



## July 2022

### Painting at Pittsfield

Painting will be done in the fall vs summer this year.

Painting will begin in early September.

July/ August are the hottest months of the year.

Crew has to wear PPO equipment when prepping the buildings at Pittsfield. Intense weather + PPO equipment is dangerous for the workers.

Thank you for your patience & understanding!

PV Site Manager, Kendra Zurich

*Teach someone to read, who knows what you will learn!*

*Would you like to support an adult in our community who needs literacy help?*

*You could tutor reading, writing, math, or English as a Second Language (ESL) through Washtenaw Literacy.*

*To learn more, check out <https://washtenawliteracy.org/get-involved/>*

*Submitted by Nick Oliverio*



### Holiday Office Hours

The office will be closed beginning at 1:00pm on Thursday, June 30 and will reopen for regular business hours Tuesday, July 5.

If there is an emergency,

call 734-971-0233 and follow the prompts.

### Maintenance and Modification (M&M) Committee

Due to the holiday and vacations, the Maintenance & Modification Committee will not be meeting virtually, but plan to review requests via email. Next virtual meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 2 at 6:00pm.

### Landscape Committee Meeting

Landscape Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, July 19 vs the second Tuesday of the month in July.

## 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 to you for a fee, additional carts are also 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](mailto: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 & bones)\*
- Bamboo dinnerware\*
- Grass clippings\*
- **BPI certified** compostable bags, containers, silverware, etc.
- Leaves and brush
- Branches less than 6 inches diameter (must fit w/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 & flower bed fertilizer. / if you aren't able to use them there, then please place in compost cart.

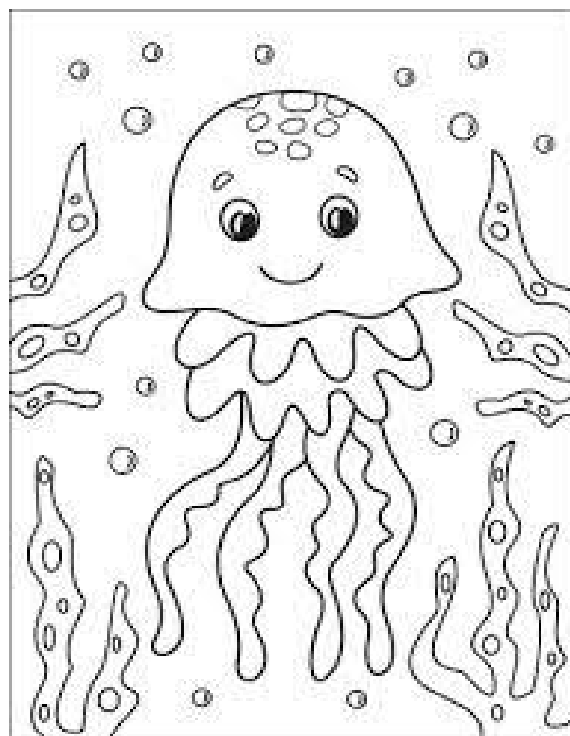
*\*Items for optional compost carts only.*

## 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



## Kids 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. Contact information:

[Irenehayes03@yahoo.com](mailto:Irenehayes03@yahoo.com)

## TOWNSQ

The Association utilizes TownSq as a platform for co-owners to obtain a copy of the Association's documents and forms, view information related to their unit such as an account balance and open requests, make online payments, receive alerts and updates from the *Association*, and much more. TownSq can be accessed via the internet at <https://app.townsq.io> or on most smart phones by downloading the app.

Please note that TownSq is not compatible with the Internet Explorer web browser, as it is no longer supported by Microsoft. However, Chrome, Safari, or Firefox are all compatible web browsers that you can use.

To register with TownSq, you will need your Pittsfield Village account number and the unit zip code of **48104**. email us if you have any questions!

## Right to Inspect upon sale for Building Permit / Modification Issues

Submitted by Lisa Lemble

Thinking of doing work in your Condo without building permits? Don't. Just don't.

Stories abound—from the amusing to the legendary—about homeowners who decide to do their own plumbing or wiring or to tear out walls here and there without bothering to get a building permit. In a standalone, single-family house, that is certainly an interesting decision, and one that usually affects only the owner of that house when things get...interesting.

HOWEVER, in attached housing that dangerous wiring, explosive plumbing, and collapsing roof (yes, some walls are actually necessary to hold up the roof) can at the least really ruin the day/month/year of your neighbor and at the most endanger their lives. This is not a small matter, and our Association has a responsibility to do its best to make sure these dangers are limited or eliminated, and when it becomes aware of non-permitted work to get it corrected.

Picture the new co-owner who learns at some point that the reason they are having trouble getting their front door open is because that wonderful open kitchen/dining/living room layout they fell in love with was done without a permit and included the removal of a load-bearing wall without installing a new support beam to replace the function of that wall. THEIR problem, you say? Well, actually it could be YOUR problem, too, if the co-owner makes the case that the Association should have known or actually knew about the issue and took no steps to make the previous owner fix it.

One excellent opportunity for the Association to identify these problems is at the time of sale. That way, the seller can be held responsible for making needed repairs. Currently, the Association does not have a resale inspection policy; however, the Board has started discussions.

Oh...yeah...and if a building permit is required for your project you also need approval from the Maintenance and Modification Committee. They are a lovely group of people who do their best to be helpful by sharing institutional knowledge and standard specifications for common projects to guide you and your contractor.



**In the Garden  
by Kristan LaFleur, Horticulturist**

Can you believe it's July already?!!!!

With summer upon us comes the heat and boy has it. I know that I have already mentioned problems that come with the heat but failed to mention the importance of watering. Honestly, watering is a no brainer, right? When its dry, you water, but did you know when and how you water is important and overall better for not only the environment but your pocket-book?

Watering all plants is most efficient before the sun completely comes up and/or right before night. This allows the plant time to "recoup" and not overtop watering cuts back on mildews. Also, less evaporation occurs during these time periods. Just remember, don't over-water. So go water all new plantings plus all of those gorgeous annuals I have been seeing around the property.

Here are just a few pictures of corner beds and your circle beds. Through the months, I will be traveling around and snapping pictures of individual home beds and flowers so please don't be alarmed. I think its great to showcase all the hard work everyone is putting in to keep this community looking great!



# Attention Dog Owners



We've already received reports of PV residents walking their dogs off leash.

Dogs have been seen being allowed to run through gardens, trampling and breaking the landscaping.

Dogs must always be leashed and attended at all times on the Common Elements (outside).

Thank you!



What effect do environmental pollutants have on our health, such as the risk of developing cancer? That's the question MI-CARES wants to answer. Michiganders, if you are between ages 25-44, we need your help. Find out how you can participate — see flyer attached



**Our Goal:** To understand how environmental exposures like chemicals in our air and water affect our health and cancer risk.

Recruiting **ALL** Michiganders **aged 25-44.**

Participation can be **100% remote.**

**Compensation** opportunities available.

Join the **MI-CARES movement** and let's take back our health!

## WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THIS STUDY?

### Step 1



Read and sign a **consent form** to tell us you want to participate.

### Step 2



Complete a **questionnaire** about your exposures and your health.

### Step 3



Keep in touch with us!  
Let us know how we can best reach you for a **once-yearly questionnaire!**

You may also be asked if you are willing to provide a few drops of blood and some saliva.





### Pittsfield Village Office

Monday— Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Office: 734-971-0233 Fax: 734-971-3421

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Landscape meeting link- <https://meet.goto.com/464608109>

BOD— meeting link <https://meet.goto.com/880254997>

# JULY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2
3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Landscape Committee Mtg 6:00pm	20 Board Meeting 6:15 Open forum; 6:30 pm Meeting	21	22	23
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## 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](mailto:office@pittsfieldvillage.com).