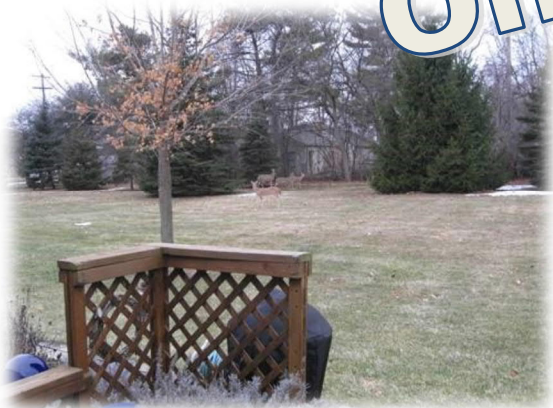




Oh, Deer!



Budget

If you haven't already, you will be receiving the FY 2020-2021 budget mailing via USPS. Please keep a look out for the mailing. This mailing includes important information regarding monthly association fees. The 2020-2021 fiscal year begins on May 1, 2020. If you have any questions regarding the budget, please feel free to contact the Village office, or attend a monthly Board meeting. The Board meets monthly on the last Wednesday of the month at the Community Building. Co-owner open forum begins at 6:15pm.



4th Annual
Chili Cook-Off
Winner: John
Sprentall!



Another close race! A very delicious afternoon! Thank you to all who attended the event!

IN THE GARDEN

By Lisa Joseph, Community Horticulturist

While I write this, my heart is heavy. I had to say goodbye to my beloved dog, Louie. We had been constant companions for 14 years. I still hear his nails clicking on the floor, his gentle snoring as he sleeps by my bed. I expect to see him there when I turn around. The grief is crushing. A piece of me is not there anymore, and I find turning the page and beginning a new chapter to be very overwhelming.

Concentrating on plants and planning for the upcoming season takes me out of my head, and helps me to cope.

So here we go...

Lisa's Awesome Plant Recommendations

HIBISCUS 'SUMMERIFIC CANDY CRUSH'— Mature size 4.5' tall and wide

HARDY HIBISCUS from the Summerific Series

BLOOM TIME: Long-blooming from mid to late summer.

An upright perennial with 8" blossoms that are dark pink with a maroon eye against bright green glossy foliage.

This thriller performs best in full to part sun (at least 4 hours per day). It is deer-resistant and attracts pollinators.



There are other varieties with different flower colors available in the Summerific Collection.

COMBINE WITH: Leucanthemum 'Banana Cream' or 'Alaska' (Shasta Daisy), Echinacea 'Sombrero Lemon Yellow' or 'Delicious Candy' (Coneflower), Coreopsis 'Moonbeam', Perovskia 'Blue Jean Baby' or 'Denim 'n Lace' (Russian Sage), Achillea 'Firefly Amethyst' or 'Apricot Delight' (Yarrow), Campanula 'Blue Waterfalls' (Bellflower), Phlox p. 'Bright Eyes' or 'Grape Lollipop' (Garden Phlox), or Monarda 'Cherry Pops' (Bee Balm).

MONARDA 'CHERRY POPS' AND 'ROCKIN' RASPBERRY' - Mature

size for both is 24" tall and wide

BEE BALM from the Sugar Buzz Series

BLOOM TIME: Long-blooming from mid to late summer.

The Sugar Buzz series is from the Walter's Gardens hybridizing program. The midsize mature height makes them perfect for the middle or front of the border.

The pointy blooms are vivid cherry red or deep raspberry purple. The well-branched stems are strong, and the dark green foliage is highly resistant to powdery mildew.

Bee Balm is native to North America. The sweet nectar attracts hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees, and the minty foliage resists deer browsing.



There are many other flower colors available in the Sugar Buzz Series.

COMBINE WITH: Leucanthemum 'Daisy May' (Shasta Daisy), Echinacea 'PowWow Wildberry' (Coneflower), Coreopsis 'Moonbeam', Dianthus 'Paint the Town Fancy' (Pinks), Veronica 'White Wands' (Spike Speedwell), Perovskia 'Blue Jean Baby' (Russian Sage), Achillea 'Firefly Sunshine' (Yarrow), Phlox p. 'Bright Eyes' or 'David' (Garden Phlox).

SHADY BED? I'VE GOT THIS- PULMONARIA 'MRS. MOON'

Mature size 12 x 24"

LUNGWORT or BETHLEHEM SAGE

BLOOM TIME: Late spring.

Springtime brings brilliant magenta-pink bell-shaped blooms that fade to blue. But the show isn't over after the flowering period is complete. The fuzzy leaves are spotted with silver, extending the interest all season long.

Pulmonaria prefers part to full shade and organic soil that is consistently moist but not wet. If this plant is continually stressed, it will be more prone to powdery mildew issues. Pulmonaria, with its hairy foliage, is resistant to deer and rabbits.

COMBINE WITH: Astilbe 'Deutschland', 'Peach Blossom', 'Amethyst', or 'Pumila', Hosta 'Halcyon', 'Krossa Regal', or 'Patriot', Brunnera 'Jack Frost' (Siberian Bugloss), or ferns (AVOID Ostrich Fern).



SPRING IS A GOOD TIME FOR DIVIDING PERENNIALS!

Check Out These Easy Instructions:

- Dig up the entire clump.
- Split the Crown into 3-4 pieces using a spade or a large knife.
- Each new clump should contain part of the crown with several buds and a good number of roots.
- Replant one of the clumps back into the hole to the correct depth.
- Water well and be sure to apply mulch.
- Note: You may end up with extra clumps to give as gifts!
- FOR PEONIES- the eyes or buds should be only 2" deep to ensure the best blooming.

LISA'S TRIED AND TRUE ANNUALS:

Coming up in the April issue!

I'VE HEARD THAT SPRING WILL BE EARLY THIS YEAR!

I'll see you out there soon.

Meet Toulouse!

Hi! My name is Toulouse, and I'm looking for a new home. I'm a male, and I recently turned eight years old.

I'm afraid of dogs, so please no doggie siblings; I grew up with other cats, so I won't mind having some friendly kitties to keep me company, but being an only "child" wouldn't be so bad either....more attention for me! I have a very playful side. I love to chase and play with feathers. I would also be very content with sleeping on your bed all day!

I haven't had much experience with kids, but I would learn to love them if they are gentle and give me some time to get to know them.

The outdoors is not for me. I'm very happy being safe inside; I enjoy sitting by windows and watching the wildlife.

If you think I'm a great fit for you and your family and are interested in giving me a home please email Irene at irenehayes03@yahoo.com.

I'm looking forward to meeting you!



Paws & Tails Pet Care

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.

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Mulch Pre-Emergent Garden Markers

MULCH / PRE-EMERGENT forms will be mailed in early March. Forms must be returned by the deadline if you are opting out of pre-emergent & mulch, or participating in the Garden Marker program.

- NO PRE-EMERGENT SPRAY and/or
- NO ADDITIONAL MULCH

Also, look for the **Garden Marker Program** registration.

GREEN STICKS THIS YEAR!

Please note: *if you opt for NO SPRAY, then you must use garden markers and weed your own garden.* The crews will not maintain your garden beds if you opted out of spray.

Each program has a deadline—so get your forms filled out and turned in as soon as you can!

Kid's Coloring Corner



Maintenance Tip of the Month

Sunday March 8th is the perfect time to change your smoke detector batteries while setting your clocks forward for daylight savings time.



A good rule of thumb is to change the batteries twice a year and replace the detector every 10 years.

A properly working smoke alarm is cheap insurance, and they save lives!

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Important Upcoming Dates

MAY — Annual Meeting—May 13 (Notice in April)

MAY — Flower Giveaway—Date TBA

MAY — Pool Opening—Memorial Day weekend

JULY — Pool Party— July 25

COMMITTEES

Maintenance & Modification: Lisa Lemble, Chair

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MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 M & M Meeting CANCELED	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time! "SPRING FORWARD"	9	10 Landscape Committee Mtg @ 6:00pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 6:15pm open forum; 6:30pm: BOARD MEETING	26	27	28
29	30	31				