

# May 2021



## Fiscal Year Reminder



The **new fiscal year begins May 1, 2021.** The 2021-2022 budget along with the new fee structure was mailed to all co-owners at the end of March. Please review this information to be sure you're paying the current amount. If you are already on automatic withdrawal, the new amount will be adjusted accordingly. If you have any questions regarding payment options, please contact Wanda Buster at [wbuster@kramertriad.com](mailto:wbuster@kramertriad.com).

## **GOT BUGS?**

The Association contracts Ehrlich for pest control needs such as treating the interior & exterior of units for ants, trapping & diagnosing entry points for mice or other critters.

Ehrlich services the community weekly on Thursdays. If you have pest control needs & would like to place a work order, please contact the Village office at 734-971-0223 or email us at [office@pittsfieldvillage.com](mailto:office@pittsfieldvillage.com).

## Playgrounds / Common Area Storage Reminder

As we move into the spring/summer months, routine maintenance will be done at the playgrounds. This is a friendly reminder that personal items are not permitted to be stored on the common areas, including the playgrounds. If you have any personal belongings such as outdoor toys being stored indefinitely at the playground, please remove them as soon as possible. Any items left behind will be collected by Village maintenance & will be available for pickup at the Village office during business hours. This is in no way trying to discourage residents from utilizing the playgrounds. We are just asking for personal items be removed following use.

# Annual Meeting

# Monday, May 3

# GoToWebinar

Pittsfield Village's annual meeting is scheduled to be held on **Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:00pm** via GoToWebinar. If you haven't already, please register to attend using the link sent previously to you.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1971824984179721740>

An official ballot + meeting handout were mailed via USPS to residents the week of April 19.

Please contact the office with any questions or concerns pertaining to the annual meeting.

## IN THE GARDEN

By Lisa Joseph, Community Horticulturist

People from a planet without flowers would think we must be mad with joy the whole time to have such things about us

-Iris Murdoch

Welcome May 2021!

May is the month to start planting your Gladiolus Bulbs!

Be sure to store them in a cool dry place until it is safe to plant out in the garden. The last frost date is in Mid-May. Gladiolus bulbs are known as corms, a type of bulb that is a rounded modified underground stem base covered in scaly leaves. With their narrow profile, you can tuck in Glads anywhere in the garden. I like to plant a few corms in clusters among perennials and Dahlias and Zinnias.

Two of my favorites:

**Gladiolus cal. 'Murielae'**- This one! I write about this glad every year.

Known by the common names Abyssinian Gladiolus or Peacock Orchid, it stands at a height of four feet, has arching stems, and wonderfully fragrant blooms that are ivory with a purple heart. Try to plant these where their fragrance can be appreciated.

**G 'Charming Lady'**- Standing at 3' tall, the elegant flower stalks hold blooms that are lilac pink with purple striping. These lovely ladies pair

perfectly with Russian Sage and white Phlox 'David'.

Remember:

Start planting Glad corms in Mid-May. Then again every two weeks through Mid-June. This schedule will ensure flowers through August.

Plant corms with the sprouted side up about four inches deep.

**YOU WILL LOVE THE ENCHANTING FLOWERS- BOTH IN THE GARDEN AND IN A TALL VASE!**

DEER RESISTANT AND POLLINATOR FRIENDLY? LET'S HEAR MORE!

Agastache 'Cana' (Hyssop or Hummingbird Mint)- Mature size is 36 x 20" Available in many varieties, some more hardy than others.

Agastache is my favorite hummingbird and pollinator plant. The 'Cana' variety especially is a prolific bloomer with spikes of showy bright rose pink flowers all summer long. The licorice scent of the leaves keeps the deer away.

Agastache is drought tolerant and does not like to have wet feet. Goldfinches love the seeds too!

I include both Agastache 'Cana' and 'Kudos Coral' in my planters and garden beds every year. They don't survive winter, but I happily purchase a few new plants every year.

Combine with perennials such as Phlox, Russian Sage, 'Cat's Pajamas' Catmint, 'Sombrero Tres Amigos' Coneflower, Butterfly Weed, and Coreopsis 'Moonbeam'; and with annuals such as Verbena, Zinnia, Ageratum 'Artist Blue', Lantana, Salvia 'Cathedral Deep Blue'.

**RATHER PLANT A VARIETY THAT IS MORE HARDY? TRY THIS ONE: (left)**

I've planted Agastache 'Blue Boa' (left) in pollinator gardens for years now. This variety is hardy and comes back every year and blooms con-





tinuously with masses of lavender blue flowers. It reaches a height of 30". And always, always it is covered with pollinators large and small!

**A NEW PERENNIAL VINE FOR A TRELLIS OR TUTEUR:  
Clematis Happy Jack- mature size is 8' tall by 4' in width**

From mid-summer well into fall, this radiant vine is covered in large violet purple flowers with bright lemon yellow stamens.

'Happy Jack' Clematis is easy to maintain: prune it back to two feet each spring and fertilize with an organic or general purpose fertilizer. Then watch Jack happily grow up your trellis!

Remember that Clematis prefer to have their feet in the shade. I like to plant at their base a perennial, such as Catmint or Cranesbill, or a small shrub rose such as 'The Fairy'. My old tried-and-true favorite small shrub rose, 'The Fairy' has dainty blush pink rosette blooms and grows to just 3 feet.

Please remember: Mint, Lemon Balm, Fennel, and Dill are to be planted in containers only. We ask of residents who will be growing any of these in containers: please be sure to cut off the spent flower heads before they set seed. Doing this is another way to control their spread. Thank you for your cooperation!

Stay well and take peace in nature.



Ann Arbor, along with large parts of the Midwest and eastern United States, will experience a 17-year Cicada emergence in May and June of 2021.

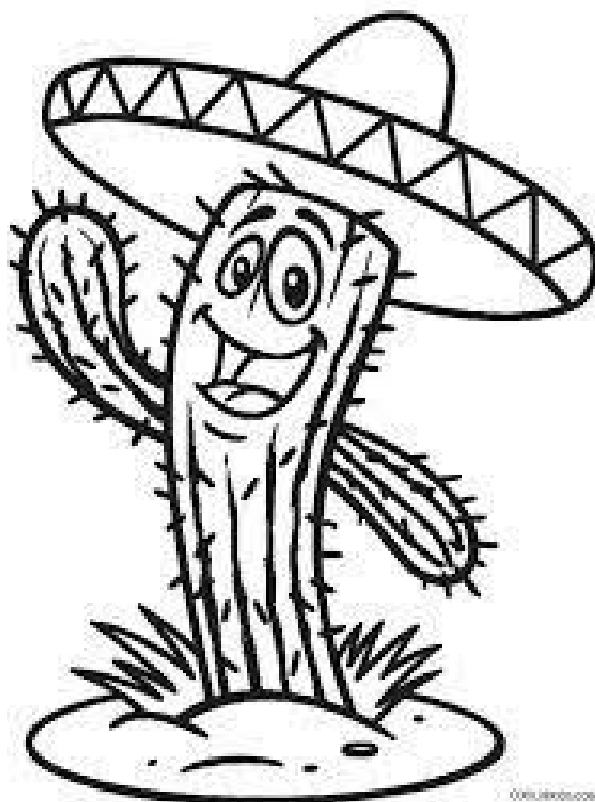
Cicadas do not bite and are harmless to humans and property — other than being a nuisance. They may amass in vast numbers in parks, wooded areas, neighborhoods and can seemingly be everywhere. When they are this abundant, they fly, land and crawl everywhere, including occasionally landing on humans.

17-year cicadas are also called periodical cicadas, which is a group that includes 13-year cicadas. Cicada nymphs live underground for 17 years and emerge near the end of their life cycle. At this point, they

molt on trees, live for several weeks and mate. Female cicadas lay eggs in small tree branches and trunks. Adult cicadas die; new cicadas hatch and burrow into the ground for another 17 years.

This batch only emerges when soil is 64 degrees at about 8 inches of depth, which in Ann Arbor occurs in late May or early June.

*Kid's Coloring Corner*



## INTERIOR WORK BY ON-SITE STAFF



Maintenance staff will only be doing limited bill-back work during Covid restrictions.

It is suggested (*for example*) that residents call a plumber for leaking fixtures (faucets, toilets etc.) and for other items that are the owner's responsibility as stated in the Maintenance Matrix. You can find this document on the website, or you may request one be emailed to you - ([office@pittsfieldvillage.com](mailto:office@pittsfieldvillage.com)).

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Maintenance Staff



### PSS Susan Casey | Community Engagement Unit

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Dear community partners,

I am pleased to announce that we will be conducting a community Zoom meeting on **Wednesday, May 5th at 6pm**. The Ann Arbor Police would like to provide updated crime data in your community and discuss major events that have occurred in the city within the last few weeks. Attending the meeting will be representatives from the AAPD Detective Bureau General Investigations section and the Special Victim's Unit (SVU) to answer any questions you may have about our investigative process. We look forward to seeing you and providing an insight into our detective bureau.

Topic: AAPD Zoom Meeting  
Time: May 5, 2021 6:00 PM

#### Join Zoom Meeting with this link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73650390926?pwd=N0VrZjJxcVpkYUdPTeQvUVNpekwyQT09>

Meeting ID: 736 5039 0926  
Passcode: fbM7J9

## What's Happening with our Meadows?

By Su Hansen

It's looking bleak. We find ourselves worried that the winds took our seeds. Maybe too much of this or not enough of that, but Kyle Ferris of Michigan Wildflower Farm, where we got great advice and our seeds, reassures us that nothing is amiss. Whew! It is very early even though it seems like we are already fully moving into Spring and our seeds are only going to show above ground a little bit this year and the next. In fact they won't be coming fully into their own until the third year. They are not slacking off. Instead, they are doing what real meadows do. All of their energy is going into growing very deep roots. They are building the foundation for our meadows to flourish. All of this requires an abundance of patience on our part. To help us to remain patient, we will be delicately sprinkling an annual flower mix onto our meadows in late May or early June to green things up and we will have flowers sometime in August to tide us over until the real meadow coming into its own. The earth and its plant children have their own rhythm and timing, and it is good practice for us to tune ourselves into that. In the meantime, let's be protective of the meadows to be and not walk on them. We will be able to stroll through them in their own time!



# May 2021

| Sun                        | Mon                                       | Tue  | Wed                      | Thu | Fri | Sat                 |
|----------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|-----|-----|---------------------|
|                            |   |  |                          |     |     | 1                   |
| 2                          | 3 ANNUAL<br>MEETING AND<br>BOARD ELECTION | 4 M&M Committee<br>@ 6:00pm (Virtual)              | 5 Happy Cinco de<br>Mayo | 6   | 7   | 8                   |
| 9<br>Happy Mother's<br>Day | 10  | 11<br>Landscape<br>Committee @<br>6:00pm (Virtual) | 12                       | 13  | 14  | 15                  |
| 16                         | 17  | 18   | 19                       | 20  | 21  | 22                  |
| 23                         | 24  | 25   | 26                       | 27  | 28  | 29<br>Pool Opening! |
| 30                         | 31<br>MEMORIAL DAY<br>OFFICE CLOSED       |  |                          |     |     |                     |

## Pittsfield Village Office

Monday— Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

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## COMMITTEES

**Maintenance & Modification:** Lisa Lemble, Chair

**Landscape:** Brian Rice, Chair

## M & M Committee Meeting Link:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/860735045>

## Landscape Committee Meeting Link:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/680331365>

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