

### February 2022

#### **Winter Reminders**

- Make sure you have fresh batteries in your thermostat if leaving town for awhile.
- If leaving town, leave the heat on at least 65 degrees. No one wants frozen or burst pipes!
- Ice Melt / Salt is available at the office (garage). You may stop by the garage at 2220 Pittsfield for some, if needed.
- Thank you for picking up after your dogs!

The Landscape Committee and Board of Directors worked diligently over the past several months on adopting a Garden Marker Re-Admittance Policy.

There was a need to adopt a policy because there was not a clear path to readmittance if a unit was removed from the program due to violating the program agreement.

For those of you who are new to Pittsfield Village, the Garden Marker Program is an *optional* gardening program during the growing season where the unit owner tends to their unit's garden beds. Details and program registration are mailed to residents annually in mid-March. This policy will also be part of that mailing and will be in effect when the GM program commences in the spring.

If you have any questions or concerns, the Board of Directors meets monthly on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:15pm. Currently the meetings are held virtually.

Please contact the office for the meeting registration link.

# Winter



A few things to do in Ann Arbor in the winter

- 1. Visit a museum
- 2. Take a Zingerman's class or tour
- 3. Eat all the food
- 4. Cozy up with coffee
- 5. Go out for a drink
- 6. See a movie
- 7. Hang out with kitties at a cat cafe
- 8. Go ice skating
- 9. Visit the law quad in the snow

This is just 9 of the many things our town has to offer!

# Volunteers hard at work for us

## Garden Marker Program Removal and Re-admittance Policy

The Pittsfield Village Condominium Association's Garden Marker Program (GMP) allows residents to maintain the gardens beds within the limited common area around their home, should they wish to do so. At the time they join, residents commit in writing to take care of routine gardening tasks, including planting, deadheading, and weeding. Responsibility for shrub pruning remains the responsibility of the Association.

The Landscape Committee works with the Board of Directors, Community Manager and the Association's third-party landscape contractor to monitor the garden beds of GMP participants. Monitoring consists of monthly walks, May- September, to inspect GMP garden beds and note any issues or concerns, such as beds that are full of weeds, overgrown, neglected, or that contain plants listed in the "Do Not Plant List". The landscape contractor may also identify issues and report them to the Landscape Committee or the Community Manager. Issues or concerns are documented with photographs to allow assessment of compliance.

If a resident fails to honor the agreement signed upon joining the GMP, the resident will be removed from the GMP, temporarily or permanently. The removal process is described below, along with reinstatement options.

- When a resident is deemed to be non-compliant or in violation of the GMP, a courtesy violation is mailed via USPS to the resident at their primary mailing address listed with the Pittsfield Village office. The violation notices give the resident 14 days to bring their garden bed(s) into compliance. If the violation has been corrected, nothing further happens, the resident remains in the GMP.
- If the resident does **not** bring their garden bed(s) into compliance within the 14-day period (and remain in compliance for the remainder of the growing season), a letter is sent to the resident letting them know their garden marker(s) will be reclaimed. Once garden markers are reclaimed, the landscape contractor will resume maintaining the unit's garden beds per the guidelines of their contract with the Association, which includes using herbicide application(s) to control weeds. Any excess maintenance costs will be borne by the resident. The resident will not be allowed to rejoin the GMP for a period of **one** full growing season, beginning the following spring. At the end of this time, the resident may re-join the GMP.
- A second offense in a future growing season will result in expulsion for a period of **two** growing seasons/years. When this two-year period ends, they may again re-join the program.
- A third offense in a future growing season will result in permanent expulsion with no readmittance.

A violation notice, or an expulsion may be appealed directly to the Board of Directors. Please contact the Pittsfield Village office at <a href="mailto:office@pittsfieldvillage.com">office@pittsfieldvillage.com</a> or 734-971-0233 to request Board of Directors' meeting information.



## Coloring Corner



#### **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.

Irenehayes03@yahoo.com

#### **Homebody Practice:**

Mindful movement, inspired by yogic traditions.

#### 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:

bit.ly/homebodypractice

email: <a href="mailto:brittanywidin@gmail.com">brittanywidin@gmail.com</a>

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#### **COMMITTEES**

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**Landscape Committee** will not

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#### **FEBRUARY 2022**

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