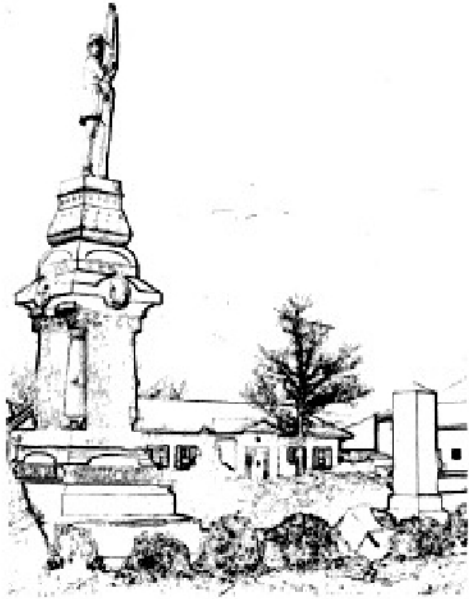


# The Pittsfield Township Talk

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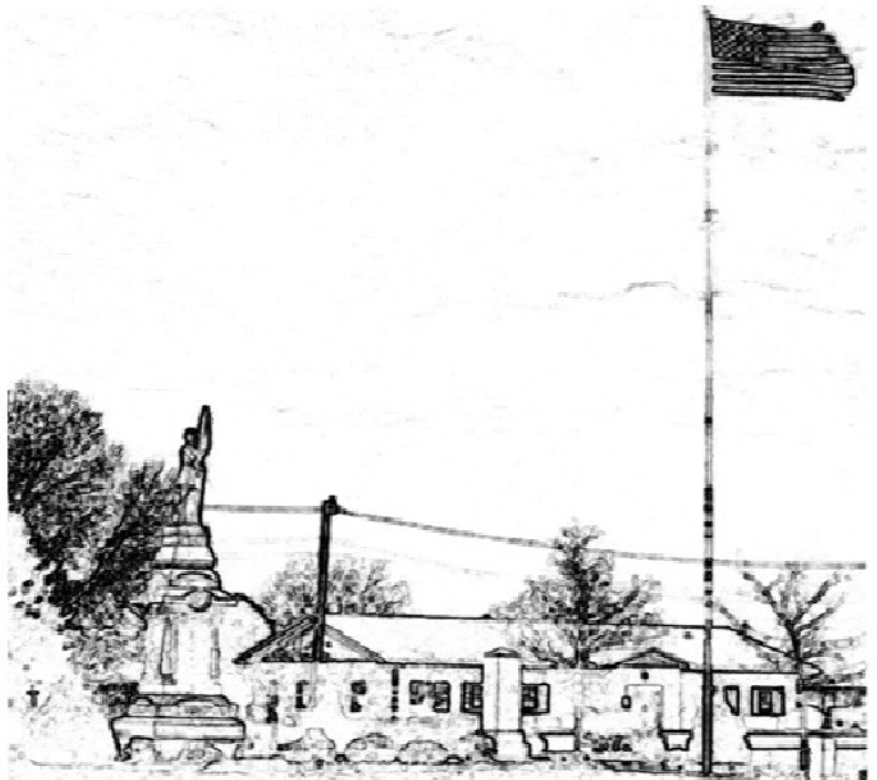
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### TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

<http://www.pittsfieldtp.us>



## THANK YOU MARK DIEDRICK

The Pittsfield Township Trustees and residents would like to thank Mark Diedrick for his 33 years of service to Pittsfield Township and its residents. Enjoy your your retirement.



## DUMPSTER DAYS

**MARCH 21, 22 & 23**  
**Pittsfield Maintenance Garage**

The trustees will continue this year and have Dumpster Day for more than one day. On Thursday and Friday, March 21 and 22, you can take your items to the garage, and someone will be able to help you from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On Saturday, March 23, help will be provided from 8 a.m. to Noon.

Only Pittsfield Township residents may take items to the garage for disposal.

NOT accepted items include tires, hazardous liquids, oils or appliances with Freon.

Oil & Auto Batteries can be recycled at Pier 58 Marine.

Next Dumpster Days  
May 16-18

## TRASH CONTRACT

In April 2024, Pittsfield Township will be entering a new 5-year contract for trash pickup within the Lorain County Trash Consortium. Pittsfield will be staying with Rumpke Trash Company.

## TRUSTEE'S CORNER

Newly elected trustee, Walter (Walt) Bredel would like to thank the community for their support during the recent election. It is a privilege and an honor to represent this community. Walt has lived and worked in Pittsfield for 45 years and looks forward to earning everyone's trust.

This new year brings new challenges for the township. For those of you unaware, the city of Oberlin has purchased approximately 220 acres of land and plans to annex this land that lies between Hughes Road and St. Rt. 20 to create an Industrial Park. This annexation will impact our rural farm community for years to come. Your trustees are taking this situation very seriously and are working with both private and public legal counsel to try and oppose this annexation.

We urge the community to attend the monthly trustee's meeting for the latest updates. We need your support! Your trustees are dedicated to preserving this township.

## Current Elected Officials



Forrest Morhman, Chairperson, Mandy Cecil, Fiscal Officer, Mark McConnell, Vice-Chairperson, and Walter Bredel, Member

## **NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

The new playground equipment is finally here. Make sure you stop out to the park and give the new equipment a try. There are new swings, a climbing wall, a new jungle climber, a ground level merry go round and a zipline.

## **SOLAR ECLIPSE APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>**

The Lorain County area will experience a global event, one which has not happened in this area in decades. This event expects to attract an estimated 1 million plus visitors to our county area to view this historic event.

Whether you are staying home or plan on being out and about, this total solar eclipse event will impact our community which calls for preparation as there can be an extreme demand for supplies, businesses, hospitals, restaurants, gas stations and more.

### **Associated Concerns to Expect**

- Population to double or triple heading up to the day of the event; heavy to gridlocked traffic conditions before & after the eclipse event.
- Cell phone, internet & internet-dependent services will slow and possibly fail.
- Have and use CASH when possible.

### **How Can you Plan Ahead?**

- STOCK UP at least 1 week PRIOR on food, bottled water, pet food, gas, propane, and medications.
- DELAY medical appointments to several days before & after the event.

Only use solar eclipse glasses. Do not squint at the sun directly. UV rays of the sun can burn the retinas & cause permanent damage to your vision.

## **SOLAR ECLIPSE PROGRAM**

The Pittsfield Township Historical Society is hosting a program "Solar Eclipse 2024-Path of Totality" given by Gary S. Gerrone, author for the Chronicle-Telegram and an award-winning naturalist, previously with the Lorain County Metro Parks. He is well versed on the upcoming solar eclipse from both the astronomical side and for preparing for the massive number of tourists that will invade the

path of totality. He will present an enjoyable, informative, and free program on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Pittsfield Townhall at 7:00pm. Please feel free to join for an informative program. A limited supply of solar glasses will be available.

## **CEMETERY NEWS**

Thank you to Gene Mullins for your years of service as the Cemetery Sexton. Walter Bredel will be temporarily serving as the Cemetery Sexton until a replacement can be found. If anyone is interested in serving in this position, please contact a trustee.

### **Spring Clean Up will be April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Please have all decorations that will interfere with the operation of lawn mowing and weed trimming removed and disposed of by this date. The township is asking for your cooperation in removing decorations. Containers are provided at each cemetery for decoration disposal.

The township cemetery sexton and the maintenance workers have the right to remove and dispose of any grave decorations.

If you have any questions, please contact Walt Bredel, Cemetery Sexton, at (440) 897-6395

November 15 will be the fall clean-up date.

## SPLASH ZONE

Don't forget, as a Pittsfield Township resident, you can get reduced membership passes at Splash Zone in Oberlin. Splash Zone is an aquatic and fitness center that provides numerous recreational opportunities year-round. If you have any questions about the membership fees or the facilities, please call Splash Zone at (440) 774-5059

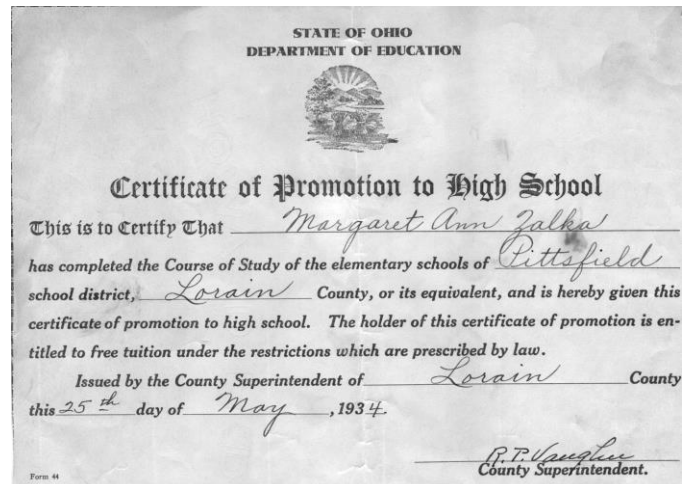
## PITTSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Pittsfield Historical Society lost two key members last year: Ralph Hayes & Martha Zalka. Ralph Hayes was the founder and devoted friend of historical society. He had spent many years researching and archiving Pittsfield Township's unique history. After the 1965 tornado destroyed the old Town Hall, he became the focal point for preserving the original documents in his own personal library. Martha Zalka was an active member since 2008, donating much of her time and expertise.

The Zalka family's history in Pittsfield goes back over 100 years. Martha's grandparents, Vincent and Mary Zalka came to Pittsfield about 1920 & purchased Lot 1 in the northeast corner of the township on Hallauer Rd. Over the years, her grandfather expanded his landownership in include parts of Lots 2 & 3, as well as land in New Russia & Carlisle Townships. Martha and her siblings grew up on her parent's farm in LaGrange. The family property in Pittsfield was handed down to her family from their father and they farmed out the land for 41 years and retired about 9 years ago. She spent many years caring for family and friends. Her older sister, Rosemary, passed away in 2016.

A few years back, Martha gave the historical society an old picture of the one room schoolhouse on Kipton Nickel Plate Road where her aunt, Margaret Zalka, graduated

from in 8<sup>th</sup> grade in 1934. She may have been one of the last classes to attend there. The picture is after the school had been abandoned and probably before it was sold at public auction by the Pittsfield Board of Education in July of 1940. It was purchased by Mr. Ralph Cain of Oberlin for \$420. It is now a privately owned residence.



The Pittsfield Historical Society wishes to thank everyone who recently donated in Martha's memory. Martha leaves behind a brother, Joe, and sister, Kathy.

Pittsfield Township Historical Society meets monthly on the second Thursday at 7pm at the Pittsfield Township Hall. You can follow them on Facebook: Pittsfield Township Historical Society or Website:

[www.pittsfieldtownshiphistoricalsociety.com](http://www.pittsfieldtownshiphistoricalsociety.com)