



## Welcome, Kristi Charles, New Community Manager!

Kristi comes to us from a national property management firm that specialized in renovating and repositioning underperforming communities. Prior to that, she was a Realtor with The Charles Reinhart Co. for 10 years. Investment real estate has been a passion since she began to renovate and rent homes while still in college at EMU. Historic Architecture and preservation is another passion which she studied at EMU. In recent years, she has renovated and sold a handful of homes in Washtenaw and Livingston counties including a home adjacent to Pittsfield Village at 2401 Pinecrest St.

Kristi lives with her husband and 4 dogs on Portage Lake in Dexter Township. Her hobbies include home improvement, kayaking, biking, spending time in Northern Michigan, and riding her Harley.

## Halloween Party

Join us for our Halloween Party and meet our new manager! We'll provide pumpkins for carving and painting, along with delicious fall treats (donuts, anyone?). Wear your costumes! RSVP to [office@pittsfieldvillage.com](mailto:office@pittsfieldvillage.com) or call (734) 971-0233 and let us know you'll be there.

**Thursday, October 22  
4-6pm, PV Garage**

## LANDSCAPING NEWS

### FALL CLEAN UP

The fall cleanup with Lisa, Horticulturist, and her crew, will begin approximately October 15th, weather dependent.

**\*IMPORTANT:** If you are a garden marker participant, please remove your garden marker(s) before that date if you would like the Horticulturist and her crew to perform a fall pruning and clean up on your bed areas. Please return your marker(s) to the office.

If your garden markers are NOT removed, no work will be performed in your bed areas. You will then be responsible for cleaning the garden beds yourself. When the lawn crews have completed their work on the other beds in the community where folks **have** removed their markers, the site staff will then come around and remove your markers.

If you have any questions, please email [office@pittsfieldvillage.com](mailto:office@pittsfieldvillage.com) or call (734) 971-0233.

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# Pittsfield Village Condominiums

## 3rd Annual Pooch Plunge



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# Bulletin

## PEST PROBLEMS?

Pest Control Services are provided by Eradico Services every Thursday. They will treat for ants, spiders, bees, mice, etc. Please call the Pittsfield Village office to schedule service.

## COMCAST / XFINITY

The Village has its own Xfinity representative: Terri—(734) 827-4951. Special pricing for Village residents!

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# IN THE GARDEN

By Lisa Joseph, Horticulturist

At the end of September, my mom and I spent a glorious day at ArtPrize in Grand Rapids. We had a wonderful time walking through the beautiful downtown area looking at all the art installations. One of my favorite pieces was a huge oil painting of a stunning burgundy Karma Dahlia. It was gorgeous and looked so realistic! Another favorite of mine was called "Chicken Man", a 9' tall sculpture encrusted with hens-and-chicks and other succulents made out of clay. The time and workmanship was remarkable. How blessed are those with artistic abilities. Make the trek to Grand Rapids and spend a marvelous day enjoying the incredible works of art.

## LISA'S PLANT OF THE MONTH

**VERBENA BONARIENSIS- Brazilian Vervain (3' tall by 1.5' wide)**

This plant is usually an annual in our zone, but it will self-seed in the garden, prolonging its presence for future seasons. The rose-pink to lavender flower heads wave high above the foliage, attracting bees and butterflies. I welcome the unexpected seedlings wherever they pop up as Brazilian Vervain never seems to become a garden bully. If you find that it has become somewhat too meddlesome for your taste, simply pull out unwanted seedlings as needed. To avoid an outbreak of occasional powdery mildew, allow the foliage good air circulation

Over the years, I've tried growing many different herbs in pots. Lately I only bother with the herbs that I use for cooking and for adding to my tea. My current line-up is rosemary, basil, spearmint, parsley, sage, and thyme. This year I also added a beautiful purple-leafed basil called 'Osmin Purple' to my front perennial garden. The deep mulberry foliage is stunning planted next to the yellow and green spears of Variegated Iris and the bright rose pink of 'Magellen'

Zinnia. I have let it go to flower, and the tiny blossoms attract copious amounts of beneficial insects! I'm going to try dill and cilantro next summer to entice more predator insect friends into my garden.

Try creating a habitat that will appeal to a diverse population of desirable insects and sustain them from larval stage to adulthood. Here's how:

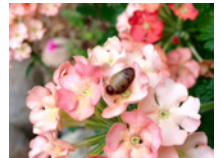
1. Have flowers in bloom from spring through fall.
2. Plants with tiny clusters of flowers, such as Queen Anne's Lace, fennel, and dill, lure a wide variety of beneficial insects.
3. Choose flowers of diverse colors and forms.
4. Tall groupings of plants provide insects with shelter from wind.



5. Culinary herbs such as thyme, dill, oregano, and cilantro are attractive to many pollinators and beneficial insects when allowed to flower.
6. You must accept a few pest insects in your garden to provide a food source for the larval stage of the beneficial insects. Remember, before you spray that insecticide on pest insects, you are likely to be killing off the beneficial insects and pollinators as well.

Adult beneficial insects need nectar and pollen in order to reproduce; larvae require

aphids and other small pests to develop into adults. If you grow lettuce, roses, petunia, or many of the other plant species that host aphids, be sure to also grow plants such as sweet alyssum, buckwheat, dill, and cilantro that will attract and provide a food source for the predator insects. Predator insects include the larvae of Syrphid Fly, Green Lace Wing and Ladybug. Syrphid flies, or Hover Flies, look like little bees that hover and dart away quickly. They don't sting! Their larvae, small maggots that come in colors of green, yellow, brown, orange, and white, feed on aphids, mealy bugs, and other small, soft-bodied pest insects. I had a brown larva on one of my Petunias last month. You can imagine how thrilled I was to find it!



It's almost time to change out tired summer planters to your autumn display. Use colors of the harvest season such as gold, purple, burgundy, and orange. Some fabulous fall planter choices are Chrysanthemums in colors of orange and wine, Heuchera 'Caramel' which has brownish-orange leaves with purple undersides, ornamental kale with plum-colored foliage, purple, yellow, and orange pansies, and ornamental grasses such as Switch Grass or light brown Carex 'Toffee Twist' for height. Add gourds and a sprinkling of pumpkins at the base of the planter to draw the eye and add interest.

Get out there and enjoy the fall weather. Give me a call if you're heading to the cider mill!



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

				<b>1</b> <b>6pm</b> Landscape Committee meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>6pm</b> M&M Committee meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Newsletter articles due	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>4-6pm</b> Pumpkin Carving Party, Meet-n-Greet the New Manager! <i>PV Garage</i> <b>6:15pm</b> Open Forum <b>6:30pm</b> Board Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>halloween</b>



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