

# Pittsfield Village News

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## The Village View... Pool Party 2012

Photos by David Karl



**Terri Leirstein**  
Community Manager

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone that attended the Pool Party on August 25th. I have been involved in planning many fun events over the years but the PV Pool Party was the BEST! There are many years of history and tradition in the

Village and I could tell by the attendance that this event is a favorite. George Bedard and the Kingpins were fabulous, the ice cream was a hit and Scout the Dog and the bouncy house were enjoyed by all. Hope everyone had as much fun as I did and I can't wait until next year's bash!!



## Attention Pet Owners

**Tracy Vincent**  
Administrative Assistant Manager

We are experiencing an increase in pet-related problems around Pittsfield Village. For everyone's comfort and safety, no pet shall be permitted to be a nuisance or cause a dangerous condition.

### As a reminder of the rules:

- No pet shall be tied up or staked out on the commons or the limited common elements (decks/patios).
- All pets (dogs and cats) shall be confined to the interior of the unit except while on a leash under the pet owner's direct control.
- You must clean up after your dog or cat immediately.
- Excessive noise or odor from either inside or outside the pet owner's unit is not permitted.

Violation of these rules may result in fines. Please take care to be courteous to those around you.



## Pittsfield Village In Full Bloom



Cristina Koory, a Pittsfield Village resident and avid gardener, sent us these beautiful photos showing the colorful arrangement of flowers surrounding her unit on Edgewood Drive. *Thanks Christina!*

## SMART METER QUESTIONS?

There has been a lot of buzz in the Village regarding Smart Meters. Please direct all of your questions, concerns or comments to DTE. They are your service provider for the Smart Meter Program. The number to contact DTE is 1-800-477-4748.



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## A Fresh Coat of Paint to Liven Things Up



Pittsfield Village resident Barbara Scoville sent us these pictures of her unit after recently receiving a fresh coat of paint from the folks at MasterCraft. *Thanks Barbara!*

## Tips From The Master Gardener *Horticulture Corner*

**Lisa Joseph**

*Master Gardener*

September has arrived, marking the gradual decline of the summer flowers. It never fails, I always get into a funk when autumn slowly makes its appearance. September is the worst month for me. I think it's the transition, getting used to the fact that summer is over and winter is right around the corner. Short days, freezing cold floors in my house, cooped up indoors. No more green. No more colors and wonderful scents. Once October arrives, though, I've pretty much accepted the inevitable, and I start to appreciate the beautiful colors and scents of autumn, and the trips to the cider mill of course!

But the question remains: what to do to get through September? Keep busy with remaining garden tasks, that's what! It's still warm outside and there's much to get accomplished. Here is a list of a few garden chores for the month of September:

1. You can still divide crowded perennials like peonies, daylilies, and tall phlox. Call or email me if you'd like direction in correctly replanting your peony divisions. Water your new plantings well and add mulch in late fall as needed.
2. Keep fertilizing your annual containers with a water-soluble fertilizer.

3. Lift and store tender bulbs after the first frost. These include Caladium (Elephant Ear), Dahlias, Cannas, and Calla Lilies.
4. September and October are ideal times for planting perennials, cool-season vegetables, and woody plants. In the fall, the soil is warm, and the plants concentrate on developing roots and becoming established right up until the ground freezes. When spring arrives, the fall-planted plants hit the ground running, continuing their root growth and beginning top growth. By the time the heat of summer arrives, these plants are well equipped to handle it.
5. Add organic matter to your garden like well-rotted manure, composted shredded leaves, or organic humus. It will break down over winter and enrich your garden soil. Your plants will thank you in the spring!

As Bob Seger declared in one of my favorite songs, "Sweet summer time summer time"... grasp the remaining delicious days of summer. Take notes in your journal about your gardening successes for 2012. Make a grilled cheese and fresh tomato sandwich. Sit out on your deck in the morning with your cup of coffee and watch the birds. Sink your teeth into one of the sweet and juicy melons from the local farmers. I will do the same. While I can.

**Howdy Neighbors!** My name is Amy & I am a professional organizer. I would love to help you simplify, declutter, downsize and rearrange your 'stuff' to make it more pleasing, beautiful, and manageable. My rates are reasonable and I have references. It's a great time to get clear before the indoor time of winter! I offer a free 1/2 hour consultation.

*Call or email me and let's get going.*

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# September 2012 Community Calendar

**September 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Landscape Committee Meeting**

6:00PM - 8:00PM @ The Community Building

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Finance Committee Meeting**

6:00PM - 8:00PM @ The Community Building

**September 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Board of Directors Meeting & Open Forum**

6:15PM Open Forum, 6:45PM Meeting @ Community Building

## Looking Ahead . . . October 2012

**October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Modification & Maintenance Committee Meeting\***

6:00PM - 8:00PM @ The Community Building



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Pittsfield Village  
Communications  
Committee

## Bulletin

### LOOKING FOR A UNIT TO RENT IN PITTSFIELD VILLAGE

51-year-old man, educator/musician/actor, and his two well-trained dogs need a low-rent place to live! We are experienced house sitters, having kept an estate in Tucson for over a year, and I've taught students for a decade while also working as an editor, property manager, musician, teacher, and educational aide for students with recognized disabilities. I am currently employed as a tutor at an after-school academy. We live in Ann Arbor, and need a dog-suitable place to live. We are willing to do house/yard work or editing, babysitting, cleaning, tutoring, etc. in partial exchange for rent. We do not smoke or drink.

Contact Justin by email at [jrcrj@yahoo.com](mailto:jrcrj@yahoo.com) or by phone at 734-347-0017.

### SEEKING CONTRIBUTORS FOR THIS NEWSLETTER

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](mailto:pittsfieldvillage@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you.

### THANK YOU

A big thank you to the gentleman who knocked on my door the other day to let me know I left the lights on in my car. Saved me from a dead battery! Sandee - on Parkwood.

# The Grammy and the Frog Prince

**Barbi De Longchamp**

*Pittsfield Resident*

Once upon a time there was a little Grammy living in Pittsfield Village. She loved her garden more than anything in the world (except her grand daughters). But there was something missing from her garden. She would look at her garden everyday wondering what it could be. Think, think, think, she said to herself, but nothing would come to mind. Even the neighbors saw her standing in her garden with her hands on her hips wondering what she was thinking about.

Finally one day a little Frog came by. He asked the Grammy what she was doing. She told him she wanted something special for

her garden but didn't know what it was. The Frog asked her what she would give him if he helped her. Again she thought and thought. Finally she told the frog she would make him royal and immortal. The frog thought this was a pretty dumb idea since he was happy just hopping around eating bugs. So he just asked to be kissed. Yuck, kiss a frog, the Grammy said. No way!

As time went on the Grammy decided she really needed to find out what was missing in her garden. Once again she talked to the Frog and told him, OK I will kiss you if you promise to tell me what I need for my garden. So little by little the Grammy bent down lower and lower (because she was very old and stiff) and kissed the cold slimy Frog

and WOW! The Grammy knew at once she was missing giant sunflowers and she could see some planted at the Village Office by Colin. What a good idea! So the Grammy planted sunflower seeds in her backyard and her neighbors' yards, because it is always good to share and help others by making the Village a happy place to live. The sunflowers grew to be 10' tall and were beautiful.

As for the Frog, once he kissed the Grammy he became 6' tall, with a crown on his head and is standing on her front porch on Jeanne St. to this very day, just like The Grammy said. Those Grammys, they know everything. As for the neighbors, they lived happily ever after with their sunflowers, as everyone does in The Village. The happy place to be!