

Pittsfield Village Pool Party

**SUMMER EVENT
SPECTACULAR**

Saturday, July 26

4 pm to 8 pm

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS FOR THIS
FUN-FILLED NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILY EVENT!

MUSIC, FOOD AND FUN!

FACE PAINTING!
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

And...
Scout the Dog returns for a visit!
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm



5:00 pm: Food provided
by Kramer-Triad Mgmt

5:00 pm—8:00 pm:
MUSIC BY THE POOL
George Bedard and the
Kingpins



**WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS
TO HELP WITH THE CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITIES! Please email
office@pittsfieldvillage.com
if you'd like to help!**

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Dog Days of Summer

August is known for the dog days of summer. The August issue of the newsletter will be in honor of Pittsfield Village dogs.

Please send in your snapshots of you and your dog in the Village for publication in the newsletter.

Email them to office@pittsfieldvillage.com.

Right: Claire the wire haired pointer sitting nicely on the porch.



Did You Know?

Darleen Boynton

Some people in Pittsfield Village may find in their crawl spaces skull size rocks. These rocks are left over from when the foundation was dug. Workers in Pittsfield Village still find these types of rocks when digging to plant trees or do plumbing work. The rocks are left from when the continental glaciers covered Michigan 14,000 years ago.

For more information on the geology of Ann Arbor check out “Along the Huron: The Natural Communities of the Huron River Corridor in Ann Arbor” a book published by the City of Ann Arbor parks and recreation in 1999.

Cooperative Conversion Update

Terri Leirstein

Association Manager

The deadline for completing the Village Cooperative conversion was April 30, 2014 and the Co-op is currently in a 90 day wind down period. As of June 26th there are 23 cooperative units remaining. Most everyone is in the process of converting or selling their units and it is anticipated that the Village Cooperative Homes, Inc. will soon be dissolved. The conversion process has been

ongoing since 2009 when the membership voted to convert from a Cooperative to Condominium community. It has been trying at times but in the end was the best decision for the future of the Village community. The Pittsfield Village Condominium community appears to be thriving and the future is looking brighter than ever.



In the Garden

Lisa Joseph, Master Gardener
Pittsfield Village Staff Horticulturist

June was quite a challenge this year. The abundant giant weeds with all the rain making them even more gargantuan about did me in. Now the insect pests are showing up, eating the foliage and flower buds and generally wreaking havoc in the garden. It's always something, but all will be better soon I just know it. A resident recently showed me a praying mantis egg case she had found in her evergreen. See? The insect predators will soon be on the job to help out their gardener friends.

When I first started feeding hummingbirds, I bought the red dye mix because I heard that they are attracted to red. I've since learned that the red dye isn't necessary to attract them, and it isn't known if the red dye chemical is actually harmful to the small birds. Why take the risk of harming their health with chemicals when it's absolutely not needed to get them to come to your feeder? My feeder itself is red at the base and top to bring them in. I only use sugar water now and make sure my feeder stays clean. I have more this year than ever. And, boy, are they ever territorial! They are brutal with each other and do not like to share.



My featured perennial for July:

PHLOX PANICULATA 'GRAPE LOLLIPOP'- Garden Phlox

If you are lucky enough to find this plant at a garden center, by all means, snatch it up! You won't be sorry. What a terrific performer! Garden phlox is my favorite perennial, and this variety is gorgeous all season long. The foliage is dark green and stays clean and free of powdery mildew. Fragrant blossoms are magenta with a dark red center and white sprays radiating out. At just 18 to 24" tall and wide, they are compact and easy to fit into a smaller garden. This Phlox starts blooming in early summer and continues through fall. What more could a person ask of a plant-fragrance, easy care, long bloom season, stunning color? Say yes to Grape Lollipop!

I hope for a drier, hotter July. It's summer after all. It's time to sit on the deck with your coffee, time to swim and bike and stay out late in the warm evening air, time to grill out and eat at the picnic table, time to eat veggies straight out of the garden, time to read a good book in the shade under a big tree. I love summer! Let's embrace these days because we all know just how fast they fly by.

NOTE: Please take the time to water any newly planted trees, shrubs, and turf grass so that we can keep all the plantings alive and healthy. We want the grounds looking as spectacular as ever. Thank you for your help in this matter!

Below: A variation of garden phlox.



Pittsfield Village
Communications
Committee

Bulletin

CONDO OWNERS: STILL WRITING CHECKS?

If you are still writing checks each and every month, worrying about getting the payment in on time, using ever-increasing postage stamps, well, we have a solution for you! Perhaps you are interested in safe, easy, convenient and reliable method for paying your monthly Association Fees. If so, we urge you to consider signing up for Direct Debit from your checking or savings account! All you have to do is complete the short form and return it with a voided check to Wanda Buster at the Pittsfield Village office. The monthly fee will be automatically withdrawn at the beginning of the month and you'll NEVER have a late fee!

PITTSFIELD VILLAGE GARDEN NETWORK

Gardeners all - veggie gardeners, flower gardeners, new gardeners, been-gardening-for-a-long-time gardeners: contact me and we will set up an online group to support each other, to give away extra plants, produce, etc., as well as a place to get advice from your neighbors. Contact Su Hansen [suh722@gmail.com](mailto:suhan722@gmail.com) (734)417-8397 to join the list.

By the way, last I heard there were still some plots available through Project Grow: www.projectgrowgardens.org on Platt Rd where the old Juvenile Detention Center was. Happy Gardening!

HAPPY



FOURTH



OF JULY!



Calling All Crafters

Sonja Waite

We have penciled in a date in November for a Village Community Craft Show to be held in the Community Room. Are you a creative person who would like to show off your talents to your neighbors? Do you appreciate and admire handmade items? There is a lot of talent here in our own backyard. Perhaps there is interest in holding a craft show? We'd like to hear your input. If there is something that you create and would like to

sell at a Village craft show, please call Tracy or email: office@pittsfieldvillage.com.

There wouldn't be any participation fees so you could keep your proceeds or donate them to your favorite charity.

If you aren't the creative type, but love to shop, would you like to look for some unique, handmade items at a Village Craft show? We would love to know that as well.

SOLD

Terri Leirstein

Association Manager

The sales activity throughout the Village continues to be "brisk". Since January, there have been 16 units sold. As of June 6th, there were 4 active units on the market with an additional 10 units under contract. The average 1 bedroom sales price is \$58,000 with the highest unit sold being \$60,000. The

average 2 bedroom sales price is \$73,450 with the highest sold being \$85,000. The average days on the market before a home sells has been about 35. The market continues to be strong and Pittsfield Village seems to be a hot commodity this summer and that is GREAT news for your home value!!

Cobblestone Farm Market

Tracy L. Vincent

Administrative Assistant Manager

Tuesdays from 4-7pm, Buhr Park

The market was started by a local group who wanted a family and community friendly market. They wanted to create a welcoming place for smaller scale local farmers and vendors who use chemical-free growing practices to bring their produce and goods to the community. This is our third season and we continue to work hard to bring locally grown, healthy (for people and planet) food to our community. Every week we have free children's activities as well as live performances by local artists and musicians.

Find locally grown produce and fun activities at the Market!

The market accepts many food assistance programs and we invite any and all to come check us out and see what we have that could support their health and community. Below is a link to our website. If there are music, performance, story telling, entertainment individuals in your community we would love to sign them up to share their talent with us.

Website: www.cobblestonefarmmarket.org

Announcements and Reminders




Tree Swings

On the spring walk conducted by the Board of Directors, Committee members, and Management representative, it was noted that there are several swings on trees throughout the community. There should be NO SWINGS in any trees in Pittsfield Village. Not only is this a safety and liability issue, some swings are causing damage to the branches of the tree(s). If you have a swing in the Common Elements, please remove it by July 31st.

Gardens in the Limited Common Elements

Garden beds MUST NOT exceed 2 feet beyond any deck in Pittsfield Village. If you have a garden that exceeds this limit, you must bring it into compliance so as not to be in violation of policy. If you have any questions, please email office@pittsfieldvillage.com.



 July 2014		1 6pm M&M Committee meeting	2	3 4pm Office closes	4 Happy Independence Day! Office Closed 	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 6pm Landscape Committee meeting	16	17 6pm Finance Committee meeting	18 Newsletter articles due	19
20	21	22	23	24 6:15pm Open Forum 6:30pm Board of Directors Meeting	25	26 4-8pm Annual Pool Party 
27	28	29	30	31	<i>All meetings to be held in Pittsfield Village Community Room unless otherwise noted.</i>	



Mark your Calendar!

Second Annual Pooch Plunge

September 4th, 5pm-7pm



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