

The Pittsfield Villager

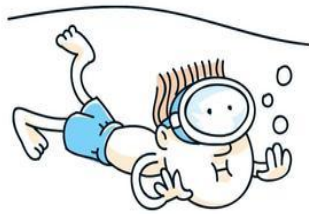
June 2017



COMMUNITY YARD / SIDEWALK SALES!

Saturday, June 3, 9am to 4pm

Place out your goodies for sale! ...and what doesn't sell, bring it to the roll-off dumpster parked near the office corral and throw it in! *(please no chemicals, toxins, paint, etc.)...just junk please!*



POOL AREA and FACILITIES RULES

Pool Area:

The "pool area" includes the pool itself, the bath houses, pump room, and the entire area within the fence.

The pool area is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day during posted hours.

Pool Attendants: An attendant will be on duty and in charge of the pool area during open hours.

Closing of Pool: The pool area may be closed at the discretion of the attendant or of the Pittsfield Village community manager, as needed. Use of the pool area when closed is prohibited.

Admittance to Pool: Admittance to the pool area is limited to residents with pool a pass and their guests.

POOL

NOW OPEN!!!

You must have a RED pool pass to enter pool area

Hours: 11am to 9pm daily

Each household is issued a numbered **pool pass**. The initial pool pass issued is without charge. Residents will be charged \$10.00 for each replacement pool pass.

All residents and guests under the age of **twelve (12)** must be accompanied by a responsible person while in the pool area.

The pool attendant on duty shall have discretion to determine, on a case by case basis who constitutes a responsible person.

A **maximum of four (4)** guests per household may accompany a resident while the resident is in the pool area. Requests for permission to bring additional guests to the pool should be directed to the community manager during regular business hours and at least 24 hours prior to event.

Prohibited Behavior:

Rowdy behavior is prohibited. The pool attendant shall have authority to determine what constitutes rowdy behavior. Alcoholic beverages and/or glass containers are not allowed in the pool fenced area.

No Smoking inside the fenced-in pool area.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

Ice Cream Social

Pittsfield Elementary School

*Friday, June 2 from 5:30 p.m. — 8 p.m.
2543 Pittsfield Blvd.*

DJ, Rock Wall Slide, Money Machine Inflatable, Big Splash Dunk Tank, games, raffles, silent auction, face painting, caricature, cake walk. Pizza, beverages, and ice cream available.

*Free admission (charge for food & games)
(734) 997-1218*



The Pittsfield Village Home and Garden Tour

Sunday, June 25th

1:00 – 4:00 PM

Tickets are \$5 each, available only to Village residents and their guests.

Limit 4 per household. No charge for children under 12.

Ticket delivery to your Village home on Sunday, June 11.

Proceeds will be used by our Landscape Committee for Village beautification.

Ticket Payment options:

Check: Make out and mail to Ellen Johnson, 2817 Pittsfield Blvd

or

Paypal: Go to [PayPal.me/lisalemb](https://www.paypal.com/US/lsalemb)

You must have a PayPal account to use this option.

Enter \$5, \$10, \$15, or \$20 depending on the number of tickets you are ordering.

Under PayPal 'notes' enter "Village Tour" and your address (for ticket delivery)

The Village Home and Garden Tour is not a Pittsfield Village government or management event.

"of the people, by the people, for the people"

IN THE GARDEN- June 2017

By Lisa Joseph, Staff Horticulturist

It has been quite a busy spring trying to keep up with the weed outbreak of 2017! The mild winter, the warm days, and all the rain have made conditions excellent for vigorous weeds to rapidly outcompete some of our desired garden plants. My advice? Put on your happy face and get out there and weed, weed, weed!

Nothing beats a sweet fresh tomato picked right off a plant you have grown yourself. I grow an heirloom tomato plant in a large pot on my deck every summer. One of my favorites is 'Mortgage Lifter'. The taste is rich and sweet, and the large pink fruits never seem to suffer from disease problems.

Tomato Wisdom To Share:

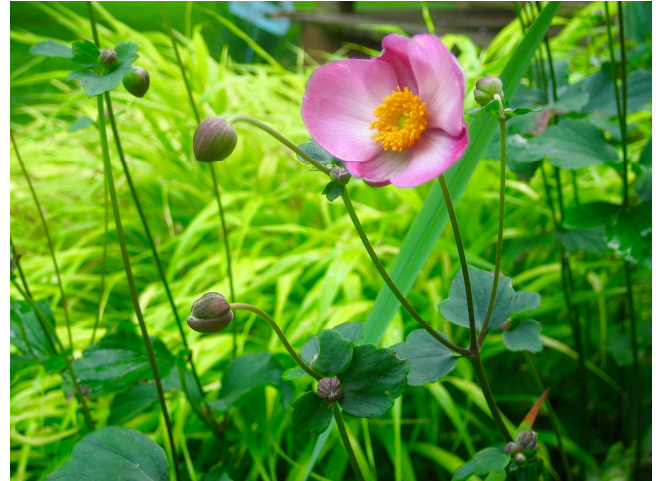
1. Choose resistant varieties.
2. Grow tomatoes on black plastic, which increases soil heat, provides weed suppression, and helps with soil-splash control- keeping any soil-borne spores from infecting the plant. Removing the lower leaves will help too. I top off my planters with pine bark mulch. Mulching will also help to retain moisture and keep the soil from splashing up onto the leaves.

3. Be sure to put a large cage around indeterminate plants that will grow tall. Prune out some of the small suckers in the crotches to allow for good air circulation.
4. Use a soil rich in organic matter. Don't use a fertilizer that is high in nitrogen as this will cause fast, weak growth and more leaves than fruit.
5. Watch for the telltale sign of Blossom End Rot (BER)- a large rotten, brown spot on the bottom of tomatoes. To manage BER, plant tomatoes in well-draining soil containing organic matter, choose a fertilizer made for tomatoes or one that is lower in nitrogen, and provide adequate and even watering during the growing season. For fruit suffering from BER, simply pick off and discard those affected. If the tomato is ripe enough, however, you can cut out the bad section and eat the rest.

LISA'S FEATURED PLANT:

Anemone x hybrida 'September Charm'- Japanese Anemone (pronounced Ah-nem-oh-nee)

Tall graceful flower stalks wave rose pink flowers above dark green leaves in late summer. These harbingers to summer's end grow to 30" in height and spread and attract eager butterflies. Anemone likes humusy, evenly moist but well-drained soil and partial shade. Once happily established, Anemone will spread slowly by rhizomes, underground stems. Fortunately their roots are shallow, making removal of sprouts easy. Companion plants for Anemone 'September Charm' are Japanese Forest Grass, Hosta, Astilbe, Coral Bells, Brunnera 'Jack Frost', ferns, and Hardy Geranium.



CREATURE WATCH: Four-Lined Plant Bug

This pest insect has a body with four distinct black lines against a yellow-green background and an orange head. In late spring, the red to orange nymphs emerge from eggs laid on leaves and begin feeding. This is

the stage of the insect's life cycle that causes the most damage to plants. The damage is brief as adults die off in early to mid summer. The nymphs are easy to squish. The adults, however, fly away or drop to the ground. I like to cup my hand around the foliage to capture and crush them. If this sounds revolting to you, try setting a bucket of soapy water underneath infested plants and knocking them into it.

I like to ignore most damage made by garden pest insects and wait for the beneficial helpers to get on the job. Or, as above, I manually remove and destroy them. I have a high tolerance for some unsightly damage in the garden. However, if you find that a pest insect is becoming too much of a nuisance, the following is a recipe for an organic approach.

Organic Pest Control:

Mix together 1 Tablespoon of vegetable oil, 2 Tablespoons of baking soda, 1 teaspoon of dish soap (no bleach) or Murphy's Oil Soap, and 2 quarts of water. Pour into a spray bottle. Spray only in the morning or evening so that the hot sun doesn't burn the foliage. Spray both the upper and lower leaf surfaces. Important: this spray will kill any insect it comes in contact with, both pest and beneficial garden helpers. If you are going to spray, first search carefully for beneficial insects.

Watch for improvements in the Corner
Beds around the Community!
(see photo—back page)
Get out and play!

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Don't Forget!

August 5

ANNUAL POOL PARTY

Hope to see everyone there!



...and our streets are not dragways

...PET RULES

For purposes of these Rules, a "pet" shall be understood to include any animal housed in any Village residential unit, and including (but not limited to) dogs and cats.

Control: No pet shall be tied up or staked out on the commons or limited common elements. All pets shall be confined to the interior of the unit except while on a leash under the pet owner's direct control. A picture of the pet may be used as evidence that it was loose.

Pets as Nuisances: No pet shall be permitted to be a nuisance or cause a dangerous condition of any kind. The following will be deemed as such under the provisions of this policy:

- ◇ Excessive noise or odor from either inside or outside the pet owner's unit:
- ◇ Damage to common or limited common elements, trees, grass, shrubs, buildings and so forth;
- ◇ Animal waste not cleaned up immediately.

Responsibility for Pet Damage: An owner and resident are each responsible for any violations or damage caused by any pet belonging to a resident or to a guest of a resident, including cleanup expenses incurred by Pittsfield Village.

JUNE 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> YARD SALE! 9-4
<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> 6:00 pm M&M committee meeting	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> 6:00 pm Landscape Committee meeting	<u>14</u> <i>Happy Birthday, Tom Cottrell</i>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>18</u> FATHER'S DAY	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>25</u> 1-4 pm Home and Garden Tour	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> 6:15 pm: Board Meeting	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	



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