



AUGUST 2016 Phase V Newsletter

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"Remember to be gentle with yourself and others. We are all children of chance and none can say why some fields will blossom while others lay brown beneath the August sun. Care for those around you. Look past your differences. Their dreams are no less than yours, their choices no more easily made. And give, give in any way you can, of whatever you possess. To give is to love. To withhold is to wither. Care less for your harvest than for how it is shared and your life will have meaning and your heart will have peace."

-Kent Nerburn-

AROUND TOWN—NEARBY THINGS TO DO

8/5-7 Buy Michigan Now Festival—Downtown Northville. Food, live music, tons of Michigan made products

8/13-14, Colonial Kensington—Kensington MetroPark. British, French, Colonial and Native American re-enactors.

8/12-14 Milford Memories Summer Festival Downtown Milford. Art, food and live performances.

8/20 Woodward Dream Cruise Enjoy Classic Cars and family activities from Pontiac through Royal Oak along Woodward Ave.

8/20-21 Thunder Over Michigan Air Show—Yankee Air Museum, Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti. B-17 rides. F22 Raptor & MiG 23 Flogger performances. WWII battle re-enactment. Fees.

8/20-10-4 Michigan Renaissance Festival Weekends at Hollygrove Grounds, Holly. 16th Century costumes and jousting. Fees

8/23-27 Chelsea Community Fair – Community fairgrounds. Tractor & diesel truck pulls, livestock judging, demo derby, art show

Colonial Acres Phase V Board of Directors Meeting 7/13/16

Meeting started at 1:03pm

Present: Claude, Pauline, Judy, Jerrie, Paul Trala, Maintenance and Jim Rueschlein, Property Manager.

Motion to accept the minutes from last month's meeting by Pauline and seconded by Claude. Also a motion to accept the treasurer's report by Pauline and seconded by Judy. The treasurer's report is posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

Jim started the meeting with his report. The fixtures were purchased for the emergency lights in the clubhouse. Paul installed a drive up outside drop box for payments and fees.. It is between two yellow polls at the pool parking lot. He asked that it be used only by resident family members without clubhouse keys. All others should continue to use box inside the clubhouse.

The path off Heritage road to the clubhouse is being worked on.

There have been boards replaced on the clubhouse deck. The clubhouse committee would like the deck checked for weight safety. Hot water tanks have been ordered in bulk to save money in the future.

The management company has been working hard on collecting any past due money which is on the list of delinquencies. Paul Trala is working hard on repairing the sprinklers for watering the lawns. This is a large job. Takes time. A motion was made to accept the management report by Jerrie and seconded by Pauline.

Comments from the Board: Many people have asked about the sprinklers to many board members. They are being worked on with many repairs being done. The board questioned if we need signs up at the ponds

that it is only catch and release fishing. Papers were given to Clearview for a unit to put a sun tunnel in a unit. Jim is looking into a sound barrier wall that was installed and need a little more work. Roofing company is making repair a water leak after rain came into a unit. Some people's plants are growing all over building and fences.

We need to keep our courtyards and back patios looking appropriate. There is a tree growing by deck that needs taken out. Also the ponds need a second treatment for the Lily pads. Please if you have a flag in front of your unit do not fly it over the sidewalks.

Comments from the residents: The developers need to keep their grass cut during the summer months. We will be putting in all LED lights on the bus stops.

Letters went out for Sunrooms that need repair. The residents are working on the repairs.

The pool has been open as of the meeting 19 days and there have been 681 swimmers already. Larry and Sue have done a great job on getting the pool repaired and keeping it running. We all said how we love Sue's flowers. Our landscaper and Jim need to look at the land behind building 71. There is some mold on the north side of units. This needs to be looked at and cleaned.

Trash pick- up is becoming an issue. There is always early trash out and not always in container. We do Not want to have to pick up other people's trash! Please be responsible.

Poker was talked about.

Meeting closed at 2:05 pm

Judy Keeling, Secretary,

Claude Danielson, President

No Solicitors Allowed!!!

There have been several instances of window solicitors lately. For your own safety, tell them to leave your courtyard or the police will be called!

60 Volunteers Honored at Luncheon—the Pride of Phase VI!

It was both a privilege and an honor to host these individuals who have done so much for our community. Jack Saunders emceed the event. Each volunteer received a certificate of recognition.

Colonial Acres Phase V Clubhouse Meeting 7/12/16

Called to order 9:35am.

Announcements; Connie Williams will run this year's Craft Sale. Esther Baxendale will manage this year's yard sale. Jan Johnson will be the new Clubhouse Co-Chair. Judy Damphouse will manage the newsletter distribution. Christine McNally will be the new clubhouse purchasing agent. The correct address of the clubhouse was discussed, the correct address is 25865 Jamestown Court.

Treasurers report was given by John McGraw. We are still seeking a volunteer for treasurer of the clubhouse.

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. Nancy spoke on Recognition Luncheon; Jack Saunders will emcee. Some items covered while guests are eating as the timeline cannot run over due to Board meeting following the luncheon. 56 volunteers have responded as attending. Miscellaneous members have volunteered to assist with the menu.

Judy Keeling reminds us a box is set up in the clubhouse to collect donations for Act of Faith.

Monday Morning Coffees. Deanne reported that 96 residents attended the Monday Coffees in June. She is still looking for volunteers to assist once a month with this very simple task. Simply plugging in the coffee pot and setting out donuts, cups and napkins. As with all of the volunteering done at Colonial Acres the more volunteers that share these tasks the easier it is for all.

Diane Smith tells us WOW has promised a donation for the Corn Roast. There is no other information available.

Jack Saunders told us participation for the Romeo breakfasts averages 6-8 men. They would like to see more men join in. An announcement will be made at another gathering as a reminder of this breakfast group (the acronym means Retired Old Men Eating Out).

Ladies Lunch Bunch had a great time at the Hartland Tea House, and may schedule another visit down the road. The next event is at Heavenly Scent Herb Farm in Fenton next week, meet in the clubhouse parking lot at 11:30 am. The Ladies group is hoping to host a Tea Party in this fall at the Clubhouse and

incorporate it with a "hat" theme. Ladies will bring their tea pots and cups. There was discussion on inviting a speaker.

Jack spoke on the new ads received--there were two and possibly a third. Discussion on deadline for copy was discussed. Nancy prefers items be turned in earlier than the print deadline shown on the newsletter calendar. Residents should mention to businesses that they saw their ad in our newsletter!

Senior Health and Wellness Day will be in September at the Clubhouse. Discussion; 1 hour sessions with participating medical personnel on senior hearing, vision, exercise, nutrition, skin care, foot care. This is a drop in type event, come to the sessions you are interested in. Lunch has been offered by a local podiatrist.

Deck rot has been patched. Nancy is requesting Clearview order a professional assessment of the stability of the deck to insure safety for residents and rental parties.

Clubhouse Library. Pauline has requested assistance with Library duties, due to current unavailability of the current volunteers. A suggestion was made to have a book sale of the pulled books from our library. Perhaps this can be added to another event as a side draw.

Jane Severn's husband is not available for Bible Study it is cancelled for the remainder of the summer and will resume in the fall.

Medical Equipment Closet. Judy Keeling spoke on the Loaner Medical Closet. It has been a very helpful aid for some members of our community. There have been 2 wheelchairs donated for the program. It is important that items are returned for continued use by others. It was suggested that labels be put on the equipment with return instructions. As some family members may not be aware that it is a loaner. Judy mentioned the need for small shower chairs in the program. If anyone would like to donate this or other items please contact Judy Keeling.

Court Yard Sale Esther spoke on the upcoming Courtyard Sale. Signs have been out as general designations. There will be signs on Heritage directing buyers down each street. Parking should be done on Heritage only.

Hours are from 9-3 Friday and Saturday. It will be posted on Craigslist and Facebook. The Mens Club Breakfast is also scheduled for Saturday morning. Esther recommends that residents put balloons up near your unit to attract buyers. Craft sale flyers will be distributed at the Courtyard Sale.

Garden Group. Sue Latham sends a big thank you to her volunteers for garden watering. She is looking for volunteers to help with planting fall bulbs.

Corn Roast August 20, 2016. Ticket sales are active, get yours now. Peggy Booker will contact newcomers to invite them. A tent will be added for overflow. Phase 1-4 will be included for this event. Kathy Urban has been a powerhouse gathering donations for a fun Silent Auction. A signup sheet has been posted at the Club house for volunteers to help with this event. Nancy is looking for a speaker system to extend to the tent.

Trivia Time. Kathy Urban will head up the first Trivia Time July 22nd. This should be a fun mental exercise.

Craft Sale and Ice Cream Social Friday August 5th. The Craft Sale is open to residents of Colonial Acres to sell their crafts. There is a \$5 fee for a table. Contact Connie at 248 437-1987 if interested in a table. The Craft Sale will run from 1-4.

Fish Fry Fridays (once a month) at Riverbank Golf Club at 10 mile and Currie at 5pm is working well the next one is August 26.

The Taste of Chinese dinner (once a month) at Fortuna Inn at 6pm also had an excellent turn out. The next on is July 27th.

Peggy Booker set up the new Buck Board at Draft Street Grill enjoyed weekly by an average 22 residents

Kent Lake Cruises & Dinner at Bakers Monthly beginning Sunday July 31 pending the arrival of a new boat.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45.

Clubhouse Committee Vacancies

Colonial Acres Phase V invites its residents to volunteer for community service. The Clubhouse is currently soliciting for interested persons to fill the Committee vacancies listed below.

[1] Vacancy ... **Clubhouse Treasurer** Contact Nancy Meininger, 248-366-4845

[1] Vacancy..... **Monday Morning Coffee Supervisor** Contact Deane Carter, 248-667-7046

[3] Vacancies **Monday Morning Coffee Host or Hostess** ... Contact Deane Carter, 248-667-7046

[1] Vacancy ... **Monday Morning Donut pick-up** Contact Deane Carter, 248-667-7046

Senior Power Lunch

On the Menu? Laughing, talking & dining with neighbors! Join us Tues. & Thurs. at noon. Treat yourself to a Power Lunch just \$3.00 for those 60 and above, \$5.00 for guests & under 60.

Make reservations 24 hours in advance. (Tues. lunch- call by noon on Mon; Thurs. lunch- call by noon on Weds). – call Eleanor Schwartz 248-446-1397 Arrive 10 min early.

Corn Roast August 20--For Tickets 248-366-4845-Hurry!!

The day is almost here—our Annual Corn Roast—the most popular event of the year! It is an opportunity for us to meet and greet our new members and make them welcome. It is a day when we can use many hands on deck—to shop, to strip the corn, to cook, to make our favorite appetizers, salads and desserts, to set the tables, cook the franks and chili sauce. Yes there is much to do and room for lots of you to help. Please put us on your calendar and let us know we can count on you.

The date is August 20. This year we will have an overflow tent. No one will be turned away. Friends and family are welcome. Come for the social hour at 4 p.m. Get your 50/50 tickets. You may bring the drink of your choice or enjoy our punch. Great door prizes! Tickets are on sale now--\$7.00. Call Tom Meininger—248-366-4845. New residents are free. Please identify yourself when you call. You won't want to miss this event!

Opportunities to Break Bread with your Neighbors!

Have you been to the Monday night dinner at 5 p.m. at Senate Coney Island? Head to the private back room to join the more than 20 Phase Fivers and enjoy a full menu plus free ice cream to top it off.

Got a buck? Spend it Thursday on the Buckboard at the Draft Street Bar & Grill. There you will find a group of 20-30 of us gathered in the back room at 2 p.m. at our new Colonial Acres table. Enjoy \$1 beers and a full menu of items starting at a buck each. Great burgers!!

New this year is a Friday night 5 p.m. fish fry dinner at Riverbend Golf Club, monthly. All you can eat fish for \$8.95. Next dinners are August 26. Call Nancy Meininger 248-366-4845 by Thurs for our reserved table.

Also new this year is A Taste of Chinese night out monthly on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at Fortuna Inn. See you there August 24. Call Nancy Meininger 248-366-4845 by Tues. for our **reserved table**.

Ladies Lunch Bunch Heads Back to Hartland—Repeat!!

So many ladies who missed our first round visit at asked for a repeat visit to the very popular Tyme Well Spent Victorian Tea House for Lunch, we have decided to do a repeat performance. We will meet at the clubhouse

parking lot at noon to carpool on Weds. August 17. We will have a chance to enjoy the hat room again and shopping the antique jewelry room after lunch. Please call 248-366-4845 to reserve your place.

Crafters from Phases 1-5 - Clubhouse Craft Sale Fri, Aug. 5. COME SEE & JOIN US FOR ICE CREAM, TOO!!

Come meet the artists that are our neighbors and see their wonderful handi work! If you create, please share with us what you make. Sale opens at 1 pm. Ice cream social, too-- starts at 2 p.m.

Wheels Are Turning...A Bicycle Group is Forming

Bill and Denise Semion, our life adventure writers are getting together a group of cycle enthusiasts to hit the trails around South Lyon. If you have a bike and interest in a short Sunday wheel away or more of a challenge,

these two are up to it. They want to meet you at your comfort level. Please call and give us your idea of a perfect afternoon wheel escape. 248-366-4845.

Romeo Men's Club Breakfast Thurs- August 11 & 25

Meet in the Clubhouse parking lot to caravan to the restaurant at 9 a.m. Come alone or bring your friends. All men are welcome.

Questions call Jack Saunders 248-446-4005 or Tom Meininger 248-366-4845.

MEN'S CLUB MINUTES by Gary Williams

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Doug Smith with 11 men present. The minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved by Dick Biskner and Tony

Spitzik. Golf was attended by 6 men today. We are still looking for more to enjoy the fun. Dick made the motion to close the meeting and Charlie Minear seconded it at 7:09 pm.

DOT'S RECIPE BOX

By Dot Saunders—248-446-4005

Cheesy Garlic Baked Chicken

Pre-Heat Oven to 375
4 Chicken Breast (thin)
4 Garlic Cloves minced
4 TBLS brown sugar
3 Tsp olive oil
1 Tsp salt
1 Cup of Cheese

Sauté Garlic with Olive oil until tender. Remove from heat & add brown sugar & salt. Place in pan & cover with 3/4 of brown sugar & garlic mix. Add salt & pepper to taste. Bake uncovered for 30 minutes total. After 20 minutes, add the cheese and put back in and bake another 10 to 15 minutes. or until cheese melts.

AFTERNOON READING ADVENTURES

Reviews by Jessica Hesselgrave of Salem South Lyon Library

Vinegar Girl by Ann Tyler

Kate Battista is stuck. Stuck running the house for her eccentric scientist father and her snobby sister Bunny. Stuck in trouble at work – where her pre-school students adore her, but their parents are another story altogether. And when her father, on the verge of a breakthrough that could help millions, cooks up an outrageous plan to keep his brilliant young lab assistant, Pyotr, from being deported, Kate is afraid that she will be stuck in a situation she isn't prepared for. Kate is furious; but will she be able to resist the two men's ridiculous campaign to change her mind?

Five Presidents: My Extraordinary Journey by Clint Hill

Clint Hill's seventeen years as a Secret Service agent is brought vividly to life in his memoir about his time spent walking alongside Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, and Ford. Throughout the Cold War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Robert F. Kennedy; the Vietnam War, Watergate, and the resignations of Spiro Agnew and Nixon. With a unique insider's perspective, Hill sheds new light on these five leaders.

Bits & Pieces

Librarian, Pauline Williamson, reports that we have an over abundance of books which have been donated this year. She asks that you donate any others this year to the Senior Center or hold them until next year. Thank you for the consideration.

Paul Trala wants you to be aware that Non Conductive wasp spray is the only kind of wasp spray that should be used around the outdoor lights and electric boxes.

Please do not spray water near the light bulbs in your outdoor lights. It will pop the lights. If you have plants hanging near, please spray away from the lights.

If you have a donation for Veterans, please consider donating to WSWVets.org. This organization supports women veterans on every level of need.

Scam Alert Peggy Booker wants to make everyone aware of an IRS Scam in this area. South Lyon residents are getting phone calls stating the caller is from the IRS. South Lyon police said they have had dozens of calls from residents who have received these IRS calls. Be aware and don't answer! It's a SCAM !The caller says you will be audited. Final notice. These are bad people!!!

Medical Closet Missings--Please return medical equipment when you are done using it. We have had several requests for the small shower benches which have been borrowed from the closet. When you have recovered physically and are no longer in need of these, please return them so someone else can benefit. Thank you.

History in Your Backyard—the South Lyon Hotel



South Lyon was a little city of 668 residents when the South Lyon Hotel was built. It grew around the two story rail stop building to a population of now over 12,000. We would have celebrated the hotel's 150th birthday in 2017 until a single spark changed all of that. It ignited the fire that destroyed the entire second floor of the old building. What was the cause? Some say the building was haunted. You know it was built over an old cemetery. Workers said they would hear creaks and moans up on that second floor after the place closed down at night.

Built in 1867 the South Lyon Hotel was originally called Commercial House. Today it was a favorite for dining and live entertainment,

offering traditional menu options and 12 beers on tap in the two-story restaurant, which also featured two full bars. Investigators can't put a dollar estimate on how much damage was actually sustained in the fire, but they believe the first floor of the business is salvageable. The owners say they will rebuild.

"This has been a huge loss for the community." The hotel held memories for all young and old who had visited there. Many recall the bicycle built for 12 art which hung on the wall of the second floor across from the bar.

For Phase V residents, whose Buckboard Thurs afternoons brought out an average of 30-36 residents, it has been a very sad time. We are hoping our Colonial Acres crest which hung in the dining room is still safe.

The Phase V crew meets Thursdays now at the Draft Street Bar across Ten Mile from the boarded up hotel. The bar has provided a private back room, \$1 brews and a special menu priced close to the old Buckboard fare. The food is good. The 25-30 regulars meet faithfully every Thurs. when the clock strikes 2 pm. No need to call ahead. Just show up.

TO: Colonial Acres Phase 1-4 Residents

FROM: Phase V Meals-on-Wheels

Colonial Acres Phase V invites Colonial Acres Phase 1-4 residents to our Meals-on-Wheels luncheon at noon every Tuesday and Thursday.

To make reservations, call Eleanor Schwartz at 248-446-1397 by noon on Monday for Tuesday luncheon and by noon on Wednesday for

Thursday luncheon. If there is no answer when you call, please leave a message.

Plan to arrive any time after 11:30 a.m. to allow time for signing in and meeting up with friends – old and new. The donation is \$3.00 per person.

Welcome, we look forward to seeing you soon.
Eleanor Schwartz. Hostess

Don't Miss Trivia Time!!

Up for a challenge? New this year will be a 2 hour Trivia contest with your neighbors. You'll learn new facts about Michigan and the world around us, bring back memories and have plenty of laughs in the process. Join us for this new bit of fun on Friday afternoon, once a month at the clubhouse.

Our moderators are former teacher, Kathy

Urban assisted by Kathy Becker, both Phase V residents. These two gals are gathering information for our first round Friday, August 24 at 2 p.m.

Keeping your brain fit with mental workouts can help increase memory. So, take this brain challenge and join us at Trivia Time.

For more information, call 248-366-4845.

<u>August Birthdays</u>	
1	Patti Smith
2	Betty Grainger
2	Sharon Makowski
2	Frank Rupersburg
3	Sandra Campbell
3	Carol Dynda
3	Pat Kimel
3	Ed Williams
4	Esther Baxendale
6	Marvin Schneider
8	Glenn Jackson
12	Curt Hathorne
15	Isabelle Delegeorge
15	Italo Rose
15	Karen DiCicco
17	Judy Davis
17	Bill Schneider
18	Cori Hall
19	Karen Kingslien
20	Wanda Faughn
21	Barb Skrepnek
21	Pauline Williamson
21	Dave Burr
21	Pat Teahen
22	Lynda Whitcher
22	Bob Rosser
23	Chris Mamarow
23	Mike Mitchell
24	Debra Allen
24	Jean Parker
24	Edward Powloski
24	Bob Sena
25	Frank Severn
25	Donald Valentine
26	Dorothy Felstow
26	Robert Passage
27	Phyllis Alber
27	Sue White
28	Bob Paffumi
28	Kathy Sulisz
28	Dawn Rosser
30	Gloria Austin
30	Mary Jane Faust
30	Mike Wilson
<u>August Anniversaries</u>	
2	David & Caren Earehart
8	David & Carol Williams
9	Reggie & Rejane Levesque
11	Larry & Hazel Campbell
12	Jerry & Barb Gies
14	Tom & Peggy Booker
18	Frank & Jane Severn
19	Gary & Connie Williams
19	Frank & Donna Hassell
20	Ion & Elena Petrescu
24	Lou & Barbara Tognetti
25	Skip & Kathy Blumenstiel
26	Tom & Beverly Price
28	Phil & Chris Malczynski
30	Larry and Pat Teahen

Learn Outdoor Skills, Discover a Cruise, at Nearby Metroparks

By Bill Semion

Ok, here's a quick, and close, idea or two to entertain friends and relatives and grandkids and the like this month that won't cost much, and will get you back to Phase V in time to grill up dinner. All these are centered around the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, which requires a daily or annual entry fee.

Let's start at Kensington Metropark. On Aug. 13 and 14, step into the past during the annual Colonial Kensington event at Martindale Beach, on Kent Lake's east side.

Historically accurate re-enactors portray what life was like on what was then the frontier of the British foothold in America in the 1700s. Everyone from red-coated Brits to first-nation Americans are portrayed, and there also are craft and food vendors. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and admission is \$2 per person, along with that entry fee.

The next weekend, Aug. 20, head to the park's new Living History Village near the park's interactive farm. The Early American Skills Experience will teach you or your grandpups, for example, how to light a fire with a flint and steel, woodworking, even cooking in a brick or Dutch oven. Denise especially likes the apple pie-baking class. The pies are loaded with yummy and good-for-you cinnamon, which has been shown to lower blood-sugar.

The events take place every third Saturday of the month now until October, and include a four-hour block of instruction with the activity of your choice. For more information or to register, contact the Kensington Living History Village at klhv@chiefpontiacprograms.org, or call the park, 810-227-8910.

Welcome your grandbrood aboard the MV Clinton for a Lake Erie Discovery Cruise. It's the 14th season for these two- or four-hour trips into the upper reach of Lake Erie, and the lower Detroit River, exploring this unique ecosystem that is home not only to some of the world's best bass fishing, but walleye, and in the air, bald eagles and other winged critters. The boat is equipped with an underwater camera that kids find fascinating. Lake Erie tours are docked at Lake Erie Metropark, and there are others available of the Lake St. Clair area as well. For other fun activities at all the metroparks, just go to metroparks.com. And, as usual, get out there and enjoy. This is your time to play.

Harvest the Good Life Next Year

By Denise Semion

In another month or so, I will be harvesting tomatoes, peppers, kale and lettuce, all from my garden.

My vegetables grow in a rectangular self-watering planter I purchased from Home Depot. The planter, approximately 2 x 3 feet, has just enough room for a couple of tomato plants, some kale and lettuce. This is my second summer to use this urban garden planter, which I keep in a sunny spot on my back deck.

New this year, I selected a large circular planter I spotted at the curb the night before trash day. Yes, someone's trash became my treasure. Much deeper than my other planter, this one is just big enough for one tomato plant and one pepper plant. I placed it in a small sunny nook in my courtyard.

Many of you here take great pride in caring for colorful perennials and annuals within the confines of your courtyards and decks. Getting outdoors to water, feed and weed is not only good for you, it also brightens up your area and helps keep the entire complex looking well-kept and attractive. I invite you to look around your outdoor areas to see if you might also have room for a planter or two to host some veggies or herbs.

I did some research on urban gardening, and found some great tips at Gardener's Supply Company website (www.gardeners.com). Here are a few highlights:

First, consider how much room you have, and what type of container to choose. Deeper containers will require less frequent watering. The depth of the container also plays a major

factor in what you can grow. For example, if your planter is only 4-5 inches deep, look at chives, lettuce, radishes and other salad greens. Onions do well in a planter that is 7-8 inches deep. An 8-9 inch deep planter is recommended for veggies like carrots, chard, eggplant, fennel, leeks, peppers, spinach or parsley. Deeper planters (10-12 inches) are good for beets, broccoli and dill. I seem to have good luck with tomatoes, spinach and lettuces. Vegetables need lots of sunshine, so make sure you select a sunny spot for your planter.

Next, select the proper soil for your container and proper nutrients. I'm no expert on this, so you might ask the staff for help or choose some type of vegetable garden mix. I always add some manure/compost mix, too. You might want to consider some granular organic fertilizer. Keep it simple.

Vegetables need a consistent supply of water for optimum growth. Inconsistent watering can cause problems like poor root development and insects. The self-watering planters have a reservoir that needs filling every few days. Mine says it can go a week or so. The plants absorb moisture as they need it. You'll also need to feed your plants with some sort of fertilizer as they grow. Container gardens especially need fertilizer as the plants depend on a limited amount of soil for all their nutrients. Again, do your research or ask at the store for a good organic fertilizer.

So the next time your kids or grandkids ask for gift ideas, ask for an urban garden starter kit. You'll need a container, soil, fertilizer, and, of course, some plants. Try it, and have fun! You'll reap many benefits!

KIM'S CORNER

SOLD

25748 Lexington Dr..... 77-4..... \$70,000
25721 Adams Ct. 85-5..... \$75,000
25664 Lexington Dr..... 74-3..... \$110,000

PENDING

62180 Arlington Cir. 118-2..... \$85,000
62622 Raleigh Ct. 99-1..... \$99,000
62320 Arlington Cir. 105-1..... \$114,900

ACTIVE

25691 Lexington Drive 72-1 \$79,900
62292 Yorktown 94-4 \$79,900
25104 Jefferson Ct. 62-5 \$79,900
25916 Lexington Dr. 96-2 \$81,000
25636 Lexington Dr. 73-1 \$88,000
62361 Arlington Cir..... 110-5 \$92,900
62067 Ticonderoga 79-6 \$95,000

In the Works...

Coming this fall—a beginners class in quilting, taught by resident Janet Johnson. Learn from scratch to do what the masters do. Learn at your own pace. Always wanted to try it? Now is your time! Call 248-366-4845 and let us know you have interest. Class will be purposely small for 1 on 1 attention. Proposed start time will be September. Call 248-366-4845 to sign up.

AUGUST SOCIAL CALENDAR 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Phase V Supper at Senate 5 p.m.	2	3	4 7 Romeo Club—9a.m Buckboard Draft Street 2-4.	5 Residents Craft Show at clubhouse by volunteer <u>Connie Williams</u>	6
7 Plate to Pass Pool Party	8 Phase V Supper at Senate 5 p.m.	9	10	11 Buckboard Draft Street I 2-4p.m.	12	13
14	15 Phase V Supper at Senate 5 p.m.	16	17 Lunch Bunch— Repeat of Favorite-- Tyme Well Spent Tea House in Hartland	18 Romeo Club 9 am Buckboard Draft Street 2-4.	19	20 Corn Roast New Member Welcome Dinner
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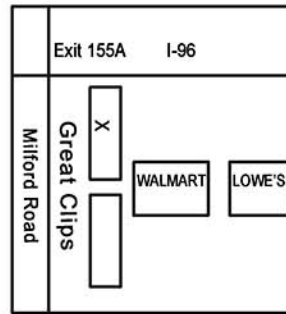
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