



**October 2022  
NEWSLETTER**



## *Trunk-or-Treat*



**Saturday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM**

**2727 Fernwood parking lot**

Calvary Presbyterian Church: corner of Fernwood and Norwood

***For the neighborhood. Free!***

- Come enjoy a safe, fun and non-scary community event!
- All kids welcome; 4 PM until the candy runs out!



*Trunk  
or Treat*

Come and get some candy and see if you can guess our costumes (hint: they might be from a Bible story!)

For more info contact Steven Backues: [sabackues@gmail.com](mailto:sabackues@gmail.com)

**Do you have Garden Markers in your beds?**

**Fall garden bed cleanup begins soon.**

If you would like the Village to handle fall cleanup for you, remove your yellow garden markers **by October 1, 2022** and return them to the office.

**If you do NOT remove your markers, you are responsible for cleaning your beds by removing dead plant material BEFORE WINTER.**

**Please remember to clean out dead plant material from the window boxes too.**

**Thank you!**

# October In the Garden

By: Kristan LaFleur

October is a beautiful time in Michigan. People flock to the state mid-month to see forests filled with brilliant orange and red sugar maples, golden silver maples, and rich brown oaks. Enjoy the bounty of the season and let the warm feeling of the fall harvest fill your spirit. Though the chilly temperatures gradually separate us from our gardens, spring will come again before we know it. Until it does, add some fall color to your landscape with Mums and ornamental kale or get those blubs in for the upcoming spring color.



## Planning

It's time to start prepping for the big freeze. Before irrigation is shut off, make sure you've given everything in your garden several last long, deep waterings especially with the lasting dry heat we have had. Add compost to your garden to help enrich the soil for next year's growth and continue to weed those beds to make it easier for next spring.

## Things to do in October

- After the first hard frost, you'll need to take care of any perennials that you plan to overwinter in their containers or store inside like Dahlias.
- Take in any garden ornaments or containers that may be damaged by the coming winter weather.
- Clean up and store all garden tools and gloves for the season.

## Pittsfield Village Leasing Cap Reminder

The number of units within the Association not occupied by a unit owner as their primary or secondary residence or second home cannot exceed 25% of the total units within the Village. Currently the Village is at 23%. If you are interested in renting your unit, please touch base with the office prior to executing a lease. There is not currently a wait list, but that does not mean there won't be a wait list in the future.

If you elect to lease your unit, you must comply with the governing documents + the Village's Rental & Leasing Policy.

A full copy of the policy can be found on the website.

<https://www.pittsfieldvillage.com/government/by-laws-and-rules.php>.

# Reminder to New Residents

## SPECIFICATIONS FOR PORCH LIGHTS

*REVISED 03.2022*

**This specification is for replacement of both the front and rear porch lights.**

### History

Porch lights in place at the time of the creation of this specification (2021) were installed by the development company that converted the rental community to market-rate cooperative townhouses in the late 1990s (later converted to condominiums). The lights were inexpensive and 30 years later are failing and no longer meet environmental, aesthetic, or performance expectations. Replacement parts are no longer available.

### Fixture

The Board-specified fixture is the Kichler Toman Outdoor Small Wall Lantern (item #49686OZ), 10.25 inches tall by 6 inches wide, in the Olde Bronze Satin finish, with a 40 watt soft white (2700k) LED bulb with integrated photocell.



### Installation

NOTE: This installation information applies only to replacement of existing porch lights. Some units do not have rear porch lights. If a porch light is desired in a location where there is currently no light, that project would be the expense of the co-owner and require an application and review by the Maintenance & Modifications Committee.

Replacement porch lights may be installed either by the Association maintenance staff or a contractor designated by the Board of Directors. The installation includes any repair to the porch wall needed and touch-up of the paint.

There is currently no schedule for installation throughout the community by the Association, although front porch lights may be included as part of future building painting. Any co-owner wishing to have their front or back porch light replaced may do so by placing a maintenance request and paying the flat fee established for the fixture and installation. Requests will be filled on a time-available basis. As of May 1, 2022, the flat fee is \$155.00. Reimbursement will not be provided in the future to co-owners who choose to have this installation done before any community-wide installation project which may be developed in the future.

# M & M Committee

**Halloween** ...Since our porch lights cannot be turned off, traditionally, residents who wish to participate in Trick-or-Treating place an orange paper pumpkin over their porch light letting trick-or-treaters know they are handing out sweet treats. If you need a "pumpkin" they will be available beginning Monday, October 17 in the box outside the community building.



### 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 va-  
cations and business trips.

Email to book your free meet and greet  
with me and to receive more infor-  
mation.

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### 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](mailto:office@pittsfieldvillage.com)) who has it.
- Email management ([office@pittsfieldvillage.com](mailto: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.

## Coloring Fun



### FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers Market's stocked with food,  
especially come fall.

There's bright red juicy apples,  
pumpkins, gourds, in every stall.

Some farmers sell organic cheese,  
some honey, eggs, and  
meats. We pack our cart  
with goodies fresh,  
and then go home to eat!



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### Pittsfield Village Office

Monday— Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

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## Meeting links

M & M <https://meet.goto.com/878346973>

Landscape <https://meet.goto.com/937244589>

BOD <https://meet.goto.com/395007173>

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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 **734-971-0223** or email [office@pittsfieldvillage.com](mailto:office@pittsfieldvillage.com).

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>October 2022</b>						1
2	3	4 M&M Committee Meeting 6:00pm	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Landscape Committee Meeting 6:00 pm	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Board Meeting 6:15 Open forum; 6:30 pm Meeting	27	28	29
30	31					