

Pittsfield Village News

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What is Freecycle?

Margarita Garcia-Roberts
Finance Committee

Do you have a crib and car seat your children have outgrown and are now taking up space in your basement? Do you have clothes that no longer fit you, but are still wearable? Have you inherited furniture that you cannot use? Do you have an overstuffed front or back garden and want to give away hostas or day lilies?

What if you could give away these things you don't use or need? That is a real possibility when people "freecycle," that is, giving away items ("offer") that are still useful -to someone else. Not only does this enhance a sense of community and good will, but it gets stuff out of your condo and into the hands of someone who can use the item(s), and out of landfills. Members can also request "wanted" items, and someone in the Village just might have what is needed.

Some of the restrictions on freecycling are: no selling, no buying, no trading. The one main rule is: everything posted must be free, family appropriate, and legal.

Currently the Freecycle network is composed of thousands of community based



Freecycle groups in countries around the world; the mission is "to build a worldwide gifting movement that reduces waste, saves finite resources, and eases the burden on landfills while enabling our members to benefit from the strength of a larger community."

Can the Village Create a Freecycle group?

The advantages of creating a Village Freecycle group were mentioned above, and the opportunities for building community, meeting your neighbors throughout the Village, and close proximity for pick up come to mind, but what are the nuts and bolts of creating this group? If there is interest in forming a volunteer group to develop this Freecycle concept, and ultimately receive and post items in our Village newsletter, and perhaps develop even more refinements, please come to the display area at our Annual Meeting to be held May 16, 2012.

MEET OUR NEW MASTER GARDENER

LISA JOSEPH

Lisa is a horticulturist who has been in the business since graduating from Ferris State University in 1996. She worked as a gardener at Olbrich Botanical Garden in Madison, Wisconsin before moving to the Ann Arbor area. She then accepted a position as Head Horticulturist for a landscaping company in Saline, where she was responsible for maintaining the grounds of several private estates as well as designing and maintaining beds for commercial accounts. Lisa started her own business, Down To Earth Horticultural Services, in 2006. She enjoys designing and maintaining landscape plantings and perennial gardens and planting annual beds and containers.

Lisa can be contacted via email at PVmastergardener@gmail.com



Annual Community Yard Sale happening on June 2nd

Clean house and earn money at the Annual Pittsfield Village Community-Wide Yard Sale! Taking place throughout the community on June 2nd from 9:00AM to 3:30PM, this annual event brings in people from all around the area. The more people that participate, the more people will stop and shop, and that means more money in your pocket! So take a look around your home, grab your stuff, and display it out in front of your unit.



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Annual Meeting Set for May 16th

Tracy Vincent

Administrative Assistant Manager

Just a reminder that the Annual Meeting of the Pittsfield Village Condominium Association is to be held Wednesday, May 16, 2012 (6:30 pm registration, 7:00 pm meeting) at Pittsfield Elementary School.

If you would like your name placed on the Election Ballot for a position on the Board of Directors, please submit your nomination profile as soon as possible.

If you cannot attend, please send your proxy to be counted toward quorum, or give

it to a neighbor to represent you.

Finally, if you'd like to review the draft minutes from the 2011 Annual Meeting, please visit: [www.pittsfieldvillage.com/government/PV_-_AM_Minutes_5-10-11\[1\].pdf](http://www.pittsfieldvillage.com/government/PV_-_AM_Minutes_5-10-11[1].pdf).



Around The Village



This photo of a Trout Lily (or Dogtooth Violet) was taken and sent to us by Pittsfield Village resident, Judy Tomer. The flowering time for this plant is from March to May, so it may be out of bloom by the time you read this.

If you have any photos from around our community that you would like to share, please email them to pittsfieldvillage@gmail.com.

We want **YOU** for the Pittsfield Village Board of Directors



Jessica Lehr

Condo Board Secretary

Are there things going on in Pittsfield Village that you really like? Are there things you are unhappy about? Do you have ideas for how this could be a better place to live? Do you think it's good to have new people join the Board every few years so that the community's direction is influenced by new ideas and perspectives?

Or, have you never thought about any of this before? If not, perhaps now is the time.

There are three Board seats up for election at our Annual Meeting on May 16th, and we need YOU to consider running. At least two of our current Board members are not seeking re-election. The Board is a key part of our community's leadership, and it's a great way to get involved. Anyone in our community can run, as long as they own and reside

in a condominium unit.

I've been on the Board since our first election as a condominium association in early 2010. I have learned a lot about many different things, worked with some great people, and I am proud that I've been able to influence the direction of our community over the last few years.

I've agreed to be the current Board member contact for anyone interested in running. If you might be interested, or if you just have questions about what it means to be a Board member, send me an email or give me a call.

I hope you will consider running – our volunteer leadership is only as strong as those willing to get involved!

MAY 2012 Community Calendar

May 1st

Modification & Maintenance Committee Meeting

6:30PM - 8:30PM @ The Community Building

May 15th

Landscape Committee Meeting

6:30PM - 8:30PM @ The Community Building

May 17th

Finance Committee Meeting

6:00PM - 7:30PM @ The Community Building

May 16th

Annual Meeting of the Condominium Association

(See the article on page 2 for details)

May 19th

ANNUAL FLOWER GIVEAWAY!

11:00PM - 3:00PM @ The corral behind the Community Building

Looking Ahead. . . June 2012

June 2nd

ANNUAL COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALE

9:00AM - 3:30PM, Throughout the entire community

June 5th

Modification & Maintenance Committee Meeting

6:30PM - 8:30PM @ The Community Building

June 19th

Landscape Committee Meeting

6:30PM - 8:30PM @ The Community Building

June 21st

Finance Committee Meeting

6:00PM - 7:30PM @ The Community Building



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Pittsfield Village
Communications
Committee

Bulletin

NEED HELP PLANTING FLOWERS? LOOK NO FURTHER

I have a group of adults from a local church who are looking to help people out by planting flowers for them. The Pittsfield Village Flower giveaway is May 19th, so if there are residents that would like to have someone plant their flowers for them, they can contact me and we can work out the details. My email is ashley.vaduva@gmail.com and my phone number is 734.478.4737.

MARKETING MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR SELLERS

The office has community brochures and other marketing material for owners who are selling their units. The information provides a brief history of the community along with the association matrix that will possibly help answer questions of potential buyers.

If you would like a packet, email office@pittsfieldvillage.com or call the office at 734-971-0233.

SEEKING CONTRIBUTORS FOR THIS NEWSLETTER

We are looking for residents to contribute to this newsletter! Anyone interested in contributing writing, photography, content ideas, or even a classified ad for this bulletin, is encouraged to contact us via email at pittsfieldvillage@gmail.com.

LEARN MORE ABOUT PITTSFIELD VILLAGE COMMITTEES

At the annual meeting on May 16th, residents will have an opportunity to learn more about each committee. There will be representatives from each committee on hand to answer questions and hopefully gain some new volunteers. We hope to see you there.