

May 2018

TownSq is Coming!

Our management company, Associa Kramer-Triad has been working on ways to increase communication between the Association (Pittsfield Village) and its residents. One way to do this is for residents to be able to obtain information and documentation they need in a more timely fashion. We will be accomplishing this is through a new service called TownSq.

It is an all-in-one web and app based service that can be accessed by any smart phone or computer with internet access. Residents will be able to view their PV account information, submit payments for monthly dues, reserve the community building, obtain forms

(Modification applications, Landscape request forms) and other documents and specs. There is also a resident forum. The more of you who sign up and communicate through this, the better it will benefit all of Pittsfield Village!! Once you are in and comfortable with this app, tell your neighbors about it. Spread the word!

This service is scheduled to become available to the

Association by early summer. If you have an active email on file with Kramer-Triad, you will receive an invite to join. It's quick and easy to do.

Some of you may have received a separate mailing on this topic directly from Pittsfield Village, verifying your email. It's possible that while you may be receiving these newsletters via email, your information may not be in both databases.

Annual Flower Giveaway! Saturday, May 19

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Stop by (with a wagon if you have one) and pick up either 2 flats of flowers of your choosing, or 1 flat and 1 flower box kit.

We will be grilling hot dogs for all who attend!

Don't miss this wonderful event. A favorite tradition here at Pittsfield!



TruGreen will be applying a spring weed & feed to the side & front yards.

Friday, May 11

Rain date: Friday, May 18

Please keep off the grass until dry!



“RECYCLE, ANN ARBOR!”

FREE Recycling & Waste Drop-Off Site (4/26-5/7):

Recycle Ann Arbor, in partnership with the City of Ann Arbor, will again be offering a FREE solid waste drop-off site for bulky items and other materials, located near the intersection of East University and Oakland. Details are posted regarding hours of operation as well as items accepted.

Cardboard Recycling and Extra Recycling Service:

Contact Recycle Ann Arbor at (734) 662-6288 or info@recycleannarbor.org to arrange an extra recycling service or special cardboard pick-up. Recycling carts need to be brought to the curb for this extra service. Cardboard boxes must be flattened and folded or cut into sections that will fit into the bed of a pickup truck (5'x5' or smaller). Pick-ups will generally be scheduled 2-3 business days later. *This special service is only available free during move-in/move-out dates.*

Trash and Recycling Set-out Time Reminder: All curbside refuse and recycling must fit inside city-issued trash or recycling carts. Set out no earlier than 24 hours before the designated collection day. Remove carts from the curb no later than noon the day after collection day. *Any violation of this policy will be subject to a Clean Community violation with a minimum fine of \$100 plus court costs.*

Other Recycle Ann Arbor Move-In Services: The ReUse Center, Recovery Yard, & Drop-Off Station (DOS) may be able to help with your additional recycling or reuse needs. Our “Green Your Move” guide that is useful to distribute to new tenants who may have questions beyond curbside recycling.

Thank you for participating in the City of Ann Arbor’s recycling program.



Pittsfield Village

Annual Meeting & Board Election

Monday, May 14

Pittsfield Elementary School Cafeteria

6:30 sign-in

7:00 meeting

If you'd like to be a candidate for the Board of Directors, send in your nomination profile today!



Ice Cream Social

Pittsfield Elementary School

2543 Pittsfield Blvd

5:30—8 p.m.

Friday, June 1

Our biggest fundraiser and social event of the year!

Features this year include inflatable Radar Pitch Arena, World Cup Soccer, Maze Runner and many other games, raffles, silent auction, face painting, and cake walk.

Free admission

*Pizza, beverages, and ice cream available (charge for food & games)
(734) 997-1218*

<https://www.facebook.com/events/139015940274248/>

IN THE GARDEN- May 2018

By Lisa Joseph, Staff Horticulturist

I get my mojo back when I see the newly emerging growth of perennials. Welcome back! This is one of my favorite times of the year, when the world once again becomes green and colorful, the busy birds are back with their early morning songs, and everyone is once again revitalized and out and about enjoying the day.

I've received many inquiries about incorporating more native Michigan or North American plants in the landscape. Researching each plant's habit is important especially where the garden space is limited. Use a smaller-sized plant that, at its mature size, will not overtake your garden bed or appear out of scale and unkempt.



One such perennial is **Sneezeweed, *Helenium autumnale***, a 3 to 4- foot tall plant with a width of 2 feet. Golden daisy-like flowers are borne at the top of stems in the late summer and fall. Each flower has five petals and a yellow domed center. The name of this flower does not come from its connection to allergies but rather from the use of the dried flower head as snuff. This native perennial combines perfectly with ornamental grasses, Sedum, and Asters.

I like to cut back Sneezeweed in early June to reduce plant height and to encourage branching. This technique produces a shorter sturdier stem and more blooms. Remove spent flowers to encourage additional bloom. Cut the entire plant back by half after flowering. Divide clumps in spring as needed, every 3 to 4 years, to maintain vigor.

Another Michigan native plant is **Wild or Canada Ginger**

(***Asarum canadense***) (right), a ground cover for partial to full shade. This slow-growing ground cover has lustrous kidney-shaped dark green leaves and peculiar deep mahogany flowers. The bell-shaped blooms are hidden under the leaves and resemble a tiny knocked over jug. Wild Ginger spreads by shallow underground stems (rhizomes) that smell like ginger when they are crushed. Wild Ginger prefers supplemental watering, but it will tolerate some drought. Since it grows slowly, it is not invasive and naturalizes nicely in the garden. It makes a perfect substitute for the invasive Vinca or Myrtle that is more commonly used. Wild Ginger pairs beautifully with Maidenhair and Lady ferns and Jacob's Ladder, other Michigan shade natives.



Wild Ginger (right) is also the alternate host plant for the gorgeous Pipevine Swallowtail butterfly (shown here).



The caterpillars are brownish black with two rows of orange spots down their back.

WEED OF THE MONTH (right):

Our enemies have returned in full force! Purple Deadnettle (*Lamium purpureum*) takes advantage of the open expanses of soil and lack of competition in early spring to form thick mats of ground cover. A member of the mint family, it has fuzzy, spade-shaped leaves and pretty purple-pink flowers. The leaves are green at the base of the plant and more purplish at the top. The plants are easy to pull, so it is very satisfying to clear your garden beds of these intruders.




The annual Flower Give-away Day is fast approaching.

It's a lovely day to spend outdoors, talking with friends and neighbors while picking out your annuals to get a jumpstart on your fabulous gardens.

I must remind you that it is frowned upon to remove plants from other window box kits to bulk up your own. There are fourteen plants per kit. Though they may arrive looking scrawny, these plants will fill in your boxes quite nicely. Use a good potting soil and remember to fertilize.

Get your green thumb on!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 M&M Committee 6pm OPEN / 6:15pm MTG	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 LANDSCAPE Committee 6:00 OPEN / 6:15 MTG	9	10	11 SPRING WEED & FEED APPLICATION	12
13	14 ANNUAL MEETING / Board Election 7:00 pm	15	16	17	18 <i>(Trugreen rain date)</i>	19 Flower Give-away!!! 11:00—1:00 
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	29	30	31		

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