

September 2019



Pooch Plunge

Saturday, September 21

4 pm to 6 pm



**Who let the dogs
out?**

YOU we hope!

**Bring your dog (s) to
the pool for their
chance to jump, frolic
and splash.**

**We'll have treats and
toys for all!**

See you on the 21st!

CRAFT NIGHT

Everyone welcome!

Come by the community building on **Monday,
September 23rd**, anywhere between 6-8pm and
get crafty with us!

Make what you want night! Show us how creative
you can be! Fall décor, Halloween, winter or
Christmas, ornaments, jewelry, you name it!



On a serious note, let's talk parking etiquette

Each Village resident is expected to park directly in front of his or her unit as much as possible. This should allow each resident regular, convenient parking access. If a resident parks a second or third vehicle, he or she should park these additional vehicles farther away from the building, in a space that is not directly in front of another resident's unit.

Let's help make life easier for our neighbors and ourselves, by observing this simple parking etiquette in Pittsfield Village.

7 Steps to Take after a Security Breach

Going about your daily routine, you get an e-mail the reads “Your data may have been compromised in a data breach”.

Now what?

1. Confirm your data is in the breach records.

If it's a small breach, you may get an email or text telling you your information has been affected. If it's a major breach you may hear about it on the news. Once companies know there's been a breach and it's been confirmed the are supposed to let the consumer know, by law, that the data has been breached. If you have identity theft protection you can get immediate help confirming your data is in the breach and determine how to move forward.

2. Find out what information was stolen.

Once you've confirmed your data has been compromised, you need to know exactly what was stolen because some data requires more action than others, here's how to tell:

Your Information – Level of Sensitivity

Low	Medium	High
Name	E-mail	Soc. Sec. #
Street Address	Date of birth	Driver's Lic.
Phone #		Passport #
		Passwords
		Health data
		Bank acct.
		Credit cards
		Biometrics

Think of the actions you need to take as a decision map. For example, information with a low level of sensitivity requires no further action because it's already public information but information with a high level of sensitivity requires immediate action because it's theft can lead to serious consequences.

3. Change all affected passwords.

Even if your passwords weren't affected in the security breach, it's worthwhile to update them anyway, especially if you've had information with the medium to high level of sensitivity exposure. Use this opportunity to make your password the strongest possible and make sure it's unrelated to the affected password. Instead of including personal information in your password consider using a mix of letters, numbers, and symbols with an uncommon phrase. Once you've changed your password, don't use it for everything. If you do, you may have to change all your passwords again with the next security breach.

4. Contact relevant financial institutions.

If your bank account or credit card information was compromised in a security breach, the next step is to cancel the affected cards and get new ones. Monitor your statements to see whether suspicious charges are being made to your account. If they are, work with your bank or company to dispute them. If you have identity protection the experts there can help you with fraud resolution process and tell you exactly which steps need to be taken.

5. Sign up for credit monitoring and alerts.

If you've confirmed your data is part of a security breach, the time to sign up for credit monitoring and alerts is now. Also, you can get free credit reports and fraud resolution. So, if a breach happens again or your digital identity is affected you have protection and Peace of Mind.

6. Consider the breached company's offer to help.

Often, affected companies offered to assist victims of the security breach whether that's providing the steps to take based on what information was exposed, or suggesting outside resources like *IdentityTheft.gov* for added recovery steps. Sometimes they may offer financial restitution or services like credit monitoring and identity theft protection. Make sure you read the fine print and understand the terms and conditions.

7. Take additional action if your Social Security or passport numbers are stolen.

For a stolen Social Security number: Contact your local law enforcement. File a formal identify theft report at *IdentityTheft.gov* . Place a freeze on your credit. File your taxes early

For a stolen passport number contact the Department of State at *state.gov*.

To your best financial health,

Brenda Webster



IN THE GARDEN

By Lisa Joseph, Community Horticulturist

IT’S SEPTEMBER. LET’S TALK SPRING-BLOOMING BULBS!

Try to get your bulbs this month for the best selection.

Do you love the vibrant colors and the heady scent of blooming Hyacinths in mid-April? The rainbow of available colors is awe-inspiring - pink, purple, yellow, peach, blue, and magenta! The first year, the blooms are the most spectacular. The display diminishes after year two. I suggest replacing Hyacinth bulbs every two years for the best results. The cost isn’t much, and the big colorful robust blossoms from first year bulbs are worth the price!



INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO POT UP TULIP BULBS TO FORCE?

I love to have the delightful fragrance of potted-up tulips in bloom on the windowsill wafting through the room while outside the snow falls.

HERE’S HOW:

Start this project in mid-October. Choose a clay pot that is squatty, wide and fairly heavy so that the pot of top-heavy tulips doesn’t fall over. Be sure to use a pot with



a hole in the bottom for drainage. I place a piece of screen over the hole to hold in the potting soil, but a piece of broken pottery works well also. Fill the pot halfway with well-draining potting mix. On the surface of the potting soil, arrange the tulip bulbs, point side up and shoulder to shoulder with the flat side of the bulbs facing the outside of the pot. Add more soil to cover the bulbs. The goal is to leave an inch between the top of the soil once gently tamped down and the rim of the pot to allow for watering.

Soak the finished pot in a sink or dishpan filled with water. Immerse the pot within an inch of the top of the pot. Let it sit for five minutes or so until the soil feels moist. If your pot is too big and heavy to lift into the sink, gently water from the top but take care not to disturb your bulb arrangement. The bulbs not yet rooted in are easily displaced.



CHILLING-

Tulips insist on 12 weeks of darkness and a cold temperature of 35-45 degrees while their roots grow. My Michigan basement is a perfect spot for this step. If you chill in the refrigerator, keep apples and pears out! Ripening fruit gives off ethylene gas, which can sterilize the bulbs. Cover the pot with newspaper to keep the bulbs in darkness.

Check soil weekly for moistness. Water from the top as needed when the soil feels dry to the touch. Soil should not be saturated, however, to avoid root rot.

ABOUT 14 WEEKS LATER...

Transfer the bulb pot to a window with filtered sunlight. Try to keep the temperature on the cool side. My thermostat remains at 65 degrees in the winter. Once the small sprouts grow taller and green up, place the pots in a sunnier window. Flowers will emerge in about four weeks!

THE BEST TULIP BULBS FOR FORCING ARE SINGLE EARLY AND TRIUMPH TULIPS.

Some of my favorites:

‘Brown Sugar’ - rusty red and coppery bronze; sweetly fragrant.

‘Apricot Beauty’ - soft salmon-rose and peach color; very fragrant.

‘Christmas Dream’ - fuchsia pink outer with rose interior; fragrant.

‘Purple Prince’ - beet-root purple; fragrant.

‘Prinses Irene’ - outstanding coloration of orange with purple flames; fragrant.

‘Sunny Prince’ - sunshiny happy yellow; fragrant.

Feeling Energetic? Garden Chores for September:

1. Order Bulbs Early.

I like to print out a copy of my order form and write notes about each bulb’s height, color, bloom time, and location for planting. I also note new bulb combinations that I want to try out.

2. Plant Chrysanthemums.

Garden mums aren’t always hardy to our area, so I use them as fall annuals. I figure, “Why not splurge on a few?”

When planted in the ground, they do wonders for the September-to-frost fall border. I leave a few in pots and tuck them in around straw bales and corn stalks for a lovely autumn porch display.

3. Divide These Perennials.

Iris- Divide and reset crowded clumps, but remember to keep rhizome tops exposed. I have the instructions for this task. Please contact the office or pvmastergardener.com to ask for a copy!

Peony- Divide and transplant any older peonies that aren’t producing many blooms anymore. Also plant any new peony tubers that you purchase this month. They need full sun, good drainage, and remember to add only two to three inches of soil over the crowns/eyes.

4. Stop Fertilizing Roses.

Keep deadheading but don’t feed your roses. Fertilizer will push new growth, but roses need to harden off for winter dormancy.

See you outside!

ANN ARBOR PARKS AND REC

Fall-Winter Registration Opens Monday

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The best local produce right here in Ann Arbor

Shop local at the Ann Arbor Farmers Market Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Sweet corn and peaches are here, along with tomatoes, cucumbers and summer veggies. For more details on our website. 315 Detroit St.

A Beautiful Weekend in the Parks

The weather forecast looks amazing. Make plans to swim at Buhr, Fuller or Veterans Memorial Pools, play 9 or 18 at Huron Hills or Leslie Park or consider renting a canoe/kayak/tube from Argo or Gallup Canoe Liveries. You'll find details online about locations, rates and more. We hope to see you out and about.

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Love a Park Day Needs Your Help

Love a Park Day, Sunday, Sept. 18, 1-3 p.m. Join us at Veterans Memorial Park to get our hands dirty and show some love and care to this popular park! We will be cleaning up litter and debris and hand pulling weeds in the garden beds. All tools, gloves, and water are provided. We will meet in the parking lot by the pool entrance. Bring a water bottle and sun protection. For more information, contact GIVE365 at volunteer@a2gov.org or 734.794.6445.

We're hiring

We have a variety of jobs posted in the Ann Arbor parks including ice skating instructor, Zamboni driver, canoe livery attendant, recreation facility staff and more! To view the entire list of jobs visit our website and apply online today - it's that easy!

Volunteers Needed for Special Event

The Ann Arbor Farmers Market is turning 100 years old! To celebrate, we are hosting a farm-to-table dinner at the market on Friday, Sept. 20, 6-8 p.m., to highlight our vendors and local food. We are seeking volunteers to help out on the day of our fabulous feast. There are several ways to be involved: set-up, take-down, registration and serving food.

Easy Indoor Plant Care and Propagation

Join this hands-on class lead by Michigan State University Extension Master Gardener trainee Cory Buckwalter, to learn about the health benefits of growing indoor plants, how to care for them and propagate your own new plant to take home. Sample potted plants will be available to study. Open to adults 55+. Free. Ten participant limit. Registration required. Call 734.794.6250 to reserve a spot. Starting Friday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

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I'm located right here in Pittsfield Village!

Have peace of mind while you're away with quality care and affordable rates for your furry family member!

I provide daily dog walking for people who have long, busy, work hours, new puppies who need potty breaks and socialization, or for those that want their dog to have a fun break in their day!

I also provide house visits for dogs, cats, and small animals for those gone on vacations and business trips. Boarding is also available for pups in my home for 24/7 care!

Email to book your free meet and greet with me and to receive more information. irenehayes03@yahoo.com

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RECOMMENDATION:

Dalton Environmental Cleaning for Air Duct Cleaning.

1-877-325-8667

"Good company we used"
(3430 Edgewood)



September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED	3	4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING 6:15 pm (August)	5 M & M Committee 6:00 pm Open Forum / 6:15 pm	6	7
8	9	10 Landscape Committee 6:00 pm Open / 6:15 pm Meeting	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23  CRAFT NIGHT	24	25 Sept Board Meeting—6:15 pm OPEN FO- RUM / 6:30 pm	26	27	28
29	30	 NEXT MONTH:			October: Halloween Party & Pumpkin Carving Saturday, October 26, 2019	

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2019-2020

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