

Pittsfield Village News

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2012 Light Up The Village Contest

And the winners are . . .



Jason Beckerleg

Communications Committee Chair

On January 1st, the winners of the Annual Light Up The Village Contest were announced on our community Facebook page. There were several very impressive holiday light displays this year so the judging was very difficult. This years 1st

Place winner and recipient of a \$50 gift card for ACE Hardware is Eric Greene of 2524 Pittsfield. Eric put together a beautiful display pictured here. Eric will not be eligible to win next year. Thanks to all residents who helped make this a festive holiday season in The Village.



2nd Place, 3410 Oakwood



3rd Place, 3405 Norwood

COLIN'S CORNER



Colin Breed

Maintenance Supervisor

We would like to warn residents about various cleaning/ personal hygiene products on the market that claim to be "flushable" but which can quickly cause a serious sewer back-up mess in your basement. These products do not break down very quickly if at all and should not be flushed. Toilet paper and human waste are the only things that should be flushed. These products add significantly to our costs and unit owners who continue to flush them will be billed back for the resulting sewer cleaning services which can range from \$175 on up.

The Village View 2012: The Year in Review

Terri Leirstein

Community Manager

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that it has been 6 months since I joined Pittsfield Village as your community manager. It has been my pleasure to work with the staff here and all of the many committee members and

members of the Board of Directors. I have learned so much in this short time and I am really looking forward to all of the great things that we will experience in 2013. Just to recap on 2012, there were 40 units sold during the year with the median price of a one bedroom being \$47,000 and of a two bedroom \$59,900. There

are currently 72 homes left in the cooperative and we are seeing some conversion activity already in the New Year. For those of you wondering, we are still waiting for a decision regarding the FHA financing but I will definitely send an update as soon as we hear anything. In May, many of you participated in the Flower Give-

away. There were 162 residents that picked up flowers that enhanced the beauty of the Village all summer long. In early June, there was the Annual Yard Sale event that was enjoyed by many. In August, we had an awesome pool party sponsored by Associa-Kramer Triad Management and I

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How Time Flies!

Words & Photos by Darleen Boynton

These pictures were taken from the deck of my home at 2826 Whitewood. The first (right) was taken in June of 2002. The small trees are willow trees that I planted as sticks a few years earlier. That summer was a drought even early on. My 6 year old cousin visited. I set up his pool by the hydrangea bush so that we could give the bush the water when he went home.

Fast forward to autumn of 2012 (above). Only two of the four baby trees I had planted survived but they have become magnificent additions to the back yard in just 10 years. Who knew they would grow so fast. Who could imagine the little boy in the pool is now in high school.



Village View from Front Page

had the opportunity to meet many of the Village residents during the day. In October, many of you participated in the Village Trick or Treat event by placing a pumpkin face on your porch light and passing out candy on Halloween night to our Village goblins. Most recently we had a Light up the Village contest and the winner received a \$50 Ace Hardware gift card. I was really impressed by all of the beautiful light displays throughout the Village.

As we look forward to 2013, I have heard that many residents would like to experience more planned events throughout the year. In order to do this, we will need to organize an Events Planning Committee. In the past there have been trips to sporting events, pool parties, Halloween parties, egg hunts and a few good old-fashioned block parties. If anyone has thought about becoming more involved in the Village community, this would be a great opportunity. I love to plan parties and events but I need organizers

and helpers so let me know if you would like to become more involved.

It is budget time for the Village as well. The committees are working hard and making plans for the community for the 2013-2014 budget. There is very limited participation in some of our committees and we would welcome new members especially to the Maintenance and Modification Committee and to the Finance Committee. Think about participating and helping to make decisions that will impact your Village community for years to come. Schedules are busy for all of us but if you can carve out 2 to 3 hours per month to help out on a committee, I assure you the benefits will outweigh the time commitment.

I welcome you to call or email me anytime. I would appreciate hearing your thoughts, ideas or any concerns you might have. My door is always open and the coffee is always on. Once again, Happy New Year and let's make 2013 in the Village a blast!!

Snow Tips From Dave

David Walke

Maintenance Technician

Ice melt is available to residents during business hours. Please return the empty containers so we can always have a supply on hand when you need it. Also, please do not leave pet tie outs or solar lighting that may get covered with snow along or on the sidewalks. These items and any other things left out could get caught in the snow blowers. Thank you.



Photo Courtesy Darleen Boynton

Letter to The Editor

Having lived here for nearly 23 years, I found your article about snow removal to be helpful and informative. How well I remember the winters when the dance of snow removal between the city and the Village resulted in massive snow pile-ups and double work for Village staff. I think the extra cost is well

worth it!

Thanks to the Board for its arrangements and to Darleen Boynton who wrote the article.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and same for all the other holidays too!

~Linda



Pittsfield Village
Communications
Committee

Bulletin

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Committees of Pittsfield Village serve very important roles in our community. Anyone that has any interest in volunteering for any of our committees or is just curious about what they do, is strongly encouraged to get involved. Call the office at 734-971-0233 or email office@pittsfieldvillage.com to find out more.

January 2013 Community Calendar

January 15th TUESDAY

Landscape Committee Meeting
6:00PM - 8:00PM @ The Community Building

January 17th THURSDAY

Finance Committee Meeting*
6:00PM - 8:00PM @ The Community Building

January 25th FRIDAY

Board of Directors Meeting & Open Forum
6:15PM Open Forum, 6:30PM Meeting @ Community Building

Looking Ahead... February 2013

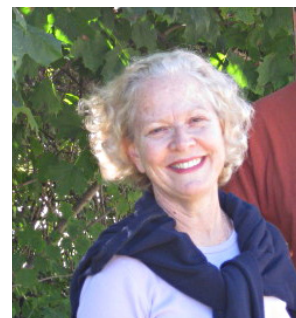
February 4th MONDAY

Maintenance and Modification Committee Meeting*
6:00PM - 8:00PM @ The Community Building

*The Landscape Committee and Maintenance & Modification Committee are actively seeking new members. Anyone that has any interest in volunteering for either of these committees is strongly urged to attend. These committees do important work and any help would be greatly appreciated.

HOWDY NEIGHBORS!

It's me ...Amy, your handy dandy neighborhood Professional Organizer. Yes I am here just in time to help you with your Holiday decluttering to make your homes more beautiful for your guests. And for you... a special holiday discount applies... \$10 off your 1st session! Call me and let's dig in. Amy Griffith @ 734-741-8852.



SEEKING NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

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 look forward to hearing from you.

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