

Pittsfield Village News

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Saturday, August 25th

It's that time again!

Don't miss the annual Pittsfield Village Family Event! Come again or come for the first time!

A local favorite, George Bedard, will be entertaining us again this year. Show up early to get a great poolside chair, or bring a blanket to lounge in the grass. Either way, you're guaranteed to enjoy yourself, so bring the kids down to the pool for good food, good music, and great neighbors!

4:00pm—8:00pm
Bouncy House

5:00pm
**Food provided by
Kramer-Triad**

5:00pm—8:00pm
**George Bedard &
The Kingpins**



Meet Our New Board Member *Sarah Deflon*

I live at 2418 Pittsfield Blvd. and bought my home in July 2006. I finished my masters at U of M last December and I am a bedside nurse at UM Hospital. In my spare time I am training for my 3rd marathon. I like to travel, read, cook, and spend time with my boyfriend Babak, and cat, Rudy.

One of the things I'm excited about as far as being on the board is marketing Pittsfield Village as the most economical place to live in Ann Arbor with all it has to offer. I welcome email from any resident who has concerns about the Village or would like to send me comments about how to do a better job.



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The Village View...

Terri Leirstein

Community Manager

We are starting to count down the last days of summer and the days left until school starts again. Let's do all we can to savor each moment. Following are a few topics to take note of:

Pool Etiquette

Please be mindful when bringing snacks to enjoy at the pool and clean up all of your

items and any debris. Don't leave a mess for the Lifeguard to clean up. We appreciate your cooperation.

Lock Your Doors

Please be sure to keep your car locked and windows rolled up at all times. We have received a couple of reports from co-owners concerned that someone had broken into their car only to find out that the car was left unlocked. Protect yourself and your property at all times and secure your home and cars.

Tips From The Master Gardener

Lisa Joseph

Master Gardener

As the heat blazes on and the drought continues to leave the garden and lawn severely parched, many gardeners are feeling listless and are ready to throw in the towel. Not yet! There is still much to do in the garden. Be sure to keep up with deadheading perennials and annuals this month to ensure bloom for the rest of summer.

Here are some other tips to make the most of the dog days of summer and to start preparing your garden for the upcoming colder months:

GARDENING TIPS FOR AUGUST

1. Stop fertilizing roses. Also, stop dead-heading your repeat blooming roses now so that they set rose hips for fall.
2. Place your orders for spring-flowering bulbs. You may get an early shopping discount. Also, the suppliers often run out of your favorites quickly. Distressful!
3. Divide summer-blooming perennials such as daylilies, peonies (if they need it), and crowded bearded iris.
4. Keep your garden watered deeply. You should apply an inch of water a week if there is no rain. Trees also need supplemental water in a drought. Water deeply with a slow trickle from the hose or use a Tree Gator.
5. Be sure that your planters of annuals are receiving enough water, especially the smaller planters. They dry out quickly at this time of the season. Keep fertilizing annuals in planters. My trick: water

the planter first with plain water and then water with your fertilizer mixture. This ensures that the fertilizer stays in the root zone and isn't washed out the drainage hole. Annuals will stay looking presentable right into late October if properly cared for now. If your annuals take a turn for the worse, you can always change out your container to fall plants like Ornamental Kale, Pansies, Asters, and Mums.

6. Don't forget to add water to your compost heap to keep the decomposition happening. Also, turn contents to aerate if possible.
7. Prune off the tops of Asiatic and Oriental lilies by one third after they bloom. Leave enough foliage for the bulb to build up energy for next summer's show.
8. When you start your fall cleanup in the garden, be sure to discard any diseased foliage. Don't add it to your compost heap! Also, pick up any diseased foliage on the ground and discard in the trash. This will prevent disease organisms from overwintering in the garden and reappearing next year.
9. I've never tried this trick, but my mom does. She freezes summer berries, like blueberries and raspberries, for a winter treat. Spread the berries on a cookie sheet in a single layer. Place the cookie sheet in the freezer. Simply put the berries in an airtight container once frozen and store in the freezer. Blueberry pancakes in January!
10. Sit back in your chair with a cold glass of iced tea and admire your hard work. Enjoy the last days of summer!

August 2012 Community Calendar

August 16th

Finance Committee Meeting

6:00PM - 8:00PM @ The Community Building

August 21st

Landscape Committee Meeting

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

August 24th

Board of Directors Meeting & Open Forum

6:15PM Open Forum, 6:45PM Meeting @ Community Building

August 25th

ANNUAL PITTSFIELD VILLAGE COMMUNITY POOL PARTY

**See Front Page for Complete Details*

Looking Ahead. . . September 2012

September 3rd

LABOR DAY - Pittsfield Village Office Closed

Will resume normal hours on Tuesday, September 4th

September 4th

Modification & Maintenance Committee Meeting*

6:00PM - 8:00PM @ The Community Building

Colin's Corner

Colin Breed

Maintenance Manager

To help prevent clogged drains in the bath sink and tub, install a screen or strainer of some type over the drain to collect hair and other debris from falling into the drain. These can be purchased at the hardware for a minimal cost and save you money and time in the long run.



Pittsfield Village
Communications
Committee

Bulletin

WANTED: MAH JONG PLAYERS

Village resident Sue Sterling is looking for Mah Jong players available afternoons. Chinese style (modified) and she has a set already.

Please email Sue if you are interested in joining her for a game or two at: December_402000@yahoo.com.

SEEKING CONTRIBUTORS FOR THIS NEWSLETTER

We are looking for residents to contribute to this newsletter! Anyone interested in contributing in any way is encouraged to contact us via email at pittsfieldvillage@gmail.com. We are especially interested in those who are interested in contributing articles and photographs which may be of interest to Pittsfield village Residents.

It's Time to Think Spring!

Darleen Boynton

Modification & Maintenance Committee Chair

I know, the kids hardly have their back to school shopping done but to enjoy bursts of spring color it is time to order and plant spring bulbs.

What are spring bulbs? They are the daffodils, tulips, snow drops, crocus, grape hyacinths and more that flower from year to year in a riot of color to greet the spring weather.

Downtown Home and Garden has a great selection of bulbs that should please most

tastes and budgets. They also offer great advice if you are not sure of what you are doing around the garden. A small amount of time, money and effort this year will pay you dividends for years to come when you invest in bulbs for the garden.

Bulbs are remarkably easy to grow. Plant them according to the directions and you are sure to have success!



Photo Courtesy **Darleen Boynton**