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Newsletter deadline to submit items is the 15th of each month.

April



Dates to Remember ...

Clubhouse Committee Meeting
April 2nd at 5:30pm

Board Meeting April 14th at 7pm

April Activities:

80's Murder at the Roller Rink
April 18th – 5:30 pm

(see page 08 for additional information)

Police & Fire Appreciation – April 21st
(see page 09 for additional information)

Senior Expo – April 24th at 11:00am-2:00pm
(see page 09 for additional information)

Fundraiser at Famous Dave's in Novi
April 29th from 12 to 8 pm
(see page 10 for additional information)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

April 15th is

Income Tax Return Day

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Directors' Letter to the Membership

In March, we set our clocks to “spring forward”, and we on the Board want to take this opportunity to review how far this community has come since last summer. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- A new management company, Professional Property Management Services – better known as PPS – took over the reins and have lived up to their name.
- Approximately \$50,000 in back carrying charges have been collected.
- PPS has realized approximately \$150,000 in savings in contracted maintenance and insurance services so far.
- The process has started to clean up and reorganize internal records.

There are several projects that have either been in the works or are upcoming. They are:

- Creation of committees, as needed.
- Creation of an election policy/committee prior to the next election.
- Capital improvement planning for our infrastructure.
- A comprehensive review of our rules and regulations, and the forms that we use.

One of the issues that the Board has attempted to address is our property taxes. This is a very complex situation as cooperatives do not easily fit into standard property tax assessment situations and the law is difficult to apply. In order to protect our right to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal, the Board did appeal the 2026 assessment to the City's March Board of Review, but it is very possible that the cost to litigate would be more than the relief that could be gained. We will still reach out to the tax attorney who specializes in this area who offered a free consultation to see what she thinks. Our members pay very different tax amounts. No matter what happens externally, this community will need to have a difficult discussion about how taxes are divided up internally.

You may notice that there are no financials in this newsletter. This is due to the change in meeting dates. The Board has not had a chance to review them prior to the newsletter submittal deadline. They will resume in the next newsletter, but it will just be a month behind what you are used to seeing.

Please stop by the office at the Clubhouse, Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, and say hello to our new property manager, Pat Buckley! The entrance is located on the outside of the building, by the sheds. We are very happy to have her on board. We now have two full-time employees on site to help us keep the fabulous in Fabulous Phase V. How wonderful is that?

Marie, on behalf of the Board of Directors

**Colonial Acres Phase V
Board of Directors Meeting
March 10, 2026, at 7:00PM**

Meeting began at 7:05 pm in the Clubhouse,

Board directors present are Marie Sherry, Lori Kowalski and Susie Brock. Kathie Crossman and Paul Gjerpen were absent. Two members from PPS were also present, Tonia and Pat.

Susie Brock acted as Secretary. Minutes submitted by Susie Brock.

MEMBER COMMENT LIMITED TO AGENDA: no comments

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made to approve the agenda removing 4 & 5 Agenda items by Lori K. Seconded by Susie B. Motion passed. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made to approve the 2-10-26 minutes was made by Lori K. Susie B seconded it. Motion carried. All ayes. Motion was made by Susie B to table the 2-17-26 minutes approval until the next Executive meeting. Seconded by Lori K. Minutes will be discussed at the next Executive meeting.

COMMUNICATION: Discussions about receiving Email from Pentiuik, Couvreur & Kobiljak. Kathy and Marie discussed past billing practices and charges at a meeting. The attorneys agreed to unlimited phone calls with a Board Member.

PRESIDENT REPORT: 1) Clubhouse outer lights will be checked tonight. Tonia will follow up with the cement vender. We are waiting for the weather. 2) Potholes are being repaired now. 3) Goose Mitigation will be soon. Tonia contacting the DNR. 4) Pool repair is happening in early April. March 31, 2026, the pool cover comes off, and it will be filled with water. This does not mean it is open for swimming, just repairs. 5) New lawn contract with Green Acres was approved. New contract combines services such as mowing, sprinklers and fertilization. Last year costs were \$123,000, this year's contract is approximately \$58,000.

MANAGEMENT REPORT: Introduction of Pat Buckley. Our new Property Manager. Her number is 248-617-3169. Email is pbuckley@ppcoop.com.

TREASURER REPORT: PPS gets the financial report to the Board by the 15th of the month. We will miss the Newsletter deadline on the 15th. So, the financial report will be missing next month. The following months will have the financial report from the previous month.

BOARD MEMBER REPORT: This report will be available for Board Members in the future.

CONSENT AGENDA: Susie B made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Lori K seconded the motion. Motion carried with 3 ayes. Items were 1) the Green Acres 2-year contract. 2) Marie Sherry will be the Liaison with Pentiuik, Couvreur & Kobiljak for the unlimited phone consultations.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion to table Board Procedures was made by Susie B and seconded by Lori K. Motion carried with 3 ayes. Motion to table or end discussion of Phase V Goals and Objectives was made by Susie B and seconded by Lori K. No vote as we ended the discussion. At this time, no

discussion on Committees and Website Committees. Marie requested discussion on the Election Committee. We need to be independent overseers and to administer voting procedures.

NEW BUSINESS: Board of Review Appeal was rescheduled. The current laws are not in our favor. Marie S did extensive unit reviews. The law assessment is unfair. She will take Over Assessed Units to the Board of Review but doesn't expect a change. No external or immediate solution. Confidentiality/Privacy and Conduct Agreement is needed for Election Committee. Susie B stated this should also apply to Financial Committees.

POOL DISCUSSION: The pool must be tested twice daily if anyone swims in the pool. Each quarter, Coliform must be tested for in a lab. Che, our maintenance tech, has volunteered to test the pool water twice a day. She will be attending pool maintenance class to be qualified. We are looking into getting fobs so no one will have to come and lock the pool. Tonia will be getting pricing. We also should have back up for Che in case she is sick or on vacation. Any volunteers?

MEMBER COMMENTS: Lexington member – Fishing visitors need to be monitored. Kids are trespassing. *There is no way for us to enforce this. Call the Police to remove non-members*

139-5 1) Does the new lawn service do snow removal? *Yes, they do but our current snow contract is up in April.* 2) Many Seniors do not go out at night. Can a third meeting be added to the calendar to discuss the Board Meetings during the day? *Not at this time.*

77-1 We have a Garden Committee thru the Clubhouse. The Board does not need a Grounds Committee. *Correct!*

108-1 Arlington has very high curbs. The cement is failing. When is it going to be fixed? The clean-up guys piled the rocks into the street. When will they be removed? *We are waiting for the weather to clear up.*

92-2 1) The new lawn contract allows 2 hours to trim tree & shrubs. That is not enough time. *A big crew will be doing the work so a lot will be done.* 2) The tall grasses take up time to trim. *This is part of Clean Up, not tree & shrubs.* 3) Can we hire a member to clean up the pool. *We are discussing this.*

74-4 1) Will the bare spots have seed & straw put on them by the new lawn service? *Tonia will check.* 2) Can members see the hourly attorney rates. *Tonia will check it out but stated we need coop housing specialists.* 3) Salt Prices – are we competitive with market pricing? Yes
Lewis Bros is currently repairing areas they damaged per Tonia

72-6 Three 76 building members are present. The unit in their six pack has been vacant for 10 years. They are concerned about critters & mold. Is it insured? *Tonia will check on it.*

72-4 Can we drink alcohol around the pool? Inside of the fence. *No, it is a State Law.*
At 8:30 pm Lori K motioned to end the meeting. Susie B seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by *Susie Brock*

Clubhouse Committee and **Board of Directors Elections** are just around the corner.

The Clubhouse Committee will be looking for a Co-Chairperson and Treasurer for the July election. If you have an interest in either position, please contact Kathy Murray at 248-240-7942.

The Board of Directors will be looking to fill four positions in the September election. If you have an interest in being on the Board, please contact Marie Sherry using the email address Marie4phasev@gmail.com. Also, please submit resumes to the newsletter, at ticonderogagals1@gmail.com, for the July/August edition.

PPS On-site Update

The Cooperative Office is now open! Entry is from the outside of the Clubhouse, on the same side as the sheds.

- Our on-site manager is Pat Buckley pbuckley@ppscoop.com (primary email)
colonialacres@ppscoop.com (secondary email)
- Our regional manager is Tonia Burhans: tburhans@ppscoop.com
- Our maintenance employee is Che Morgan-Bethay
- Office telephone: (248) 617-3169
- Office Hours: Monday-Friday from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Maintenance Hours: Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:00pm
- Emergency telephone: (248) 347-1310

Goose ... Goose ... Fly Away

It's that time of the season for love, growth... and let's not forget Geese! This year the Board of Directors is trying a new approach to controlling that feathered fowl. The board has approved of a goose management company to assist with this task. The goose management company utilizes border collies to encourage the geese to relocate. It's a DNR recommended method and causes no injury or harm to any living creature or damage to property. If you'd like to see the border collies in action, go to <https://goodbyegeese.net/> and check it out. Additional information will be available during the April 14th Board meeting at 7pm.

Clubhouse Committee Meeting Minutes March 5, 2026

Meeting Commenced: 5:30 pm

Committee Members Present: Kathy Murray, Melissa Godzik, Barb Kibler, Laurie Kanar

Community Members Present: 10 members

Treasurers Report given by Barb Kibler: Income \$1049.50 Expenses \$1811.48 (see detailed breakdown in newsletter)

Old Business: We have received approval to purchase (4) additional large tables. We will need to purchase an additional (6) small tables to replace the existing tables in the clubhouse. The tables will not go on sale until Fall 2026 if supplies last. Regular price is \$197 at Walmart and \$196 at Home Depot. A motion was made and seconded to purchase the (6) small tables, a vote was taken and passed by members. Kathy Murray will write up proposal for Board approval for this purchase. A 10% personal discount will be used for this purchase and the tables will be picked up to eliminate the shipping cost. This will give us a total of 11 tables, if additional seating is needed we have several long tables that can be used by both members and renters. Kathy Murray will investigate selling our current tables and tabletops.

The rental price reduction for the slower months is currently in effect. Kathy Murray will compare the rentals for these months against last year's rentals to see if this was effective.

Tickets for Easter Dinner March 28th at 5:30 pm are currently on sale for \$7, which includes ham, water, and paper products. Contact Kathy Murray or Melissa Godzik for tickets. This event will include phase 1-4 as well. A sign-up sheet for dishes to pass is on the bulletin board.

Senior Expos April 24th from 11 am-2 pm will include 18 vendors. Each vendor will rent a table for \$75 and supply a \$25 gift basket or contribution toward prizes for attendees. Each person attending will be eligible to win the drawing. You do not need to be present at the time of the raffle to win one of the prizes. A soup lunch will be served by one of the vendors while supplies last. Kathy Murray, Claudia Mills, and Joannie Cottrell have worked hard at putting this new event together and in addition to the 18 vendors they have secured they have more vendors interested in attending next year! "THANK YOU" Kathy, Claudia, and Joannie for all your hard work. This event will be open to all seniors in South Lyon and the surrounding area. The mayor will be advertising this event on his Facebook page, a flyer is posted at the Senior Center in SLHS, as well as Centennial Farms clubhouse. A bake sale will be held during this event as well. Donated baked goods can be dropped off at the clubhouse prior to the event.

Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for March 14th 9 am-10:30 am, free Chili Luncheon March 21st 11:30 am-1:00 pm, donations will be accepted at this event.

Jane Giordano updated the members and committee members regarding the donations for our Police and Fire Departments. Previously we have given food and sweets during the holiday season to express our appreciation for their assistance during the year, however it was decided that the gift would be given in April. A dinner will be provided for the Police Department including ham, mac & cheese, green beans, and rolls. The Fire department will receive individually wrapped treats, including nuts, popcorn, chips, etc. We are looking for donations for this event. Please contact Jane

Giordano if you would like to donate snacks or a monetary donation.

Ladies Tea Luncheon will be held May 7th and limited to 40 people. This is a lovely event and members are encouraged to bring female friends or family members to enjoy. Gloria Poirier will be hosting and providing food and tea.

New Business: The fire extinguishers in the clubhouse have been inspected for a cost of \$90. It was recommended that we move a fire extinguisher in the hall closer to the door-wall. The fire extinguisher inspection will be put on an automatic yearly schedule. The furnace filter has been changed and will be placed on a 6 month changing schedule.

The Clubhouse Garden Committee requested an increase in the garden budget from \$150 to \$300. A motion was made and vote taken approving this increase.

Kathy Murray will investigate whether clubhouse rules allow a vender to purchase gold and silver from members in our community in our clubhouse.

Upcoming events: Several upcoming events including Pancake Breakfast, Free Chili Luncheon, Easter Dinner and Easter Egg Hunt, Free Senior Expo, 80's Murder at The Roller Rink Mystery, Famous Dave's Fundraiser, Ladies Tea Luncheon, and Garage Sale. No clubhouse activities from May 11th-May 17th to facilitate the garage sale set up and take down.

Questions/Comments: Steve Gerlach announced the Men's Club would be removing outdoor holiday lights and do some deck clean up Monday March 9th if weather permits.

Meeting Adjourned 6:26 pm

Submitted by *Laurie Kanar*

Message from the Clubhouse Chair:

- There are many fun events coming up in April and May! Make sure you check them out! (80's Murder Mystery, FREE Senior Expo with FREE lunch and lots of \$25 gift card giveaways, Ladies Tea Luncheon)

- Calling all Bakers! We are looking for donations to sell at the bake sale on April 24th at the Senior Expo Event. (Cookies, brownies, etc...) Packages of 2 sell well! Please drop off wrapped baked goods on the 23rd at the Colonial Acres Phase V clubhouse. Anything containing nuts **MUST BE LABELED CONTAINS NUTS**. Thank you in advance!

- Start cleaning out your closets for our Annual Garage Sale on May 15th and 16th! We will begin taking donations on Monday, May 11th-Thursday, May 14th.

- Deck Parties with hotdogs will begin at the end of May! Summer is coming!

Submitted by *Kathy Murray*

Colonial Acres Phase V
Reconciliation FEB 2026
Balance Forward \$21,230.30
Operating Expense \$16,099.00
Ending Bal \$27,468.32
Income

2/12	4 Rentals & 1 ad McIntyre	\$640.00
2/18	Mexican Potluck 50/50	\$59.50
2/25	Senior Expo vendor fees	\$150.00
Total		1049.50

Expenses

2/12	ch#1021 M. Godzik nov/dec25 jan/feb 26	\$1000.00
2/2	db Amazon cleaning supplies CH	\$43.44
2/6	db Lowes chair leg pads	\$21.18
2/11	db Sams PT club house	\$22.19
2/17	db kroger Stuppy Joe supplies	\$44.53
2/20	db Walmart Easter dinner supplies	\$39.51
2/23	db Amazon Senior Expo paper supplies	\$38.13
2/25	db UPS store newsletter	\$514.50
2/27	db Wave Fire Extinguisher (inspection)	\$90.00
Total		\$1811.48

Petty Cash \$85.26

BITS & PIECES OF INFO



Bring a ray of sunshine to a neighbor who may need encouragement or a get well wish. Faith Phee will send a card to lift someone's spirits. Please contact Faith 313-418-0067 if you would like a note sent that says we care.



Kim Champe

Condos for sale in Colonial Acres Phase V

8 Condos	\$152,500.00	\$159,000.00
	\$159,900.00	\$164,000.00
	\$169,900.00	\$179,000.00

Condos pending in Colonial Acres Phase V

1 Condo	\$175,000.00
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Condos sold in Colonial Acres Phase V

1 Condo	\$157,000.00
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Things Happening in and AROUND Phase V



80's Murder at the Roller Rink A Murder Mystery To Die For



WHEN: Saturday, April 18th
TIME: 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
WHERE: Phase V Clubhouse
Cost: \$5.00

Play detectives to discover "whodunnit" while munching on some traditional roller rink concession stand food. Have an enjoyable night watching your neighbors' cast as 80's teenagers gathered in a roller rink for the evening.

Someone is a Murderer Can you figure out who?

Open to all Residents

Tickets are on sale now! Contact Kathy at 248-240-7942 or Melissa at 586-344-6632

Police and Fire Appreciation- April 21st



We will be delivering a Honey Baked ham dinner with mac and cheese, green bean casserole, rolls/butter and water to the South Lyon Police Station on Tuesday, April 21st at 10:00AM. Thank you to Kathy Murray, Gloria Poirier, Jayne Giordano, Barb Kibler and Laurie Kanar for donations!

- **We are still looking for a donation of 24 waters to complete this meal.**



We are also looking for donations for the South Lyon Fire Department to be delivered on April 21st.

- **Small bags of packaged popcorn**
- **Individually wrapped nuts**
- **Granola bars**
- **Small packages of Trail Mix**
- **Candy**
- **Case of water**

If you are able to donate any of these items, please contact Jayne Giordano by April 14th. 734-718-4006

Thank you in advance!

Senior Expo 2026

Vendors with Helpful Information and Resources for Seniors

WHEN: Friday, April 24th

TIME: 11 am – 2 pm

WHERE: Phase V Clubhouse

Free for All to Attend

Free Raffle Entries for Gift Cards and Baskets

Free Soup Lunch (while supplies last)

Bake Sale (Cash Only)

Contact Kathy Murray at 248-240-7942 with any questions.



Making Greeting Cards with Faith on the 4rd Wednesday of Each Month

at 6pm. The cost is **\$7.00 for materials to make 3 cards**. Please let Faith know by that Monday if you would like to attend. Her number is 313-418-0067. This event is open to all Phases.

Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que Fundraiser



When: Wednesday, April 29th from 12 to 8pm
Where: 43350 Crescent Blvd, Novi, MI
(248) 735-1111

Dine in – Order Online – Take Out
Just mention **Colonial Acres Phase V Clubhouse** and the Clubhouse will receive 20% of the proceeds (minus taxes). Please RSVP to Kathy (248)240-7942 or Melissa (586) 344-6632. We need 20 RSVPs to keep this event on their calendar.

Save the Date

LADIES TEA LUNCHEON



WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 7th
TIME: 1:00 PM
WHERE: PHASE V CLUBHOUSE



Tea sandwiches, mini quiches, fruit, petite desserts, & flavored tea served (bring your favorite teacup if you want) Bring a friend, wear a hat, and have fun! Tickets will be on sale starting April 2nd for \$8.00 - call Gloria at 734-453-5739

Phase V Garage Sale



When: Friday May 15th from 9am – 5pm & Saturday May 16th from 9am to 3pm

Where: Phase V Clubhouse

The chairpersons are Barbara & Gary Kibler



- *Donations will be accepted between May 11th and May 14th from 10-5.*
- *Clothing, books and shoes will not be accepted.*
- *All Clubhouse activities will be suspended during the week of the garage sale.*
- *Signup sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.*
- *Volunteers are needed for all activities, set-up, sales activities, baking the baked goods to be sold, baked goods sales, and cleanup.*

Phase 1-4 Clubhouse Activities Open to Phase V members

Coffee Hour	9 am	Every Monday
Walking	11 am	Every Monday & Friday
Exercise Class	11 am	Every Tuesday & Thursday
Bible Study (upstairs)	7 pm	Thursday, April 9 th & 23 rd
Euchre (\$5.00)	7 pm	Saturday, April 4 th & 18 th
Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt	2 pm	Saturday, April 4 th

When to file your taxes

The tax deadline for 2025 tax returns is April 15, 2026.

Ways to file for free

[Free File](#) - If your adjusted gross income is \$89,000 or less. If higher, you can use Free File Fillable Forms.

[Free tax services for military and veterans](#)

[IRS-certified volunteers](#) – If you earn \$69,000 or less, have a disability, are 60 years or older or need language support.

If you need more time to file or pay

If you need more time, you must [request an extension](#) by the April filing deadline. [Filing later may add penalties](#).

If you file an extension, you must still [pay taxes you owe](#) by the deadline. Paying later adds [interest and penalties](#).

If you can't pay, [get help with tax debt](#).

Information from <https://www.irs.gov/filing/individuals/how-to-file>

What's Happening in South Lyon



South Lyon Kiwanis Club Easter Egg Scramble at Volunteer Park on Saturday, April 4th at 11am



There will be 15,000 fun-filled eggs distributed over 4 fields for all age groups. Each field will start at different times so everyone can enjoy all the excitement. There will be fire trucks, police cars, EMT trucks and, of course, **the Easter Bunny** will be there for free photos. **The event starts at 11 am and THE EGG HUNT STARTS AT 12 pm.** There was a full house last year, so get there early to secure a spot to park. If the parking lots become full, we will allow drop offs. Field conditions may be wet, so make sure you and the kiddos have appropriate footwear. Come enjoy this **FREE** annual event.



PONTIAC TRAIL/LAFAYETTE STREET 9 MILE ROAD TO NORTH OF 10 MILE ROAD (JUST NORTH OF THE CSX RAILROAD TRACKS)

WHY IS THIS PROJECT NEEDED?

We understand construction in a downtown area can be disruptive. However, this project addresses a long-standing infrastructure problem and makes critical improvements that will benefit businesses, residents and visitors for decades to come.

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS ARE BEING MADE?

✓ Addressing decades-long flooding issues:

The drainage system between the Yerkes Drain and Detroit Street will be reconstructed, and new storm sewers will be added to help alleviate persistent flooding along Pontiac Trail/Lafayette Street. This improvement protects nearby businesses, homes and the roadway itself.

✓ Replacing aging pavement

New road pavement will improve ride quality, reduce vehicle wear and tear and provide a smoother, safer driving surface.

✓ Modernizing traffic signals (in 2027)

Traffic signals at Pontiac Trail/Lafayette Street and Reynold Street Parkway/McHattie Street, as well as at 10 Mile Road/Lake Street, will be upgraded to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion in the downtown area.

✓ Improving traffic flow and safety

The southbound right-turn lane on Pontiac Trail/Lafayette Street will be extended from 9 Mile Road to Princeton Drive. This enhancement will help reduce traffic backups in through lanes and improve overall safety. Additionally, an eastbound right-turn lane will be added on 9 Mile Road at Pontiac Trail/Lafayette Street.

✓ Enhancing pedestrian accessibility

Pedestrian crosswalks will be upgraded to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, improving accessibility and safety for all users in the downtown district.



**SUBSCRIBE TO PROJECT
ALERTS AND UPDATES!**



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Yard Waste Collection for the City of South Lyon

from https://www.southlyonmi.org/departments/dpw-_department_of_public_works/index.php

- **Compost materials are picked up on your regular trash day beginning the first FULL week in April through the second FULL week in December.**
- **Yard waste pickup resumes April 6, 2026.**
- Compost materials should be separated from the garbage by a few feet.
- You may bundle sticks and branches in 4' lengths weighing less than 50 pounds.
- Sticks, branches and vines will also be picked up by Priority Waste if they are in a yard waste bag or can marked with a COMPOST sticker.
- Vines must be bundled or in compost bags and will be picked up by Priority Waste on your regular garbage day.
- Branches less than 2" in diameter must be bagged or bundled and will be picked up by Priority Waste on your regular garbage day.
- No roots or stumps.
- No complete shrub with roots attached.

Brush Collection / Chipping

- Brush collection / Chipping takes place between April 1 and October 30. Crews will go out after large storms as well.
- If you have a large amount of branches due to storm damage, these branches with diameter less than 8", may be laid loose in one direction with cut ends at the curb.
- Contact the DPW at 248-437-6914 to request DPW to stop by with the chipper.
- Pick up schedule will be as follows: 1st Monday of the month – residents north of 10 Mile Road. 3rd Monday of the month – residents south of 10 Mile Road.
- Branches need to be at the curb before 6 am on your scheduled Monday pickup day.
- All branches must be stacked at the curb with the cut ends facing the street. Brush piles shall be no larger than 4' wide, 8' long, and 4' high. No limbs over 8" in diameter.
- Keep brush piles away from obstacles such as fire hydrants and utility poles and maintain a safe line of sight distance for pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
- All materials will be chipped. Please ensure that there are no foreign objects (i.e., metal, building materials, rocks, etc.) included as these could cause damage to the equipment or injury to those operating the equipment.
- City crews are not responsible for the removal of brush or branches produced by contractors.

Everything You Should Know About the Month of April!

Written By: [Catherine Boeckmann](#) Executive Digital Editor and Master Gardener

The month of April gets its name from the Latin word *aperio*, meaning “to open [bud],” because plants really begin to grow now.

- **April 1** is All Fools’ Day—otherwise known as “**April Fools’ Day.**”
- **April 1** also marks the beginning of [Passover](#).
- **April 3** is **Good Friday**.
- **April 5** is Easter Sunday.
- **April 22** is **Earth Day**.
- **April 24** is the [birthday of Robert B. Thomas, the founder of *The Old Farmer’s Almanac*!](#)
- **April 24** is also **National Arbor Day**.

April Weather:

- “A cold April the barn will fill.”
- This month brings us some capricious weather! April rains bring verdant pastures but also umbrellas and rain boots!

April Astronomy: The Pink Moon

- April’s full Pink Micromoon will rise on Wednesday, April 1, reaching peak illumination at 10:12 P.M. Eastern Time.

Step outside on Wednesday, April 1, to witness April’s Full Pink Moon; we promise, this is no April Fools’ joke! This Paschal Moon marks the first Full Moon of spring and is used to determine the date of Easter. Discover the story behind the “Pink Moon” and what makes this lunar event unique. For the best view of this stunning spring Moon, head to an open area and watch as it rises above the horizon. At this moment, it will appear larger than usual due to the Moon illusion and take on a beautiful golden hue!



Attention Women Golfers

When: Every Tuesday Starting in May
Call Peggy Booker at 248-231-7372 or
Janice Broniak at 248-891-2350 for details

Easter

R	C	P	E	R	E	L	I	A	R	T	G	C	I
C	A	M	P	S	I	T	E	N	N	O	B	H	E
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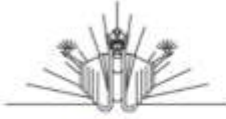
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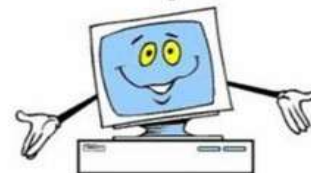


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5 Easter Sunday	6 8:30 am Coffee hr 11-12:30 Chair Yoga 1 pm Men's Social 3-5 pm Happy Hour Aubrees 7 pm Euchre	7 2-5 pm Billiards 7 pm TX Hold'em	8 9-10 am Walking & Chair Exercise class 10-12 Sewing 6 pm Game Night	9 7 pm Euchre	10 9-10 am Walking & Chair Exercise class 7 pm - Bible Study	11
12 RENTAL	13 8:30 am Coffee hr 11-12:30 Chair Yoga 7 pm Euchre	14 2-5 pm Billiards 7:00pm – Board Mtg **Last Date to Donate to Police & Fire Apprec**	15 9-10 am Walking & Chair Exercise class 10-12 Sewing 6 pm Bingo Tax Day	16 7 pm Euchre	17 9-10 am Walking & Chair Exercise class 7 pm - TX Hold'em	18 5:30-7:30pm 80's Murder Mystery
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