



# 2024



## VILLAGE MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER

Due to election day, Maintenance & Modification Committee meeting is postponed until Monday, November 11, 2024, at 6:00 pm. Their meetings are held virtually:

<https://meet.goto.com/842554909>

The Landscape Committee meeting for November has been cancelled. They will resume with their regularly scheduled meetings on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Residents are welcome to attend in person at the Community Building (2220 Pittsfield Blvd) or virtually:

<https://meet.goto.com/176177821>

The Board combines the November & December meetings; the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 6:00 pm. Residents are welcome to attend in person at the Community Building (2220 Pittsfield Blvd) or virtually: <https://meet.goto.com/388990133>.

Please contact the office with questions.  
Thank you!

PV Staff

## NOVEMBER MAINTENANCE REMINDERS



- ⇒ Time to remove your **hoses** from the hose spigot so there is no freeze up! If you need help doing this, let the PV office know so maintenance can remove it for you.
- ⇒ Time to replace batteries in **smoke detectors** & carbon monoxide detectors, if need be.
- ⇒ Is your **furnace** ready for winter? Replace your air filters before winter comes. Have your furnace inspected by an HVAC contractor if it hasn't been done for quite some time, to make sure it is working safely and efficiently.
- ⇒ Having your **water heater** checked is also a good idea!



## Getting to Know You

By Barb De Longchamp



This month we have the pleasure of meeting the President of the Pittsfield Village Board, Ellen Johnson. She is a delight to behold; doing so much work for us, listening to our concerns, donating her private time for all residents. Whatever would we do without this wonderful woman?!

Ellen has been in the Village for 31 years. She has served the community well working on the M & M Committee and holding the position of President on the Board of Directors for nearly 8 years. Working with the Village Board and the Village Staff is one of her highlights. They must be good to her and she certainly has the respect of all.

She was born an Air Force brat in Big Spring, TX. This explains why she is so determined, and continually fact checks her commitments. From Texas her family moved to Michigan and eventually settled in Birmingham. They lived in a house known as the Watkins Farmhouse, circa 1854, which seemed to be a perfect fit for the family and was full of old charm. This may explain her interest in the M & M Committee and certainly her love of older dwellings; living in the Village must have been a shoe-in!

Ellen attended U of M, graduating with a Bachelor's in Zoology. A bit of a far cry, but we're all animals.

Widening her horizons she explored Europe and discovered France, their wonderful people, and herself. Falling in love with the French, she later moved to Montreal, Canada, for 15 years. While there she attended the University of Montreal and gained her Masters in Public Health.

Moving back to Michigan, she returned to U of M, enrolling in a PhD program for Health Services Research. Upon completing her studies, she took a position with a local company, DataStat, where she worked for nearly 25 years, retiring May 1 of this year. However, she has never stopped doing research for whatever she undertakes.

Having researched places to live in and around Ann Arbor, she fell in love with the green spaces in the Village. Ellen has one of the few double units, hers being on Pittsfield. It is simply outstanding with the research she put into the design and decorating, not to mention the magnificent views she has of her backyard green space. Research pays off!

Being the person she is, she was deeply devoted to her parents. She helped to care for her aging mother, a former nurse who came to suffer greatly from arthritis. Later she was there for her dad, an old-time doctor, through his aging. She remembered what a great sense of humor her dad had.

Growing up with a dachshund she has always given her heart to them. She has had 7 to date. Her current wiener babies are Turbo and Minnie. Loving animals, Ellen has volunteered at the Humane Society, adopting the older dogs that need help.

Last year Ellen was one of our winners at our First Pet Parade. She dressed as IN COG NITO. We were not really sure if she was a European Spy or with Interpol. But it was all fun, and I hope you were able to attend this year with your furry babies, whatever they are.

It's been a delight talking with President Ellen Johnson and having her share her humor and a bit of her life with us.

Thank you for letting us GET TO KNOW YOU!



# Pet Parade 2024

Our 2nd Annual Pet Parade was a success! We had about a dozen dogs, no cats, birds or hamsters. Everyone was dressed to the hilt. We met in the Village Parking Lot and marched down Pittsfield, around the roundabout and back.



Thanks to Kendra and Ellen we had use of the office! Ellen had it decorated and there was cider, donuts, and dog cookies. Yum.

The judging was done by Mike and Sheryl. First prize, a \$20 gift certificate to Pet Emporium, was won by Jody Kohn's dog for a Carmen Miranda costume. Second prize, a \$15 gift certificate to Petco for a nail trim, went to Valerie's dog as a pumpkin.



Third prize, a gift card for a large pizza at Hungry Howies went to Allison Jones and Jordan Berry .

Fourth Prize , a Halloween "Bury" Pie went to Siri's little Rufus! Siri donated the pie back to the party and it was immediately devoured.

Thanks to everyone who participated or was involved. It was great fun. A special thanks to "In Cog Nito" who made another appearance this year.

See you next year!  
Barb De Longchamp





# Pet Parade 2024



Halloween  
Fun!





## Gentle Reminder to folks:

## Resident Rules 2.8 Signs

a. Display of signs:

As a general rule, political, promotional, and rental signs may be displayed only from windows of residential units.

For local, state, or federal elections, however, residents may display election-related signs in limited common areas in the two (2) weeks prior to the election; signs must be removed within 24 hours after the date of the election.



The winner of our 1st Coloring Contest is **Theia**, age 5 *at the time* (she recently turned 6). Theia is the granddaughter of longtime resident, Vivian Sanders.

**Congratulations** Theia, and thank you to all who participated!



## Monthly Assessment Reminder + Payment Plan Options

Association fees are due on the 1st of each month; the Association will continue collecting a \$30.00 late charge for payments received after the 5th of the month. If you are experiencing a financial hardship and either cannot pay your monthly assessment, or have an outstanding balance, you can submit a payment plan for the Board to



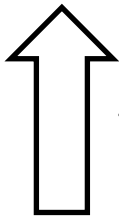
review at their monthly meeting. Please contact Kendra Zunich at [kzunich@kramertriad.com](mailto:kzunich@kramertriad.com) with questions.

Thank you!  
Kendra M. Zurich  
Community Association Manager





And we had  
PIE!



Thank you,  
Barb!



# Rock Painting Fall 2024



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## NOVEMBER Meeting links

**\*\*See Front Page\*\***

Note: The monthly Newsletter "Board Beat" column is taking November off. It will be back in December with its usual mix of news, background, context, and insight into Village governance and management affairs.



## NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <b>CHILI COOKOFF!</b> 1-3 PM
10	11 <b>M&amp;M committee 6 pm</b>	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	29 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	30