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## Your Vote Counts!

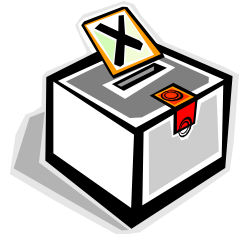
### 2007 PRF Civic Association Board Elections

Each January at the General Board Meeting, officers are elected for the Civic Association Board. The following nominations have been presented to the Board:

<b>President</b>	Jason Henry	<b>Secretary</b>	Cheryl Purvis
<b>Vice-President</b>	Chip Berquist	<b>Membership</b>	Kim Pittman, Becky Hoover
<b>Treasurer</b>	Chris Rowland	<b>Pool</b>	Tonya Klei
<b>Athletics</b>	Michelle Sager	<b>Communications</b>	Krista Hepp
<b>Community Activities</b>	Linda Higgins, Kris Koch		

Nominations may also be taken from the floor the night of the election.

All current PRF Civic Association Members are eligible to vote. Please come out to the January 25th General Board meeting and exercise your vote!



### ***Reminder—Renew your Dog's License***

It's time to renew your dog's license. By law, all dogs in Hamilton County over the age of 3 months must be licensed. Renewal licenses (for dogs already registered) must be purchased before January 31st, or the licensing fee doubles. Receive a new pet dog for Christmas? You have 30 days after purchasing your dog to obtain a license for him/her.

You can purchase new or renewal licenses for \$13 at the following local vendors:

Cramer Tru Value (Hamilton Avenue)

Animal Care Center (Winton Rd, Forest Park)

Need more information? Visit the Hamilton County Auditor Website:

[www.hamiltoncountyauditor.org/dogs.asp](http://www.hamiltoncountyauditor.org/dogs.asp)

Find a lost dog with a license? Call 946-DOGS to find the owner. Just one benefit of licensing your beloved friend!



#### **In this issue....**

Athletics Basket Raffle

And More!!

Baseball/TBall Registration

Community Newsmakers (NEW!)



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Chris Rowland 674-1063 (Treasurer)  
Cheryl Purvis 851-2871 (Secretary)  
Kim Pittman PRFmembers@aol.com (Membership)  
Kris Koch 825-6539(Community Activities)  
Linda Higgins 742-0521(Community Activities)  
Tonya Klei 742-0385 (Pool)  
Michelle Sager 674-7076(Athletics)  
Krista Hepp 851-3644 (Communications)



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### **Memo Deadline for Advertisements and Articles Tuesday January 23, 2007**

The next Memo Delivery will occur on the weekend of February 3, 2007.

If you would like to place an ad in or contribute to the Memo, please contact Krista Hepp at 851-3644 or jhepp@cinci.rr.com. If you have any problems with receiving your Memo, please contact Julie Mayer at 851-7908. Pictures are encouraged but may or may not be included due to space and financial considerations. Digital pictures are encouraged.

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Kris Koch and Linda Higgins, Community Events  
Tonya Klei, Pool News  
Jon Schalchta, Teen Update

**PRFCA Membership Applications are available on the website listed below or by calling our Membership Chairperson listed above. Dues are \$30 a year.**

**Check out the website below for additional news and community information.**

**[www.pleasantrunfarms.org](http://www.pleasantrunfarms.org)**

## From the Editor

It's hard to believe that it's been a year since I took over as Editor of the Memo. I hope that I have been able to provide you with a Memo that is filled with information that is important to you, informs you about your community, and most importantly, inspires you to take action and help build your community.

Remember a year ago, when I challenged everyone to make one of their resolutions to become more involved in their community? How did you do with that one?

If you meant to add to your resolutions but just weren't able to, or are new to our neighborhood, here are some ways to follow through with that resolution:

- Sign up for the Civic Association. Want to know the benefits? Come to the General Board Meeting at Welch this month. And check out the information on college scholarships. Look for more information on the benefits of membership in the Memo next month.
- Have your kids play sports—baseball and t-ball registrations are this month. Think about becoming a coach or part of the Athletics Board (contact PRFAthletics@fuse.net for details).
- Take advantage of this warmer winter we have been experiencing and take a walk around your neighborhood. Introduce yourself to those you meet.
- Do something nice for your neighbor. Offer to collect their mail while they are out of town, or take their garbage cans back up to their house.
- Slow down in the neighborhood. It may be winter, but there are still children out playing—and the speed limit is still only 25mph. Also, try not to park on the street near either of the school entrances in the morning or afternoon. Children who walk to school have a hard time seeing around your car to cross the street safely.

Whatever you do this month, do it with your community in mind. You are PRF—our neighborhood is only as good as we make it!

*Krista*

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# PLEASANT RUN FARMS ATHLETICS SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION

**2007**

*Girls & Boys – age 5 & up*



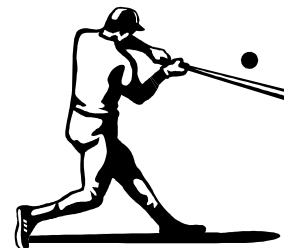
## January Registration Dates

Wednesday- January 17

Thursday – January 25

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Welch Elementary 12084 Deerhorn Dr



## SPORTS AVAILABLE

### Girls Softball

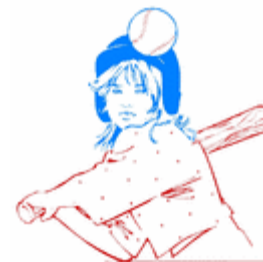
Ages 8-18 (age on Jan 1) - \$55

### Girls & Boys T-Ball

Boys (8/1/99 – 7/31/02) &  
Girls (K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) - \$45

### Boys Baseball

A Major (8/1/88 - 7/31/91) - \$80  
D1-A2 (8/1/91 – 7/31/99) - \$65



### Please note:

- PRF Resident families and ALL Coaches – PRF Civic Association membership required (\$30 annually)
- Non-Resident families – may join PRF Athletic Association (\$30 annually) or pay \$10 Athletic Fee per child per sport
- Family maximum is \$195.00– Membership fee not included



Registration forms will be available at registration or visit  
[www.pleasantrunfarms.org](http://www.pleasantrunfarms.org) for a downloadable form.

Pleasant Run Farms

Birthdays,  
Anniversaries

# January 2007

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**Memo Delivery**

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**Baseball/Tball  
registration  
6 PM Welch**

**Cub Scout  
Pinewood Derby  
7 Pm St. John**

21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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**Memo articles/ads  
due**

**General Board Mtg**

7:30 PM Welch

**Baseball/Tball**

28	29	30	31
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Happy New Year!!

Last day to purchase  
dog license

I will be involved in my community this month by:

## Call to Forgiveness

While most people have made New Years resolutions, let us designate January to be a call to forgiveness. Here is why.

Throughout 2006, we did many good deeds. Unfortunately, we also made many mistakes, some colossal and some not so immense. Nevertheless, our mistakes may take many forms. Some of those may have taken the form of name-calling. Throwing those hurtful words (like darts) that so easily slip from our mouths and land brutally on the heart of their intended. Some of our blunders may have taken the form of selfish, insincere, and thoughtless actions.

If you have made some bad, even hurtful blunders, as all of us have, here are a few tips to making things right.

- 1 **Accept Responsibility:** Know that the only perfect person on earth was Jesus, and we ain't Jesus. Accept responsibility for the mistakes we have made knowing that no one expects perfection in the first place.
- 2 **Swallow your pride:** It may take some crow eating to muster up the courage to apologize, but in the end, it is always worth it. Pride is appropriate when you have something to be proud of; hurting people with our words or deeds is nothing to blow your horn about.
- 3 **Act quickly:** Don't wait. Contrary to popular belief, time itself does not heal. It must be accompanied with action. The sooner you clear the air, the sooner the tension will break, and you can enjoy the ease and joy of a peaceful relationship.
- 4 **Be genuine:** Saying "I'm sorry" from the head is obligatory and appropriate but not from the heart. A head apology has a hard time reaching down 12 inches to the heart of the recipient.
- 5 **Be specific:** Expecting to say "I'm sorry" for all the wrongs I have ever caused you in one quick sweep is insincere. If you have said something, repeat exactly what you said, if you acted a certain way say what action it was and how you wish you hadn't.
- 6 **Be patient:** Saying I'm sorry and meaning it, is your aim and responsibility. It is the responsibility of the receiver to decide if they will forgive you or not. You can't make them, so be patient and give them time to process your sincerity.

Whoever wrote, "Love is never having to say you're sorry," was never been married for 25 years. I have had to say I'm sorry many times and every time our relationship became stronger.

Rick Anderson

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### Did you know?

- Before January and February were added to the calendar by the Romans, the calendar had only ten months
- January is named after Janus, the Roman god of doors and gates. He was chosen for January because you pass through a door or gate, just as January begins the passing of another year.
- Janus is portrayed with two heads—one looking forward, and one looking back.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### Young People Lookin' For Work

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.

#### Babysitting:

Nicki Gustafson, Red Cross certified, age 13, 851-4209  
Nicole Ntumba, Red Cross certified, age 14, 742-5302

Sammie Gustafson, Red Cross certified, age 16, 851-4209  
Katie Reed, age 14, 825-2140

Megan Reed, age 12, 825-2140  
Alison Ulanski, Red Cross certified, age 16, 825-8558  
Kearia Whiting, age 13, 851-5868  
Emily DeBildt, Red Cross certified, age 14, 674-0703  
Sarah Sterner, Safe Sitter certified, age 16, 742-4202  
Becca Dean, Red Cross certified, age 11, 674-9455

Amber Schmidt, Red Cross certified, age 15, 742-4832  
Sharde Dunn, age 16, 851-3061  
Heather Lewellyn, Red Cross Certified, 14, 825-6460  
Cierra Perry, age 12 1/2, 674-1318  
Julie McKendry, Red Cross Certified, 12, 742-3087

Amber Schmidt, SPCA trained, age 15, 742-4832  
Sharde Dunn, age 16, 851-3061  
Josh Hamester, 14, 825-1852

#### Animal Care:

Tanner Agin, age 12, 851-2627  
Cleavon Clemons, age 14, 851-3061  
Becca Dean, age 11, 674-9455

#### Lawn Care:

Chris Murrell, age 12 1/2, 674-1318  
Rashad Cobbins age 12 825-2082  
Cleavon Clemons, age 14, 851-3061  
Jeremy Purvis, age 14, 851-2871

Tony Roberson, age 14, 825-LAWN  
Rakem Cobbins age 12 825-2082  
Josh Hamester, 14, 825-1852

#### Housekeeping:

Sharde Dunn, age 16, 851-3061

Cleavon Clemons, age 14, 851-3061

#### SERVICES:

Cabinet Making: Furniture repair & refinishing. 825-4208

Sharpening Service: Chain saws, scissors, knives, hedge trimmers (electric & manual), mower blades, etc. Phone 825-4208.

Daycare: Experienced Childcare in my Christian Home. Excellent References! Pre-School activities. Lots of T.L.C. Any age welcome! Call at 513-825-4508

### **Check out John Wesley News for the Community**

#### John Wesley United Methodist Church

1927 West Kemper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45240  
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## Athletics News



### Athletics Basket Raffle

**PLAY BASEBALL FOR FREE!** (...or Softball...or T-Ball)

All Civic Association Members who attend the PRFCA General Meeting on Thursday January 25 will be entered into a drawing to win 1 FREE SPRING SPORT for their child and a \$20 Gift Card to Dick's Sporting Goods!

### WIN FABULOUS PRIZES!

We will also be holding the drawing for the Fundraiser Raffle Baskets. Tickets are \$1.<sup>00</sup> each and are available from your favorite Civic or Athletic Association Board Member or before the meeting. Check out what you could take home for just \$1.<sup>00</sup>!

Cincinnati's Best: Riley's Gift Certificate, Pass-It-On Pet Supplies Certificate, Cincinnati Zoo Bucks, Newport Aquarium Tickets...

Pamper Yourself: Cincinnati Gymnastics Overnighter, Facial Gift Certificate, Premier Designs Jewelry...

Gardener's Paradise: Flowers, Garden Tools, Landscape Certificate...

Sports Fanatics: Reds Bobblehead, Golf Umbrella, SAY Soccer Ball, Sweatshirt, Cincinnati Cyclones Tickets...

Decorator's Dream: Candles, Christmas...

Pampered Chef: perfect kitchen tools and accessories!

This is just a partial listing; more items are being added every day...

## Teen Update

### ***Didn't get what you wanted for Christmas? SO!***

Didn't get PS3 or even the Wii? What about the kids that didn't get anything or they have to put their name on that tree that says "boy 13 toys?" They can't afford a single toy for Christmas (so why am I/you complaining!!). Think about it if you couldn't afford some clothes from the dollar store! So when you think "Wow, I didn't get what I wanted," think of the kids that are happy to just get some tops or some pants.... thanks and Happy New Year!

Jon

## PRFCA Scholarship

Each year, the Civic Association gives two \$500 scholarships to eligible high school seniors. All high school seniors whose parents are members of the Civic Association are eligible. Applications for the 2007 PRFCA Scholarships can be picked up at Northwest High School the first week of January, or at the home of Cheryl Purvis (1748 W. Kemper Road). Students may attend any area high school.

## School News

### Northwest High School explores a Standardized Dress Code

In November the Northwest High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association began researching and presenting to the Board of Education a motion to adopt a Standardized Dress Code for the school year 2007-2008. The PTSA made a presentation to the Board of Education asking them what they felt needed to be done to explore this idea--and adopt a new standardized dress code for the Northwest High School for the upcoming school year. If such a dress code policy change takes place the Northwest Board of Education must give the community a 6 month notice before the 2007-2008 school year begins in August. The PTSA plans on having the particulars drawn up to present to the board in February so they can make a decision that would be implemented in August of 2007.

Why a standardized dress code and what is a standardized dress code? First of all parents and administration have become concerned for the safety of the high school students. Unfortunately events, such as lock downs, have had to happen because of students' threats, whether they turned out to be valid or not. Members of the PTSA are looking into ways that may help lessen these threats. A standardized dress code helps in two ways. It helps identify who are students in the building and who are not just by what they wear. It also lessens the chance that students can hide unwanted items, such as weapons, in loose fitting clothing.

A standardized dress code gives students choices of colors to wear and dictates the style of clothing that a student must wear. For example, a very common standardized dress code would say that students have to wear navy or khaki pants that do not have cargo pockets and a collared shirt, such as a polo, that is white or gold. Clothing can be purchased anywhere by the families as long as it meets the guidelines outlined in the dress code. More detail sometimes is added to these dress codes which, for example, may mention the length of hair the students may have or whether piercings are allowed.

If you would like any additional information about the Standardized Dress Code or if you would like to have some input please contact me at [cincymayers@aol.com](mailto:cincymayers@aol.com). Northwest High School parents will be surveyed in January and if support for such a dress code change is found a final standardized dress code draft will be ready for the Northwest Board of Education at their February meeting so a decision can be made for the 2007-2008 school year.

Julie Mayer

## Community Newsmakers

We are fortunate to have a number of talented people in the community. Here is some info on two of them:

**Jack Sager:** Jack is a fifth-grader at Welch Elementary, and has a goal to collect 100,000 business cards for the Guinness Book of World Records. Jack was recently featured in an article in the Cincinnati Enquirer. Jack currently has more than 6500 business cards, some from as far away as Japan, but needs quite a few more to get to his goal. Want to help Jack reach his goal? Drop off your business cards at Jack's home (1884 Edgewater Drive). Check out the article on Jack at <http://rodeo.cincinnati.com/getlocal/gpstory.aspx?id=100143&sid=105782>.

**Mary Jo Bissmeyer:** Mary Jo Bissmeyer is a member of Girl Scout Troop #7444. She is working to achieve her Silver Award, the second highest award you can receive in Girl Scouts. Here is Mary Jo's project:

Hello, everyone! My name is Mary Jo Bissmeyer, from Girl Scout Troop #7444. I am working on my Silver Award service project, and I need your help! During the last week of January (I know that seems a long way away) I will be collecting gently used toys to bring to Matthew 25: Ministries. The reason I'm letting you know now is that while you are making room for all of the new Christmas toys you will remember not to throw away the old ones... save them for those who will truly appreciate them! Matthew 25: Ministries will accept gently used, no battery-operated small toys (no games or puzzles).

If you would like to donate to Mary Jo's project, please contact her at 742-0409.

Know a special member of our community who is making a difference or making the news? Send your info to Krista at [jhepp@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jhepp@cinci.rr.com)

January is a busy month at John Wesley United Methodist Church and we would love for you and your family to join us for any of the following events:

**Family Fun and Games Night**—Sunday, January 19 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Family friendly movie and games in the new multi-purpose building. Free (Bring a snack for your family and we'll provide the drinks.)

**Saturday Morning Programs at 10:00 a.m.**

**January 27-** Mr. Galen Hoffman of VITAS will be speaking about "What Every Family Needs to Know". His talk will include information on advanced directives, living wills, etc.

**February 10-** Ms. Janny Hutson, of VITAS, will be speaking about "Understanding Alzheimer's". Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

**Study Groups**

"Beginnings Bible Study" -PRFs own Isaac Fears will lead a 9-week small group study about basic Christian beliefs on Sunday afternoons beginning January 21.

"Exploring Pathways to Peace" -PRFs own Pim Kremer will lead classes on the second and fourth Sunday afternoons from 4-6 p.m. beginning in January and ending in May.

"Beth Moore Women's Bible Study" -This study lead by Martha Snider will be held on Tuesdays beginning January 23. Depending on the needs of the group classes using the Beth Moore video series will be held in the morning or evening.


**John Wesley Nursery School Open House**

Saturday, February 3 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. for those considering enrolling a child for the 2007/08 school year. Registration packets will be available that day. Those not able to attend can call Gail Brannon at 825-0879 for a packet. Registration is March 5 at 7 p.m.


**New Multipurpose Building**

Although there are still some details to be finished on the new building, the formal consecration is now scheduled for February 4. We are looking forward to serving the community better through the use of this building.


Not all details were available at press time. Please call the John Wesley church office at 825-0733 to answer any questions and for the most up-to-date programing information .




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