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Pittsfield Township Observes 20th Anniversary of September 11th Attacks

Pittsfield Township (September 7, 2021) -- On September 11, 2021 Pittsfield Township will conduct a memorial and flag-lowering ceremony to pay tribute to the lives lost on September 11, 2001. The ceremony will take place at the Township Administration Building, 6201 W. Michigan Avenue, and will start at approximately 9:30 A.M. in front of the flag poles. Join us in honoring the many brave men and women who lost their lives on the frontlines of duty not just on September 11, 2001 but over the course of these past twenty years in order to defend our freedoms and democracy.

Pittsfield Township's Administration Building is located on the southwest corner of the Platt Road and Michigan Avenue (U.S.-12) intersection. The public may enter the parking area from either Michigan Avenue or Platt Road. Appropriate COVID precautions will be utilized for the outdoor ceremony. For more information please contact Fire Chief Sean Gleason, 734.822.4926 or visit www.pittsfield-mi.gov



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SAVE THE DATE

- **Sept 23rd** @ Community Center
(701 Ellsworth Rd)
- **Oct 7th** @ Carpenter Elementary
(4250 Central Blvd)
- **Oct 14th** @ Harvest Elementary
(1155 Campus Pkwy)
- **Oct 21st** Virtual via Zoom

All meetings start at **6:30 PM**

Get the zoom link & more info
at www.pittsfield-mi.gov/dpsmillage



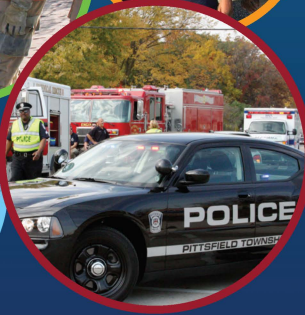
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September 2, 2021

Ben Carlisle
Pittsfield Township Planning Department

RE: The Townes on the Green Development
CSPA 20-16 and CUP 21-07

In preparation for our upcoming planning commission meeting, I have prepared the following timeline for our proposed Townes on the Green development on Waters Road. As you are aware, we have been working closely with the Township and the neighborhood to not only meet the requirements and intent of the FB zoning ordinance, but also be sensitive to the adjacent properties with a plan that goes well above and beyond the buffer requirements that the Township has in place.

- February 3, 2020 – Initial preapplication meeting at the Township to present plans for 70 for-sale townhomes on 4 acres (consisting of only 2 of the 3 current properties under contract). Discussion involved the previous plan submitted from an out of state apartment developer showing 98 apartment units as well as the by right uses allowed in the FB zoning district, including office, retail and apartment uses.
- February 19, 2020 – Received correspondence from planning that identified that townhomes are an appropriate transitional use and outlined the process for entitlements, with discussion of several items to address prior to submitting for planning commission consideration. These items include lowering the density from 18.9 units per acre, incorporating the parcel to the west (now incorporated into the plans), providing an appropriate buffer to adjacent properties, addition of amenities, and the need for a conditional use permit for Building Form C.
- September 9, 2020 – After delays associated with COVID-19 and the time required to acquire the third parcel, Robertson held a virtual neighborhood meeting on Zoom. Several neighbors attended the meeting to provide input. Following the neighbor meeting, Robertson had a follow up discussion with one neighbor in regard to exploration of a swap of the future Township park property.
- October 5, 2020 – Robertson formally submitted for a concept site plan review to request preliminary consideration of the proposed plan from the planning commission.
- November 5, 2020 – Concept review from the Planning Commission for a plan showing 77 townhomes (13.95 units per acre). The concept showed one



entrance from Waters Road and two-story townhomes adjacent to existing two-story homes in the adjacent Hawthorne Ridge community. Discussion from the Planning Commission centered on reducing density, adding amenities and connection to the park, and revising the plan to meet fire and engineering comments relating to easements and fire access.

- March 9, 2021 – After the project was delayed for several months for Township consideration of a conceptual park swap plan, a public forum was held by the Township to discuss the potential of a swap. The Township created a survey to poll neighbor desires for the Township to work with Robertson on whether to pursue a swap.
- April 30, 2021 – Letter from the Township identifying that the park swap poll was nearly a 50/50 split with no clear mandate for the swap.
- May 12, 2021 – Board of Trustees discussion on the park swap leading to the involvement of the Pittsfield Park Commission.
- May 24, 2021 – Second neighborhood meeting by Robertson to show reduction in unit count and connections to park.
- June 1, 2021 – Pittsfield Park Commission votes 4-1 in favor of not pursuing a park swap and to leave the future park in its current location at the corner of Oak Valley and Waters Road.
- July 8, 2021 – Plans formally submitted for site plan review. The number of homes were reduced to 64 homes to address the concern with density (reduced from 18.9 du/ac to now 11.6 du/ac) and to meet all fire and engineering requirements.
- August 31, 2021 – Review comments received from staff.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Loughrin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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The farmers' market season is in full swing. From Dexter's modern sheds to a long driveway next to the Pittsfield Township administration building, tables abound with tomatoes, garlic, sweet corn, and prepared foods, plus colorful crafts.

Some familiar vendors from the Ann Arbor Farmers Market, like Milan's Wasem Fruit Farm and Kapnick Orchards of Britton, sell at other nearby markets, too. But there's also surprising diversity. In visits to four local markets, we found each had providers for whom it's their only, or only local, outlet.

Some simply don't have enough staff to spread themselves across the area and still tend to their farms or produce their goods. Others travel long distances and choose just one market in this area on their way to other locations across Southeast Michigan. Still others are loyal to the markets closest to where they live.

Here's a look at markets in and near Ann Arbor, spotlighting sellers unique to each.

The Cheese People of Grand Rapids began selling at the Dixboro Farmers' Market in 2016, driving more than 130 miles to bring a generous selection of gourmet cheeses such as Havarti, Gouda, Swiss, blue cheese, and cheddar that fill a display table. The People make many of their own cheeses, age others in Grand Rapids and Chicago, and source varieties from artisan producers in Green County, Wisconsin, and other places. Every Friday, they can be found among the open-air tents grouped around Dixboro's village green.

The market has outdoor seating, some of it under cover for those seeking refuge from the sun. Musicians regularly perform, and on a recent afternoon, the El Mariachi Loco food truck peddled tacos and tortas.

Dixboro shoppers "have a wide range of tastes, and no one cheese tends to take the lead week after week," the Cheese People's Nicole Bartell emails. "We like to encourage our cheese lovers to try something new each visit."

Offerings rotate by the time of year and availability. "Some of our favorites are seasonal specialties or one-off experiments," she says. Prices listed online range from \$8 for a twelve-ounce bag of cheese curds and \$13 a pound for smoked Gouda to \$18 a pound for goat-milk feta. (The online business is paused for the summer, but will resume in the fall.)



Dixboro's market is the destination for the Cheese People of Grand Rapids.

Along with Dixboro, they sell at markets in Northville, Plymouth, and Canton, making the two-hour trip from the west side of the state worthwhile.

"Vending at farmers' markets is the backbone of our business," Bartell says. "The Dixboro Farmers' Market helps us do what we love—share our spoiled-milk goodies with new customers and regulars who have been with us since the beginning."

Dixboro Farmers' Market, 5221 Church Rd., (734) 707-1602. Fri. (May-Oct.), 3-6 p.m., dixborofarmersmarket.org

Susan Braymer, who owns Laurentide Winery with her husband Bill, has an even lengthier trip. Every two weeks, she travels more than 250 miles from Lake Leelanau to the Westside Farmers' Market, in the parking lot at Zingerman's Roadhouse on Jackson Rd. "It's the only market we go to," Braymer says.

Laurentide is part of an eclectic group of offerings there, ranging from live cooking demonstrations to lawn-mower-blade sharpening to live music. Shoppers are welcome to bring their dogs, and there's plenty of bicycle parking.

Braymer has a long relationship with the Roadhouse, where former executive chef Alex Young first put her Sauvignon Blanc on the wine list during the 2010s. She started selling at the market in 2014, as soon as the state allowed vineyards to do so.

Zingerman's cofounder and Roadhouse boss Ari Weinzwieg allows customers who purchase bottles of Laurentide wines to bring them inside and imbibe without a corkage fee, Covid restrictions allowing.

And Ann Arbor customers get a deal that Braymer doesn't offer at her winery up north: anyone who purchases two bottles at the

FINDING A

Farmers Market

BY MICHELINE MAYNARD
with research by LR Nufiez

HOW SPECIALIZED
SELLERS FROM
NEAR AND FAR PICK
THEIR SPOTS.



Stephanie Willette (top) traded managing the Ann Arbor market for selling there. Susan Braymer (above) drives to the Westside market from Lake Leelanau.

market gets a third for free. Why? "The wine I bring down, I don't want to bring back," Braymer says. "It's a long drive."

Westside Farmers' Market, 2501 Jackson Rd., Thurs. (June-Sept.), 3-7 p.m. westsidefarmersmarket.com

It would be hard to think of someone who knows more about farmers' markets than Stephanie Willette. She's managed two of them, first in Chelsea and then in Ann Arbor.

She gave up that job last year, just before the pandemic hit, to concentrate full time on Two Tracks Acres, her farm in Grass Lake. But she is now back at

the bustling Ann Arbor market, selling a product that she wanted when she was running it.

"When I was a staff person, I was always saying, 'I wish I could grab a bagel,'" Willette recalls. While about ninety vendors displayed other goods on a recent Saturday, and Zingerman's Deli was only a short walk away, Willette felt that the downtown market might benefit from its own bagel baker.

A year ago, that became her: she added a selection of bagels to her farm's produce, which can often be found under a tent in the market's parking lot, an overflow area for many newer vendors. Each week, Wil-

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Farmer's Market

lette bakes around 200 bagels in a variety of flavors. "Everything" and blueberry are the most popular, but she also makes plain, sesame, chipotle cheese, and cinnamon sugar. The bagels sell for \$2 each or \$24 a dozen.

To avoid any appearance of favoring her farm, she waited to apply at the market until her replacement as manager was chosen. She sells vegetables on Wednesdays and Saturdays but only offers bagels on the weekend.

"They take all day to bake," Willette explains, requiring her to devote Fridays to bagel baking. She watched YouTube videos to learn the process for making traditional bagels, including boiling the rings of dough before they are baked. "I found a couple of recipes I liked" and proceeded from there, she says.

Willette thinks the addition of bagels will allow her to keep selling in Ann Arbor year-round, after the growing season is over. "We were looking for something we could do in the winter months," she says.

While she's sold produce at other markets in the past, Willette is content now to concentrate on her old stomping ground. "It's such a great market, it's so busy, and the customers are so loyal," she says.

Ann Arbor Farmers' Market, 315 Detroit St., (734) 794-6255. Wed. (May-Dec.) 7 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. (Jan.-April) & 7 a.m.-3 p.m. (May-Dec.). tinyurl.com/52ednkcc

Sarah Scherdt is a newbie to the Dexter Farmers Market, where she and her sister-in-law Kim Scherdt opened their Scherdt Farm booth in mid-July. But Scherdt have been farming on Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd. for four generations, and some of their relatives preceded them in selling at the Dexter market.

Set above Mill Creek, it looked like a Hollywood version of a farmers' market on a sunny August morning, with dog walkers mingling with about twenty friendly vendors selling

everything from crocheted toys to candles and baby clothes, and, of course, food.

"It's been great to connect with people, talk flowers, and exchange cooking methods for our different produce," Sarah says of their market experience. She's enjoyed connecting with other vendors to "talk shop, complain about the latest pests and other challenges of growing."

The Scherdt got their retailing feet wet in 2019 selling from a cart at their farm. When the pandemic struck in 2020, they decided to go all in.

"This year, we more than quadrupled the flower-growing space by designating the field behind the garden cart as a flower field," Sarah says. And moving the flowers let them nearly double their growing space for produce.

In their first month, carrots were the most popular vegetables, selling out both weeks they were available (the Scherdt plan to bring more to the market in the fall). Lately, green and waxed beans have been selling best. Flowers are sold both in paper-wrapped bouquets and individually at their "flower bar," where customers can build their own assortments from a selection of loose stems.

The sisters-in-law thought about selling at other area markets, "but it ultimately boiled down to one simple thing," Sarah says: "Dexter is home."

"We both have traveled to and lived in other places, but our hearts always remained rooted here."

Dexter Farmers' Market, 3233 Alpine, Dexter. (734) 426-8303. May-Oct., Tues. 2-6 p.m. & Sat. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. dextermi.gov/community/farmers_market.php

At the Pittsfield Township Farmers' Market, Laura Giles focuses entirely on flowers. And she's primarily selling them in a nontraditional way: through the market's website.

Giles founded Little Workshop Floral in 2020, expecting to set up a booth at the market. When the pandemic erupted, "I had to devise a Plan B," she says. In January, she began taking orders through

the market's online order page, one of a number set up by area markets, where vendors post photographs and descriptions of their weekly offerings. Customers place prepaid orders from Saturday through Monday. Giles makes up the arrangements then takes them to the Thursday market, where they are kept indoors in water until buyers collect them at the information booth.

She grows some of her flowers in a half-acre field at her Pittsfield Township home, adding accents such as dried flowers and native plants. Her lineup includes a "petite" bouquet, about six inches in diameter, and a "luxe" version, eleven inches in diameter. Prices range from \$22 to \$33. In the winter, she sells dried arrangements for less.

For Giles, the experience has been a business education. "Products I thought would sell well have flopped, and things I thought of as a last-minute offering have sold out," she says. "All this has been good for me."

This summer, Giles held a series of in-person pop-ups at the market, which she hopes to repeat, but found that each took two days away from her full-time job—one to choose and wrap the flowers, then a second day to set up her booth and sell. So for now, she's sticking with online orders, which allow her to spread out production according to her available free time.

While she's thought about expanding to other markets, Giles is happy with the visibility Pittsfield has given her. She's received several large orders for bouquets and has created flowers for weddings, too. "I've developed a pretty awesome little fan base of clients that are very faithful at purchasing flowers from me," Giles says.

Pittsfield Township Farmers Market, 6201 W. Michigan Ave., (734) 822-2120. Thurs. 2-5 p.m. (June-Oct.) facebook.com/pittsfieldtwpfarmersmarket

If you're venturing out to the markets, here are some tips to make your experience easier:

Check the policies regarding online ordering. Some have pickup spots and curbside delivery, eliminating the need to park and walk through the market. Not all providers participate, however.

Bring your own shopping bags and sealable plastic bags. Many merchants like to keep the paper and plastic cartons in which fruits and veggies are displayed, and you can save them an expense by having your own bags available.

If you're on a hunt for something specific, arrive when the market opens. Many fragile seasonal items, such as raspberries, sell fast.

It's perfectly OK to circle the market first then return when you're ready to buy. But if people are lined up to pay, save your questions for your turn in line.

Don't bargain over single items; you might be offered a deal if you are buying quantities. Many growers will throw in extras when closing time looms (I've walked away with massive bouquets).



Sarah Scherdt is a newbie to the Dexter farmers' market. But Scherdt have been farming on Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd. for four generations.



Laura Giles grows flowers behind her home in Pittsfield, taking online orders for pickup at the market at the township hall.

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CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE **PROTECTED COMMUNICATION**

August 26, 2021

VIA EMAIL & U.S. MAIL

Mandy Grewal
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BY: JM

Re: *MALLINCKRODT BANKRUPTCY UPDATE*

Dear Mandy Grewal:

On behalf of your consortium of attorneys, I write you today to provide an important update and notify you of the NEW deadline for voting on the Mallinckrodt plc bankruptcy Plan (Mallinckrodt Plan).

On August 24, 2021, the PEC issued a letter advising that the Mallinckrodt Plan voting deadline had been extended to September 10, 2021, at 4 p.m. ET, to allow additional time for continued negotiations on “open economic issues”. Because negotiations are ongoing, the PEC is continuing to recommend that you REFRAIN from voting on the Mallinckrodt Plan until these economic issues are resolved.

The PEC’s latest letter, along with the solicitation materials can be download from a folder on box.com that can be accessed using the following link:

<https://opioidlitigation.box.com/s/w2p2qwca3fpuu7p8qp1l1bl6n22yp2099>

As indicated in the PEC’s latest letter, if the material issues are favorably resolved, it anticipates issuing a recommendation you vote to approve the Mallinckrodt Plan. We will forward the PEC’s ultimate recommendation letter and overview regarding the Mallinckrodt Plan as soon as we receive it. Based on currently available information, the National Consortium, your lawyers, anticipate agreeing with the PEC’s recommendation.



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The NEW Deadline for the Consortium to submit its Master Ballot indicating all of our clients' votes is September 10, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time. Therefore, after the PEC issues its final recommendation, we request you send us your voting instructions (approve, reject or abstain) to opioidebk@levinlaw.com on or before September 8, 2021, so that we can prepare the Master Ballot for timely submission.

However, if we don't receive your voting decision on or before September 8, 2021, at opioidebk@levinlaw.com, we will cast your vote following and in accordance with our and the PEC's recommendation. If you do not want us to cast your vote using this procedure, please notify us at opioidebk@levinlaw.com.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this communication or the Mallinckrodt bankruptcy Plan in general, please contact us at opioidebk@levinlaw.com at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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My Neighborhood: Lawton

Pittsfield builds a mini-downtown

For more than twenty years, we lived in a house off Newport Creek that was more than 3,000 square feet," Lakshmi Narayanan says. But she and her husband, M.P., are empty nesters, and their daughter's family has a nest of their own in Philadelphia.

"In 2019, a house just down the street from our daughter's went on the market, and we decided to sell," Narayanan says. "It is a four-minute walk from hers."

They bought the house in Pennsylvania and spend as much time as they can there with their daughter and grandkids. But they haven't cut their ties to Ann Arbor: M.P., a U-M professor of business administration and finance, is still working. "So we decided to rent," Narayanan says.

She had three stipulations for the rental: a laundry inside the unit, an attached garage, and quick access to downtown Ann Arbor—"We had been spoiled, living in suburbia." The couple toured many older apartments downtown, but nothing seemed right. "And then we drove past Uptown," Narayanan says.

Uptown Ann Arbor, that is. It's not in Ann Arbor—it's at Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. and Oak Valley Dr., in Pittsfield Township—and it's not really "up" from anywhere. But the commercial/residential complex completes Pittsfield's reconfiguration of the area, which has turned a small cluster of suburban-style shopping centers into something that feels a lot like a mini-downtown.

Instead of grassy berms and vast parking lots, Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. is now framed by businesses set close to the road in what was once vacant land and the far reach of Meijer's parking lot. Only a sidewalk and thin strip of grass separate this new generation of businesses from the thoroughfare.

And Uptown Ann Arbor's design was just what the couple wanted. While other area

high-volume residential properties tend to favor Midwestern or traditional East Coast styles, Beztak Properties describes its look as "sleek, elegantly stylish, and undeniably international."

"It was new, more contemporary, bright, and airy," Narayanan says. And "it met all our requirements."

Uptown's rents are not for the faint of heart: according to property manager Tyler Smith, in mid-2021, its 197 units were priced between \$1,600 per month for a one-bedroom to \$5,000 per month for its most luxurious lofts. Townhouses ran from \$2,500 to \$2,700. Yet Smith said the complex was 94 percent occupied, with only the largest lofts still on the market.

Smith says Uptown actually benefited from the pandemic, which caused a flood of rental applications. "People spent a lot of time in their homes, and they started valuing where they live in a different way," he says. "They decided to look for new and finer amenities." And with the housing market "going crazy, people decided to take advantage of the surge and sell their houses, rent for a while, and decide where to go from there."

"We were probably among the first to look at Uptown, in January 2020, as soon as we had a serious offer on our house," Narayanan says. By the time their sale closed in February, their first and second choices had already been rented. They took a similar unit, with a garage, one study/bedroom and one bath on the first floor, and two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen, and living space on the second floor.

Uptown's brand-new construction is what initially sold the couple on the development, but its proximity to shopping is a plus—"if need be, we can even walk to shops if we choose to do so," Narayanan says. And "with the highway entrance so close, I can get to so many places quickly, both in town and in Ypsilanti, where I have friends."

She also discovered another benefit: "I have been surprisingly pleased with our balcony, which faces west. I see a lot of sky—which I couldn't see from our house."

"I've watched huge flocks of birds flying back and forth. I've come to enjoy watching the nature here, something I hadn't anticipated."

—Cynthia Furlong Reynolds