



August 2021

A letter was mailed to residents on August 2, 2021 regarding actions being taken with the City of Ann Arbor & Washtenaw County pertaining to storm sewer infrastructure.

As mentioned in the letter, the City is working on putting together an informational Townhall Q & A for the community.

What actions can residents take now?

Any residents affected by the flood should file a claim with the City of Ann Arbor. The claim form must be submitted within 45 days of the event. Link-- <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/finance-admin-services/treasury/Pages/City-of-Ann-Arbor-Claim-Form.aspx>.

Washtenaw County was declared a disaster zone by presidential declaration. Residents may qualify for FEMA assistance. **To apply for assistance--** <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>

Email your questions, comments and/or concerns to your elected officials!

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Contact your insurance agent to discuss adding Sewer, Drain & Sump Pump Water Backup Coverage to your HO6 policy.

If you think your main line needs to be jetted, please contact the Village maintenance team to discuss options. Maintenance can be reached at 734-971-0233 or office@pittsfieldvillage.com. Additionally, if water infiltrated through your foundation wall or crawlspace, please contact maintenance to schedule an inspection.

NOTICE

DCAM is scheduled to begin concrete work in pre-identified areas here at PV (marked with pink spray paint), weather permitting, on Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

If your area has already been marked, please avoid parking in front of areas of the marked sidewalk.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this improvement project.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at (734) 971-0233.

PV Maintenance Department

New Porch Light Available for Order & Installation

Better for the Environment/ Better for our Wallets/ Better Function
& 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?

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- August 2021

*By Lisa Joseph, Community Horticultural
Consultant*

GARDEN MARKER RESIDENTS:

Oh my, is it ever challenging trying to keep up with the eruption of weeds that the rain has left behind. It is surely a daunting task but is necessary to ensure that the community remains as beautiful as possible. Drink plenty of water and take breaks on hot and humid days. Reach out for assistance from neighbors or hire helpers if you are struggling to keep up.

It's important to remember, please, that participating in **The Garden Marker Program** is a significant responsibility and requires regular labor to keep your landscaped beds looking appealing and well kept. As a participant in this program, you are agreeing that you will handle your own gardening maintenance, and that you will be held accountable if the gardening tasks do not get completed.

Let's all pitch in, help out our neighbors, and make the walk or drive through the Village an inviting and spectacular adventure!



I go to nature to be soothed and healed, and to have my senses put in order.
—John Burroughs



Hibiscus Midnight Marvel

IN BLOOM AROUND THE COMMUNITY!

Hardy Hibiscus ‘Midnight Marvel’ (corner of Parkwood and Fernwood)- this beauty stands 4’ tall by 4’ wide, has gorgeous deep wine-purple leaves and glorious huge scarlet red blooms. ‘Midnight Marvel’ will continue blooming into fall. It’s amazing to me that these tropical-looking plants are hardy to zone 4!

Phlox ‘Robert Poore’ (Roundabout Garden) - standing at 5’ tall, ‘Robert Poore’ Garden Phlox is hard to miss. The rounded panicles of deep pink flowers come one after the other, attracting pollinators and scenting the air with their sweet perfume.

Phlox ‘Bright Eyes’ (Pollinator Garden) - this garden phlox stands at a mature height of 36” and blooms well into August. The lovely flowers are a light pink with a magenta-pink center and add

beauty and interest to the mid-summer perennial border.

Perovskia ‘Blue Jean Baby’ and ‘Wine and Roses’ Gladioli (Office Bed)- I love this combination. ‘Wine and Roses’ Gladiolus is pink with a cherry red marking on the inside of each bloom. These charming flowers have a delightful scent.

‘Blue Jean Baby’ Russian Sage grows to a mature size of about 3’ tall by 3’ wide, blooms well into fall with a cloud of blue flowers, it is drought-tolerant, and, with scented gray-green foliage, it is deer-resistant!

Monarda ‘Jacob Cline’ (Pollinator Garden)- this 4-foot tall Beebalm, with its frilly bright red blossoms, attracts droves of pollinators and hummingbirds. ‘Jacob Cline’ will bloom all summer long! The foliage has a spicy fragrance that is unappealing to deer.



Crabgrass with seed head

WEED WATCH

1. CRABGRASS EXPLOSION!

Crabgrass is a tough weed from the grass family with many stems of wide flat lime-green blades. It sits low to the ground where it often goes unnoticed. When left untouched, it will then produce thousands of seeds. Pull this bummer out of the ground as soon as possible, before it sets seed. Use a trowel or shovel to haul out the larger ones.

2. WHITE AVENS (*Geum canadense*)

White Avens is a perennial plant in woodland settings and is often included in wildflower reference guides. However, because of its tap root and rhizomes and ability to quickly create a colony, White Avens has become more widely known as an unwanted plant, a

weed, in the garden. White Avens starts out in spring as a rosette of leaves, three to a stem, resembling strawberry foliage. It matures with flower stems that reach a height of 36”. The small bright white flowers turn into burs with hooked tips that attach to EVERY-THING!

Organic gardeners: dig it up carefully, making sure not to leave any part of the root ball behind.



Phlox Robert Poore



Phlox Bright Eyes



Monarda Jacob Cline



White Avens

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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

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.

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

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:

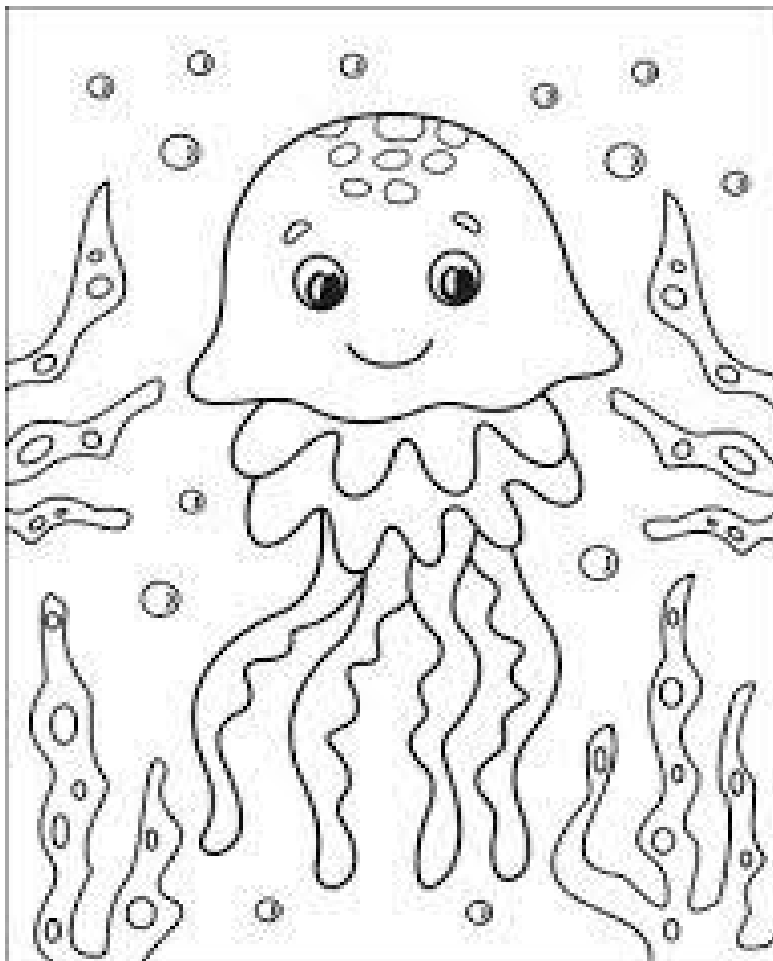
Website: bit.ly/homebodypractice

email: brittanywidin@gmail.com

Painting at Pittsfield

Weekly painting updates are 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



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Landscape Committee Meeting Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/987827125>

Board Meeting Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6370585080871462668>

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 M&M Committee Meeting 6:00pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Landscape Committee Meeting 6:00pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Board Meeting 6:15 Open forum; 6:30 pm Meeting	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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