

August 2019

Highlights from the Annual Pool Party



Another successful pool party was held on Saturday, July 27, 2019. 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! Thanks to all who joined in on the fun!

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POOL HOURS



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

HEALTHWISE

School Daze

With money being tight, getting the kids ready for school does not have to break your budget. When school starts, money is needed for basic school supplies, along with school pictures, fund raisers, field trips, and extracurricular activities.

When it comes to the basics, that is really all you need, just the basics. Check the school's web site for the school's calendar to aid in planning the family calendar.

Plan your shopping ahead by getting the printed "School Supply" list for each grade. Split your list into categories, reusable items (book bag, rulers, notebooks, etc.), just as good (shoes, books and electronic devices), and must have new (clothing, books, etc).

Most school supplies are inexpensive. Check magazines and the local news ads, grocery fliers, also grocery stores have their school supplies available at the check-out lanes. Have the kids go online to compare prices of needed items and print coupons. Check resale shops and the dollar stores.

Remember to revamp, repurpose, renew, and redo by having a "get ready for school" craft night, this can include family and friends. Instead of paying new price, "spiffed up" book bags, notebooks or clothing, get the group together to decorate with their own pizzazz.

This is the time to make annual doctor and dental appointments.

Save time and frustration when getting kids ready for school by preparing ahead of time and beginning a family schedule one to two weeks before school begins, i.e. home work habits, have the kids to read at an assigned time each evening.

During the school year prepare everything the night before i.e., clothing and backpacks are readied; this will make the morning easier. Also showers and baths can be taken right before bed time.

Be sure to check the back packs/book bags every evening for notes that need to be signed and/or a forgotten homework paper. If possible, fix your child's hairstyle the night before with small French braids, corn rows (these can last for a week) or pony tails.

Start each school day with hugs and kisses.

May you have the best school year,

Brenda Webster RN, MSN
Pittsfield Village Resident



IN THE GARDEN

By Lisa Joseph, Community Horticulturist

Now is the time to start getting your garden ready for the late summer-flowering plants to be in the spotlight.

REMEMBER MY USUAL ADVICE FOR AUGUST:

-Push through the sluggishness of the dog days by spot-cleaning, completing just one area of the garden at a time and keeping tasks manageable.

-Use targeted trimming and dead-heading to make the garden appear more inviting. Prune out foliage that is tatty and yellowing.

REMINDER FROM THE CREW:

We are distressed to find that some residents still have huge, heavy and vigorous vines on their delicate trellises. The vines I'm referring to 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 causing problems by creeping into the siding and under the roof.

My recommendation: Residents plant clematis that remain under 10' in height or use an annual vine such as Morning Glory, Black-Eyed Susan Vine, Mandevilla, or Purple Hyacinth Bean (shown here). Annual vines may get quite large by season's end but will perish in the cold winter weather.



SEDUM 'MR. GOODBUD'- mature size 16 x 20" I like to plant these beauties in groups of three for an eye-popping mass of huge 6" clusters of vibrant purple-pink blooms in late summer! The pretty maroon stems are stout and sturdy.

How to make the display even better? Pair 'Mr. Goodbud' with:

Perovskia 'Blue Jean Baby' (Russian Sage), Shasta Daisy, Nepeta 'Cat's Pajamas' (Catmint), Echinacea 'Pow Wow Wildberry' (Purple Coneflower), Rudbeckia 'Little Goldstar' (dwarf Black-Eyed Susan), Ornamental Grasses, Aster 'Kickin' Lilac Blue' or 'Lavender'.

Garden Issues!

Powdery Mildew- white to gray powdery spots on leaves, stems, and buds. Stressed plants are prone to powdery mildew. Poor air circulation and too much shade contribute as well. If a plant is severely infected, foliage may turn yellow and fall prematurely. Pick up and dispose of all fallen leaves so that the spores won't re-infect the plant. And remember to water plants at the soil level early in the day.



ORGANIC HOME REMEDY FOR POWDERY MILDEW:

½ quart skim milk

3 teaspoons of baking soda

one drop of liquid dish soap

Mix well in a spray bottle.

Spray tops and bottoms of leaves in the morning (avoid spraying in the heat of mid-day as this may burn the foliage).

Re-apply once per week.

Get out and enjoy the dog days of August!

Upcoming Events

September:

Pooch Plunge! (Date TBD)

October:

Halloween Party & Pumpkin Carving

Saturday, October 26, 2019 (Time TBA)



Maintenance Corner

If there is ever any question you have about your condo or Pittsfield Village, please visit our website at www.pittsfieldvillage.com or email us at office@pittsfieldvillage.com, or simply give us a call.

We are here and happy to help!

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

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