

## Garden Marker Program BLUE STICKS THIS YEAR!

**Please note:** *if you opted for NO SPRAY, then you are obligated to use garden markers and tend your own garden.* The crews will not. Failure to comply could result in fines.

Submit your form (sent last week) only if you wish to participate. If you want Pittsfield crews to do all landscaping, then do nothing.



**Pittsfield Village roads  
are city streets.**

**We do not monitor or  
control parking.**

**Please be courteous  
to your neighbors**

## COMPOSTING

Curbside compost collection begins on Monday, April 1, 2019.

### Acceptable compost materials:

- ◇ Plate scrapings and food waste (including meat and bones)\*
- ◇ Bamboo dinnerware\*
- ◇ Grass clippings\*
- ◇ BPI certified compostable bags, containers, silverware, etc.
- ◇ Leaves and brush
- ◇ Branches less than 6 inches diameter (must fit in cart with lid closed)
- ◇ Unpainted, untreated lumber (must fit in cart with lid closed)
- ◇ Weeds
- ◇ Undecorated and cut up Christmas trees
- ◇ Garden pruning, garden surplus, crab apples, etc.

\*Items for optional compost carts only.

### Unacceptable compost materials

- ◆ Plastic bags or containers
- ◆ Trash and recyclables
- ◆ Dirt, rocks, stones or gravel
- ◆ Sawdust
- ◆ Branches over 6 inches in diameter or over 4 feet in length
- ◆ Painted or treated wood
- ◆ Animal waste or cat litter
- ◆ Tree stumps
- ◆ Diapers
- ◆ Compost carts

Optional compost carts, available in 64 and 96-gallon sizes for a one-time purchase price of \$25 each, \$50 for each additional cart, from the Customer Service Center, open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at 301 E. Huron St., 734.994.7336. Carts can be delivered for a fee of \$25, each.

*Carts exceeding 112 pounds for the 32-gallon, 224 pounds for the 64-gallon, or 336 pounds for the 96-gallon size will not be serviced.*

Yard waste bags and bundled brush/tree limbs

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## IN THE GARDEN

By Lisa Joseph, Community Horticulturist

IT'S APRIL! IT'S APRIL! April is one of my favorite months. The bulbs are in bloom, the birds are back singing their happy morning ditties, the perennials are starting to poke up their heads, and soon it will be time to start planting for the 2019 season!



### **LISA'S NEW PLANT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

#### **BUDDLEIA 'MISS RUBY' - (Butterfly Bush)**

**Mature Size:** 5 x 5'; requires full sun

Touts fragrant and vibrant cherry red blooms from late spring to fall. These dazzling flowers attract butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds.

Some older varieties of Butterfly Bush have proven to be invasive, producing numerous seeds that germinate in natural areas. 'Miss Ruby', however, has flowers that are almost completely sterile and pose no threat of invasiveness. Deer-resistant, easy care, lovely fragrance, butterfly magnet, long bloom period, noninvasive. 'MISS RUBY' GETS A GOLD STAR!

**COMBINE WITH:** Coreopsis 'Moonbeam' (Tickseed), Achillea 'Apricot Delight' (Yarrow), Phlox paniculata 'David' or 'Katherine' (Garden Phlox), Caryopteris 'Sunshine Blue' (Bluebeard), Leucanthemum 'Banana Cream' (Shasta Daisy), Panicum 'Apache Rose' (Switch Grass), Agastache 'Rosie Posie' (Anise Hyssop), Marigold, bright orange or yellow Dahlia.



#### **ALLIUM 'MILLENIUM' (*Ornamental Onion*)**

**Mature Size** 20 x 15"; requires full sun

Forms an upright clump of thick glossy green leaves. In late July through August, two-inch balls of vibrant rosy purple florets float above the foliage.

This powerhouse perennial tolerates clay soil, resists deer and rabbits, attracts pollinators and butterflies, and the round flowers make charming bouquets.

**ALSO- it was selected the 2018 Perennial Plant of the Year by the Perennial Plant Association!**

**COMBINE WITH:** Agastache 'Kudos Coral' (Anise Hyssop), Perovskia 'Denim 'n Lace (Russian Sage), Achillea 'Apricot Delight' or 'Pretty Belinda' (Yarrow), Sedum 'Superstar', Buddleia 'Miss Ruby', Rudbeckia 'Little Goldstar', Aster 'Kickin' Carmine Red', Alyssum, Dahlia, Zinnia, Marigold.

#### **RUDBECKIA 'AMERICAN GOLD RUSH'- (BLACK-EYED SUSAN)**

**MATURE SIZE:** 2' in height x 3.5' in width; requires full sun

To me, the best thing about this impressive new introduction is that it is resistant to the fungal disease Septoria leaf spot that plagues other Rudbeckia, leaving the plants unattractive and disfigured, covered with unsightly black spots. The hairy leaves of 'American Gold Rush' keep fungal spores from sticking and invading the leaf tissue.

This one offers fabulous late summer interest with a big round dome of golden yellow blooms from July to September. The butterflies, pollinators, and songbirds are very fond of the late season offerings. OR

**RUDBECKIA 'LITTLE GOLDSTAR'-** with a mature size of 16 x 16" for small gardens; requires full sun.

'Little Goldstar' is the perfect size for smaller gardens. In late summer, the short bushy plants are covered in golden flowers with



brown cones. Be sure to plant in full sun with good air circulation to avoid leaf spot disease. Rudbeckia is low-maintenance, has modest water needs, and favors well-draining soil that is not overly rich. REMEMBER THE FALL-BLOOMING PERENNIALS WHEN PLANNING OUT YOUR GARDEN IDEAS!

**COMBINE WITH:** Perovskia (Russian Sage), Sedum, Geranium ‘Rozanne’, Aster ‘Kickin’ Lilac Blue or Carmine Red’, Phlox paniculata (Garden Phlox), Panicum (Switch Grass), Calamagrostis (Feather Reed Grass), Allium ‘Millenium’ or ‘Medusa’ (late summer-blooming Ornamental Onion), Dahlia ‘Old Gold’, Gomphrena ‘Fireworks’, tall Zinnias.



**PANICUM ‘APACHE ROSE’ (Switch Grass)**

**Mature size 4 x 2’; requires full sun**

A sensational new variety of native Switch Grass with upright gray green leaves tipped with red in late summer. The airy flower panicles are a lovely rosy pink. This ornamental grass when left standing for winter interest is an important cover for birds during the frigid cold days.

**Combine with:** Eupatorium ‘Baby Joe’ (Joe-Pye Weed), Monarda ‘Cherry Pops’ (Bee Balm), Veronica ‘Perfectly Picasso’; Perovskia (Russian Sage), Achillea ‘Firefly Amethyst’, Amsonia (Blue Star), Penstemon ‘Dark Towers’ (Beardtongue), Echinacea

**REMEMBER:**

**THE RIGHT PLANT IN THE RIGHT PLACE!**

**CHECK WITH PITTSFIELD FIRST BEFORE YOU ADD TO YOUR LANDSCAPED BEDS!**

This is my mantra for April: “Do not become frantic when facing the mountain of tasks before you. Do the best that you can do. Just make progress.” Start by clearing out the matted leaves in the garden beds to uncover the bulbs and early spring perennials that are trying to push up through the debris. I like to pot up Dahlia and Canna tubers indoors for an early start. I then transplant them out in the garden after frost danger has passed. For needed encouragement, add color by potting up some pastel-colored pansies and violas. They are cool season annuals and perfect for spring planters.

I had hand surgery over the winter and am still in recovery mode. I may start out slow this season, but I will get there. Take it easy on yourself is my advice.

Get out there and soak up the springtime goodness!

**Composting...**

Paper yard waste bags may be used for yard waste such as leaves, weeds and other vegetation. Bundled brush or tree limbs, four feet or less, can be tied with natural twine in bundles up to 18 inches in diameter, can be left at the curb for pickup. Individual tree limbs must be no more than 6 inches in diameter. Compost bags and bundled brush exceeding 50 pounds will not be serviced.

Preparing compost and cart:  
Make sure to prepare your compost and compost cart properly for timely service and to avoid odors.



# Public Service Announcements

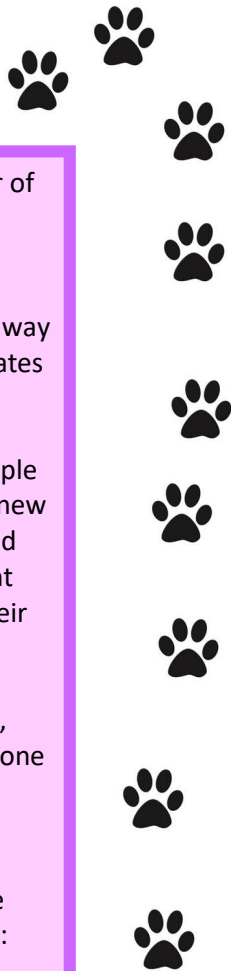


Violin and viola students welcome!

I have a few open spots for students who want to improve their skills and have fun with music. Also there's a summer group, the Renaissance Dance Band, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, June 18-July 30, 4:00-5:30 P.M.; concert on Wednesday, July 31, and an earlier one TBA. Lessons and rehearsals are at Calvary Presbyterian Church, corner of Fernwood and Norwood.

Contact Linda Speck, [aa3013@wayne.edu](mailto:aa3013@wayne.edu).

## Pet Services



Hi, my name is Irene Hayes, owner of Paws & Tails Pet Care. I'm located right here in Pittsfield Village!

Have peace of mind while you're away with quality care and affordable rates for your furry family member!

I provide daily dog walking for people who have long, busy, work hours, new puppies who need potty breaks and socialization, or for those that want their dog to have a fun break in their day!

I also provide house visits for dogs, cats, and small animals for those gone on vacations and business trips.

Email to book your free meet and greet with me and to receive more information. Contact information:

[irenehayes03@yahoo.com](mailto:irenehayes03@yahoo.com)

## POOL ATTENDENTS NEEDED

**MUST BE 18**

Must be able to work both shifts  
(AM 11-4 and/or PM 4-9)

**Seasonal work**  
(May 25 THROUGH September)

APPLY AT PITTSFIELD VILLAGE  
**2220 Pittsfield Blvd**  
**734-971-0233**



# Community Reminders



If you have PET FECES in your yard, please clean it up now!!

Droppings must be picked up and properly discarded immediately.

Thank you for keeping our community clean and beautiful.

Mulch is being added to the front beds beginning **April 1st** *UNLESS* you opted out



## Exciting events Coming Soon!!!

- ⇒ **Annual Meeting** (May 13 tentative)
- ⇒ **Flower Giveaway** (May 18)
- ⇒ **Pool opening**—Memorial Day weekend



## **2019—2020 BUDGET**

You will soon be receiving a copy of the recently approved 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget and Fee Sheet.

Shortly thereafter, payment booklets will arrive, but only if you are not on direct debit.

## **Community—Wide Yard / Sidewalk Sales!**

**Saturday, June 1st  
9am to 4pm**



Time to declutter! Time to purge!

Gather your stuff to sell! Pittsfield Village will place ads on Craigslist and on M Live, too!

Pittsfield Village Office

Monday— Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm  
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APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:00pm open forum; 6:15pm M&M Committee	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 6:00pm open forum; 6:15pm Landscape Committee Mtg	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 6:15 Open Forum; 6:30 pm: BOARD MEETING	18	19	20
21  Happy Easter!	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				