

POOL SAFETY



**Parents, please—watch
your children AT ALL
TIMES while they are in or
around the pool!**

**While there is a pool attendant on duty,
there is not a lifeguard on duty.**

Flower Box Contest

Now is the time to acknowledge (and reward!) those who really put in tremendous time and effort to what has always been a great appeal of Pittsfield Village; flower boxes!

Submit the address of your favorite flower box to office@pittsfieldvillage.com. Please submit your nomination before August 15th, 2018.

A \$50 gift certificate to Downtown Home & Garden will be awarded to the lucky winner!



We have been experiencing some drought-like weather.

The Landscape Committee and your Board of Directors is asking that if possible, please help water trees in your area, especially newly planted trees. If you are tending to your gardens, give the trees a drink, too.

You may or may not know that Pittsfield Village does not have a sprinkler/irrigation system, so anything you can do to help is very much appreciated. A little extra effort from all residents can go a long way in keeping our landscaping thriving. P.S. *Water is paid through your Association fees.*



IN THE GARDEN- August 2018

By Lisa Joseph

I always thought that “the dog days of August” meant a time so hot and humid, that even the dogs lie down in the grass and don’t want to move. Yet, this idiom has nothing to do with my dog. It started in ancient Greece and means the sultry part of summer during the period that Sirius, the Dog star, rises at the same time as the sun. It’s usually synonymous with lethargy and inactivity. I stare at my perennial garden with dog day sluggishness. The **Japanese Beetle** population is the highest I’ve ever seen, and the foliage of many of my perennials and annuals are full of holes and the flowers are chewed up and ragged. I sigh with exasperation and the desire to just give up. But I soldier on, armed with my bucket of soapy water, and pluck off beetles one by one and giddily drop them into the water to quickly perish. The dish soap is imperative because it coats their wings and they drown quickly.

I read about another control idea for beetles and other pest insects- spiders. I admit that even though I’m an insect lover, the arachnids freak me out. I don’t kill them, however, because really they are only doing us a favor by catching and eating insects. So I read this article about encouraging spiders into your garden by building little stone or twig piles here and there that they will use as a home base. Also, I learned years ago to place a small terra cotta pot upside down in my garden bed, the one that is always attacked by creepy earwigs. A spider invariably takes up residence in the pot, using the hole at the top to come and go. I just know she is making a feast of those nasty earwigs!



OBSERVATIONS FROM THE CREW:



We have been a bit distressed to find that some residents have planted huge, heavy and vigorous vines on their rather delicate trellises. The vines I’m writing about include Grape Vine, Wisteria, Sweet Autumn Clematis, Trumpet Vine, and Climbing Hydrangea. These vines are not only too robust for the trellis, but they are also creeping into the siding and under the roof.



My recommendation is that residents plant clematis that remain under 10’ in height or annual vines such as Morning Glory, Black-Eyed Susan Vine, Mandevilla, Purple Hyacinth Bean, or Climbing Nasturtium. Seen here.

Annual vines may get quite large by season’s end but will perish in the cold winter weather.

LISA’S FEATURED PLANT: Heuchera ‘Midnight Rose’- Coral Bells

Mature size: 12” height by 16” spread — Exposure: partial sun



‘Midnight Rose’ has radiant black leaves with hot pink speckles in spring. As the season progresses, the pink spots are more numerous and obvious. Wiry flower spikes with little white bell-shaped flowers rise above the foliage in spring, reaching a height of two feet.

Coral Bells love humusy soil so it is a good idea to apply organic matter around them in the spring. This plant demands supplemental water in extended dry periods, especially if planted in a site with more sun exposure.

Combine ‘Midnight Rose’ Heuchera with Japanese Painted fern, Hosta ‘June’ and Hosta ‘Halcyon’, Astilbe ‘Sprite’, and Japanese Forest Grass.



Horticulturist Tip of the Week:

I read in a garden book about an ingenious idea. If you have an aquarium, use the old water when you clean it out to water your plants. This stinky aquarium water is filled with nutrients and trace elements that your plants will love. Also beneficial is the water left over from cooking vegetables. Let the liquid cool and then water your plants with the nutrient-rich water. No waste and your plants flourish. Win win!

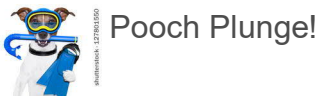
Go outside and play.

POOL HOURS

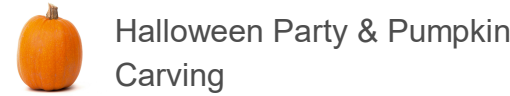
Now through Sunday, September 2, the pool will remain open 11:00am-9:00pm. On Monday, September 3 (Labor Day) the pool hours will shorten to 11:00am-8:00pm for the remaining of the pool season.

Upcoming Events

September:



October:



Stay tuned for more details!



Have you registered for TownSq?

Log-in to **townsq.io** or download the app from the App store and check it out!

TownSq makes it easy to connect with **Pittsfield Village** and access the resources you need for better community living, all through one user-friendly app!

TownSq is the best single-platform solution for managed communities. No other tool addresses the unique social and administrative aspects of condo living all in a single app, allowing managed community members to use one place to manage community members to use one place to:

- Engage with neighbors (who are registered)
- Pay Association fees from any device
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Another successful Pool Party was held on July 28th!

With a good turnout of residents, great food, spectacular entertainment (including regular special guest, Charlie Linton, lending his voice for our enjoyment), fun crafts, and face painting!

Thank you again to our sponsors:

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August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Landscape Committee 6:00 pm Open / 6:15 pm Meeting	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 M & M Committee 6:00 pm Open / 6:15 pm Meeting	5	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Board Meeting—6:15 pm OPEN / 6:30 pm Meeting	30	31	

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