

August 2022

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.*

Surveillance Devices and Security Cameras Policy

Adopted July 20, 2022

Technology advances have resulted in increasing interest among some residents in options to improve and increase their residential security. The goal of the Board of Directors is to find a balance that allows residents to invest in security without infringing on the privacy of their neighbors.

The Board of Directors, with legal assistance, has adopted the following rules and regulations for the co-owner, tenants and occupants of Pittsfield Village....

You can find this policy and all PV policies, specifications, forms, and more at pittsfieldvillage.com!



Painting

Painting will begin at the end of August-early September.

To see a map of designated buildings for 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026, go to (copy) this link into your browser:

http://pittsfieldvillage.com/info/other_Info.php

PITTSFIELD & AESTHETICS

Please do not place items on the curb as a FREE donation or giveaway. NO FURNITURE & NO APPLIANCES should be left out. Items should be brought to the Recycle Center at the corner of Platt and Ellsworth or properly disposed of by the resident.

TRASH REMOVAL COMPANIES – for HIRE for large items:

- Honeymoon Hauling 734-761-4030 or 734-761-1980
- AC Hauling 734-780-7143
- WE HAUL Michigan 734-383-5529
- A1 Cleanup and Hauling 734-637-4200
- 1-800-Got Junk 734-769-2343
- Chuck It Junk Removal 248-444-4713
- On the Haul Junk Removal 734-743-1532

Drop off Center: 2950 E. Ellsworth

Tuesday 8:30-6:30; Thursday 8:30-6:30 & Saturday 9-6

IN THE GARDEN

Kristan LaFleur

Invasive Plants

What is considered Invasive? An invasive species is an organism that is not indigenous, or native, to a particular area. Invasive species can cause great economic and environmental harm to the new area (Invasive Species | National Geographic Society).

PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE



Although these plants, in our case, are beautiful and super hardy they cause great harm to our native ecosystem and are close to or impossible to eliminate once established. A small list of invasives that have been noticed around the property are as follows:

- 1) Purple Loosestrife (see pic)
- 2) Creeping bellflower (see pic)
- 3) Clustered bellflower
- 4) Garlic Mustard

For a complete list of invasive plant species in Michigan, please visit the link below. Please, when in doubt, look into it. Invasive Species: Plants (michigan.gov)

CREeping BELLFLOWER



August Perennial must have!!!!



The huge, showy blossoms of Swamp Rose Mallow (*Hibiscus moscheutos*), a member of the Mallow (Malvaceae) family, begin to appear in mid-summer, and continue into early fall. The flowers are most often pink or white, sometimes with a red throat, inspiring a different common name, Crimson Rose-Mallow. But deeper shades of pink and even red are possible.

Insects like the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail are enticed to visit Swamp Rose Mallow's flowers for the nectar accessible through slits at the base of the flower. In addition to seeking nectar, bees visit to harvest the abundant pollen the flowers offer. Bees eat pollen, and female bees gather it to provision their nests with this nutritious food for their larvae. The Rose Mallow Bee (*Ptilothrix bombiformis*) is a specialist forager that only eats the pollen of plants in this genus (*Hibiscus*) and one other, Morning Glories (*Ipomoea*).

Bees are thought to be the primary pollinators of Swamp Rose Mallow, although they devour vast quantities of its pollen, Eastern Tiger Swallowtail are effective pollinators of Swamp Rose Mallow too. Butterflies visit the flowers purely for nectar; they have no interest in consuming pollen. Butterflies head for the nectaries, accessed through slits at the throat of the flower. As the butterflies drink, their bodies brush against the anthers, picking up pollen. When the butterfly moves on to a different flower, some of that pollen may adhere to the stigmas of the new flower, triggering pollination.

Beautiful Landscaping...



Common Elements / Common Ground

By the PV Board of Directors

Living in a condominium community presents special challenges, one of them being maintaining the balance between common spaces and privacy. Common spaces, or 'common elements' in the condo-world jargon, refers to the physical areas outside the walls of our buildings. These spaces belong not to a co-owner but to the Association and, by extension, to all residents in the community to use. This is true for all condo communities, not just Pittsfield Village.

At the same time, privacy is a fundamental concern for us all. What constitutes an acceptable personal space varies, but it's critical to ensuring harmony and a feeling of safety that we can set boundaries that accommodate individual and community needs – not an easy task. One of the things making this difficult in the Village is the layout of the buildings and up-walks and the placement of large open fields and play areas behind the buildings. Residents wishing to get to a field or play area that's not behind their own home may need to make a short trip on the up-walk past another co-owner's front door, or on the narrow grass strip between two buildings. Both of these spaces are part of the common elements and open to use by residents. They are also used daily by mail carriers, landscape and maintenance crew members, and others who care for our buildings.

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Something Wonderful in the Village by Su Hansen



Have you been enjoying the 2 native plant meadows in the Village? Village volunteers first planted them in the Fall of 2020 and this summer added some new plants for more diversity with guidance and funds from a WCCD School and Community grant. Even though the meadows won't reach their greatest lushness & beauty for another couple of years, they are already

alive with wildflowers & wildrye and pollinators are beginning to find a home there. Can you spot wild bergamot, purple coneflower, and swamp milkweed? Can you spot bees, some tiny, some much larger? There are 450 types of bees in Michigan. How many of those have made their way to our meadows already?

If you wish to thank the meadows for supporting pollinators, enriching the soil, and giving us a place of beauty and serenity, there are some simple ways to care for them.



When out for a walk you can remove a couple of invasives. We can show you which ones.

We will also be having at least one get-together late summer or early fall to tend to the meadows as a group. You are welcome to join us no matter your knowledge or skill level. You can also bring your children or grandchildren or a friend or come by yourself for a bit of solitude and just sit by them and enjoy them. They like company also.

Contact Su at 734.417.8397 or Suhan722@gmail.com to get more info.

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

Do I need a permit?? By the Board of Directors

In the Village, as in any home you'll ever live in, when starting a project, you need to ask yourself the question: does what I want to do or have done require a permit from the city?

Although no newsletter article can provide a definitive yes or no, because projects vary and city regulations do too, a rule of thumb is this: if your project involves plumbing, electricity, or hiring a licensed tradesperson, or includes anything faintly structural—like removing a wall or installing a sump pump, or a complete remodel of your bathroom--the answer is very likely Yes, you'll need a permit.

How to confirm? You need to consult two sources (at the very least):

The City of Ann Arbor website: type in 'permit' to the search box and you'll be able to find requirements for your project. If unclear, then contact the City to ask.

Pittsfield Village bylaws and Resident Rules: because we live in a condominium community, bylaws and resident rules govern what we can (and can't) do to our homes and how to go about it.

Still wondering? Call the Village office and ask. Don't start anything until you have a clear answer and, if you need a permit, you have it in hand and have sent a copy to the Village office. It'll be kept with documentation for your unit as a record of the work and the contractor.

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OK – I get it, you say. What's the fuss?

Over the last several months, the Board has been informed of--or experienced--incidents where co-owners have objected—sometimes verbally, vehemently, and rudely—to residents making use of up-walks or common spaces between or behind buildings. Those on the receiving end of these objections have been alarmed, frightened, and worried for their own and their children's safety.

We're relaying these situations for one purpose: to remind all of us that by choosing to live in Pittsfield Village, we accept that we live quite close to each other and that we share common ground, in practice and in word. The 'practice' part isn't hard to grasp; our greenspaces are shared and we all need to acknowledge and accept that no one has a private yard. The 'word' part is a reflection of values behind our community, embedded in our logo: 'Green spaces, great neighbors'.

As comforting as it may sound, it takes work to live up to it, which includes tolerance, offering the benefit of doubt, as well as kindness and kind words, plain and simple.



Since your dog can't do **this**,
you must.



Someone is allowing their dog to "go" right in our gorgeous corner beds, and Katy and crew do such a wonderful job maintaining and tending to our landscaping beds.

Pittsfield and Oakwood area has been especially "hit".

Let's all do our part!

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