

Old man winter blew into Pittsfield Village well before Thanksgiving this year!

When the sun came out, the shadows cast by the trees were pretty.



## Hi, fellow Villagers!

My name is Sarah DeFlon and I'm the Vice President on the Board of Directors. I have been working with the Communications Committee, which is now our Events Committee, for most of the time I have been on the Board.

The committee has been through many changes as we've worked to make our community more fun, more social, and a better place to live. Although in the past the committee has focused on marketing, we have currently transitioned to more event planning. Many of you are familiar with the "Pooch Plunge", which we've started holding in September at the end of pool season. The event has been a great success and very popular with residents.

Events such as these are lots of fun, but we need your help to create more! One of the events we've brainstormed is a possible "movie and beer" night for Villagers in the Fall, but as a committee we haven't been able to solicit feedback or prepare for this beyond the planning stages. With your help, perhaps we can make this event (and others like it) a reality.

Membership on the committee is meant to be a way to be more involved with the community, meet your fellow neighbors, and have fun. Currently, the committee is meeting on a quarterly basis but may meet more often depending on need and what events are coming up. If you have questions about involvement or anything else regarding the committee, please feel free to call or email Terri in the Village office or contact me via my Village email or cell. I look forward to you joining us!

Sincerely,

Sarah



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Gift Ideas

For Your Condo

New window blinds

Closet systems to help you stay organized

A fresh evergreen wreath will make your porch smell divine

Window box liners- they make changing out your flowers a cinch!

Press on numbers for your porch light so that it is easier to find your place at night

An electric fireplace- a focal point for your living room that will bring a warm coziness

Remote start for your car- no more scraping ice from the windshield in the morning!

Add fun to your shower with an LED showerhead- when the water turns on the water is lit up

Vintage escutcheons can add personalization to your home. Find them in antique stores and flea markets

Wireless doorbell- just screw in the button next to your door. The bell can go anywhere in the house

Add an electric outlet to your porch for holiday lights (with approval, of course)

Update your dining room light fixture



LED shower head



Press on address numbers on porch light



Vintage escutcheon



Electric fireplace

# Severe winter weather precautions

When temperatures drop into the single digits and below, there are some steps you can take to help prevent frozen/burst water lines.

- Keep heat dialed up to 65-68 degrees, especially on really cold nights or if your unit will be unoccupied for an extended period.
- Familiarize yourself with the location of your unit water shut-off valve
- Open lower kitchen cabinet doors at night to allow ambient warm room air to circulate nearer to walls where plumbing lines run
- Allow faucets to drip slightly and adjust tub diverter spout so water will drain from showerhead
- Have your furnace cleaned and checked by a professional to assure you won't need emergency repairs during a cold snap when contractors are the busiest
- If you will be away for an extended period, consider having someone check you unit in your absence and let the office know emergency contact information for your unit.

Remember: small buckets of ice melt are available at the office for pick-up for use on your porch and steps for those times our snow contractors are working their way to your door but haven't arrived yet.

#### STAY WARM!



#### **Mitten Tree Donations**

Remember to bring mittens and hats to the Village office on December 8 between 3-5pm for the mitten tree. Items will be donated to the Pittsfield Elementary School.

Light refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by Terri Peterson, your Xfinity Rep



#### CONDO OWNERS: STILL WRITING CHECKS?

If you are still writing checks each and every month, worrying about getting the payment in on time, using ever-increasing postage stamps, well, we have a solution for you! Perhaps you are interested in safe, easy, convenient and reliable method for paying your monthly Association Fees. If so, we urge you to consider signing up for Direct Debit from your checking or savings account! All you have to do is complete the short form and return it with a voided check to Wanda Buster at the Pittsfield Village office. The monthly fee will be automatically withdrawn at the beginning of the month and you'll NEVER have a late fee!



# **Attention:** Village Condo Residents

Contact the Village's dedicated Comcast Representative, Terri, at (734) 827-4951. You may be eligible for unadvertised specials when getting service or upgrading to more service.

Did you know? With the Xfinity TV to Go app on your phone or tablet you can access live programming or watch your favorite on demand show! Download the free app and enjoy your entertainment wherever you go!

Xfinity Home is now available! Ask about free installs when you call Terri at (734) 827-4951.

# Contact Terri Peterson, your Xfinity Rep, at (734) 827-4951

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	1	2	3	4 6:30pm Board of Directors meeting	5	6
7	8 3-5pm Mitten Tree Donations	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Newsletter articles due	20
21	22	23	<b>24</b> Office Closing Early	25 Office Closed	<b>26</b> Office Closed	27
28	29	<b>30</b> Office Closing Early	<b>31</b> Office Closed	Pittsfield Village OREEN SPACES - GREAT NEIGHBORS  December 2014		

All meetings to be held in Pittsfield Village Community Room unless otherwise noted.

## **Lost Cat**

This nice gray cat has been hanging around on Richard Street for a couple weeks now. He looks healthy, and I don't mind him coming around, but I'd feel better if I knew that he was someone's cat and not a stray. He seems to be outside all night. Please call the Pittsfield Village office with any information about this cat.





