

Pittsfield Village News

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NUTS ON PITTSFIELD!

Photo by Darleen Boynton

Walking down Pittsfield Blvd. across from Pittsfield Elementary you may notice a rather large abundance of large green balls on the ground, accompanied by a distinct odor. But what you might not realize is that those things that look like green tennis balls are actually walnuts from the large walnut tree seen in the photo above. And that smell is completely normal. When crushed, the leaves have a distinct pungent “walnut” smell. Also, don’t be surprised to see a large amount of squirrels scampering around the area collecting the nuts for the coming Winter. Walnut trees are hard to miss. A mature tree can tower up to 100 feet tall. The tree is also very durable, with some living 200 years.

COLIN'S CORNER



Your Village maintenance staff is able to perform various tasks for you that are not the Association's responsibility. The bill-out rate for this service is \$45/hour with a \$30 half hour minimum. Some of the items we can perform include: snaking drains, replacing waste disposals, entry doorknobs or locks, clothes dryer vents, faucets, thermostats and handrails. Please don't hesitate to call the Pittsfield Village office to find out if we can meet your needs. Written estimates for work exceeding three hours will be provided upon request.

Enter Associa Advantage & Lowe's "Home for the Holidays" Facebook Giveaway

This holiday season, we're giving away \$50 gift cards in the Associa Advantage "Home for the Holidays" Facebook giveaway. Associa Advantage has partnered with Lowe's to give away 30 Lowe's Gift Cards worth \$50 each. The "Home for the Holidays" giveaway will be between November 1 - November 27. For a chance to win, homeowners just "like" Associa's Facebook page and complete and submit the form. Thirty winners will be chosen at random.

Homeowners are encouraged to visit Associa's Facebook page and "like" us for their chance to

win. To enter the "Home for the Holidays" gift card giveaway, they can:

- Click the "Home for the Holidays" tab on Associa's Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/associa.
- Click the "Like" icon, and
- Complete the entry form and submit.

Additionally, Associa Advantage members can take advantage of the Lowe's "Project Starter" coupon. Exclusively available to network members, this coupon offers \$10 off your next purchase of \$50 or more at Lowe's. To redeem this deal, log on to the Associa Advantage

website and enter your address information. Then print the coupon and present it to your



Lowe's sales associate at the time of purchase or online at the e-checkout.

The "Home for the Holidays" giveaway is a great way for us to say thank you to our homeowners and communities. It's also a great way for them to prepare and decorate their homes and communities this holiday season.

Visit the newly re-designed Associa Advantage website for savings up to 65 percent. Associa-managed homeowners can find deals on electronics, flooring, furniture, home services, office supplies, travel and entertainment from the brands they trust like Lowe's, Staples, General Electric and Sherwin Williams. Associa Advantage partners are prescreened to ensure quality offers. The deals and savings are then shared exclusively on www.associaadvantage.com for the homeowners in our communities.

Thank you and happy holidays!

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Tips From The Master Gardener *In The Garden*

Lisa Joseph

Horticulturist

In October, I was part of the team who completed the fall clean up around the community. As you know, I am new this season. Going from bed to bed throughout the whole property was quite an eye-opener for me. There are so many gorgeous gardens! It's wonderful that so many take such pride in their landscapes.

We also found that there are many invasive plant species on the grounds. You would be shocked to have seen the number of Buckthorn (Rhamnus) seedlings we were digging up! These plants are invasive, meaning that they spread quickly and invade natural areas. They bully out our own native plants. Learn to identify these invaders. Let's be aware of what is growing in our community.

We may still have a few warm days ahead, but even if the temperature continues to drop, we need to bundle up and get outside because there are still some chores to be done. Garden tasks for November include:

- Drain and store your hoses and sprinklers before the

frigid temperatures arrive.

- Complete your garden fall clean up if not yet accomplished. Many plants still looked good at the end of October, but they will soon peter out for winter. If they will contribute to winter interest, leave them standing until spring.
- After the ground freezes, mulch the perennial bed if needed. I like to add shredded leaves to my garden. Come springtime, the earthworms adore me for it, and the perennials rejoice at the added organic matter.
- You can still plant daffodil bulbs up until the ground freezes.
- Transplant trees and shrubs after they have dropped their leaves.
- Keep watering plants until the ground freezes, especially evergreens.
- Plant Amaryllis bulbs in potting soil in a pot that's just slightly larger than the bulb. Set the bulb so that the top third of the bulb is above the soil line. Place the pot in a sunny, warm spot, around 70 degrees. Keep the soil moist. Soon you'll see some life, green sprouts followed by a flower stalk.

Once the flower buds begin to open, move the pot to a slightly cooler not as sunny location. This will help retain the flowers longer.

- Keep your bird feeders filled. Before winter sets in, be sure your feeders are cleaned. Dirty feeders harbor bacteria and mold that can make your birds ill. Clean all parts of your feeders with a solution of one part bleach to nine parts water. Scrub with a brush and rinse thoroughly. Let air dry completely before adding fresh seeds. I'm always amazed at the tenacious little black-capped chickadees plowing through the snow to get to a little seed dish I have on my deck railing. They are my favorite little birds- so hardy and friendly. They are quite used to me now and don't even fly away when I approach to add more seeds to the dish. I'm looking forward to a blanket of fresh white glistening snow across my tired old lawn. How refreshing it will be. Time to get out the skis and snowshoes. Let it snow. . . as long as we have all our garden tasks completed and the spring-flowering bulbs in the ground!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Maintenance Technician David Walke Celebrates 25 Years!

Dave began his career with what is now Kramer-Triad Management Group, on October 31, 1987. Back then we were Triad and had our offices in downtown Ann Arbor. He spent many years as a site supervisor at a property in Ann Arbor not far from U of M Hospital. In January of 2008 he was transferred to Village Cooperative Homes, where, once again, his exceptional skills, professionalism, loyalty and dependability have made him a great asset to the company. Congratulations, Dave, and keep up the good work!



November 2012 Community Calendar

November 9th FRIDAY

Board of Directors Meeting & Open Forum
6:15PM Open Forum, 6:45PM Meeting @ Community Building

November 15th THURSDAY

Finance Committee Meeting
6:00PM - 8:00PM @ The Community Building

November 20th TUESDAY

Landscape Committee Meeting **CANCELLED**
6:00PM - 8:00PM @ The Community Building

November 22nd & 23rd

Happy Thanksgiving & Black Friday Shopping
The Pittsfield Village Office will be closed both of these days

Looking Ahead... December 2012

December 3rd MONDAY

Modification & Maintenance Committee Meeting
6:00PM - 8:00PM @ The Community Building

December 7th FRIDAY

Board of Directors Meeting & Open Forum
6:15PM Open Forum, 6:45PM Meeting @ Community Building



Pittsfield Village
Communications
Committee

Bulletin

URGENT MESSAGE FROM MANAGEMENT!

Attention Residents of Pittsfield Village:

We have recently learned that there were 2 break ins on the 3400 block of Norwood the night of 11/6/2012. The two homes were next to each other. Entry was through a window on one home and through the door on the other. It is unclear if the window and/or door were locked.

It is very important that everyone be sure to secure all doors and windows in your homes. We have contacted the Ann Arbor Police Department and asked for increased patrols in light of these incidents. Please also be aware of your surroundings while out and about. Let's all keep our eyes and ears open to any suspicious activity and call 911 if you see anything that appears suspicious or unusual.

By taking extra precautions and looking out for each other we can continue to keep Pittsfield Village a safe and pleasant neighborhood community for all to live in. If you have a particular concern or question please contact the Ann Arbor Police Department Dispatch Non-emergency number at 734-994-2911.

Thank you for attention to this very important message.

Sincerely,

Terri Leirstein

Community Manager

SEEKING NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

We are looking for residents to contribute to this newsletter! Anyone interested in contributing in any way is encouraged to contact us via email at pittsfieldvillage@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Like Us on Facebook and Get Connected



Jason Beckerleg

Communications Committee Chair

In February of this year the Communications Committee decided to create an "official" Facebook page for Pittsfield Village. A page was created for the community in 2009 but had not been updated in quite some time. We made several attempts to contact the person who created the page without success. So we decided to create a new page, which is now consistently updated.

We are hoping to get as many residents as possible to "like" the page. It's a great way to quickly distribute important information about the community and connect with neighbors.

To get connected visit: www.facebook.com/pittsfieldvillage and click "Like". Post comments and share photos from around the community.

