

July 2021

Flooding in Ann Arbor

If you'd like to file a claim with the City of Ann Arbor, please use the form included in this newsletter (page 2), or go to their website:

<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/finance-admin-services/treasury/Pages/Filing-a-Claim-Against-the-City.aspx>

Painting at Pittsfield

Weekly painting updates will be posted on the PV website, www.pittsfieldvillage.com under the "General Information" Tab, then "Other Village Information".

If you have specific questions or concerns, please call the office at 734-971-0233 or email us at office@pittsfieldvillage.com



Attention Pittsfield

We've had reports of peanut shells strewn about in the common areas and playgrounds.

Please do not feed the wildlife.

We have people, including children with severe peanut allergies who may not be able to enjoy the playground areas because of this behavior.

Thank you!

**CITY OF ANN ARBOR
CLAIM REPORTING FORM**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

*CLAIMANT(S)'S NAME: _____
* Address: _____
* Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____
Email address: _____

PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME (if different than claimant): _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____ Email address: _____

Name of your Insurance Company: _____
Insurance Company Phone Number _____ Policy Number: _____

CLAIM INFORMATION

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | <u>Standard Claim</u> | <u>Sewer Claim</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vehicle Damage | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Backup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Personal Injury | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Property Damage | |

Amount of claim \$ _____
Where did the incident occurred? _____
*Date of incident _____ Time of incident _____
Date property damage and/or physical injury was discovered _____
*Affected property _____

Brief description of incident: (Include the facts and reason why you think the City is liable for payment for the injury, damage or claim). (Attach itemized charges, damages, receipts, photos, repair estimates, etc.)

(Vehicle Claims) Vehicle damage claims must provide the police accident report or number, if any. Attach at least two (2) estimates for repair. Please state if the vehicle was parked or moving at the time of the incident.

I(we) declare the above statements are true to the best of my(our) knowledge.

Signature(s) of Claimant

Date

* The above marked information is required to be provided by Public Act 222 of 2001; MCL 691.1416 – 691-1419.

Forms must be submitted to:
Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 301 E. Huron St., PO Box 8647-48107, Ann Arbor, MI 48107
Or fax to 734-997-1271

ACCEPTANCE OF THIS REPORT BY THE CITY IS NOT AN ADMISSION OF LIABILITY AND DOES NOT WAIVE ANY OTHER NOTICE REQUIREMENTS TO THE CITY UNDER MICHIGAN LAW.

POOL AREA and FACILITIES RULES

Revised June 2021

Pool Area

The "pool area" includes the pool itself, the bath houses, pump room, and the entire area within the fence.

The pool area is open from Memorial Day through the second weekend in September (tentative) during posted hours, typically daily from 11:00am-9:00pm, weather permitting.

A pool attendant will be on duty and in charge of the pool area during open hours.

Closing of Pool

The pool area may be closed at the discretion of the pool attendant or the Village's community manager, as needed. Residents will be notified of a pool closure by email & TownSq, Additionally, signage will be displayed at the entrance of the pool.

If the pool attendant is sick and no backup is available, the pool will be closed for that shift. Residents will be notified of a pool closure by email & TownSq, Additionally, signage will be displayed at the entrance of the pool.

COVID-19 closures

The Board and Staff will continue to monitor and follow Washtenaw County Health Department Guidelines and make rules or other adjustments as needed, up to and including pool closures.

Use of the pool area when closed is prohibited.

Pool Rules

DO NOT ENTER THE POOL AREA IF YOU, A FAMILY MEMBER, OR SOMEONE YOU HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH HAS EXPERIENCED SYMPTOMS OF OR HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 WITHIN THE LAST 14 DAYS.

Pittsfield Village's pool facility is SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK! By entering, you understand there is no lifeguard, and that COVID-19 could be contracted in this public space.

If you test positive for COVID-19 and have been at the pool within two weeks prior to testing positive, you must let Pittsfield Village staff know so that contact tracing can be facilitated, and other residents can be notified that they may have been exposed.

Only Pittsfield Village residents are permitted to use the pool. Pittsfield Village residents may bring up to two (2) guests per household, all guests must be accompanied by a Pittsfield Village resident.

Pool passes are required. The initial pool pass is issued without charge. Residents will be charged \$10.00 for each replacement pool pass. Can be purchased at the Village office between 8:30am-5:00pm, Monday-Friday.

All residents under the age of twelve (12) must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older) while in the pool area.

Per the Washtenaw County Health Department, you must wear a mask

when using shared indoor spaces such as the bathhouses.

Residents shall use the provided hand sanitizer located at the entrance of the pool gate prior to entering, and after signing in to the guest log. Additionally, please shower/rise off before entering the pool. It is recommended that you do so at home to minimize non-critical use of the locker rooms.

Residents shall use the provided sanitizing spray located in the men's & women's bathhouses after you use the restroom, shower, etc.

Communal pool furniture and toys are permitted. Chairs will be spaced a minimum of six (6) feet apart. Please do not move furniture from their designated location (s), unless you are moving furniture within 6 feet of your family, household or group. In these instances, please move furniture back to its designated location when finished. Residents shall adhere to social distancing guidelines and remain a minimum of six (6) feet from individuals not in your family, household or group.

Pool attendants are required by law to take a break during their shift. Pool attendant break schedules will be posted daily at the entrance of the pool.

Pool area capacity has been restored to pre-pandemic levels. Pittsfield Village's pool area capacity is 211 people.

Prohibited Behavior

Rowdy behavior is prohibited. The pool attendant has the authority to determine what constitutes rowdy behavior.

Alcoholic beverages and/or glass containers are not allowed in the pool area.

No smoking inside the pool area.

Additional Safety Measures in Place

Pool Attendants conduct a daily entry self-screening assessment.

Pool Attendants have been provided with a nonmedical face mask/covering.

Pool Attendants will sanitize high-touch surfaces every hour (1 hour) in an effort to limit the exposure of COVID-19. Surfaces include but are not limited to; gates, loungers, tables, bathhouse surfaces, and door handles.



Compost carts

The city offers single-family residential properties one free 64- or 96-gallon compost cart. Pick up is free or one can be delivered for \$59, additional carts are available for a fee. To order a cart and arrange for pick up or delivery, please contact the customer service center at 734.994.7336 or via customerservice@a2gov.org.

Carts exceeding 112 pounds for the 32-gallon, 224 pounds for the 64-gallon, or 336 pounds for the 96-gallon size will not be serviced.

Acceptable compost materials

- Plate scrapings and food waste (including meat and bones)*
- Bamboo dinnerware*
- Grass clippings*
- [BPI certified](#) compostable bags, containers, silverware, etc.
- Leaves and brush
- Branches less than 6 inches diameter (must fit in cart with lid closed)
- Unpainted, untreated lumber (must fit in cart with lid closed)
- Weeds
- Undecorated and cut up Christmas trees
- Garden pruning, garden surplus, crab apples, etc.
- Used, cool wood ashes make great garden and flower bed fertilizer. If you aren't able to use them there, then please place in compost cart.

**Items for optional compost carts only.*

Unacceptable compost materials

- Plastic bags or containers
- Trash and recyclables
- Dirt, rocks, stones or gravel
- Sawdust
- Branches over 6 inches in diameter or over 4 feet in length
- Painted or treated wood
- Animal waste or cat litter
- Tree stumps
- Diapers



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

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:

Irenehayes03@yahoo.com



New Porch Light Approved—Now Available for Order and Installation

Better for the Environment
Better for our Wallets
Better Function and Style

WHY new porch lights?

It has been over 30 years since a developer converted the homes we live in from a rental community. At that time a number of updates to the 1940s buildings were done in all of the homes, including replacing porch lights. The time has come (and gone, actually) to replace them again.



WHose idea was this?

A small group of people working on environmental improvements in our community took on the task of finding an improved replacement. Co-owner Martha Laatsch took on the research, working with co-owner Paul Balber who works at Gross Electric.

WHAT fixture was selected and WHAT are the benefits?

After several months of research, Martha and Paul presented six options to the Board. The chosen fixture—as shown in the image here—meet several goals:

Environmental. Switching from CFL to an LED bulb lowers energy usage.

Improved Function. The current/old fixtures have photocells built into them, and those photocells are failing to turn the lights on or off at appropriate times or are not working at all. Replacement parts are not available. In the new fixture the photo-cell is in the BULB, so if it fails only the bulb has to be replaced.

Cost-saving. LED bulbs last longer and use much less energy. Also, longer lasting bulbs means less frequent replacement, which will save our maintenance staff time (which is money).

Improved style. Opinions will always differ, but a thorough review of many options and input from many people on a final six options brought us to a style that seems more in keeping with the cottage character of our buildings than the current minimalist style.

Softer lighting effect. Slightly lowering the lighting level with a softer (more yellow, less white) “color” was desired.

Bonus! Yellower lighting values have been found to be less attractive to bugs. I think we can all agree that would be an improvement!

WHERE can I see them?

Two test lights were initially installed, one facing due east (2420 Pittsfield) and the other southwest (2335 Fernwood) to see if the photocells performed well in different lighting conditions. Since then they have also been installed at other homes at the request of the co-owner including 2328 and 2330 Fernwood.

WHEN can I get them?

NOW! If you are willing to pay \$135, which covers both the fixture AND installation, the maintenance staff will do this as they have time in their schedule. Just send a request to office@pittsfieldvillage.com and make payment at the office. You can choose to replace the front, back, or both lights. Eventually, budget permitting, the *front** porch lights will be replaced over time, perhaps as buildings are painted since touch up around the new fixtures will otherwise be needed.

* There are differing opinions about almost any project involving 422 homes, and in this case opinions vary a LOT when talking about back porch lights vs front porch lights, but there seems to be more agreement about front lights. So, while future budgeting for replacements by the Association will be concentrating on front lights, you can choose to pay for replacements for the front, back, or both.

current price is \$135 but subject to price increase as product price dictates. Supplier sets the price which could change.

IN THE GARDEN- July 2021

By Lisa Joseph, Community Horticulturist

Check it out! The Shasta Daisies are in bloom!

‘Becky’- this variety is planted in the Roundabout Garden; its mature size is 36” tall x 36” in spread.

‘Daisy May’- is planted in the office bed; this is a smaller variety growing to a mature size of 24” tall x 14” wide.

Shasta Daisy (*Leucanthemum superbum*) blooms profusely with bright white flowers with a lemon yellow center. Deadheading the spent flowers will not only improve the plant’s appearance, but will also encourage new blooms into late summer.

Don’t you just love a simple bouquet of daisies in a large mason jar?



HERB In the Spotlight:

Creeping Lemon Thyme (*Thymus citriodorus*)- 4" tall with a 12" spread; hardy in our area.

This charming, mat-forming perennial with lemon-scented foliage prefers full sun and good drainage. Flowers appear in mid summer, dainty pink to lavender blooms that will attract numerous tiny pollinators.



Creeping Lemon Thyme makes a great non-invasive aromatic ground cover.

The leaves can be eaten raw in salads or cooked in savory dishes. Fresh sprigs make a lovely garnish.

WHAT ARE THOSE PERENNIALS IN BLOOM IN THE ROUNDABOUT GARDEN?

L/A LILY (LONGIFLORUM/ASIATIC HYBRID LILY)- 36" x 18"

This statuesque hybrid lily has the large, outwardly facing blooms of a Longiflorum Lily and the stout stems and clean floral scent of an Asiatic Lily.



The bulbs are planted in late spring after the soil has warmed. The bulbs like to be planted deeper to stay cool in the intense heat of summer so be sure to plant the bulb at least 6" down. Choose a spot that stays sunny most of the day. That first year, the

plant will be fairly small. But give it a couple of years to grow roots and then hold on to your hat! It will mature into a strong gorgeous beauty standing 3 feet tall on strong stems with the most incredible blooms.

This lily is no prima donna. She will stand up on her own, no staking required, and she's disease-resistant. Watch out for deer and rabbits, however, who find lilies to be quite tasty. L/A Lilies come in many colors for all palettes. I like to plant tall Zinnias or medium-sized perennials in front of lilies to hide the stalks after the lily is done. You can prune back the stalks after bloom, but it's important to leave at least two thirds of the stalk standing so that the process of photosynthe-

sis will provide the bulb with starch and energy for the next year's display.

WEED WATCH- SPOTTED AROUND THE COMMUNITY:

HORSE NETTLE (*Solanum carolinense*)

Watch out for this nasty beast! Plants grow to a height of 2-3 feet with sharp spines all along the stems. Even the leaves, which grow to 7" in length and resemble an oak leaf, are armed with the fiendish spines. The flowers are star-shaped, white to light violet, with prominent yellow anthers in the center.



The flowers are star-shaped, white to light violet, with prominent yellow anthers in the center. The smooth round fruits mature to yellow or light orange and carry numerous seeds. The fruits resemble grape tomatoes, but do not eat them. They can be toxic to humans and livestock. If you are a Garden Marker resident, careful digging is needed to get rid of Horse Nettle. The plants develop deep roots and spread by rhizomes, and any root fragments left will make a new plant.



CARRY ON

When soaring temperatures and oppressive humidity this month make gardening chores almost unbearable, try to get out there early in the day to water as needed and to keep up on the never-ending weeding. Your annuals should be really taking off now. Be sure to keep up the fertilizing and watering.

Cut a bouquet for a vase indoors.

Having flowers in the house will do wonders for your well-being.



Pittsfield Village Office

Monday— Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 M&M Committee Meeting 6:00pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Landscape Committee Meeting 6:00pm	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Board Meeting 6:15 Open forum; 6:30 pm Meeting	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

NEED 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 **734-971-0223** or email office@pittsfieldvillage.com.