

# May 2023

Pittsfield Village's Annual Meeting is being held on **Wednesday**, **May 3**, **2023** at **7:00pm** via GoToMeeting.

An official ballot + meeting handout were mailed via USPS to residents.

Please drop off your ballot before 5pm Wednesday to be counted.

> Saturday, May 20 11 am to 1pm FLOWER GIVEAWAY

DETAILS COMING SOON, CHECK YOUR EMAIL!

# **GOT BUGS?**

The Association contracts Ehrlich for pest control needs such as treating the interior & exterior of units for ants, trapping & diagnosing entry points for mice or other critters.

Ehrlich services the community weekly on Thursdays. If you have pest control needs & would like to place a work order, please contact the Village office at 734-971-0233 or email us at office@pittsfieldvillage.com.

### Saturday, June 3

Village-Wide Yard Sales!



Participation is voluntary.

Sell or shop!

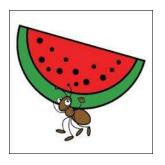


The <u>Pittsfield Village Neighborhood Association</u> Facebook page is a private group started in 2015 as a way for Villagers to enhance connection by sharing community events, Ann Arbor happenings, garden and home improvement ideas and photos, and most things related to our very unique community & the wonderful people in it.

We now total 315 members, and you are invited to join us!

Just do a Facebook search and submit a join request. Hope to see you soon.





# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Village Potluck Sunday, June 11, 2023 4-6 pm

#### **PV Pool Area**

So much fun and such a great turnout last year, we're doing it again!

We need: 3-4 long portable tables for the food, chairs (BYO), bags of ice;

I (Siri) will supply paper plates, cups, napkins and plasticware

#### **FOOD IDEAS:**

Pasta salads, green salads, veggie plates, fruit, box wine, one liter bottles or cans of various beverages; anything that strikes your fancy!

(Last year we had homemade egg rolls, Asian noodles, casseroles, hot dogs, lasagna, cocktail food, pies, cake, cookies, you name it!)

#### PLEASE COME EVEN IF YOU CAN'T CONTRIBUTE!



#### ALL ARE WELCOME

Questions: Siri Gottlieb, siri@umich.edu



#### Paws & Tails Pet Care

I'm located 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: Irenehayes03@yahoo.com

# Getting to Know You

This month we meet **Siri Gottlieb** and Rufus. A simply delightful pair residing on Edgewood.

Siri has been a Villager since 2000. She has 2 children and 3 grandchildren. After visiting a friend here she decided the cuteness and community spirit of the Village was overwhelming. Having both her children in college and being an empty nester, she found the Village perfect.

Siri is an amazing woman of many talents. Hailing from Flint, MI, she was an attorney in practice with her dad for many years. With a major in Linguistics, she has been an English teacher to international students, helping them learn the language. All this plays an integral role since currently she is a clinical social worker in private practice and a divorce mediator. She also counsels high-conflict divorced parents to resolve their parenting disputes.

Loving people, she loves our Village. The warmth, friendliness and helpful people within our borders inspired her to spearhead a Village Pot Luck last summer (information on the 2023 potluck on page 2 of this newsletter). Yum! These cooking talents have been bestowed upon her daughter, who gives culinary tours throughout France and Italy.

This brings us to Siri's companion, Rufus. The sweetest little furry baby in the Village. Rufus is an 8 year old Daisy Dog. Daisy Dogs are a mix of cocker spaniel, poodle and some kind of white fluffy. A great mix and our male mascot.

Siri is a vibrant free-spirited woman, enjoying her gardening talents as we all do.

Thank you Siri. It was great getting to Know You!

"Saving the world one smile at a time."

Feel free to join me!

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By: Kristan LaFleur

Gardening mania has begun with bursts of flowers. Primroses, Creeping Phlox, Columbine, Forget-Me-Nots, and Bleeding Hearts are a few of my favorites that return faithfully each spring. Mid-May is generally the time for our gardeners to begin planting things, but temperatures and precipitation can vary from year to year. Always be aware of the weather forecast in your area and be prepared for a sudden frost. For those who do not have a garden marker, sit back and enjoy spring unfolding before you.

#### Planning

I don't know about you, but I already feel behind in my own garden work. There is so much to be done now! Things are really coming to life in the garden. Garden centers are bursting with displays and migrating birds are returning to the area. For our garden marker community, now is the time to bring the wish list you made earlier in the spring to the garden center to purchase your favorite new items. Having a list and a plan will keep you grounded when choosing plants suitable for your garden. Try to overcome the urge to buy one of everything at the garden center. Remember that a mass of one kind of plant will have more visual impact than just one of many different items.

#### For our garden marker participants:

Things to do in Early May

- Get out all containers you plan to use this year and decide upon their placement. This will help you plan for which plants you'll need to buy at the garden center.
- Clean up and rake dead leaves and debris from your garden. Remove debris that may contain unwanted insects or carry a disease.
- Be careful where you step! Some perennials are late to emerge in spring.
- Prune vines where appropriate and gently train them up their supports.
- Put out supports for peonies and other perennials that will need staking soon.
- When you pull the weeds in your garden, be sure to get the roots too. Dampening the soil before pulling weeds makes it much easier to get all the roots out. Remember, each weed pulled now may prevent many, many more weeds from developing later.

#### Things to do in Mid- May

- Divide and replant early blooming perennials after they are finished flowering.
- Planting fall-blooming perennials such as mums and asters now will allow them to
  establish a stronger root system, enabling them to return reliably year after year. Be sure
  not to overlook these plants in the garden center now. They tend to hide among the
  colorful spring blooming perennials in the garden center.
- Check your plants for slugs and other insect damage now and treat them accordingly.

#### Things to do in Late May

- This is a great time to plant perennials, biennials, groundcovers, vines, and herbs in the garden. Finally, you'll be able to plant out any perennials you've grown from seed (if you haven't done so already).
- Apply mulch after planting your new perennials. Be sure to keep it at least a couple of inches away from the base of the plants to avoid rot and insect problems.

## **IMPORTANT NEWS FOR ALL RESIDENTS!**

"The Landscape crew continues its ongoing storm damage tree work and are now concentrating on the many damaged arborvitae that are mostly in front landscape beds. They will try to save as many as possible if the shrub has not been pushed too far over and compromised the root system. The most severe of these types will most likely need to be removed. The crew has made some progress tying the damaged branches together of several dozen, and some have had the damaged tops removed with the hope that they may recover in time. We appreciate residents' patience during this unprecedented time." – Les Crots

#### Great additions for our garden marker community

The 2023 season brings us several firsts, including the first-ever groundcover shasta daisy,

Leucanthemum "Carpet Angel." This extremely cold-hardy plant starts blooming straight through fall in zones 4a-10b.

Proven Winners introduced two new native hummingbird mints in their Meant to Bee collections, "Royal Raspberry" and "Queen Nectarine," which are both beloved by bees. Flowers blanket most of the plant from mid-summer through fall. They are also hardy in zones 5-9 and the







"Queen Nectarine"



by:Katy



# Friday, June 2



5:30-8:00
Pittsfield
Playground

Celebrate the end of the school year with us! We'll have food, games, a silent auction, raffles, and of course - ICE CREAM!

# **May 2023**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 M&M Committee @ 6:00pm (Virtual)	3 ANNUAL MTG & BOARD ELECTION 7PM (GoToMeeting)	4	5	6  KENTUCKY (a) DERIY.
7	8	9 Landscape Committee @ 6:00pm (Virtual)	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Flower Giveaway 11am—1pm
21	22	23 Trugreen Lawn Application –fronts & sides	24	25	Pool Opening!	27
28	29 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	30 Trugreen (rain date)	31		Next board meeting will be held in June	

#### **DECK STAINING 2023**

Deck washing and staining begins on <u>June 19</u>. To check the schedule, visit www.pittsfieldvillage.com. Affected units will be given notice in time to remove all items.

## **Pittsfield Village Office**

Monday— Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

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

Email: office@pittsfieldvillage.com / www.pittsfieldvillage.com

#### **ASSOCIA / KRAMER-TRIAD**

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#### COMMITTEES

Maintenance & Modification: Lisa Lemble, Chair

Landscape: Brian Rice, Chair

REMINDER

Pets as nuisances: No pet shall be permitted to be a nuisance or cause a

dangerous situation or condition of any kind.

#### The following shall be deemed nuisances in PV rules:

- Excessive noise or odor coming from inside or outside the pet coowner's unit
- Damage to common or limited common elements, such as trees, grass, shrubs, buildings
- Animal waste not cleaned up immediately
- Pets allowed running free/unleashed, on Village grounds.
   This includes cats!

## **Meeting links**

M & M-- https://meet.goto.com/707030069 Access Code:707-030-069

Landscape- https://meet.goto.com/654477221

Annual Meeting-https://meet.goto.com/492133869

Access Code: 492-133-869