

MARCH 2021



# Budget



The Board of Directors is finalizing the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget. Please keep a look-out for payment coupon booklet coming to you soon (unless you are on automatic payment). *It will not be in a Pittsfield-logo envelope.* You will also be receiving a memo from the Board along with a fee sheet. The full budget will be mailed to you in April with Annual Meeting documents.

The 2021-2022 fiscal year begins on May 1, 2021. If you have any questions regarding the budget, contact the Village office, or you may attend a virtual Board meeting.

## Save the date!

**Pittsfield Village Virtual Annual Meeting  
via GoTo Webinar  
Monday, May 3, 2021  
7:00 pm**

**Further details will be emailed to you in  
coming weeks**

## Mulch Pre-Emergent Garden Markers

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

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

**ORANGE 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 is optional but has a deadline—so get your forms filled out and turned in as soon as you can! Want us to take care of the beds? - do nothing.

## IN THE GARDEN

By Lisa Joseph, Community Horticulturist

Over the land freckled with snow half-thawed  
The speculating rooks at their nests cawed  
And saw from elm-tops, delicate as flowers of grass,  
What we below could not see, Winter pass.

Edward Thomas, "Thaw"

Welcome March! March 20th is the FIRST DAY OF SPRING!

Got shade? Have I got good news for you!

2021 Hosta of the Year is 'Rainbow's End'

'Rainbow's End' is a beauty with glossy yellow variegated foliage. Each leaf has a different variegation pattern. The bright yellow fades to creamy white when the summer heats up. In late summer, red scapes arise, holding dark purple flowers above the foliage. These tubular flowers attract hummingbirds. Mature size for this Hosta is 12 inches tall (flowers rise to 20 inches) and 24 inches wide.

Combine 'Rainbow's End' with purple-leaf Coral Bells, Campanula 'Blue Waterfalls', Japanese Painted Fern, Lady Fern, Japanese Forest Grass, Impatiens, or Bush Violet (Browallia).



A SUPER PERFORMER FOR YOUR ARBOR OR TRELLIS:

Clematis viticella 'Betty Corning' 12' tall by 3-4' wide

This prolific and hardy clematis blooms early summer to late fall. It is named for the horticulturist who discovered it in 1932. The new spring foliage emerges a tinted bronze. The bountiful lavender blue flowers have a delicate sweet scent and nod like little bells.

Care: water regularly during the first growing season to establish a deep and extensive root system. Feed with a general purpose fertilizer. Clematis prefer that their roots are shaded and cool while their tops are basking in the sun.

Clematis prune category 3: these vines flower on new growth, so we prune last years growth down to the lowest pair of live buds, about a foot up from the ground. For a spectacular combination, try 'Betty Corning' paired with a purple-leaved shrub like Sambucus Black Lace.

This stately perennial may be too large for smaller garden beds, but I plan to add it to the Roundabout Bed this season!

RUDBECKIA SUBTOMENTOSA 'HENRY EILERS'- Sweet Coneflower



'Henry Eilers' is a statuesque presence in the garden, growing to a height of 4 feet on strong and sturdy stems.

This gem has flower petals that are rolled, giving the impression of a burst of big buttery yellow

asterisks! 'Henry Eilers' blooms in abundance in late summer. It is attractive to pollinators and is deer resistant.

I've read that the leaves have a vanilla anise scent as well!

Pairs well with: ornamental grasses such as 'Karl Foerster' Feather Reed Grass or Miscanthus 'Purpurascens' (Flame Grass), Aster 'Bluebird', Sedum 'Autumn Fire' or 'Thunderhead'.

### FEED ME, SEYMOUR!

Feed spring-blooming bulbs with an organic fertilizer such as Bulb Tone when the green tips start emerging from the soil.

Spring is rapidly approaching. Breathe it in! I find that going outdoors as often as possible raises the spirit.

Take care of and be kind to yourselves.

## Maintenance Tips of the Month

Sunday, March 14th is the perfect time to **change your smoke detector batteries** while setting your clocks forward for daylight savings time. Spring Ahead!



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 do save lives.

### Tip #2: WATER SHUT-OFF VALVES

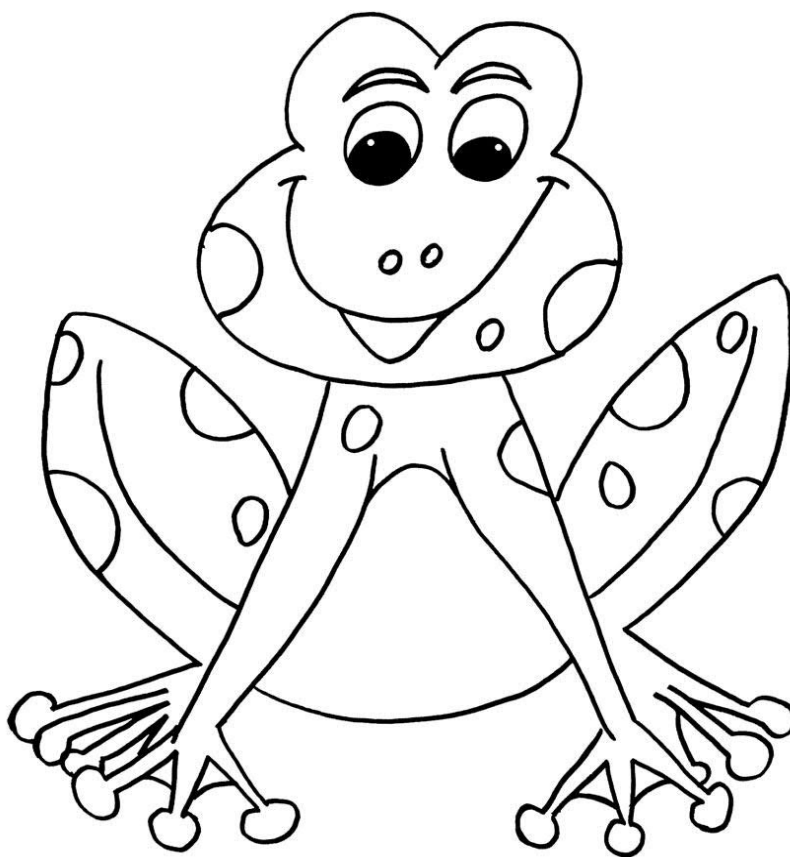
*This is what the valve inside your condo looks like. Looks like a lever. It's good idea to familiarize yourself with it's location just in case of a water emergency (and you have to turn the water off inside your unit while waiting for help to arrive.*

Located usually between the front basement windows. Most times behind a dryer. The valve/

lever may be lower or higher on the pipe than one shown here.



# Kid's Coloring Page



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## Homebody Practice:

*Mindful movement, inspired by yogic traditions.*

### Community classes weekly 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 more information or to sign up:

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Hi, my name is Irene Hayes, owner of 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.

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

Contact information: [irenehayes03@yahoo.com](mailto:irenehayes03@yahoo.com)



## VIRTUAL MEETING LINKS FOR MARCH:

### M & M Committee: March 2

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/302070925>

### Landscape Committee: March 9

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/193194061>

### Board of Directors: March 24

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5969144586561237263>

### Pittsfield Village Office

Monday— Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

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### COMMITTEES

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**Landscape:** Brian Rice, Chair

## March 2021

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