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Second Annual PRFCA Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, October 24, 2009, 3 PM
 Clifford George Field



Prepare your special chili and bring it the Clifford George Field – compete with your neighbors for best chili in PRF. Share your chili with neighbors. There will be a prize for the top rated brew.

- Chili judging headlines the event – who makes the best chili in the Farms?
- PRFCA will provide a beverage or you can purchase other drinks from the concession stand.
- Family oriented games, e.g., sack race, kick ball, softball, etc.
- Each PRFCA Board member will prepare a dessert to share with the community.

Love Eating Chili, Love Making Chili, Love Having Fun
 Come Out & Enjoy

Chili Cook-Off Entry Form
 October 24, 2009 – 3 PM
 Clifford George Field

Name: _____

E-Mail or Address: _____

(Optional) Name your chili or give a brief description: _____

Return form by email to: wgrigsby@fuse.net or send to: Dale Grigsby/1405 Hartwood Dr.

Trick or Treat

Trick or Treat for Springfield Township is on Saturday, October 31st from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Please remember to drive carefully and watch out for the excited children. Parents, be aware of the hazards of dark costumes and masks. Carry flashlights and/or use glow in the dark items. Let's all have fun and safe Trick or Treat in the Farms.





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Memo Deadline for

Advertisements and Articles

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

The next Memo Delivery will occur on the weekend of November 7, 2009. If you would like to place an ad in or contribute an article to the Memo, please contact Venita Vivians, Memo Editor, at 505-0480 or vvivians@prodigy.net. If you have any problems with receiving your Memo, please contact Susan Schieb at 931-3508.

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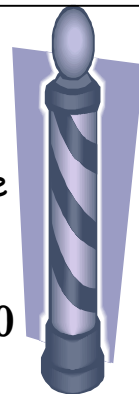
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PRFCA Membership Applications are available on the website listed below or by calling our Membership Chairperson listed above. Dues are \$25 a year.

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

www.pleasantrunfarms.org

President's Message

At the risk of making this job sound like much more than it really is, I am calling this message "The State of the Association"!

So... the State of the Association is improving. Thanks to the hard work of a great group of board members the PRFCA has shown dramatic improvement in 2009 (over the previous year). Here are just a few examples:

- 2008 PRFCA membership – 114; 2009 membership – 181 (we had exceeded the 2008 number by April of this year)
- Participation in baseball, soccer, and softball has increased (in some cases significantly) over 2008
- Swim Team participation – increased
- Pool memberships – increased

What does this all mean? Well to me it indicates that PRF residents are taking advantage of the programs offered by the civic association and more importantly, taking pride in their community.

Where do we go from here you ask. Simple – we continue to work hard to improve our community and to find ways to involve more residents. In the coming months be looking for an Activity Calendar in the MEMO and on the PRF website. We want to keep residents well informed of community activities so no one can say: I didn't know. We continue to search for activities to involve more adults in the community, hence the announcement of our Second Annual Chili Cook-off Contest on the front page of this MEMO. We really want your input on how to make our community a better place to live and to improve the Civic Association so it serves the needs of all residents. We are creating a Residents Forum section in the MEMO starting with the November issue. Do you have something on your mind or have a suggestion or complaint to share with the community. Then send us your comments. We'll print as many as space allows. Does anyone have a favorite (seasonal) recipe she/he would like to share with the community. Send it to the MEMO editor and we'll print one or more each month starting with the November issue. Do we have any physicians, attorneys, veterinarians, builders or other residents with unique skills who would like to share special information with the community. How about a monthly column featuring one of the aforementioned specialties? Write to the Editor.

Finally, all of our board positions will be up for re-election in January, 2010. We know right now that the Community Activities and Treasurer positions will be vacant. Surely there are folks in the community who could fill these voids. If you'd like to take a shot at one of those positions or would like to be President, come to the January meeting and speak up. We need everyone's input to make this an organization that contributes to the community in meaningful ways. We want to reach children and adults alike. Our goal should be to double our membership in 2010 – get involved!

Dale Grigsby



The September 24 Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association Meeting was videotaped through Waycross Community Media. It will air on Time-Warner Cable, Channel 15 (22 cable ready) at the following times:

Saturday, October 3, 9 AM
 Monday, October 5, 2:30 PM
 Tuesday, October 6, 9 PM
 Friday, October 9, 5 PM
 Saturday, October 10, 9 PM
 Wednesday, October 14, 6 PM



Additional playback times and an online video of the meeting can be found at www.waycross.tv

Waycross also cablecasts the following programs of interest to PRF residents:

- 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 Friday's at 6:00 PM, Sunday's at 10:00 PM, and Monday's at 7:00 AM.
- Northwest School Board Meeting, Sunday's at 8:30 AM, Wednesday's at 3 PM, and Thursday's at 7:30 PM, on Time Warner Cable, Channel 4.
- Hamilton County Commissioners Meeting's LIVE Wednesday's at 9:30 AM on Time Warner Cable, Channel 4

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Kids Looking for Work!!!

Following is a list of young residents looking for work. The PRFCA/Memo does not endorse any of those listed; we list these names free of charge as a service to our community....

Babysitting:

Julie McKendry, age 15, 742-3087, Red Cross Certified Babysitter

Nefertiti, age 15, 545-4602, Red Cross Certified, CPR Trained, will babysit in my home or yours

Maria Boylson, age 16, 290-4756. Fire Safety classes, basic CPR, first aid

Angela Boylson, age 15, Home 674 - 1760, Cell 545 - 5994, Fire safety, basic, CPR, first aid

Yard Work/Pet Care:

Jeremy Purvis - age 16, 851-2871

Derrick Purvis - age 14, 851-2871

It's never too late for you to join!!

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.

!!NEW!! Local Business Discount Card!!!

All members receive a discount card for local businesses. This card can be used multiple times until the end of the year. This card is a “thank you” for helping to improve your community.



2009 Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association, Inc. Membership Form

Date: _____ Family last name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail (please print clearly): _____

PRF Member since: month _____ year _____

please note your personal information including e-mail address is only used by the PRFCA to contact you regarding events and issues that pertain to our community. We respect your privacy and do not distribute, sell or trade any of your personal information.

Household Member	Birth month/day	Adult/Child

The success of the Civic Association largely depends on volunteers in the community. Volunteers play an integral role in keeping programs in existence and running smoothly. Please check if you are willing to help with any of the following programs and the respective Board Member will contact you.

Spring Activities _____ Scholarship Committee _____ Sports _____ Neighborhood Watch _____
 Summer Activities _____ Landscaping _____ Other: _____
 Winter Activities _____ Memo _____ Where needed _____
 Fall Activities _____ Welcome Committee (Membership) _____ Walk/Jog Club _____

We publish members anniversary (years living in PRF) and birthdays in the Memo. Please indicate your preference below:

- I do want household member's anniversary and birthdays published in the Memo.
- I do not want household anniversary and birthdays published in the Memo.

If you have a child and he/she participates in sports, you must be a member. Annual 2009 Membership fee: \$25.00. Please return this completed form with your check. Please make your check out to PRFCA and mail or drop of to: Monica Bowles, 11885 Elkwood Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45240

If you have any questions, please call Monica Bowles at (513) 648-0714 or via e-mail at monicabowles@ymail.com Please check out the PRFCA website at pleasantrunfarms.org. We are also on Facebook under Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association. Please give your comments and upload any pictures which involves the Farms. Please become a fan or join the group! Thank you for your support!

Membership Use Only: Date Received: _____ Check # _____ Amount: _____ Date Cleared: _____ Membership card: _____

Neighborhood Master Planning Meetings

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On October 19, 2009 members of the Trustees, police, fire and administration departments will hold a Neighborhood Master Planning meeting. The meeting will take place at Welch Elementary beginning at 7:00pm and will last approximately 2 hours. It will begin with a presentation of our neighborhood conditions : land use, economic conditions, housing conditions, rental statistics, crime rate, fire response time, road infrastructure, and neighborhood attributes.

The second half of the meeting is designed to gather specific suggestions from residents. This segment is to be used as an idea brainstorm from residents - things to make our neighborhood better, stronger, sustainable and prosperous. Now is your chance to have your ideas heard! Lets come out in force and support our community!



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