


Pittsfield Village
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FEBRUARY 2026

The Mighty Oak

Today, in the face of climate change and the desire to protect and restore our environment, our trees and plants are a cornerstone of that effort here at the Village. A keystone species is defined as a “species that has a disproportionately large effect on its natural environment relative to its abundance.” For the Village, in our bioregion, the keystone tree is the White Oak.

Dr. Doug Tallamy (University of Maryland) identifies the White Oak (*Quercus alba*) as a premier keystone species, supporting more than 537 caterpillar species, which are essential for butterflies and birds.

A National Park Service report states that the White Oak is “A keystone species that supports more life-forms than any other North American tree genus.”

Planting high-climate-resistant, long-life White Oak trees will provide significant benefits to the Village for centuries to come. The Tree Working Group is planning to plant White Oaks at specific locations in the Village. As you can see from this picture, this broad-canopy tree should be planted in large open spaces.

Kevin Peshick
Tree Working Group Coordinator
Landscape Committee Member



Old Ladies of the Village Tea

All self-identified old ladies of the Village are welcome to share the tea in the community room on Thursday, February 19th between 1 and 2:30 pm.

It has come to our attention that there are a lot of us, and it seems like an excellent idea for us to meet, get to know each other, share a few laughs, our wisdom, ideas on how to make our homes safer, ways we can support each other and maybe find someone to catch a movie with now and then! This is a DIY event.



Hot water will be provided. So, bring your own mug, tea, and snacks to share.

If that seems too much, just bring yourself and you will be provided for! If the title of the tea is not to your liking, come anyway and we will brainstorm a better one for the next one! Looking forward to seeing you there! I'm bringing cookies! It will be such fun!

More info call Su Hansen 734.417.8397 or email Suhan722@gmail.com



Winter Fun! Close to Home:

Ice Carving Festival
County Farm Park
Saturday, Feb. 28
12-4 p.m.

Board Beat: February 2026

Submitted by David Brassfield, Member of the Board

Because the holidays are typically a busy time for all of us including members of the Board, we have traditionally scheduled just one regular business meeting for the months of November and December. This year's meeting was held on Wednesday, December 3. Other than brief committee updates, the only business of note transacted was the approval of the coming season's *Mastercraft Coatings* painting contract.

At the meeting for January held last week on the 28th, business was similarly routine and quickly concluded.



Matters of Note:

- **Service Contract Renewals:** (a) *TruGreen* lawn treatment in spring and fall, (b) *Superior Mow and Snow* lawn maintenance for the 2026-27 season.
- **Pre-Season Buy:** *Pristine Pools* treatment chemicals off-season purchase in bulk at a 15% to 20% discount on regular season market rates.
- **Snow Removal Contract Update:** Because of this winter's unusually severe and extended cold and snow, fees for plowing, salt, and ice melt applications by our service provider, the *Margolis Company*, are on track to exceed this year's budget. Already Margolis has exhausted the many tons of salt and bags of ice melt that we ordered them to purchase on our behalf in late summer when prices were low, so going forward, we will be billed for salt and ice melt at much higher market rates. To date, 171 tons of salt have been spread on our streets and 917 bags of ice melt on our walkways. Cost overruns will be covered in the normal way by budgeted contingency funds.

Committee Work:

- **Maintenance and Modification:** As most readers know, changes to our buildings that may affect their structural integrity or appearance generally require review and approval of the M&M Committee, and on occasion the Board of Directors may also weigh in. Our requirements for commonly proposed additions and alterations are covered in a library of [Specifications](#) available on the Village website. M&M meets near the beginning of each month to consider and act upon co-owner applications, and committee members do their best to help every applicant find their way toward approval. In the past two months a variety of requests have been reviewed and approved, most commonly kitchen or bathroom remodeling, crawlspace encapsulation and insulation, window or door replacements, and sometimes deck replacement or patio installation. At the moment the Committee is considering updates to the specifications for decks and doors.
- **Landscape:** This committee has been exceptionally busy during late fall and early winter, carrying out an ambitious survey and inventory of all Village trees, developing a detailed budget for the coming fiscal year, planning for landscape remediation not carried out to our satisfaction by the City's Improvements Project contractor, and most urgently now, devising a plan for restoring the tree-lined buffers on our property borders that were devastated in the fall by contractors employed by DTE to do pruning and removal of limbs and trees potentially impinging on power, phone, and cable service lines in the public utility right of way. "Clear cutting"—in most cases—not careful pruning, more accurately describes the work that was done.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 25, 6:00 pm, at the Village Office or remotely online. All residents are welcome to attend.

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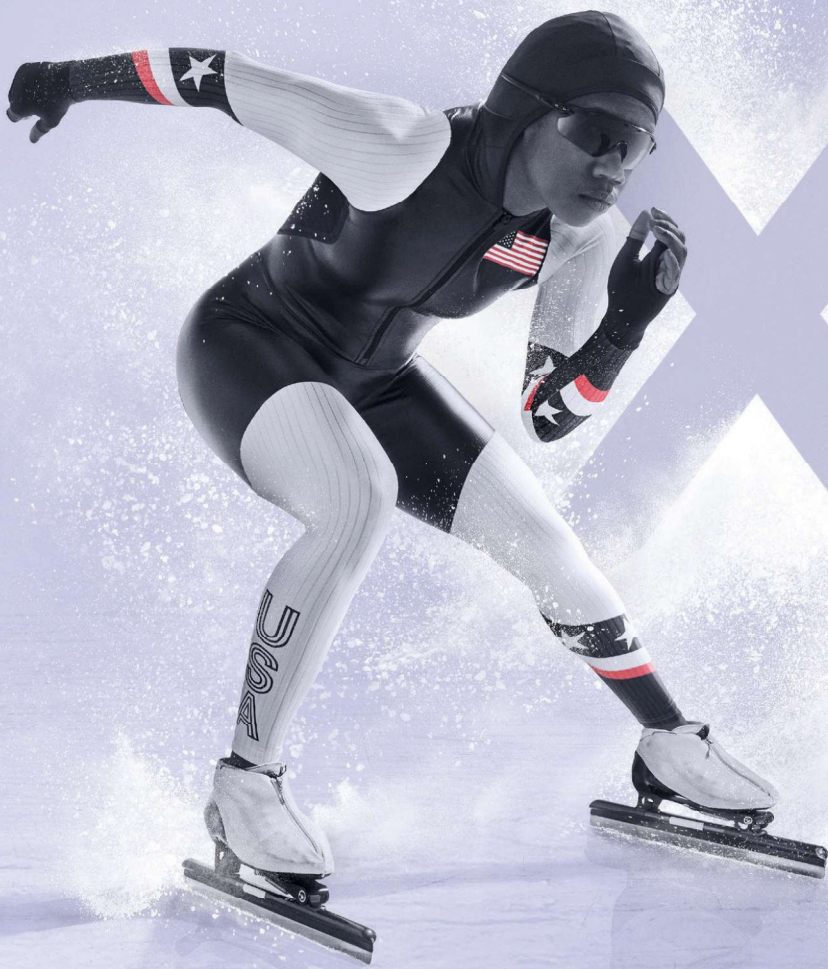
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8	9	10 Landscape Committee 6:00 pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Old Ladies of the Village Tea 1:00 pm	20	21
22	23	24	25 BOARD MEETING 6:00 pm	26	27	28

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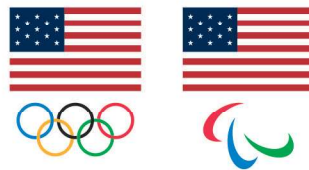
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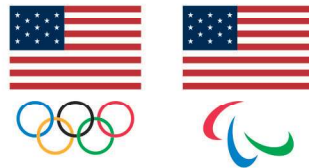
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