

Meet Our Newest Board Member



Hello everyone,

While I may be your newest board member, I am a long time Village home owner. It was June '90 when I settled in along Pittsfield Blvd. At the time the Village was, and still is one of Ann Arbor's most affordable ways to home ownership. Pittsfield Village is such a lovely community with so many advantages; easy access to major roadways and AATA around us, but small and quiet with enviable walkability inside and out. As an added bonus, we live in a neighborhood that offers opportunity to be involved through special events and activities for those who like that sort of thing with no pressure for those who do not.

My two sons (Andy and Dennis) grew-up and played all over this neighborhood, attended Pittsfield, Scarlett and Huron schools and somehow survived a shared room. In fact my oldest, now 23 was a life guard at our pool for a few summers. Throughout their school years I was active with their school or sports team's parent-teacher organization. In the past I've held multiple board positions and

organized many an event; including a couple ice cream socials at Pittsfield school. For nearly 28-years, my "day job" has been with the University of Michigan Health System where I am a financial coordinator with the Transplant Center. The drive, experience and skills I've acquired over the years to work hard, try to always do right thing and help out along the way, are what I will bring to the table this term as your board member at large.

At our recent annual meeting (where I unexpectedly volunteered for this job,) a gentleman asked about traffic issues along Pittsfield. To do something about that question and hopefully answer it...is one goal I have for my term. If you have other concerns or ideas: the board would like to hear from you. My Village contact information is cindy.samoray@pittsfieldvillage.com. For now, I simply wanted to introduce myself to you, say hello, and to encourage everyone to enjoy your time in our Village.

See you around!

Cindy Samoray

SUMMER POOL HELP WANTED

The pool is open for your summertime enjoyment but we are still in need of Lifeguards and/or Pool Attendants. Perfect for seniors, teachers, college students or anyone that would like to work a flexible schedule. If you are 18+ and would like to pick up some extra cash for the summer, please see Terri at the office for an application.

Annual Community Yard Sale on June 6

Clean house and earn money at the Annual Pittsfield Village Community-Wide Yard Sale! Taking place throughout the community on Saturday, June 6 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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COMING TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



Hollis Produce Stands

Providing a variety of locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables to the Ann Arbor community. Featuring sweet corn, honey rocks and watermelons

Two accessible locations

The intersection of Packard and Stadium in the Circle K parking lot.
The intersection of Washtenaw and Pittsfield across from Arborland Mall.
Opening July 15, closing September 15.

Stand Hours

Sunday thru Friday, 10:00am to 6:00pm. Closed Saturday

KILLING WEEDS, THE NATURAL WAY

Submitted by Lizzy Hurwitz, Landscape Committee Chair

Now that the flowers are popping up in our gardens, we are beginning to see the weeds popping up too! But before you reach for that Roundup, consider one of many all-natural approaches:

Pull the weeds by hand. This is the most obvious solution, but also the most time-consuming and labor intensive. For weeds that are tougher to pull, water the area first or wait until after a rainstorm when the ground is softer. Use a shovel, screwdriver, or garden weeder tool to loosen the roots before pulling.

Pour boiling water on them. Boil a pot of water (or use the leftover water from a kettle of water for tea or a pot of water for pasta or potatoes!) and pour the scalding hot water directly on the weeds. They will shrivel up within a few days.

Spray them with a combination of vinegar, salt, and dish soap. Combine 1/2 gallon white vinegar, 1/2 cup household salt, and 2 tablespoons blue Dawn dish soap in a spray bottle. Stir until the salt and dish soap

have dissolved completely. Spray the weeds on a dry, sunny day (any rain will wash the solution off of the weeds).

Salt. If you have any rock salt leftover from the winter (table salt will work too) you can sprinkle it on weeds. This is especially effective along the edges of your gardens to keep grass or other weeds from creeping in. Be careful how you use it though, because excessive amounts can leave the ground on which it's applied unusable for a long time afterwards!

Mulch. Laying mulch in your garden will help prevent weeds from growing in the first place, so you will have fewer weeds to deal with! It's even more effective if you lay garden fabric or newspaper down first and then cover it with mulch.

Please remember, although these methods are effective in killing your weeds, they will also kill your flowers and desirable plants too, if you're not careful!

Happy Gardening!



IT'S COOL TO FOLLOW THE RULES

POOL RULES AND REGULATIONS

ADMITTANCE

1. The pool will be open from 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM daily (weather permitting) unless otherwise indicated.
2. Use of the pool after hours will be considered trespassing and the police may be called without warning.
3. A pool attendant will always remain on duty and in charge of the pool area during open hours.
4. The pool area may be closed at the discretion of the pool 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.
5. If pool closes due to inclement weather, and weather remains unsuitable at 6:00 PM, pool will remain closed the rest of the day.
6. 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.
7. **NEW THIS YEAR: All residents and guests under the age of fourteen (14) must be accompanied by a responsible person**

while in the pool. The pool attendant on duty shall have discretion to determine on a case by case basis who constitutes a responsible person.

8. One pool pass 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.

POOL ATTENDANT

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



Pittsfield Village
Communications
Committee

Bulletin

FOR SALE:

ELLIPTICAL EXERCISE MACHINE

Contact mawl2006@comcast.net if you are interested.

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!

Moving? Call Terri for a quick and easy transfer! Get more for your entertainment \$\$\$! Call Terri for a quick review of your current service provider!

Peace of mind and control is what the XHS Home Security from Comcast provides. You set the rules so you can know what's happening at home when you are away.

Terri—Your dedicated Xfinity representative. Call today: (734) 827-4951.

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!

IN THE GARDEN

By Lisa Joseph, Horticulturist

It's mid May as I start to write this article, and the Lilacs are in full bloom. There is a row of large specimens planted next to my kitchen window and their heady fragrance wafts into my open windows on every breeze and stops me in my tracks.

One warm Saturday while out riding my bike, I stopped to sit in a little public garden. I was welcomed by multitudes of chattering busy birds starting their nesting rituals. It made me think about creating a garden to entice our bird friends. Birds are attracted to areas with a variety of plants for cover, including evergreens for winter protection. Lure them in by offering feeders and supplying a bird bath. Be sure that they are safe from lurking predators, especially sneaky outdoor felines.

Your bird bath should be a shallow basin with water no more than 3 inches deep. One with graduated depths is best. Set the bath on a pedestal or another stable support off the ground. Keep the bath clean with a solution of water and white vinegar and scrub with a brush. Site it near your hose so you can easily add fresh water every day.

There are a variety of feeders available. Platform and hopper type feeders are more susceptible to contamination because the birds get right into the feeder and often defecate on the seed. These types of feeders need to be cleaned often. Replace seed daily, putting out just as much food as they'll eat in a day.

Bird houses and nest houses also attract birds to your yard. Beware that some plastic and ceramic houses with metal roofs will heat up considerably in the summer sun and kill the baby birds. An ideal house is made of wood just like the cavities found in nature where they'd normally nest. Research the height and dimensions that each bird species prefers.

Birds can be tempted into your garden by your plants also if they offer a food source. Some perennial seeds that birds enjoy are Aster, Black-Eyed Susan, Purple Coneflower, and Sunflower. Shrubs not only offer shelter, but many provide berries for birds to eat as well. Some examples are Bayberry, Dogwood, Elderberry, Viburnum, and Inkberry.

LISA'S PLANT OF THE MONTH

Lavandula X Intermedia 'Phenomenal'
— Lavender

Finally, a Lavender has been developed that tolerates heat and humidity and is hardy enough to tough out even the harshest winters. The bright bluish purple blooms and silvery gray foliage are highly fragrant. This beauty grows to about 36" tall and wide and begins blooming in early summer, much sooner than other varieties. Lavender is one of my favorite scents, but the fussy plants of old were just too high maintenance. I used to grow it in a pot for the summer and then add it to the compost pile in the fall. Yet, this fabulous new variety with its many attributes coaxed me into planting it in my perennial

garden last June. 'Phenomenal' Lavender has not disappointed me.

I was asked to write about how to divide a perennial plant that isn't performing as well as it once did.

The proper procedure for dividing perennials:

Dig up the entire clump. Split the crown into 3 or 4 pieces using a spade or large knife. Each new clump should contain part of the crown with several buds and a good number of roots. Replant to the correct depth. Water your new plants well at planting and add mulch to help retain moisture and deter weeds.

I cut a few of my double-flowering Daffodils to put in a vase on my nightstand. This type of Daffodil blooms in mid May and the scent is intoxicating. The variety growing in my garden is called 'Sir Winston Churchill'. I love to have a bouquet of flowers in the bedroom and breathe in their wonderful perfume as I drift off to sleep.

I am so looking forward to the weeks of planting my lovely annuals. The task, though it is time-consuming and hectic, is one that I love dearly. There are always new varieties of plants from which to choose and so many possible combinations! I usually go through withdrawal at the end, ever wanting more!

Now that the trees and shrubs have leafed out, the color palette outdoors is once again gorgeous shades of green. And so it begins.

Get out and play!



	1	2 6pm M&M Committee meeting	3	4 6pm Landscape Committee meeting	5	6 9am to 3:30pm Annual Yard Sale
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 6pm Finance Committee meeting	17	18	19 Newsletter articles due	20
21	22	23	24	25 6:15pm Open Forum 6:30pm Board Meeting	26	27
28	29	30	 June 2015 <i>All meetings to be held in Pittsfield Village Community Room unless otherwise noted.</i>			

Looking Forward

July 3

Office Closed

Mark your calendar!

Saturday, July 25, 2015

The Annual Community Picnic and Pool Party

Details to Follow