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General Board Meeting, January 22nd

There will be a General Board Meeting, open to all residents, on January 22nd, at 7:30 PM in the library at Welch Elementary. As in every January, elections will be held. The following people are running for positions:

President:	Dale Grigsby	Community Activities:	Jennifer Higgins
Vice President:	Randy Schieb	Pool:	Tonya Klei
Treasurer:	Chris Rowland	Athletics:	Darryl Pope
Secretary:	OPEN	Communications:	Krista Hepp
Membership:	OPEN		

While the positions of Secretary and Membership have no nominees, ALL Board positions are open for any Civic Association member who wishes to run. ALL current Association members can vote for the Board. Please come and attend the meeting.

Lights on for Safety!!

Some night, drive down most streets in the neighborhood, and you'll see that fewer than half of the homes have a porch light turned on. And yet, the Burglary Prevention Council notes that leaving a porch light on is an effective way to deter crime. A burglary occurs in the US every 15.4 seconds, and poorly lit areas are perfect cover for a quick getaway. Consider this—your porch light covers not only your front step, but part of your driveway as well, and even sheds some light on the sidewalk. Most people park their cars in their driveway, or on the street, so by leaving your porch light on, you are protecting not only your home, but your vehicles. Can't remember to turn on the light? Try a simple photoelectric cell; you can screw these into your existing light, and they turn it on automatically when it gets dark.

Help do your part and keep our neighborhood safe— turn your light on for safety!

Spotlight on your Carrier

This month....**Derrick Purvis**

Derrick is the son of Mike and Cheryl Purvis. Again, Memos are a family affair for the Purvis'. Derrick's older brother, Jeremy also delivers Memos, however each of them have their own route. Derrick is an 8th grader at Pleasant Run Middle School. While he is not active in sports, Derrick enjoys drawing and music. Derrick knows how to play the guitar and recently received a ukulele for Christmas which he is teaching himself to play. In his free time he enjoys playing on the computer and hanging out with his friends. Derrick delivers Memos on Route 9 which covers Deerhorn and Elmgrove. Make sure you say hi if you see him out delivering.



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**Memo Deadline for
Advertisements and Articles
Tuesday, January 27, 2008**

The next Memo Delivery will occur on the weekend of February 7, 2008. 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 Susan Schieb at 931-3508.

The Memo and the PRF Civic Association reserve the right to refuse any content. Letters to the editor will be published only with the authors name. Any comments, suggestions, or new contributors are welcome.

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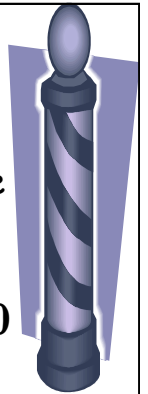
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PRFCA Membership Applications are available on the website listed below or by calling our Membership Chairperson listed above. Dues are \$25 a year.

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

www.pleasantrunfarms.org

What is the PRF Civic Association?

Over 40 years ago, when the neighborhood known as Pleasant Run Farms was developed, the Civic Association was founded. The intent of the Civic Association was to provide the residents of the Farms with an active community; the Association was the foundation for the sports teams, community pool, activities, and hobby/interest clubs (gardening, babysitting, reading, etc.). Throughout the years, the Civic Association has continued to provide residents with a way of connecting with their community, as well as providing the neighborhood a political voice with Springfield Township.

What has the Association accomplished?

In addition to maintaining sports teams, the pool, and other yearly activities (such as the Fourth of July Parade), the Civic Association has made lasting impacts on the community. As examples:

- Purchase of and retaining the greenbelt areas. These areas stretch behind the pool on Elkwood and back along Broadhurst, and along Hazelgrove, Forester and Hazelhurst, separating the properties owned by Home Depot and Kmart from the residential properties. Several times throughout the years, developers have asked about purchasing the land for retail development; the Civic Association maintains the property as a buffer between retail and residents, in order to maintain home values.
- Development of Clifford George fields as a sports complex and Township Park. The property at the corner of Forester and Mill was to be sold and developed into a gas station/minimart. The Association convinced Springfield Township to purchase the land and develop it as a complex for our sports teams. The volunteer hours put forth by residents maintains the fields as part of the agreement with the Township.

Why should I join? Where does the money go?

The Civic Association fees pay for many things. Some of them are:

- Printing and delivery of the Memo. While ads pay for some of the Memo, the remaining costs for printing and delivery are paid for by fees. Memo compilation and editing is volunteer; all Memo delivery is done by neighborhood youth, who are paid using the fees.
- Insurance. Sports teams, the Pool, and the greenbelt areas require insurance carried by the Association. Sports fees and Pool membership fees pay the portions of their premium; fees pay for insurance on the greenbelt areas.
- Activities. We are fortunate to have several churches in the area who offer their halls free of charge for any activities. However, activities such as the Fourth of July Parade, Easter Egg hunt, Landscape Contest, etc., all require some funds.
- Scholarship. The Civic Association is fortunate to be able to provide at least one \$500 college scholarship per year to a neighborhood youth.

How do I join? How much is it?

Joining is easy, simply complete the form found on the next page of the Memo (or you can get one online at any time at pleasantrunfarms.org). Mail or drop off the form at the address listed.

Membership runs January—December. Fees have been reduced this year to \$25. *If you are already a member, and you joined on or after July 1, 2008, you will receive a discounted rate of \$12.50 for 2009.*

If you have any questions about membership, how to join, or other benefits of the Civic Association, please contact a Board member (info on page 2) or email PRFmembership@gmail.com

PRFCA Membership Form

12 month membership
January – December 2009

Date: _____ Family Last Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Household Members with Birth Month/Day (list last name if different)	Adult/Child/Relationship

Pleasant Run Farms resident since: Month _____ Year: _____

The Civic Association constantly needs volunteers to keep its many programs running smoothly. We are looking for residents to lend a helping hand whenever possible. Please indicate where you could help.

Volunteer to help with: (committee director will contact you)

Community Activities _____ Spring _____ Summer _____ Fall _____

Winter _____ Landscaping _____ Sports _____ Memo _____ Membership _____

Pool _____ Scholarship _____ WHERE NEEDED _____

Memo Carrier (8+ years) Name: _____

NOTE: IF YOU CHILD PARTICIPATES IN ANY PRF SPONSORED SPORT, THE FAMILY MUST BE CURRENT MEMBERS.

Please complete this form and return along with your check for \$25 made out to PRFCA and mail/drop off to

Chris Rowland, 11887 Belgreen Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45240

Any questions please email PRFMembership@gmail.com

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 15, 851-4209
Katie Reed, age 14, 825-2140
Sharde Dunn, age 16, 851-3061
Heather Lewellyn, Red Cross Certified, 15, 825-6460
Sarah Sterner, Safe Sitter certified, age 18, 742-4202
Becca Dean, Red Cross certified, age 13, 703-5601
Jessica Finnen, Red Cross certified, age 12, 825-3565

Sammie Gustafson, Red Cross certified, age 18, 851-4209
Megan Reed, age 12, 825-2140
Kearia Whiting, age 13, 851-5868
Emily DeBildt, Red Cross certified, age 17, 674-0703
Julie McKendry, Red Cross Certified, 13, 742-3087
Samantha Eddy, 12, 742-1961
Annie Kitchen, age 12, 851-9166

Animal Care:

Tanner Agin, age 14, 851-2627
Cleavon Clemons, age 14, 851-3061
Jeremy Purvis, age 16, 851-2871

Sharde Dunn, age 16, 851-3061
Josh Hamester, 15, 825-5812
Bradley DeBildt, 13, 674-0703

Lawn Care:

Chris Murrell, age 15, 674-1318
Rakem Cobbins age 12 825-2082
Josh Hamester, 15, 825-5812

Rashad Cobbins age 12 825-2082
Cleavon Clemons, age 14, 851-3061
Jeremy Purvis, age 16, 851-2871

Housekeeping:

Sharde Dunn, age 16, 851-3061

Cleavon Clemons, age 14, 851-3061

Household Chores/Odd Jobs

Chris Murrell, age 15, 674-1318

The Memo runs this list free of charge each month. Categories are not limited to only those listed above. If you would like to be added to this list **email Krista Hepp** at **jhepp@cinci.rr.com**.

Have a Hobby? Want to meet others?

Do you want a way to connect with others with similar interests? Or are you looking for a cheap night out in this tough economy? Or maybe you are new to the area and just want to find others near you with the same likes?

Here is your chance. There are interest groups forming in the Farms, and it's easy to join. Here are some of the groups that are looking to start up:

- Book club
- Bowling (fun, not a league)
- Cards
- Walking club
- Couples gourmet

If you are interested in any of the groups above, or if you want to start your own interest group, please send an email with your name, phone, email and area(s) of interest to prfactivities@gmail.com.

ITEMS & SERVICES:

Cabinet Making: Furniture repair & refinishing. 825-4208

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

Professional Housecleaning: Weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, special projects. Thirty years experience, PRF resident for 37 years. Dependable, honest, thorough. 825-2557 (home) or 607-6059 (cell).



Thanks to all who tried to put out the Luminaria kits on December 21st. Unfortunately, it was too windy for most of them to stay lit!

Also, thanks to all who took time to put up holiday lights this year. Driving through the Farms at night was quite a beautiful ride!

Every end is a new beginning ~ Proverbs

Admittedly this is a difficult article to write because as I am writing this my mother is dying of cancer, doctors have given her a week or two to live. But if I think about it as the Proverb says every end is a new beginning. So I will choose to look at the new beginnings in her life transition.

As we look at 2009 what new beginnings are you hoping and planning for? What things in 2008 do you wish to forget and put behind you? If you could take back that hurtful word or deed wouldn't you? If you could renew hurt or broken relationships wouldn't you? Well, all this is possible. 2009 brings you a chance for your new beginnings and here's how:

Begin by protecting what you believe is most important. For some of us that might be the primary relationship with our spouses. Perhaps in 2008 we protected many other things and took our spouses for granted. Perhaps we always assume they will be around and they know I love them, I bought them those now slippers for Christmas didn't I? Since marriage is the foundation of the family, as the marriage goes so goes the family. So protect your most valuable asset, your spouse.

Begin by protecting your greatest investment. Like us many of you may have lost some of your retirement investment within the past several months. While this is painful, we are still young enough to recoup most of it back. The more important investment I'm speaking of is one that once gone may not come back. That is the investment in building up the moral character of our children. Our children will be pressured from schools and clubs etc. to surrender their moral convictions in the name of PC's tolerance. Teach them that truth does not change no matter how shiny it is packaged.

Begin by protecting your integrity. In 2009 don't be bamboozled by fast talking salesman's or smooth talking politicians. Integrity like honesty it has been said is doing what is right when no one is watching. Integrity cannot be bought, but it can be sold to the highest bidder. As monies get less and bills get larger some may be tempted to check their integrity at the door and fudge a little. Protect your integrity, because with our economy it may be the only currency worth having.

Happy New Beginnings in 2009! Rick Anderson



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