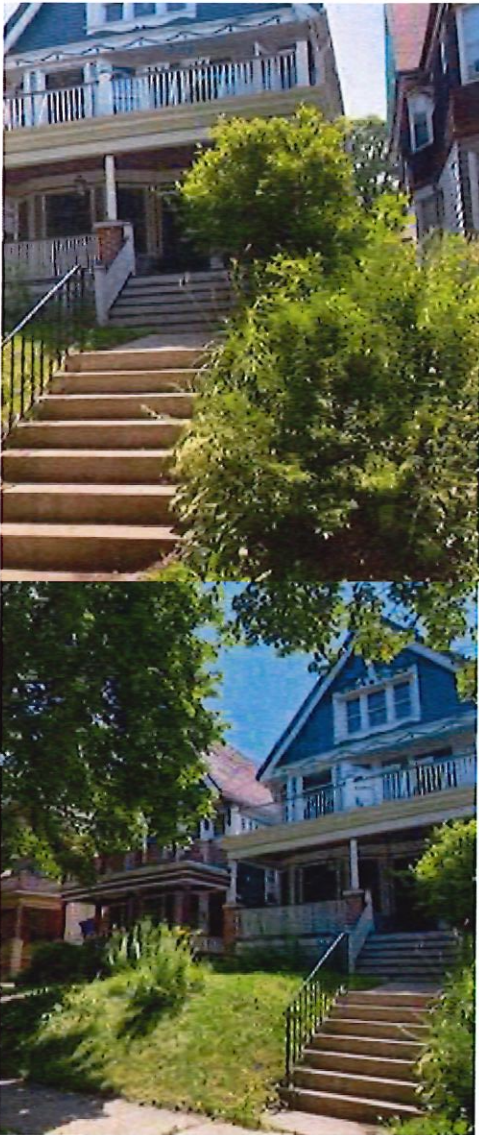


Elmer, Linda

From: Emili Butrin <emili.butrin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 8:56 PM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: Documents for appeal on 12/10/25

Dear Linda,

I am enclosing a few pictures with descriptions for my appeal, scheduled for 12/10/25. The first two pictures are of my yard, back in August, right after I trimmed the edges and before I received an official fine. The other pictures are of the herbs that have grown in my yard, how I've dried and stored them, and the medicine I make at home with them. Please, if there are any other questions, don't hesitate to reach out before the appeal!



Left: forsythia bushes and a few straggly day lilies

Right: my yard after I trimmed away the dandelion, red clover, and some goldenrod



I usually hang my herbs to dry in a shadier, east window; pictured here is a small bundle of sage (from my back yard; great for sore throats) and a bundle of goldenrod (great to fight against allergies, UTIs; anti-inflammatory)









These are most of the herbs grown in my front yard, that I gratefully harvest, dry, and use in teas, tinctures, and oxygens. Plantain - great for soothing skin of bug bites or burns; soothing to congested, tight lungs. Cleavers - supports the lymph in letting go. Comfrey - helps repair bruises, achy muscles, sprains (only used topically). Dandelion leaf - high in potassium and magnesium, diuretic. Red clover - supports the womb, cardiovascular health, and female hormonal health. Dandelion root - supports digestion, kidney and liver. Violet leaf - demulcent (moistening) affinity for the heart. Common mallow - demulcent, soothes inflamed tissue of the lungs and digestive system. Goldenrod - helpful for kidneys especially (diuretic), and soothes allergies.



My little home apothecary. I would say almost half of these herbs are grown in my front and back yard! The remainder I source from my workplace (Honeybee Sage). In the bottom of this picture, I have a cinnamon and cardamom infused local honey, a strawberry leaf-red clover-lemon balm oxymel, a goldenrod tincture, a violet leaf tincture, a lavender infused olive oil, and a linden leaf and flower tincture.

Bottom line, I look at my “overgrown” yard as a gift, and certainly not a nuisance! I do tend to my yard, but I also allow her to grow. She gives sustenance to the birds and bees, helps the erosion in the front, and brings color and joy to the front of my house. And, as I’ve covered above, she brings sustenance, health and joy to me and my family. Not a day goes by that I don’t reach for some sort of herbal ally.

Thank you,
Emili Butrin