

Pittsfield Village Annual Pool Party

Saturday, July 25

4 pm to 8 pm

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

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

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

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

MUSIC, FOOD AND FUN!

And...
Scout the Dog returns for a visit!
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm





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FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS REMINDER

This is from the city ordinance and would be the case here at Pittsfield Village:

Use of fireworks, firecrackers, etc., is always prohibited on public property, including parks, school property, church property or the property of another person unless the person using the fireworks has the expressed permission of the property owner.

Fireworks should not be used in Pittsfield Village.

The units are too close together, and the common areas are not appropriate for fireworks, especially because of damage to lawns and walkways that can occur.

OFFICE CLOSURES EARLY FOR FOURTH OF JULY

In observance of the holiday, the office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd. The Pittsfield Village staff wishes you all a safe and happy holiday!



DID YOU KNOW?

Captain America has been around for longer than many of us. All the time doing good as a Patriotic Supersoldier. Captain America was created in 1941 during the WWII to help fight the bad guys. This makes him 74 years old! Wow looks pretty good for 74. I hope I look half that good when I'm 74. Golly I wish I looked half that good now, but without the biceps.

This Independence Day, also known as the 4th of July, Captain America is with us. Right here in our little Pittsfield Village. He is watching out for us and helping us to do good for others. Inside of us I believe we all have a Captain America. Trying to make the world just a little better, day by day. It's pretty hard, but as long as we keep trying that's what counts.

Take a look around and see if you can find Captain America. Yes this July we have Captain America to help us celebrate our independence. On other holidays this notable figure has been St. Patrick, a Pilgrim, Uncle Sam, a Flamingo, a Daffodil, last month for June he was Captain "Gay" America, and many other figures over the past years. For heavens sake he is always a Nutcracker during Christmas. With a bit of Captain America inside of us we can do anything. So be independently kind and sincere on this Independence Day. Reach out a hand to help others rather than complain or grumble about them. No one is perfect, except for Captain America of course, and fun grilling hot dogs and hamburgers.



WINDOW BOX CONTEST

Announcing the Great 2015 Summer Window Box Contest!!!

Gather around all gardeners, dog-walkers, and other residents of Pittsfield Village! We've brought back the window box contest.

How it works: Sometime before July 25, 2015, send the office an email w/photos of your favorite window box(s)—pick one for a sunny location and one for a shady location. We'll post all submissions on our Facebook page, count the nominations, and announce the winners in the August newsletter.

There will be 2 winners, and each winner will be given a \$50 gift certificate to Downtown Home and Garden!



Kimono Collection Exhibit

This coming July, at Ann Arbor's Kerrytown Concert House (KCH), there will be a textile exhibit that you might enjoy. Selected kimonos from the private collection of Sarah Okuyama, owner of The Burnt Toast Inn, will be on display. Interspersed will be small abstract black and white quilts by Pittsfield Village member Judy Tomer.

Dates for this exhibit: Thursday July 2 through Sunday August 2nd. Any time KCH is open, the display may be viewed (unless a concert is in progress).

An opening reception is scheduled for Wednesday July 8th, 5pm to 7pm, and all are invited.

Parking is free starting at 6pm.

Kerrytown Concert House is located at 415 N 4th Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, which is just across the street from Kerrytown Shops and the farmers market.

Phone: (734) 769-2999.

www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com.

KCH is open during usual business hours; please contact them to confirm.

COBBLESTONE FARMER'S 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

**Find locally grown produce and
fun activities at the Market!**

have free children's activities as well as live performances by local artists and musicians.

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



PITTSFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP FARMER'S MARKET

Thursdays through October 1st, 3pm to 7pm
at Platt and Michigan

Shop local and support our Michigan growers, food producers, artisans, and crafters!

Up-to-date activities can be found at:
www.pittsfield-mi.gov/farmersmarket

Email farmersmarket@pittsfield-mi.gov or
call (734) 822-3152.



Pittsfield Village

Communications
Committee

Bulletin

FOR SALE:

ELLIPTICAL EXERCISE MACHINE

Contact mawl2006@comcast.net if you are interested.

PEST PROBLEMS?

Pest Control Services are provided by Eradico Services every Thursday. They will treat for ants, spiders, bees, mice, etc. Please call the Pittsfield Village office to schedule service.

COMCAST / XFINITY

The Village has its own Xfinity representative: Terri—(734) 827-4951. Special pricing for Village residents!

Moving? Call Terri for a quick and easy transfer! Get more for your entertainment \$\$\$! Call Terri for a quick review of your current service provider!

Peace of mind and control is what the XHS Home Security from Comcast provides. You set the rules so you can know what's happening at home when you are away.

Terri—Your dedicated Xfinity representative. Call today: (734) 827-4951.

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!

IN THE GARDEN

By Lisa Joseph, Horticulturist

I have been inundated with one question from gardeners and clients.... "WHAT is eating all of my plants?" The insect infestations are high this early summer season. It's such a shame that the perennials, once so striking and pristine when emerging, are now ugly and disfigured from insect damage. I'm here to help! I'll discuss three of the major culprits.

Firstly, because of the abundant rainfall, many gardens are overrun with earwigs.



They enjoy the moist, dark spots in the garden and feed at night and hide out during the day under rocks, debris, planters, and outdoor cushions. After a busy night of feeding, the big holes they leave behind in the foliage and flowers are devastating. I've taken to squishing these revolting creatures with my fingers. I have toads and a garter snake in my garden, so I'm apprehensive about putting down anything poisonous to kill off the earwigs. Instead, I sprinkle diatomaceous earth around each vulnerable plant, even those in planters. Diatomaceous earth is made from the fossilized remains of tiny, aquatic organisms called diatoms. Their skeletons are made up of a natural substance called silica. It is usually formulated as a dust. Diatomaceous earth causes insects to dry out and die by absorbing the oils and fats from the cuticle of the insect's exoskeleton. It remains effective as long as it is kept dry and undisturbed.

The second pest I'd like to discuss is the Four-lined Plant Bug with two stages in its life cycle- nymph and adult.

Thankfully, they only have one generation per season. The damage, though very unsightly, is not life-threatening to your plants. Nymphs are red, black, or yellow.

They hatch out in late April or early May and start to feed. Their piercing-sucking mouth parts cause light brown to black marks on the leaves. Oftentimes, the foliage looks shriveled and burned. At this life stage,



insecticidal soap is an effective control. Once they become adults, a yellow and black bug with an orange head and belly, the best control measure is to squish them with your fingers. Be quick because they promptly fly away or fall to the ground. You can find these pests hiding on the undersides of the leaves. Fortunately, they will be gone soon for the season, and you can cut out damaged leaves and allow for re-growth of attractive foliage once again.

The last bothersome pest to talk about is the dreaded rose chafer, a clumsy, green to straw-colored beetle with reddish-brown



spiny legs. They appear suddenly and wreak havoc on your garden quickly. They attack and destroy the buds, flowers, and foliage of roses and other plants, leaving large holes. The only control is to pick them off by hand and drop them into a bucket of soapy water. You'll come to find this task quite satisfying! Monitor your plants frequently, especially in the morning and evening. The adults are usually done feeding in late June, early July.

LISA'S PLANT OF THE MONTH

CAMPANULA POSCHARSKYANA 'BLUE WATERFALL'- SERBIAN BELLFLOWER
(12" tall by 24-30" wide)



I love a perennial with a long bloom period, and this one fits the bill. The brilliant blue bell-shaped flowers cover the plant from early to late summer. The plant gets its name



from its cascading habit, looking like a lovely stream of lavender blue in the garden or along the edge with some rocks. I have used it in three places in my garden. One is a spot that receives morning sun, and it is planted with a golden Japanese Forest Grass and a Snakeroot with wine-colored foliage. Secondly, one is planted to cascade down a little boulder wall underneath a Tricolor Beech. And lastly, I planted one next to my Dianthus 'Firewitch', with its magenta-pink flowers, and a 'Diablo' Ninebark. Another attribute of this beauty is that Serbian Bellflower combines well with most all colors.

When using vinegar as a non-chemical solution for weed control, remember that it is non-selective and will kill desirable plants just as readily as weeds. For best results with natural weed control, be sure to heed the advice in last month's newsletter and spray weeds when the sun will be shining for a few days in a row. Sunlight activates the vinegar, allowing for better results. Be sure to soak the leaves and stems, but take care not to saturate the soil around the weed. Liquids can creep in around the roots of desirable plants and kill them as well. Never use salt near the turf or in places where you want plants to grow. Salt is best used in sidewalk cracks, away from grass and garden plants.

Get out and play... or monitor your plants for insect activity! Watch for the predator insects who should be on the job now helping us out.

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

HAPPY

FOURTH

OF JULY!



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