



Pittsfield Village News

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POOCH PLUNGE 2016:

Success beyond our wildest dreams. If you were there, you know. Over 3 dozen furry doggies of all sizes were in attendance. Running, playing, chasing, and barking. It was great fun for all — whether you had two or four legs. No one seemed to be thrilled about taking a swim, but it didn't matter. From 5pm until well past 7pm, it was a blast! With many thanks to Barb De Longchamp for helping organize the event, and special kudos to her for painting the sign at the roundabout! Kat Irvin and our Community Manager, Tomas Cottrell did a wonderful job supplying treats, toys and nibbles for all. Thanks to everyone for the support, smiles and participation. See you next year!



The corral fence at the office has been replaced. Check out these "during" and after shots!

DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!

Pittsfield Village's 2nd Annual Pumpkin Carving & Halloween Costume Party

Saturday, October 22nd Noon—3:00 pm

Cider, donuts, chili, and **PUMPKINS!**

Put your costume on (you too, moms, dads, and grandparents) and come on down to the PV garage for this fun-filled event!





Fall Garden and Plant Cleanup

Pittsfield's fall garden and plant cleanup will begin between October 10-17. If you have garden markers and would like our contractor to clean up your garden and remove dead plant material, remove your markers and drop them off at the office. If you wish to do your own fall cleanup, please make sure that all of your markers are visible, and the contractor will skip your unit. After the contractor is finished with fall cleanup, PV maintenance staff will pick up all remaining garden markers and prepare them for next season.



FALL LEAF REMOVAL

Our contractor will start removing leaves when most of the leaves have fallen.

This program is separate from the fall garden and plant clean-up program



CHANGES ON THE HORIZON



BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER, **ERADICO PEST CONTROL** WILL PROVIDE SERVICE TO PITTSFIELD ONCE A MONTH, PRESUMABLY ON THE 1ST THURSDAY AS DONE THE PAST, RATHER THAN WEEKLY AS IN THE SPRING AND SUMMER MONTHS.

THIS SCHEDULE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL SPRING 2017

TRASH CAN COURTESY

Please be mindful of where the painted outlines are on the streets. Please make every effort to leave sufficient space when parking your vehicle, (and do not park over them on Tuesdays or Fridays) so that both the Rubbish and Recycling trucks can get their "arms" out to the cans for pick-up. Your neighbors **THANK YOU!**



DID YOU KNOW?

The Pittsfield Village Community Building is available for co-owners to rent for just \$20.00.

Call the office for an available date and then complete a simple form-it's that easy!

By Lisa Joseph, Staff Horticulturist

It's time to wind up the season, completing the fall garden clean up, planting spring-flowering bulbs, and concluding fall perennial dividing tasks. I always suffer through a couple weeks of feeling blue when the weather turns chilly and the evening darkness arrives much earlier. I eventually decide to embrace the gorgeous fall surroundings of rich colored foliage, late-flowering plants, and the scents of falling leaves and pungent chimney smoke from roaring cozy fireplaces.

LISA'S PLANT OF THE MONTH: ATHYRIUM FELIX-FEMINA 'VICTORIAE'- 'Victoria' Lady Fern (2 x 2').

Do you have a shady garden? Don't despair. Rejoice! How lucky are the gardeners with a bit of cool shade to grow ferns, the most fascinating, fine-textured foliage plants. This particular variety requires a place at the front of the border where it



can be studied up close. The lacy fronds have little tassels at the tips of each pinnae (leaflet). The delicate texture of this fern pairs perfectly with the robust leaves of Hosta and Brunnera, and with the colorful foliage of Coralbells and Foamflower. In periods of extreme heat and drought, it does appreciate a good deep watering. The specimen in the photo I've included is located in my side shade bed and was a bit pouty and limp on picture day. I had been away, and it was feeling quite neglected. I'm happy to report that after a gentle shower from my little sprinkler, it has thrived and has been designated the favorite plant in my shade garden.

The three most common fungal diseases descended with a vengeance at the end of summer. Black spot on Roses and Peony foliage, powdery mildew on Phlox and Lilac foliage, and Leaf Blotch on Zinnias and on many deciduous trees. My Zinnias that had looked so fabulous in my garden all summer were suddenly appalling, covered with unsightly

light brown blotches. I was so annoyed at myself because I had gotten into the habit of watering my plants when I got home for the day rather than in the morning. I know better! Watering in the garden must take place in the morning or early afternoon so that the foliage can dry out before evening when the fungal spores are most active. The three important things to remember to keep your plants healthy and disease-free are

- 1). Good air circulation. Be sure that the garden isn't overcrowded and that a nice breeze can blow among the plants to keep the humidity down. Fungal diseases love moist, humid conditions.
- 2). Sunshine. Plants that require full sun situations will be susceptible to disease pathogens if grown in less than ideal conditions. The heat of the sun will also dry the foliage and keep the spores from invading the leaf tissue.
- 3). Be sure to offer sufficient supplemental water during periods of little rain. Also, if your plants are suffering from a fungal disease, be sure that you water from below and avoid overhead watering. Try to keep the foliage as dry as possible.

Be sure to dispose of diseased plants in the garbage and don't add them to your compost.

I grew three different varieties of **Agastache** (Anise Hyssop) this summer, and the hummingbirds flocked to them in droves. These extraordinary plants attract hordes of hummers and beneficial insects, they are deer and rabbit resistant, have a pleasing anise scent, and they come in bright colors of orange and hot pink. They also thrive in less than ideal conditions and with little supplemental water. A win-win. I will feature **Agastache** as my Plant of the Month in the spring to remind you to try one or more in your garden next season.

Get out there and savor these days of autumn. Enjoy a trip to a local cider mill! I will too.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 TRUGREEN LAWN TREAT- MENT	4 M&M committee meeting 6:00 pm	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Landscape committee meeting 6:00 pm	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 HALLOWEEN PARTY— PUMPKIN CARVING 12 pm—3 pm
23	24	25	26 6:15 OPEN FORUM 6:30 pm: Board Meeting	27	28	29
30	31					

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