

Bursting with Blooms on Edgewood!



The Pool is Open!

Our favorite time of year seems to be when the pool is open for the season. Colin and his team have done a great job of getting everything ready for the pool inspection which, as always, was approved to open on time. The official opening was Saturday, May 24th in for Memorial Day weekend. Our lifeguards returning from last year are Arianna and Zach and we have a new lifeguard, Anna joining the team this year. Take a moment and introduce yourself to them. Please also take a moment to review the Pool Rules and Regulations on page 3, and share them with everyone in your home. There is also a new Pool Rules and Regulations sign posted inside the pool area. By following these guidelines and showing respect and courtesy to all that share the pool facilities, it will be a very enjoyable summer swimming season.

Annual Community Yard Sale on June 7

Clean house and earn money at the Annual Pittsfield Village Community-Wide Yard Sale! Taking place throughout the community on Saturday, June 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 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. There will be a large roll-off dumpster near the maintenance building to dispose of unwanted items after the sale.





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Welcome to Our Newest Board Member, Zach Bloomfield!

Kelsey Carter

Communications Committee

Last month, at the Village's annual meeting, we were lucky enough to have a brand new owner step up to the plate and run for an open seat on the board. Following in Jessica Lehr's shoes this year will be Zach Bloomfield, who moved to the Village in August, 2013 while his wife, Kelsea, attends graduate school at the University of Michigan.

Zach is originally from Idaho and attended college at Chapman College in Orange, California. After college he was awarded the prestigious Fulbright scholarship to study socio-political issues in Tunisia in North Africa. He ended up staying in Tunisia for almost five years working at the African Development Bank. Now, Zach works for a Canadian-based consulting firm and enjoys working from home. Zach and his wife love the big open green spaces and the friendly community atmosphere of the Village.

Zach joined the board to get more involved in the goings on in the community. We are lucky to have a fresh face on the board with extensive experience in strategy and policy development. Be sure to say hello if you see him around the neighborhood!

Recycle Carts

The City of Ann Arbor has urged us to remind the community to please:

Only place recycle carts within the zones correctly (3 ft. apart and with bar facing the center of the street).

Many times the drivers find that the carts are being placed between parked vehicles and up against other carts in Pittsfield Village.

The drivers need the carts to be staged correctly in these painted zones. The drivers cannot service carts otherwise, as it will cause property damage.

They will start refusing to service the carts in the community if PV residents continue to ignore repeated notifications -written requests have been left on each cart that is in violation of the requirements.

Follow us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/RecycleAnnArbor

Cobblestone Farm Market

Tracy L. Vincent

Administrative Assistant Manager

Tuesdays from 4-7pm, Buhr Park

The market was started by a local group who wanted a family and community friendly market. They wanted to create a welcoming place for smaller scale local farmers and vendors who use chemical-free growing practices to bring their produce and goods to the community. This is our third season and we continue to work hard to bring locally grown, healthy (for people and planet) food to our community. Every week we have free children's activities as well as live performances by local artists and musicians.

Find locally grown produce and fun activities at the Market!

The market accepts many food assistance programs and we invite any and all to come check us out and see what we have that could support their health and community. Below is a link to our website. If there are music, performance, story telling, entertainment individuals in your community we would love to sign them up to share their talent with us.

Website: www.cobblestonefarmmarket.org



Embroiderers Guild June Meeting

Come down to the Village Community Room and join the Ann Arbor Chapter of the Embroiderers Guild on June 16, 6:45 p.m.

We will be working on our service project making small felt, stitched hearts for the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. It's a fun project that anyone can do. We will have all the supplies on hand.

Oh, and we are having a pot-luck that night - guests don't have to bring anything! Stitch or just visit. For more information call or email Jan Frank 734-477-5802 or janfrank@sbcglobal.net.



POOL RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF ALL OWNERS AND GUESTS,
THE FOLLOWING RULES WILL BE ENFORCED. FAILURE TO
COMPLY WITH THE RULES WILL RESULT IN TEMPORARY OR
PERMANENT LOSS OF POOL PRIVILEGES.

ADMITTANCE

The pool will be open from 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM daily (weather permitting) unless otherwise indicated. Use of the pool after hours will be considered trespassing and the police may be called without warning.

A lifeguard attendant will always remain on duty and in charge of the pool area during open hours.

The pool area may be closed at the discretion of the lifeguard attendant or of the PV site staff.

In the event of rain, thunder, lightening or other dangerous conditions, pool will remain closed until weather improves.

If pool closes due to inclement weather, and weather remains unsuitable at 6:00 PM, pool will remain closed the rest of the day.

A maximum of four (4) guests per household may accompany a resident while the resident is in the pool area. An owner must accompany his or her guest(s) at the pool.

All residents and guests under the age of twelve (12) must be accompanied by a responsible person while in the pool. The lifeguard on duty shall have discretion to determine on a case by case basis who constitutes a responsible person.

One pool pass is assigned to each unit. There is a \$10.00 replacement fee for a lost pool pass.

POOL AREA

Pets are prohibited.

No running, diving or rowdy behavior allowed.

Do not dunk others under water.

Alcoholic beverages and/or glass containers or bottles of any kind are prohibited inside the pool area.

Proper swimming attire must be worn.

Infants must wear waterproof swim diapers.

Extremely large pool toys that take up too much pool space are not allowed.

No smoking allowed inside the pool area.

Capacity: 215

LIFEGUARD POOL ATTENDANT

At Lifeguard discretion, he or she may remove anyone from pool or pool area if an individual's behavior is disruptive, inappropriate or dangerous.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Please direct any questions or comments related to the pool to the Pittsfield Village Manager in the PV office: 971-0233 or office@pittsfieldvillage.com



Pittsfield Village
 Communications
 Committee

Bulletin

RECYCLE BIN AMNESTY

Do you have old recycle Ann Arbor bins that you would like to get rid of? If so, there will be a drop off station at the Maintenance area during the weekend of the Yard Sale. There will be a sign posted where to place them. We will be happy to "Recycle" them for you.

JOB OPENING: POOL LIFE GUARD

Pittsfield Village is looking for a full-time life guard for the pool. If you are interested, or know someone, contact the Pittsfield Village office at 971-0233 or office@pittsfieldvillage.com

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!

PITTSFIELD VILLAGE GARDEN NETWORK

Gardeners all - veggie gardeners, flower gardeners, new gardeners, been-gardening-for-a-long-time gardeners: contact me and we will set up an online group to support each other, to give away extra plants, produce, etc., as well as a place to get advice from your neighbors. Contact Su Hansen suhan722@gmail.com (734)417-8397 to join the list.

By the way, last I heard there were still some plots available through Project Grow: www.projectgrowgardens.org on Platt Rd where the old Juvenile Detention Center was. Happy Gardening!

The Flower Giveaway!



Pittsfield Village gave away more than 24,000 flowers this year!



Board Members, Frank Lotfian (above), Zach Bloomfield and Kat Irvin (below).



Happy Planters!



Pittsfield Village Opportunities

Darleen Boynton
M&M and Communications Committee

Our neighborhood has many opportunities for community members to join in to help keep Pittsfield Village vibrant. Here are some ideas. Check off what you can do and contact Darleen for more information.

- ☐ Send in pictures of your dog looking cute in your home or yard for possible use in the August newsletter, website or Facebook page. Email it to office@pittsfieldvillage.com with the dogs name and address. Feel free to include a story about your dog.
- ☐ Photograph updates you have made to your home and write about what you did for the newsletter, website or Facebook.
- ☐ Submit photographs of the Village past or present and the story that goes with them for the newsletter, website or Facebook. If you need them scanned that can be done at the office.
- ☐ Write up your story of how you came to Pittsfield Village for possible use in the newsletter, Facebook page or website.
- ☐ Do face painting or a craft with children at the pool party on July 26th.
- ☐ Organize a coffee klatch for people home during the day. The Community Room can be used for "FREE" for community sponsored activities. Make a reservation by contacting the office or email at: office@pittsfieldvillage.com
- ☐ Attend finance meetings where the spending of Pittsfield Village is reviewed.
- ☐ Bring your knowledge and expertise in reading contracts to the Maintenance and Modification Committee.
- ☐ Host an event for your neighbors and with your neighbors. Progressive dinner, anyone? Tennis lessons? Bible Study? Walking? What is your specialty? Perhaps we can help you get started. What is your idea?

Are you a long time neighbor, a new neighbor or a kid who used to live in the Village is a grown up now? All are welcome to join. As the saying goes... "It takes a Village" to make our community a fun and desirable place to call home.

In the Garden

Lisa Joseph, Master Gardener
Pittsfield Village Staff Horticulturist

The end of May, beginning of June is the most hectic, chaotic, stressed out time for me. It's annual-planting time. This means long days, quick meals, not much sleep. But I just absolutely LOVE it! Creating annual displays is my most favorite part of summer. Watching them grow and weave together is so exciting for me. I keep notes on what combinations were awesome, which plants didn't live up to my expectations, and I leave tips to myself about what to try the next year.

My featured plant for June is actually an annual; a tuber to be exact.

DAHLIA XXL VERA CRUZ

This is a large-flowered Dahlia with bicolor 6" blooms of lavender pink and white. It stands at a mature height of 24" with no staking required to maintain its shape. It has been a strong performer in trial gardens all over the country. It requires full sun and deadheading of spent blooms to be at its best. I use these smaller Dahlias in container plantings. However, Dahlias also look spectacular tucked in among perennials in the garden beds.

Imagine my disappointment when I found that this variety was sold out of every single one of the catalogs! Then one day recently

I was milling around a local garden center when, lo and behold, there she was in all her glory sitting on a garden bench! There were a few left, and I bought every one. I plan to put one in a pool planter this summer so be sure to watch for it when you go down to take a swim. I think Dahlia XXL Vera Cruz will be spectacular with magenta, lavender, yellow, and pinks.

I read last June that I should give my irises a side dressing of bone meal at this time of year. So I did just that and watered it in well. I must say that it worked beautifully! This year my Siberian Irises are robust and healthy with tons of flower buds!

How about cutting some flowers to put in a vase for your living room? When I worked on an estate and was responsible for cutting flowers and creating bouquets, I learned that flowers keep best when harvested in late afternoon or evening. Take a bucket with some water in it with you and plunge the flowers into the water right after cutting. Your creative vase display will be around much longer for you to enjoy.

June is my most beloved month. I'm hoping for spectacular warm days! Garden on.



COLIN'S CORNER



Porch Lights

If your porch light in the back (or front) is out, please call the office or email service@kramertriad.com to report it. Maintenance will replace bulbs for you.

Community Event

ARBOR *Opera* THEATRE presents

the Sound of Music

June 13, 14 & 20 at 7pm

June 14, 21 & 22 at 2pm

Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre

Tickets: muto.umich.edu

Join us for this family favorite!



You May Have a Dish if You Wish

Don't goof and install it on the roof.

Contact the office or check the web for where you can install your satellite dish. A Modification Request must be submitted to the office BEFORE a satellite dish can be installed. The modification form and specifications can be found on our website at: www.pittsfieldvillage.com

Vegetable Gardens in Pittsfield Village

Judy Tomer
Landscape Committee

Memorial Day seems to be the official start of the planting season for most of us, be it vegetables, flowers, or both. Here in SE Michigan, it's when we can be secure in knowing there won't be any more freezes until next fall.

Here in Pittsfield Village we recommend that anything you plan to eat be grown in raised beds or containers. Why? Because our homes, built in 1946, were painted many times over the decades of lead-containing paint. Even after all of these years, it's safest to assume that there could very well be lead in our soil, and plants are good at taking up available lead. Our local MSU co-op extension service recommends having soil tested for lead if you plan to eat plants grown in our soil. What's best: use raised beds or containers filled w/soil you've purchased specifically for growing food. (This latter is what Pittsfield Village recommends.)

Below (above/right/left) are several photos of raised beds & containers used by a few Pittsfield Village residents, including a commercially available hydroponic system + the home-made version.

It's also possible to build containers high enough to accommodate someone in a wheel chair. What's important: make sure that your raised bed or containers are kept on your deck or within your personal space (within 10 feet from the building of your unit). What not to do: place your raised bed or containers in the common areas. Helpful: locate your raised bed or containers so your plants won't be accidentally weed-whacked by someone on the mowing crew.

To help you get started, we've gathered a list of clickable links relating to growing veggies in Michigan and using containers in general. Enjoy your gardening hobby, and happy eating!

Container Gardening Internet Links

Successful Container Gardens

<http://urbanext.illinois.edu/containergardening/>

Vegetable Container Gardens

<http://ag.arizona.edu/pubs/garden/mg/vegetable/container.html>

Organic Container Gardens

<http://www.organicgardening.com/learn-and-grow/container-gardening>

Fine Gardening's Container Garden Information

<http://www.finegardening.com/container-gardening>

About.com's Container Garden Information

<http://containergardening.about.com/od/reviews/gr/SpecialEdition.htm>

HGTV's Advice

www.hgtv.com/topics/container-gardening

Growing Fruit Trees in Containers

<http://www.hgtv.com/landscaping/small-space-gardening-tips-for-apartment-dwellers-and-urbanites/pictures/index.html>



1	2	3 6pm M&M Committee meeting New Night!	4	5	6	7 9am-3:30pm Annual Community Yard Sale
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 6pm Landscape Committee meeting	18	19 6pm Finance Committee meeting	20 Newsletter articles due	21
22	23	24 6:30pm Communication Committee meeting	25	26 6:15pm Open Forum 6:30pm Board of Directors Meeting	27	28
29	30	<div><p>Pittsfield Village</p><p>GREEN SPACES • GREAT NEIGHBORS</p><p>June 2014</p></div> <div>All meetings to be held in Pittsfield Village Community Room unless otherwise noted.</div>				

Mark your calendar!
 Saturday, July 26, 2014

The Annual Community Picnic and Pool Party

Featuring George Bedard and the Kingpins
 Details to Follow



Pittsfield Village residents enjoying 2013's picnic and pool party.



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