



Pittsfield Village

GREEN SPACES • GREAT NEIGHBORS

June 2019



**POOL IS NOW OPEN
TO ALL PITTSFIELD
RESIDENTS**

**Make sure you have
your **red** pool pass!**

Ice Cream Social @

Pittsfield Elementary School

Friday, June 7, 5:30—8 p.m.

**The School's biggest fundraiser and social event
of the year!**



Features this year include inflatable Pirate Invasion, Inflatable Basketball, Maze Runner, 2-liter ring toss, Pig Race, Roller Bowler and many other games, raffles, silent auction, face painting, cake walk.

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Pizza, beverages, and ice cream available

Pittsfield School, 2543 Pittsfield

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

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IN THE GARDEN

By Lisa Joseph, Community Horticulturist

June is a busy month in the garden. Plants are in full throttle and need some attention. Check for pest insect activity to avoid damage. Most pest insects can be dislodged from your plants with a strong spray of water.

June is also a busy month for our weed enemies. If you have garden markers, keep up with your weeding chores to keep the beasts from getting out of control and overwhelming the garden.

Pinch back fall-bloomers (Sedum, Aster, and Helianthus) to ensure bushier plants, more flowers, and plants that will bloom in late summer as desired.

NEW VARIETIES OF CATMINT FOR SMALLER GARDENS!

I love Catmint, but its wide girth takes up SO much space in the garden. I'm excited about these new spunky and PETITE introductions:



NEPETA 'CAT'S PAJAMAS' - 14" in height x 20" in width - ADORABLY PINT-SIZED AND BALL-SHAPED WITH DRAMATIC BLUE FLOWERS FROM THE BASE TO THE TIP OF THE STEMS.

NEPETA ‘KITTEN AROUND’-

14” in height x 24” in width

VIBRANT ROSY PURPLE AND LAVENDER BLUE BLOOMS. USE THIS AS A DYNAMIC EDGER AT THE FRONT OF THE BORDER.

NEPETA ARE STALWART PERFORMERS. THEY ARE HARDY, LONG-BLOOMING, LOW-MAINTENANCE, TOLERANT OF HEAT AND DROUGHT, DEER AND RABBIT RESISTANT, AND THEY ARE EXCELLENT POLLINATOR ATTRACTORS! THE GRAY GREEN FOLIAGE SMELLS LIKE DELICIOUS MINTY ANISE.



ASK ME ABOUT THIS NATIVE SHRUB THAT NOW COMES IN A PETITE SIZE!

ARONIA MELANOCARPA ‘LOW SCAPE MOUND’- Chokeberry

MATURE SIZE- 2 x 2’

This miniature shrub is covered in dainty white flowers in spring, followed by dark purple berries in summer that last into winter and offer birds a cold season food source.

The flowers and fruit are not its only attributes. The glossy green healthy foliage turns brilliant red in fall, adding needed color to the late season perennial garden or landscaped beds.



Aronia is a dynamo performer! It is drought tolerant, site tolerant, and thrives in sun to partial shade. I recommend planting at least three plants together for the best show.

Companions: Dogwood, Serviceberry, Eastern Redbud, Sambucus (Elderberry), Fothergilla gardenii, the butter yellow fall color of Clethra (Summersweet), Sedum ‘Brilliant’, Allium ‘Millenium’, Aster ‘Kickin Lilac Blue’, Black-Eyed Susan, and ornamental grasses.

A DELIGHTFUL AND SCENTED POLLINATOR AND HUMMINGBIRD PLANT: Agastache

Common names are Anise Hyssop and Hummingbird Mint; requires full sun.

The blue varieties, Agastache foeniculum, are reliably hardy. Mature size is 2-4’ in height and 18” in width. The lavender blue flower spikes attract many different pollinators, especially bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. The blossoms also retain their color and scent when dried.

I use the bright fuchsia and peachy varieties as annuals as they aren’t always hardy to our zone.

June is my favorite month. Many perennials are in bloom, the foliage is beautifully green without blemishes, the days are warming, and people have that unmistakable excitement for the upcoming summer season.

Be sure to get out there and enjoy these glorious days of June!



Congratulations!

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Pool Party

July 27

5pm to 8pm

Live Music!!!

**George Bedard and
the Kingpins!**



Excitement!

The maintenance staff noticed a large honeybee hive being built on the lower branch of one of the common area pine trees. We called up a local bee keeper and she rushed over and saved the hive! WOW!



June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9 am - 4 pm: PV YARD SALES
2	3	4 M&M Commit- tee 6pm OPEN / 6:15pm MTG	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 LANDSCAPE Committee 6:00 OPEN / 6:15 MTG	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 BOARD MEET- ING 6:15 OPEN FORUM	27	28	29
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