

April 2023

Fiscal Year Reminder

The **new fiscal year begins May 1, 2023.**

The 2023-2024 budget along with the new fee structure was mailed to all co-owners last week. If you are already on automatic withdrawal, the new amount will be adjusted accordingly.



If you have any questions regarding payment options, please contact Wanda Buster at wbuster@kramertriad.com.

DO NOT FLUSH WIPES!

As always, please refrain from flushing anything but toilet paper. If your pipes are clogged from flushing wipes, you will be charged for the maintenance call.



Flower Giveaway

This year's event is scheduled to be held in-person on **Saturday, May 20.**

Further details will be announced in the coming weeks.



Watch your email!

Pet Waste

If you have PET FECES in your yard, please clean it up now!!

Waste must always be picked up and properly discarded immediately.

Thank you for keeping our community clean, sanitary, and beautiful.

Lawn crews will soon be on site every week!

In the Garden, April 2023

By: Kristan LaFleur

**some additional information provided by PV office staff*

The sight of spring-flowering perennials and the arrival of warmer, sunnier days will undoubtedly put you in the mood to garden and there is much to be done. "April showers bring May flowers", but April temperatures and rainfall can vary from year to year so you may need to alter the following recommendations accordingly.

Planning

Gardening combines art with science. Consider how you will "paint the picture" in your garden this season. While long blooming perennials such as Geranium 'Rozanne' and 'Going Bananas' daylilies provide continuous color all season long, you may want to experiment with planting a sequence of flowering perennials that bloom at different times during the growing season and return year after year.

Things to do Early April

Prepare your containers and flower boxes. Clean your used pots with one part bleach to nine parts water and rinse thoroughly. Be sure the pots you plan to use have drainage holes in the sides or bottom.

Things to do in Mid-April

If you are a gardener, thin, divide, and transplant overcrowded perennials, herbs, and groundcovers. Daylilies, irises, hostas, ornamental grasses, and other perennials can be divided when they reach 2" to 3" in height.

Things to do in Late April

Begin to harden-off pots of the things you grew from seed earlier this spring. Put them outside for a few hours every day in a shady but bright location and bring them in at night. Gradually introduce them to more sunlight. Do this for at least one week before planting them in the garden. Stay on top of the weather forecast for your area and be ready to protect plants from sudden frost using row cover material or mulch.

SPECIAL NOTES!

This has been a historical late winter/early spring storm disaster year. With strong winds, heavy ice and snow, there has been an astronomical amount of tree damage. Please understand that with the amount of damage that occurred, it will take time to clean up and return the property to its former beauty. Thank you for your patience.

Keep in mind that if you had a shady bed due to a tree or large limb that is no longer there, your shade plants will not survive the full sun and will need to be transplanted. *Please remember to submit your garden redesign plans to the Landscape Committee for review, and familiarize yourself with the "Do not Plant List" on the Pittsfield Village website.



INVASIVES.... BEWARE!

Jumping worms are back in Michigan. The invasive species buries itself underground during the winter but is back above soil in higher-than-expected numbers and can damage insects and trees. The jumping worm can grow up to eight inches long and can be identified by the white ring around its body and its thrashing/ jumping movement. For more information, go to [Invasive Species: Jumping Worms \(michigan.gov\)](https://www.michigan.gov/invasive-species/jumping-worms).

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development is asking for the public's help by being on the lookout for **spotted lanternfly**, an invasive insect with the potential to seriously affect Michigan's agriculture and natural resources. This insect feeds on more than 70 different plants including grapes, apples, hops and hardwood trees.



NEW FEATURE!

Getting to Know "The Village People" Barb De Longchamp

Please find a new series of articles regarding our neighbors. I hope you find meeting your neighbors interesting as have I.

This month let us meet DAVID BRASSFIELD, probably our longest residing resident. David moved into his unit on Richard in September of 1980, when they were well-managed rental apartments still with the original coal-burning furnaces modified to burn natural gas, and he has never left. You talk about loyalty! He was here during the sale to McKinley in 1986, the rent strike of 1987, the remodeling and conversion to co-op in 1989, and the later conversion to condominiums in 2009.



David is a man of unending talents and adventures. He is a scholar of literature, receiving the University of Michigan "Distinguished Teaching Fellow" award when he taught English Department undergraduates as a Ph.D. student during the 1970's.

His work life has embraced a variety of occupations: librarian, piano teacher, college teacher of

writing and literature, handyman, technical writer of instructions for heart-lung machines, stone mason, partner in an Adventure Travel agency, summer camp director of wilderness camping programs for children and teens with social adjustment problems, and in the '90's founder of a company that continues to provide Adventure Education Challenge Course programs to schools and organizations throughout Southeast Michigan.

Over the last 20 years his company and its successor has built and helped launch dozens of educational Zip Line Canopy Tours across the country--from the boreal forests of Alaska and the costal redwoods of California to the White Mountains of New Hampshire and the forested wetlands of Hilton Head Island, and of course, points in between. Most recently he has advised on the installation of a Tree House Village high up in the Redwoods near the coast of Northern California. He explained to me, "We literally leave less of a footprint on Earth if our feet are in the air".

An interesting and remarkable man. Never quitting to give to others. Did I mention he plays his fully restored 1899 Steinway Upright Grand for relaxation? Thank you for sharing yourself with us David.

It was fun, ***Getting to Know You!***

Playgrounds & Common Area Storage Reminder

As we move into the spring/summer months, routine maintenance will be done at the playgrounds. This is a friendly reminder personal items are not permitted to be stored on the common areas, including the playgrounds. If you have any personal belongings such as outdoor toys being stored indefinitely at the playground, please remove them as soon as possible. Any items left behind will be collected by Village maintenance & will be available for pickup at the Village office during business hours.

Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 7:00pm. Be on the lookout for meeting details arriving in the mail with the budget material!



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PITTSFIELD ELEMENTARY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The school's PTO is planning their Ice Cream Social for **June 2** this year.

(further details in next month's PV newsletter)

They invite all students and families to celebrate the end of the school year, but it's also open to anyone in our community. You are invited to attend, but also if you are interested in volunteering to run games or paint faces, please contact Ashley Vaduva @ 734-478-4737 or by emailing ashley.vaduva@gmail.com.

There will be a silent auction and raffles that serve as fundraisers for the next school year!



Ice Cream Social

Pittsfield Village Office

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Next Month

- Annual Meeting (virtual) – May 3
- Flower Giveaway — May 20
- Pool Opening – May 26

April meeting links


M & M <https://meet.goto.com/518493069>
Landscape <https://meet.goto.com/156157853>
BOD <https://meet.goto.com/859509533>

COMMITTEES

Maintenance & Modification: Lisa Lemble, Chair
Landscape: Brian Rice, Chair

If you'd like to join either committee, please email
office@pittsfieldvillage.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 6pm Maintenance & Modification Committee Mtg	5	6	7 OFFICE CLOSES 3:30 pm	8
9 	10	11 6pm Landscape Committee Mtg	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 6:00 pm Open Forum; 6:15pm: Board Meeting	20	21	22
23 / 30	24	25	26	27	28	29