

## Pittsfield Village News

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JULY 2016

## Roundabout Landscaping

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*

THE PITTSFIELD VILLAGE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS  
MADE A

CHANGE IN THE REGULAR  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
DATE

THE BOARD WILL NOW  
MEET ON THE LAST  
WEDNESDAY OF EACH  
MONTH



### REMINDER

Fire pits are not permitted  
in Pittsfield Village







Welcome Tomas!

Associa/Kramer-Triad has hired a new Manager to facilitate the day-to-day operations of Pittsfield Village Condominium.

## UNWANTED PESTS?

call the office to schedule the exterminator.

Eradico Pest Control comes to PV every Thursday—all you have to do is call us prior to Thursday to be put on the schedule!

PV office hours: 8:30 to 5:00 Monday through Friday.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Residents can order from Amazon.com, Comcast.com, and can now schedule a **call back** to order their Comcast service!

No more waiting on hold!

Go to this link and schedule your call back today [www.xfinity.com/getxfinity](http://www.xfinity.com/getxfinity)

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## Essential Oils Class

Wednesday, July 13

7:00-8:30 pm—PV Community Bldg

Interested in learning about natural healthcare support and eliminating everyday toxins from your environment? Drop by for an informal Q&A. I'd love to help you get started on a healthier road to living!

Your neighbor, Connie Gibson

[Mydoterra.com/conniegibson](http://Mydoterra.com/conniegibson)

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## MEET OUR POOL ATTENDENTS!



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## Annual Flower Give-Away

Preparing....As always, this year's flower giveaway – held on May 14th – drew many Village owners and residents. The count: we gave away 476 flats of annuals and 100 flower box kits. That's a bunch of flowers!

So just how do these flats and kits appear, all ready for you to pick up on a Saturday? In mid-winter we choose the giveaway date in May and place the order, which is always reviewed by the Landscape Committee and our master gardener. What we order is based on the previous

year – which flowers were popular, which weren't, and how well the plantings seemed to do around our grounds. For this year's event we decided to increase flowers destined for the flower box kits, which have proven to be quite popular.

Next, as do all gardeners and plant-lovers, we wait and wait and wait for spring. Eventually the time arrives: yea!

Next comes the hard work: very early on the day before the giveaway, our order is delivered by Pinter's in Belleville, then around 8 or 9am, volunteers come in to help unload the truck, sort the flowers, and follow the master gardener's plan for assembling window box kits. As we've done for a few years, there are four options for the window box kits: two choices for sunny areas and two choices for shady areas. By noon or a bit later, the work is done, and everyone goes home.



Most of the staff members, landscape crew, and volunteers come back the next day to help out at the actual giveaway event!



I made a plan to feed my planters this year using only organic fertilizer. I normally use the blue stuff mixed in water, but I purchased Seaweed and Fish Emulsion this time. Although it was more expensive, I still want to experiment with organic this year and see if it performs as well as synthetic. Warning: the fish and seaweed concoction scent is quite pungent! I applied it one Friday morning in the pool planters and in my personal planters at home. It smelled like fish all weekend around my house! I wondered if people were lying around the pool wondering who threw out a dead fish in the garbage! I must exclaim, however, that the results from the stinky stuff were outstanding. The plants took off after only one feeding, sending out beautiful healthy green foliage and a myriad of blooms.

## LISA'S PLANT OF THE MONTH: ARALIA CORDATA 'SUN KING'- Golden Japanese Spikenard; 3x3'

This bold, eye-catching beauty brightens a partially shaded spot in the garden. The brilliant yellow foliage stays clean and fresh all season with no insect or disease problems. The branches are a pretty reddish brown. In late summer, Aralia blooms with white flowers that attract honey bees. Dark purple black berries follow the flowers, adding winter interest. Aralia 'Sun King' will tolerate heavy shade, but the foliage coloration will be more greenish chartreuse than bright yellow. I've utilized this stalwart charmer in gardens that are regularly visited by deer, and I can tell you with conviction that it is definitely deer-resistant as well! A plant with this many accolades is a must-have for gardeners.



**JULY GARDEN CHORES:** July in the garden is laborious but offers many benefits as well. Finally, a tomato appears! And the **Zinnias** and **Dahlias** take center stage and ramp up their show. When the garden looks a bit tired and scraggly, this is when you are glad that in early June you added these mid to late summer stunners. They are well worth the wait! July is the month to stay vigilant about pulling weeds and hand-picking pest insects. It is the time to stake the floppy plants lying about on the ground or leaning on their neighbors. Lay down plastic sheeting on that area of the garden that is always overrun with weeds. The sun will cook them to death. Gardens need an inch of water a week. If Mother Nature hasn't provided rain, water your plants deeply in the root zone. Don't give a sprinkle of water here and there. It's best to deeply water less often. Containers need to be watered every day and provided with a periodic feeding. July is the month when the dreaded Japanese Beetles arrive in droves. Manage these voracious pests by hand picking in the morning and evening and dropping them into a bucket of soapy water.



The July garden chores seem endless, but don't throw in the towel. Let's trudge through the unpleasantness and arrive in August with a tidy garden that is ready for the late summer plants to make their presence known.

# JULY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 <b>M&amp;M committee meeting 6:00 pm</b>	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 <b>Landscape committee meeting 6:00 pm</b>	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> Open Forum: 6:15 pm Meeting: 6:30	28	29	30 <b>POOL PARTY 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b>
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016-2017

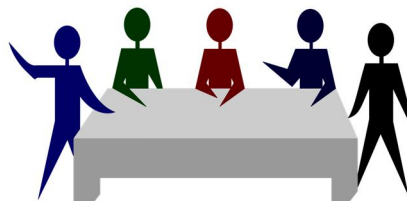
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