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Mark your calendars for Breakfast with Santa

We hear from a very good source that Santa Claus will be at John Wesley Methodist Church on DEC. 2nd from 8:30am to 10:30am. He has invited us to join him for breakfast!!

I do believe that he has a special gift to all the GOOD little girls and boys.

Come out and share the holiday spirits with your Pleasant Run Civic Assocation Family!!!

 Due to lack of interest, the garage sale scheduled for October 7th has been cancelled.

Pool News

If you are reading this and still have your pool tags it is too late to receive your deposit back, but please return them to keep our costs down. You may drop them off at 12115 Brookway Drive.

All repairs have been made to the lift station and the baby pools. Thank your for your patience in these matters.

I knew I would forget someone in my thank you's last month. I am sorry that I forgot to mention Gary West. Gary's help is greatly appreciated. I am sorry I forgot you!

Tonya Klei

Springfield Township "Witching Hours"

As a reminder, Trick or Treat hours in Springfield Township are from 6-8 PM on Tuesday, October 31st. Some tips for keeping your little ones safe and having a fun and friendly Halloween:

- Avoid masks, especially on younger children. Masks make it hard to see (remember when you wore them?) - and children are more likely to trip or miss seeing cars coming at them. Use makeup instead.
- Make sure costumes are the right length. You don't have to sew to hem a princess skirt or a vampire cape—a few safety pins, or even double-sided tape works!
- If you are walking with your younger child—bring a wagon or stroller—it's easy to forget that once you get to the end of your street, you have to make it all the way back home!
- Have children carry flashlights or glowsticks when possible—and make sure to reinforce looking both ways when crossing the street.
- Do not follow your child in your car—it's dangerous for all the other children out there. Either walk with your child, or have a friend or neighbor take them for you.





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website listed below or by calling our Membership
Chairperson listed above. Dues are \$30 a year.**

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www.pleasantrunfarms.org

Teen Update

Got Grease?

How much do you know about the 1950s? Do you know what bobby socks and saddle shoes are? How about princess phones and record players? What do you think kids did after school before cell phones, video games and color TV?

Come find out as a kinder and gentler version of "Grease" will have your family rockin' to tunes like "Greased Lightnin'" and "We Go Together," as Acting Up presents a family-friendly version of "Grease" for one weekend only this October.

Performances of "Grease" will be held at the Mason High School Theater, 6100 Mason Montgomery Road in Mason on:

Friday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday matinee, October 7 at 1:00 p.m. (sign language interpreter provided)

Saturday, October 7 at 7 p.m.

Sunday matinee on October 8 at 1:00 p.m.

"Grease," with music and lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, takes a fun loving trip back to 1959 where hot-rod loving boys and wise-cracking girls in bobby sox meet, mingle and dance their way into our hearts. From pajama parties to drive-in movies to prom night, this rock 'n' roll musical captures the spirit of the life and times of the fabulous 50's.

Acting Up's production of "Grease" draws more than 50 young performers ranging in age from 5 to 18. The kids come from 30 different schools from as far away as Springboro and Bethel-Tate and as close to home as Mason, Lakota, Kings and St. Susanna.

Tickets are \$8 each and are available online at www.ActingUp.com or an order form is attached. For more information call 513-588-0988.

Sports News

Athletics: It's for the Kids!

SAY and Select Soccer are currently in the middle of their seasons! Stop by Clifford George some Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon and have a hot dog expertly cooked by our friendly, helpful Concession Staff. Watch a little soccer, meet and greet your neighbors, and if it happens to be Saturday, October 21st, you can register your children for basketball!

Lollipop Soccer had another successful season this year. Thanks to our wonderful sponsors,

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The players have some great-looking t-shirts and bobble-head trophies. They had a great time, and I'm sure they learned a lot from head coaches **Missy Mitchell, Krista Hepp, Linda Monning, and Chris Rowland**. I think it takes a lot of patience to coach 4 & 5 year old children!

Check in this MEMO issue for your basketball registration form. If you need more, they will be available at registration. Don't forget, players who live in PRF and all of our coaches must be Civic Association members.

Look in the next issue for information on how our soccer teams fared this season...

Michelle Sager

Athletics



Pleasant Run Farms

2006-2007 Basketball Registration

Thurs. October 5th & Tues. October 10th
6:00 - 7:30 pm at Welch Elementary
Sat. October 21st
9:30 – 11:00 am @ Clifford George Fields



Child's Name: _____
 Parent's Name(s): _____
 Address: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____ email: _____
 Child's Age as of Jan 1, 2006: _____ Child's Birthdate: ___/___/___
 School Attending: _____ Grade: _____ M/F: _____
 Team played on last year: _____

<u>Check one:</u>	<u>Registration Fee*</u>	<u>Circle Shirt Size:</u>	
Instructional Programs		Youth Small	Adult Small
___ 4 & 5 yr. olds - 6 week season, t-shirt included	\$40	Youth Med	Adult Med
___ 1 st & 2 nd Grade - full season, t-shirt included	\$55	Youth Large	Adult Large
Competitive Programs		**An increase in gym rental costs and referee fees caused a slight increase in registration costs this year.	
___ 3 rd - 6 th Grade	\$70		
___ 7 th - 12 th Grade Competitive	\$80		
*Make checks payable to PRFAA			

Are you resident of Pleasant Run Farms?

___ **Yes:** Civic Association Membership **REQUIRED** - \$30 per family per year
 **Make checks payable to PRFCA

___ **No:** PRFAA Membership - \$30 per family per year for all sports
or \$10 per child per sport
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Parent _____ willing to be: _____ Head Coach _____ Assistant Coach

- Family Maximum is \$200** - includes Registration Fees only
- All PRF Residents** and non-resident **Coaches** MUST be current PRFCA members
- Use one form per child. Extra forms will be available at sign-ups
- Mail-in registrations must be received by Nov. 1st
- No refunds after 1st game of season

I hereby agree that the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association (PRFCA), its members, coaches and officers; coaches, officers and officials of the Northwest Board of Recreation (NWBR), its member organizations, and the owners of the fields and facilities utilized by the Northwest Programs, shall not be held liable for any injury or loss which my child/self may sustain while participating in any activity sponsored by the forgoing organizations. I am aware of the risks involved in playing sports and certify that my child/self is physically capable of participating in any of the sponsored sports programs. I further agree to hold harmless from any claim, whatsoever, the PRFCA, the NWBR, its member organization and the owners of the fields and facilities utilized.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

PRF Basketball Commissioner: Bob Koch 825-6539
 rk.kochjr@worldnet.att.net
 1993 Broadhurst Ave, 45240

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From the Editor

Fall is truly here—the nights are cool, the rain is back, and Halloween is right around the corner. This is also the time when you'll catch your neighbors outside doing yard work, cleaning the garage, or doing all those other chores before the cold weather sets in. Take a few minutes and stop by to chat.

New neighbors on your street? Say hello—and be sure to let them know all the great things the neighborhood has to offer. If you are new (or even not so new) - be sure to join the Civic Association. If you want more info on joining, contact Kim Pittman at PRFmembers@aol.com.

Now is also the time to check out all the fun fall activities in the area. The Renaissance Festival, Nick or Treat or Frightfest at Kings Island, HallZOOween, corn mazes, to name a few. Take advantage of the beautiful weather and get out there with your family (after the soccer games).

I want to congratulate Ann Steele, a new Farms resident. Ann was at the Civic Association General Meeting and won a PRF Civic Association membership as well as appetizers at Applebee's. You can win, too—be sure to look for more details on the General Meeting for January!

Have you been looking for a way to be involved? Wonder how to get "in the know" on what's going on in our community? Why not run for a Board position? Nominations will be published in the December Memo—if there are any positions you are interested in, I encourage you to run. Most positions only require a few hours per month, and it is well worth it!

Finally, consider this—this community is what it is due to the people who live here. You are the determining factor in your quality of life in the Farms. Let's make this a community of note!

Happy Fall!

Krista

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Swim Team News: PRF Dolphins

Fundraising ideas are needed for our 2007 season...it's not too early to start planning!! Anyone who has some reasonable, doable ideas, please let me know. Our first major fundraiser for 2007 will be the annual Swim Team cookout during the PRF Garage Sale in May. Many volunteers will be needed for that event, more details after the holidays!!

I am also looking for a few more people to help on our "board": I would like to see someone for: telephone contact person: to make calls to remind of events coming up, phone tree, etc. This is perfect for someone who can't be out in the sun, or has health issues and can't help do things involving a lot of standing, etc. or a mom with little ones to bring!!! This would be a great help to us!!

In addition to this, we are in need of someone who can help coordinate the kids to get to the starting blocks. We have two people who hand out their lane slips to them, however, they cannot be responsible to get them to the blocks. This also can be someone who has little ones they have to bring...it just simply entails making sure each age group is getting to the blocks..you can get with me or the coaches and we'll help you learn the "order of events" to make sure the right age group is where they should be. The coaches' attention needs to be focused on what's happening in the pool, not making sure the kids are where they should be..they can't chase after them!! It was a big problem, mostly at away meets, and it gets very stressful for them!!! It just simply takes someone willing to help out to make things run smoothly.

Let me know if you're interested in any of these areas or others on the "board"...never too many people to help out!!

I want to thank everyone again for all of the support you showed me as my first year as the commissioner...it wasn't as stressful as I thought it would be!!! I am privileged to have such a great network of parents to help out...most times I didn't even have to ask!! Just a simple mention in a conversation was all it took!! Thank you!! Thank you!! Thank you!! I look forward to 2007 and another great summer at the pool!!

Please contact me at PRFDolphins@fuse.net for more information!! Be sure to check out our new team web page at www.freewebs.com/prfdolphins06.

Becky

Here is this month's Family Recipe!

Cheesy Chicken Tortellini Bake

You will need... Pasta Mix

1/2 cup chopped onion, 1 tsp. of Olive Oil, 1 garlic clove pressed, 1 jar (16 oz) Alfredo pasta sauce, 2 packs of refrigerated cheese-filled regular or spinach tortellini, 1 1/2 cups cubed cooked chicken, 1 cup milk, 1 cup water, 1 cup frozen peas, 1/4 tsp. black pepper and 2 Tbps. snipped fresh basil leaves.

Crumb Topping.....

1/4 cup grated fresh Parmesan Cheese, 2 Tbsp of butter melted, 1 cup fresh bread crumbs.

1. Preheat oven to 450.
2. Heat oil over medium heat, add garlic and onion. Stir 2-3 min. Stir in pasta sauce, tortellini, chicken, milk, water, pepper and peas Mix well, remove from heat. Stir in Basil
3. Make crumb topping, grate Parmesan Cheese, add to the melted butter and stir, add in bread crumbs, mix well.
4. Spoon pasta mixture into a casserole dish, then sprinkle the topping over the pasta mix.

Bake 15-20 min. or until edges are bubbly and topping is golden brown.

Serve with some warm rolls and a salad and yum yum!!! Dinner is ready!!!



A life worth living

Are you living a worthy life? What makes our life worthy? How do we live such a life?

Is our life bearing healthy or unhealthy fruit? These are interesting and provoking questions that I hope will stir your thoughts to improving your quality of life.

When I speak of bearing healthy or unhealthy fruit, I speak of what is remembered about us. Some people are remembered for what they accomplished. Hemingway for his literary work, Pavarotti for his voice, Mozart for his musical compositions, Helen Keller for her immeasurable contribution for people of blindness, and Socrates for his philosophical astuteness. While we might not leave earth-shattering contributions, we can leave contributions in our families and our communities.

Lets look what Socrates says... "The unexamined life is not worth living." He doesn't mince words; he doesn't say that the unexamined life is "less meaningful than it could be" or "one of many possible responses to human existence." He simply and clearly says it is not even worth living.

Why does he make such a strong, unequivocal statement? Socrates believed that the purpose of human life was personal and spiritual growth. We are unable to grow toward greater understanding of our true nature unless we take time to examine and reflect upon our life.

Therefore, what makes a life worth living? Self-examination. Now that sounds exciting doesn't it? Seriously, examining our life reveals patterns of behavior. Deeper contemplation yields understanding of the subconscious encoding, the powerful mental software that runs our life. Unless we become aware of these patterns, much of our life is unconscious repetition.

So, take some time out this fall and examine the patterns of behaviors, your thoughts, your feelings, and your motives. See if there is any area that needs examined, changed, or completely overhauled.

If you do not know or am not sure, ask. Ask your spouse (who often knows us best), ask your kids, ask your friends, ask your fellow employees, ask your boss, ask you pastor, ask anyone who's opinion you respect. Than once you have a picture or pattern formed, go about doing the necessary changing to make your life worth living, not just for you, but also for those around you.

Ask this **one** question: **If you could name one thing you see in me that if I changed it, it would make me a healthier happier person, what would it be?**

Blessings...Rick Anderson



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Nick or Treat—Kings Island—every Saturday and Sunday until 7PM through October—www.pki.com

Fearfest—Kings Island—every Friday and Saturday in October—7PM—midnight—www.pki.com

Ohio Renaissance Festival—Harveysburg, OH—every Saturday and Sunday through October 22nd—www.renfestival.com

Halloween Nights—Parky's Farm—Winton Woods—October 13-30th—www.greatparks.org

Shocktober—Cincinnati Museum Center—Union Terminal—October 13-29th—www.cincymuseum.org

Pumpkin patches and corn mazes—throughout the area—<http://www.pumpkinpatchesandmore.org/OHpcinc.php> has a great list...

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Need a hand from a young member of our neighborhood? The following people want you to know they are ready and willing to help. The Memo publishes these names and numbers for your convenience and offers no referrals or endorsements.

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Board of Director's Meeting

August 17, 2006

A meeting of the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association Board of Director's was held on August 17, 2006. The President Jason Henry called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. Jason Henry dispensed with the reading of the minutes.

President - Jason Henry reported that he has been attending meetings for the new vision of Springfield Township along with Vice President Chip Bergquist. A Special thanks you to Chip for getting the new Pleasant Run Farms website up and running.

Vice President - Chip Bergquist reported that signs have been put up behind the Forest Park K-Mart in the Pleasant Run Farms greenbelt prohibiting unauthorized vehicles in the greenbelt. Chip has been talking with the Forest Park Police Department about this problem. They are aware of the ATV's in the greenbelt and are going to try to step up the enforcement of stopping this. The new Pleasant Run Farms website is up and running. The new address is www.pleasantrunfarms.org

Treasurer - Chris Rowland reported that the balance in the checking account is \$3,659.51 and the savings account balance is \$6,501.14. Expenses for the month of July were \$1,185.76 and the revenues were \$2,093.00

Secretary - Cheryl Purvis reported that the lease agreements for the use of the Welch Elementary library for our Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association General Meetings has been signed. The dates of the meetings for this school year are September 28, January 25, and April 26. These meetings all begin at 7:30 p.m.

Athletics - Michelle Sager reported that the sponsors for lollipop soccer this year are Schon Electric, Walt's Transmission, First Financial Bank, and Stan and Kathy Jergens. There are 7 say soccer teams this season.

Membership - Kim Pittman reported that we have 196 current Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association members and 25 current pending. Currently working on the Pleasant Run Farms Directory which should be finished soon.

Communications - Advertising for the memo is continually going up. We have several small businesses and businesses in the farms that are advertising in the PRF memo.

Community Activities - Kris Koch and Linda Higgins reported that the grand prizewinner of the annual Pleasant Run Farms landscape contest was the Donovan's on Galloway. They received a gift card to Lakeview Garden Center. Congratulations! The last adult pool party will be Friday, August 18 from 8:00p.m.-12:00a.m. We are currently working on the winter holiday events for the farms.

Pool - Tony Klei reported that the pool will close for the season on Monday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. Pool tag return will be from August 20 - September 4. You may also return tags on September 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the PRF pool. You will receive your \$5.00 deposit when your tags are returned. You will get \$1.00 less for each unreturned tag. We have repaired a drainage trench at the pool and a small leak in the baby pool. Overall we had a great year for the pool. We had one of the highest numbers in memberships in several years. Thanks to everyone that helped and enjoyed the PRF pool this year.

Old Business - None

**Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association
Board of Director's Meeting
August 17, 2006 - continued**

New Business - We will be giving away a door prize at the September 28 Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association General Meeting.

Announcements - Next General Meeting is Thursday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Welch Elementary Library.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Recording Secretary, Cheryl Purvis

The September 28 Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association Meeting was videotaped through Waycross Community Media. It will air on Time-Warner Cable, Channel 15 (22 cable ready, 81.3 Digital Basic) at the following times:

Sat., October 7, 9 AM
Sun., October 8, 7 PM
Tue., October 10, 5:30 PM
Sat., October 14, NOON
Sun., October 15, 7 PM
Tue., October 17, 5:30 PM



Check the playback schedule at www.waycross.org for additional playback times.

Waycross also cablecasts the Springfield Township Trustee meetings LIVE, the second Tuesday of every month, at 6:30 PM on Time Warner Cable, Channel 23. These meetings are replayed on Fridays at 6:00 PM, Sundays at 10:00 PM, and Mondays at 7:00 AM.

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REMINDER:

The PRF website has changed!! The new web address is:

www.pleasantrunfarms.org

Check it out! Special thanks to Chip Berquist for his work on the new website!!



Did you know.....

- "Octo" - as in October, means eight? Before Julius Caesar reformed the calendar, October was the eighth month, not the tenth.
- Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving on the second Monday in October?
- The flower for October is the calendula? The calendula is also known as the marigold.



3 Opportunities to Support our Schools

1. Buy a golf ball number. The Northwest Boosters has started a new tradition. This year, on Friday October 27 at Northwest High School after the football game vs Ross, a golf hole will be made at the 50 yard line and a large crane will drop all the purchased golf balls towards the hole. The 3 balls in the hole or closest to the hole will win prizes. Golf Ball numbers can be purchased for \$10 from any Northwest High School Booster member or contact Julie Mayer at cincymayers@aol.com or 851-7908 to purchase one or obtain more information.

2. Register with Cincinnati Bell and agree to save \$3 by receiving your monthly bills by email and Cincinnati Bell will donate \$10 to Northwest High School / Pleasant Run Middle School. Cincinnati Bell is giving away money to our local schools and all you need to do is either register your phone number online at www.cblearn.com or over the phone by calling 566-LEARN or by stopping into any Cincinnati Bell office. If you choose to add long distance, Zoomtown internet, or a new wireless service then they will donate even more. Take 30 seconds to register your phone for Northwest High School and help our schools earn some funds. We are having a friendly competition with Colerain over who can register the highest percentage so please help us beat the Cardinals. Contact Ed Mayer at cincymayers@aol.com or 851-7908 with any questions.

3. The Meijer Community Rewards Program will also donate money to Northwest High School PTSA for signing up for their rewards card and scanning it with every purchase. It costs nothing to sign up and a percentage of each purchase is donated to the school. Just stop by the Meijer Customer Service Booth and fill out the application and advise them this is for **Organization 247196**, the Northwest High School PTSA.

Volunteers needed for Tutoring

Welch is recruiting individuals who are interested in tutoring our students in Reading and Math. The tutoring sessions will begin sometime in November and be held during the school day for approximately one hour. The only qualifications needed are a desire to help our children succeed. All training will be provided before the tutoring begins.

If you would like to help, please contact Missy Butts at 825-9193.

Thank you!

Missy Butts

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