



2024

PITTSFIELD VILLAGE ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE



Saturday, June 8, 2024

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

- Clean out the cupboards.
- Tidy up the basement.
- Sort through your clothes.

Spring is a great time to purge!

One person's junk is another person's treasure, after all!

Pittsfield advertises the Yard Sale on Craigslist, Facebook, and on signage at the office. Good Luck!

The Board approved a dumpster rental to coincide with the yard sale. If you are unable to sell, donate or upcycle items, please feel free to utilize the dumpster that will be in the community building parking lot.

The dumpster will be delivered on Friday, June 7, 2024. The office will send an email to the community after the dumpster is delivered.

Items NOT allowed in the dumpster:
dirt, concrete, brick, rubber tires, hazardous materials, and mattress/box springs.



Pool Reminders - Important

There have been reports of folks leaving the pool gate propped open. For the safety of residents, especially children, under no circumstances should the pool gate be left open. Please always secure the gate behind you. If you notice the gate has been left open either intentionally or unintentionally, please close the gate.

If there is an after-hours emergency, please contact 734-971-0233 and follow the voice prompts. If there is a non-emergency situation, please contact the office during business hours at 734-971-0233 or office@pittsfieldvillage.com.

Pool rules with this information are also posted by the pool gate and on the Village's website.

**Pittsfield Village
Pool Party**



Saturday, July 20

5 pm to 8 pm

**JOIN FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
FOR THIS COMMUNITY EVENT**

**DJ BY THE POOL +
FOOD & FUN!**





POOL AREA & FACILITIES RULES

Revised May 2022

Pool Area

- The “pool area” includes the pool itself, the bath houses, pump room, and the entire area within the fence.
- The pool area is open from Memorial Day weekend through the second weekend in September (tentative) during posted hours, typically daily from 10:00am- 9:00pm, weather permitting.
- NO pool attendant is on duty! If an emergency arises call 911! The emergency phone is located next to the entrance gate. If an emergency related to the pool, please contact the after-hours line at 734-971-0233 and follow the voice prompts.

Closing of Pool

- The pool area may be closed at the discretion of the Village’s community manager, as needed. Residents will be notified of a pool closure by email & TownSq, Additionally, signage will be displayed at the entrance of the pool.
- COVID-19 closures
 - The Board and Staff will continue to monitor and follow Washtenaw County Health Department Guidelines and make rules or other adjustments as needed, up to and including pool closures.
- Use of the pool area when closed is prohibited.

Pool Rules

1. DO NOT ENTER THE POOL AREA IF YOU, A FAMILY MEMBER, OR SOMEONE YOU HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH HAS EXPERIENCED SYMPTOMS OF OR HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 WITHIN THE LAST 14 DAYS.
2. Pittsfield Village’s pool facility is SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK! By entering, you understand there is no lifeguard, and that COVID-19 could be contracted in this public space. Swimming alone is not recommended.
3. Only Pittsfield Village residents are permitted to use the pool. Pittsfield Village residents may bring up to four (4) guests per household, all guests must be accompanied by a Pittsfield Village resident.
4. Pool fobs are required for access. The initial pool fob is issued without charge. Residents will be charged \$20.00 for each replacement pool fob. Replacement pool fobs can be purchased at the Village office between 8:30am-5:00pm, Monday-Friday.
5. All residents under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older) while in the pool area.
6. Residents shall use the provided hand sanitizer located at the entrance of the pool gate prior to entering, Additionally, please shower/rinse off before entering the pool. It is recommended that you do so at home to minimize non-critical use of the locker rooms.
7. Residents shall use the provided sanitizing spray located in the men’s & women’s bathhouses after you use the restroom, shower, etc.
8. Communal pool furniture and toys are permitted.
9. Pittsfield Village’s pool area capacity is 211 people.

Prohibited Behavior

- Rowdy behavior is prohibited.
- Alcoholic beverages and/or glass containers are not allowed in the pool area.
- No smoking inside the pool area.
- To report a non-emergent issue, please contact the office during business hours (Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm) at 734-971-0233 or office@pittsfieldvillage.com



Look at this big fella!



Katy, our superb gardener, spotted him on the fence in the office parking lot. She pointed it out to Tracy who quickly whispered “take a picture!”

He really was amazing. Keep an eye on your small pets and do not leave any pets unattended.

(we have rules, but I think this guy makes his own rules)



PET OWNERS AND DOG WALKERS: please do not permit your pet to “go” in or on any corner bed. Plants have already begun to show damage from pet urine and feces. Thank you for your cooperation!

Events for the Neighborhood

Calvary Church decided to combine the lawn concerts with a community potluck picnic! (like they used to do pre-pandemic), and because they’ve gotten to know more musicians, they are putting on a series of three events, on June 23rd, July 21st and August 18th.

The potluck picnic will be at 5 PM each time, with music from 6 to 8.

Here's the schedule of musicians:

June 23rd:

6 PM: Writers Co - Acoustic-Driven Folk Music

7 PM: Folk Song Jam-Along with Lori and Jean

July 21st:

6 PM: Linda Speck's Summer String Student Ensemble

7 PM: Ukulele Party - Folk Music

August 18th:

6 PM: PJS Trio - Voice and Guitar

7 PM: TBD



IMPORTANT SUMMERTIME REMINDERS

Noise: Residents should use common sense and consideration of others when engaging in activities that create noise, indoors or outdoors. Requests to “please keep it down” are to be respected.

Barbecues, gas or charcoal grills, smokers and other types of cooking devices must be placed at least 10 feet from the building when in use (that means NOT on your deck). *While occasional use is reasonable, keep in mind that smoke from any of these devices can be harmful or noxious to children, pets, and individuals with breathing or allergy issues.* Check with neighbors to ensure they are not harmed or inconvenienced by use of this equipment; be mindful of neighbors’ open windows. If you receive a complaint from a neighbor, the appropriate response is to cease use immediately.

Fire pits and chimineas are expressly forbidden anywhere—that means on decks, in limited common elements and common elements—for reasons of safety and liability.

Personal property shall not be stored in general or limited common elements, e.g., in garden beds or on lawns. Children’s toys may be stored neatly in the limited common area out of the way of landscapers.

Fireworks:

Projectile fireworks are prohibited anywhere on Pittsfield Village property.



Board Beat: May Report

Submitted by David Brassfield, Member of the Board

One year ends and a new year begins whenever May rolls back around on the Village calendar. We convene our annual meeting, review highlights of the previous fiscal year, say farewell to departing Board members, and welcome in the newly elected. May marks the full awakening of our gorgeous landscape and a round of new planting spurred by the mid-month Flower Giveaway. The pool opens for the season.

There is no Board meeting in May other than to elect officers following the Annual Meeting. This year three of our five seats were open for election. Both John Sprentall and Jessica Lehr chose to stand again, and Linda Ross came on as replacement for the departing Joy Knoblauch. Ellen Johnson will continue to serve as president, John Sprentall as vice president, and Jessica Lehr as treasurer. David Brassfield assumes the title of secretary, and newbie Linda Ross that of esteemed member-at-large.



Closure (for now) on the Blower Ban Mandate Conundrum. Though no full-length meeting was held, business requiring the Board's attention continued through the month. Of special note has been a year's extension of our contract with Superior Mow and Snow to groom our lovely lawns, deferred until the season was already upon us in hopes that the overly broad City Blower Ban might be amended to accommodate our needs and those of similar residential developments with extensive grounds and walkways to maintain.

Our Council members and one or perhaps two others pushed for action by Council but were unable to marshal the support needed to bring the blower ordinance up for reconsideration and amendment. As a result, we and Superior have been forced to assume the considerable expense of retooling and added staffing required for compliance with the new law. Superior for its part is distributing its increased costs across its several accounts in the City, and our Board was able to jigger the budget to absorb our share of these costs this year without increasing the fees previously set for 2024-25.

Committee Work. Spring is a busy time for both Landscape and M & M.

- **Landscape.** Requests for shrub and tree additions, shrub and tree removals, and various permissions come in fast and furious during spring. The Committee must take up each one and do its best to accommodate the wishes of co-owners within the bounds of Association policies and standards.
- **M & M.** In addition to the usual co-owner requests for permission to make improvements to their homes, the Committee has been focusing on our standards for maintaining the appearances of our homes in both front and back. A revised standard for outdoor storage structures at the rear of our units is in the works. In front, a standard for adding pavers to cart enclosures may also be coming soon.
- **Go-Doc.** The Committee continues to work its way through our various governing documents in a quest to make updates to suit our needs now 35 years out since our transition to Co-Op and 14 since our conversion to Condo. A particular focus has been on making provisions in the By-Laws more overarching and less detailed, the goal being to provide our Boards with greater flexibility in setting policy and enacting rules.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 26, 6:00 pm, in person at the Village Office or remotely online. All Village residents are welcome to attend. Log-in information will be provided via email before the meeting.

We hope those of you who participated in the Flower Giveaway are enjoying your new plants. Our wait is over, the annual planting season has come and with this the much-anticipated new varieties. If you are still in search of additional varieties to enhance your planting areas, below are some of my favorites!

1. Begonia 'Stonehenge Light Pink Bronze Leaf'

This interspecific begonia series is comprised of two colors for 2024, Bronze Leaf Rose and



Bronze Leaf Light Pink. The begonia Stonehenge Light Pink has demonstrated the attributes of superior vigor, prodigious multiflora flowers, upright habit, lustrous leaves with a serrated margin and adaptability in sun or shade. You can use these plants in large patio containers and specifically landscape beds where these plants will really maximize their potential by reaching 40 to 48 inches and flowering remarkably well.

2. New Guinea Impatiens 'Spectra Pink Bicolor'



The Pink Bicolor really pops with its eye-catching, fan-shaped light pink flowers suffused with dark pink centers. It is early to flower, versatile in sun or shade, and marked by a mounded habit and extraordinary branching, resulting in a profuse flower canopy of intense colors.

3. Petunia 'Supertunia Finch'

Saffron Finch has amazing vigor, floriferousness and highly saturated bright yellow petals with a deeper yellow throat. This variety is exceptionally heat and rain tolerant.



4. Impatiens 'Beacon Lipstick'

This, one of eight varieties, is highly resistant to powdery mildew, flowers consistently, and manifests a highly saturated deep fuchsia color. It blooms earlier compared to many other colors and has a tight, mounded habit with a floriferous canopy."



5. Petchoa 'Enviva Pink'



The attributes of the Petchoa 'Enviva Pink' are that they have a mounded growth habit, consistent flower size, uniformity, and exceptional weather tolerance. My favorite color is the Pink, and it does not disappoint, putting out many vibrant bright pink yellow-throated flowers at once.

6. Bracteantha 'Granvia Crimson Sun'



'Granvia Crimson Sun' demonstrates excellent branching and dazzling bright red flowers with yellow centers. This series is comprised of Harvest Orange, Peachy Keen, Pink, Gold, and the new varieties, White and Crimson Sun. The attributes of this series are vigor, heat tolerance, color retention and large stunning flowers that rise above the foliage canopy. It has exceptional summer performance in beds and containers.

7. Scaevola 'Scala Blue Bird'

This new variety has heat tolerance, improved branching and a more prolific flower canopy. The 'Scala Blue Bird' has tight internodes, a dense habit and the most colorful scaevola flower canopy.



8. Helianthus 'Sunmazing Yellow'

It is self-branching, possesses a mounded habit, dark green foliage with serrated margins, large yellow ray flowers and extremely floriferous. This new variety has a more compact habit, multiple branching, heat and drought tolerance, continual flowering, and unique coloring.



9. Coleus 'Talavera Burgundy Lime'



'Talavera Burgundy Lime' has nonfading foliage and a striking distinct pale green leaf with burgundy venation in all three locations.

10. Bidens 'Campfire Marshmallow'



Bidens 'Campfire Marshmallow' is a vigorous, heat tolerant selection that flowers prolifically. The large, pure white flowers with the golden yellow centers withstand wet conditions, require minimal deadheading, and exhibit a vigorous habit and heavy branching with low seed set and a vibrant canopy.

11. Petunia 'Discoball Purple'



Discoball's performance is astounding, flowering prolifically and upright. They possess a deep purple color, and the white speckled pattern is quite pronounced.

12. Petunia 'Sweet Sunshine Blueberry Vein'

This series is durable and tough. 'Sweet Sunshine Blueberry Vein' is semi-trailing with midsize double flowers that are positioned above the foliage. It has great color retention, flower texture, double stability, durability, tight internodes, and a well pronounced flower pattern.



I hope a few of my favorites will now be yours as well. As always, don't forget to water all your new plants.



A simple reminder that banks will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, in observance of Juneteenth, a Federal Independence Day.

Juneteenth, officially Juneteenth National Independence Day, is a federal holiday in the United States. It is celebrated annually on June 19 to commemorate the ending of slavery. President Joe Biden signed the bill on June 17, 2021, making Juneteenth the 11th American federal holiday and the first to obtain legal observance as a federal holiday since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was designated in 1983.

No horsing around...

By Ellen Johnson

Gardener or not, most of us have garden hoses for attending to plants in window boxes and various other horticultural or household tasks. Options for storage abound: reels, hose urns, and quite an assortment of hanging equipment. In the interest of protecting the shingles on our buildings, please choose an option that doesn't involve attaching the hanger to the building with screws or nails. The shingles are over 75 years old and holding up pretty darn well. True, they may not split when pierced by nails, screws and the like, but when they do, repairs are tedious and eat up time by our maintenance staff better spent on problems we don't cause. So why take the chance when other great options are out there?

I was helping a neighbor recently whose hose was in a heap on the ground. I wanted to find something inexpensive and easy to install. I found a hanger from Home Depot that hangs (imagine that!) from the spigot itself, is made of steel, has enough of a curve in it that the hose doesn't fold but lays nicely in it, and holds the entire hose. Only \$12.50! Had to order online, but it might be available in store by now.



Shown below are two other types of hose holders I've used for years. The black one (on the left) is from Home Depot or Lowe's (can't remember) and was about \$15. I really like the wide hose bed and I especially like its 3-pronged base, which easily goes deep into the ground—even with our clay soil—and is designed to support a lot of hose without toppling over. I can move it around, with or without the hose, and for winter storage I pick up the whole thing—hose and holder—and store it in the basement.



The green holder is from Ace Hardware: steel and very sturdy but requires some serious pounding to get in into the ground. A little more expensive at around \$25-\$30 when I bought it. According to the installation instructions, it should set in concrete but that's not an acceptable option for us in the Village. Instead, I used a metal pole down the hollow center that went into the ground well beyond the bottom of the hose holder. I have another

in the back next to my deck, held in place with zip ties around the balusters. Both installation methods are easy to remove when I no longer want them.

Community Potluck Picnic



& Lawn Concert



Sunday, June 23, 5 PM

2727 Fernwood - on the lawn
(But indoors if it rains)



5 PM: Potluck Picnic

*Please bring a dish to share,
chairs, plates/forks*

6 PM: Writers Co: Acoustic-Driven Folk Music

7 PM: Folk Song Jam-Along with Lori and Jean

*You are welcome to play along
with your acoustic instruments*

All welcome!

More info and future events at calvary2.com

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GOT BUGS?

The Association contracts Ehrlich for pest control needs. Ehrlich services PV weekly on **Thursdays**. If you would like to place a work order, please contact us *by Wed* at 734-971-0223 or email us at office@pittsfieldvillage.com

PLEASE NOTE: Pittsfield Village does NOT trap animals such as skunks, groundhogs or moles

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June Meeting links (copy and paste in your browser)

Landscape Committee Meeting: *Note meeting this month is 6/18!*

<https://meet.goto.com/171206877>

BOD Meeting: <https://meet.goto.com/732101325>

JUNE 2024

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