For complete information on class descriptions, session times, directions and a registration form go to the University of Minnesota Extension site, the link is below. Sign up soon, classes fill up quickly! Be sure to get there early to take in "The Pepper Guy Talks Tomatoes", presented by Steve- aka "Dr. Pepper." https://www3.extension.umn.edu/sites/default/files/download/2019%20CCMG%20Expo%20Brochure.pdf.

A little pruning now could lead to better trees

Prepare your trees for next summer with dormant pruning done late February and early March. The University of Minnesota Extension states, "The late dormant season is the best for most pruning." Pruning at this time of year has many benefits including easier ability to see problem branches when leaves are gone and less disease spreading concerns. It's best to start pruning trees when they are young to develop a strong leader and remove problematic branches before they become too large. For more information about pruning trees and shrubs see this link from the U of M Extension:



https://extension.umn.edu/planting-and-growing-guides/pruning-trees-andshrubs

Get ready, get set, sow, or let Steve know

Plan for next summer's flower and garden needs. If you start plants, assemble the equipment needed: pots, trays, fluorescent lights that can be adjusted for height, timer for lights, and a heating device to put under the containers of germinating seeds. For more information check out this article, *Starting Seeds Indoors*, at <u>https://extension.umn.edu/planting-and-growing-guides/starting-seeds-indoors</u>

Make sure your favorite pepper and tomato plants will be available this spring. Call 651-429-3361 today and talk to Steve or email him at <u>steve@hugofeedmill.com</u>.

Winter months are difficult for birds. Remember to keep your feeders clean and full of high energy food. Use the coupons below for savings on feeders.

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