

Resident Rules – Repackaged!

A refreshed version of Pittsfield Village's resident rules was adopted by Board members at their September meeting. The last review was over 10 years ago, so it was definitely time for another look and a refresh of the presentation.

The updated version, completed in July 2021, consists of the same set of rules we had before, with edits to some text and a re-ordering of the topics and items. It includes the resident rules adopted or modified by the Board since the last update (see the sidebar). Any new rules take effect 30 calendar days after issue of the updated version.

Each co-owner needs to have their own copy of the current set of resident rules, and the Association needs to document that each resident received it. To accomplish this, we will be sending the updated version of the rules electronically to all co-owners for whom we have email addresses. For co-owners who need or prefer a thumb drive, we'll have them available at the office for pick-up. A printed copy can be obtained at the office by calling ahead to let the staff know. We encourage co-owners to choose electronic delivery: for reasons of ecology and cost, we may need to limit the number of printed copies. All copies, on thumb drive or paper, that are picked up in person will require signature, to document the co-owner's receipt. We'll work with off-site co-owners as needed to ensure delivery.

So...what's new or different?

Rules on the topics below are new or revised.

Note: only the topics and their location in the document are listed here; see the Resident Rules for the full text.

Fire pits – Section 2.12.e

Projectile fireworks – Section 2.12.i

Exterior outlets for outdoor use – Section 2.2.c

Raised beds – Section 2.3.f

Do Not Plant list – Section 2.3.d

Mulch color – Section 2.3.h

Bird feeders – Section 2.12.c

Garden Marker Program – Section 2.3.e

Smoke alarms – Section 3.1.d



Another amazing Pooch Plunge! Over a dozen dogs swimming, jumping and running. Kat got great treats for the dogs as usual. Such fun.

"Yum" says Madonna, Sophia and Bebe.

Thank you everyone for a ton of fun. We hope you and your pooch enjoyed it. See you next year!

Barb De Longchamp



Meet Kristan LaFleur Horticulturist

My name is Kristan LaFleur, a new addition to the landscape crew. I will be here to help with questions and any consults requested by those who would like a little extra help with their landscape.



I officially became a Horticulturist back in 2005, graduating from Michigan State University, but have been involved with plants, insects, and landscaping since I can remember.

After college, I worked for Four Star Greenhouse as a trial grower, a landscaper for a housing establishment in Lansing, a Horticulturist for Fairlane Grounds in Dearborn and as a supervisor for a landscape company in Novi.

Currently, I am working in Ann Arbor on a private estate and for Pittsfield Village as a helping hand.

I look forward to speaking with everyone and lending any extra insight I can. Kristan LaFleur

Putting the Village Meadows to Bed

The two small village meadows have had an outstanding first year. Meadows are slow growing and don't come into their own for 3 to 4 years. Volunteers planted native seeds last Fall. In the Spring we planted some flowering annuals to tie us over until the natives are established. We then planted some more natives by seed in late Spring because we had some unexpected weather difficulties and were unsure of whether they were going to be OK. We were delighted with the result; we had Black-eyed Susan's, Coreopsis, asters and native grasses to name a few of the natives. We can see that there are many native plants that are becoming established.

We also of course had some non-native plants that we needed to remove or cut down in order to give the natives a chance. We had some small work parties and volunteers were able to get the work done in a way that helped us get to know our neighbors while staying safe and helping the meadow to flourish.

A few of us wrote a grant and Pittsfield Village was able to win a Washtenaw County Conservation Grant Award, which means we will have a lot more native plant plugs to add diversity and really establish the meadows and we have the use of Dave Mindell of Plantwise as a consultant. When Dave came out to view the meadows, he gave them a five-star review for a first-year meadow. He will be helping us to select the best plants to grow beautiful resilient meadows that will support pollinators and butterflies and will be a pleasant place us to rest our eyes and for the children to experience nature.

We will be needing people in the Spring when we get the native plugs to plant them and we will need people to help a couple of times during the summer and fall to keep down the plants we don't want. We hope that even more neighbors will join us then. We are well on our way and in a year we hope to be even more established and have a path running through the meadows so we can enjoy them even more.



Paws & Tails Pet Care

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.

Email to book your free meet and greet with me and to receive more information.

Contact information:

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Homebody Practice:

Mindful movement, inspired by yogic traditions.

Community classes select Wednesdays on Zoom:

Wednesday Unwind: 8:30pm - 30 min

There are no prerequisites, no rules, and no expectations. I offer variations for poses and I design the sequence with beginners in mind.

All my classes are streamed live from my living room, right here in the Pittsfield Community.

For monthly schedule or to sign up:

Website: bit.ly/homebodypractice

email: brittanywidin@gmail.com

For Our Snow Birds

If you are going to be away for an extended period during the winter season around the corner, you will find that you have a bit more prepping and planning to do before you depart. We caution you that you will be responsible for all damages which **may occur as a result of failure to maintain heat and electricity at the unit.**

Use this checklist of winterization steps to secure your home before you leave

- Keep heat set above 60 degrees (or at temperature outlined in Bylaws as applicable) and open cabinets containing pipes to allow heat to enter.
- Do not shut off basic utilities (electric, heat or water).
- Secure all windows and locks.
- Provide a neighbor with a key and notify Management (office@pittsfieldvillage.com) who has it.
- Email management (office@pittsfieldvillage.com) with emergency contact info so that we can contact you or your designated emergency contact in an emergency situation.
- Ask a friend, neighbor or family member to inspect the interior of your unit periodically for any signs of a problem if you are not routinely available to perform these inspections yourself.
- Stop deliveries and forward mail so that it is not obvious that the unit is vacant.

Pittsfield Village has two committees that work in conjunction with the Board—Maintenance & Modification Committee + the Landscape Committee.

The M & M Committee reviews resident modification requests and crafts specifications for the community.

In addition to overseeing all the green spaces, the Landscape Committee reviews all landscape related resident requests. The Landscape Committee also supervises the Garden Marker Program. Both committees regularly tour the Village to identify needed improvements in their respective areas.

The M & M Committee meets monthly on the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm.

The Landscape Committee meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm. Meetings typically run 90 minutes.

For more information, OR TO JOIN! please contact us at office@pittsfieldvillage.com.

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Committees are structured to organize and concentrate the efforts of the Board of Directors (BOD) to more effectively and efficiently meet the needs and goals of Pittsfield Village. The committees are responsible to review modification requests, assess needs and make recommendations to the entire Board of Directors regarding operations and budget decisions.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP POLICY

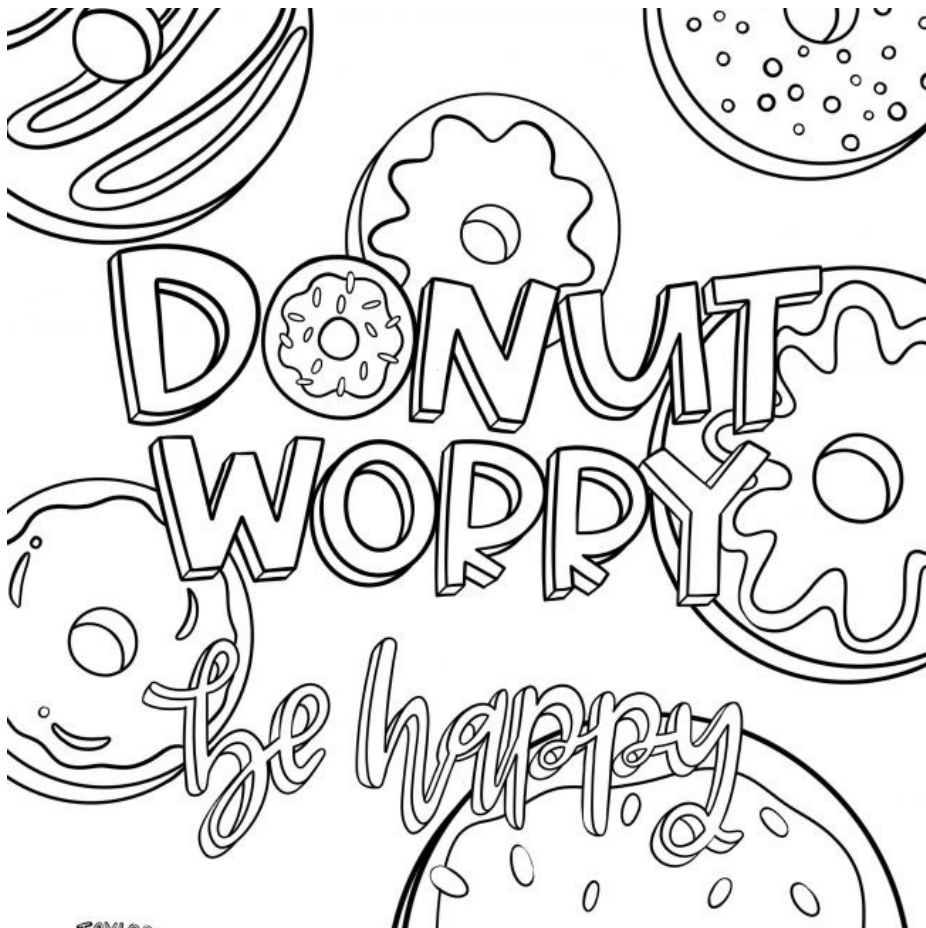
Joining a Committee—Any co-owner in the Village that would like to join a committee must initially attend a meeting and express their desire to join the committee. To become a voting member of the committee, the co-owner must attend three (3) consecutive meetings. At the fourth meeting the co-owner automatically become a voting member of the committee.

Taking a Leave of Absence for a Committee

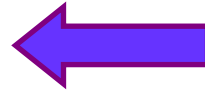
If a co-owner has been a voting member of a committee for at least 12 months and wishes to become an inactive member for a period, not to exceed 12 months, he or she must provide the committee with a written request for a leave of absence. When the co-owner wishes to return to the committee, they must attend one (1) meeting to once again become a voting member. Additionally, if a voting member misses three meetings in a row, unexcused, the members loses voting privileges, and must attend three consecutive meetings to regain voting privileges.

COMMITTEE CHAIR APPOINTMENT

Chairs of each committee shall be designated by voting members of the committee a minimum of every two (2) years. This appointment should take place at the first meeting of the calendar year. Committee chair must be a voting committee member for a minimum of three (3) months to hold committee chair position.



Coloring Corner



You'll
NEVER
find a
RAINBOW
if you're
looking
down.



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PEST CONTROL

JC Ehrlich services the community every Thursday. If you have pest control needs & would like to place a work order, contact the Village office at **734-971-0233** or email **office@pittsfieldvillage.com**.

Please call by Wednesday to be on the schedule for that week.

M & M: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/572845933>

Landscape: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/679425645>

BOD : NEXT BOARD MEETING IS DECEMBER 8TH

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 M&M Committee Meeting 6:00pm	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Savings Fall Back - change clocks	8	9 Landscape Committee Meeting 6:00 pm	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
28	29	30				