



June 2020

POOL UPDATE

Traditionally Pittsfield's pool season commences Memorial Day weekend.

However, due to COVID-19, Pittsfield's pool is not open. At this time, we are not certain when local/county restrictions will be lifted.

The office will continue to update residents as restrictions are eased & Pittsfield can safely open the pool for the 2020 season.

ANNUAL POOL PARTY UPDATE

Due to the current pandemic, the Village's Board has decided to err on the side of caution, and cancel this year's pool party. We look forward to hosting the event in 2021!



Financial Hardship Options

A letter was mailed via USPS to residents on Friday, March 27, 2020 from the Board of Directors regarding financial hardship options for residents financially impacted by business closures due to COVID-19. If you cannot pay your monthly assessment, you can submit a payment plan. The Board will review payment plan proposals at their monthly meeting. Additionally, late fees will be waived through July 2020.

Please contact Kendra Zunich at kzunich@kramertriad.com with questions.



Yoga with B

Sundays on Zoom @
1:00pm

Offering is FREE

There are no prerequisites, no rules, and no expectations. I offer modifications for poses and I design the sequence with beginners in mind.

I teach because I love the practice. I also teach because I know how intimidating the word "yoga" can be and I want to change that. It might be for you or it might not. The only way to find out is to give it a go!

To sign up or to ask questions:
Email: brittanywidin@gmail.com

Instagram: [thebumblebeeyogi](https://www.instagram.com/thebumblebeeyogi)
Cheers, Brittany

LET'S HEAD OUT TO THE GARDEN

by Lisa Joseph, Community Horticulturalist

Plant tender bulbs such as Dahlia, Caladium, and Canna Lily this month.

Gladiolus blooms can be staggered by planting a few corms now and then every two weeks until July.

Must-have nectar sources for pollinators!


Aster- the three-foot tall Kickin' series plants are naturally bushy without needing mid-season pruning, and they are covered with blooms in late summer and fall.

Ironweed- Vernonia lettermanii 'Iron Butterfly'- forms a 3 x 3' mound of fine-textured lime green foliage; profuse blooming in late summer with bright magenta pink blooms.

Joe-Pye Weed- Eupatorium syn. Eutrochium dubnium 'Baby Joe'- 30" purple stems stand tall topped with domes of mauve purple flowers in late summer; slow to emerge in spring so be patient and don't think you killed it!



Goldenrod- Solidago 'Peter Pan'- this more refined relative of Common Goldenrod behaves itself in the garden. Sprays of brilliant yellow flowers are attractive to both butterflies and smaller beneficial insects in late summer; mature size 30 x 24"; AVOID Common Goldenrod (*S. canadensis*)!

Zinnia- if you haven't already, try out the 'Profusion' series. They are single -flowered, disease-resistant, drought-tolerant workhorses, and they bloom continuously until fall; mature size 18 x 20".

Coneflower- Echinacea- blooms in mid summer; my new favorite are 'Sombrero Adobe Orange'- 18 x 18"; intense cantaloupe orange. And 'Delicious Candy'- 24 x 18"; bright rose pink.



Gayfeather- Liatris spicata 'Kobold'; multiple tall spikes of fluffy lavender pink flowers; 30 x 18"; blooms for a long time in mid summer; Gayfeather is very easy-going about site conditions and neglect by owner.

Russian Sage- Perovskia atriplicifolia 'Blue Jean Baby'; 30x30"; lavender blue flowers in mid summer; long bloom time; silver aromatic foliage; draws in many different kinds of pollinators.

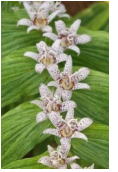
Beardtongue- Penstemon digitalis Dakota; glossy purple foliage; lavender pink tubular flowers rise above the foliage to 24" in mid summer; attracts hummingbirds and pollinators; 18" wide.



Bee Balm- Monarda didyma 'Sugar Buzz Series'; 20 x 20"; the perfect size for smaller gardens; dark cherry pink flowers in mid summer; mildew-resistant dark green foliage; adored by butterflies.

GOT SHADE? LISTEN UP! POLLINATOR PLANT FOR SHADY SITES-

Toad Lily- Tricyrtis hirta 'Lightning Strike'- bright golden leaves with green streaks; flowers appear in late summer and look like light pink orchids with raspberry speckles; forms a 2-foot tall mound of pendulous stems.



WEED WATCH:

Star of Bethlehem (Ornithogalum umbellatum)

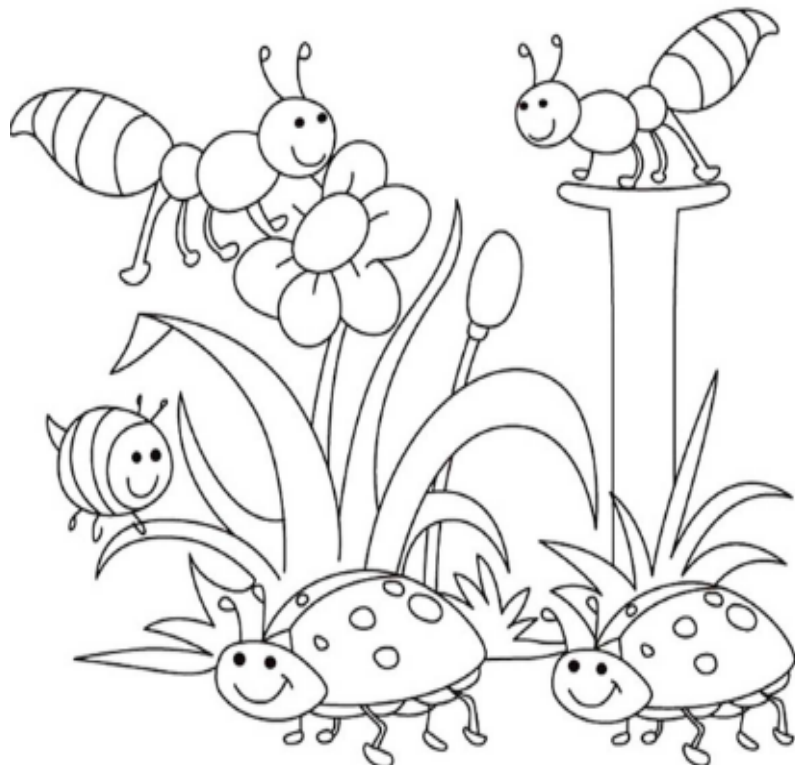
Easily identified as a grassy plant with five or six white and green star-shaped flowers and a white stripe along the midvein of the leaves. It spreads everywhere and very quickly. Gaining control over this weed is tedious but necessary. If you use herbicide, many treatments may be needed. If you choose to hand-dig these buggers out, you must dig out the clump with a shovel. Try not to yank it out by hand as any little teeny bulb left behind will carry on next season.



HERE'S TO JUNE!

Thanks to the rain and hot weather, there is plenty to do in the garden. Remember: weeds not only look unsightly, but they also steal needed water, nutrients, and light from your favored plants. Garden Marker folks-get that weeding done!

See you out there!



June 2020

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

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PESTS?



JC Ehrlich services the community every Thursday. If you have pest control needs & would like to place a work order, contact the Village

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