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The Pleasant Run Farms Memo

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Swim Club Update:

Please join the swim club. We are close to reaching our goal but still need you to join before December 31 to have enough to open the pool next year.

A swim club membership will make a great family Christmas gift that will bring so many positive memories. Experiences like this make the best gifts and with the cost at just \$198 a great bargain too.

In addition, our cyber Christmas special is if you join by December 24, 2018 we will give you a \$20 concession stand credit.

Join for your family and the lifetime memories; join for yourself; join for your community; join to maintain your property values since a community with a swim club causes higher home sale prices.

Go to prfarms.org now and lock in this great price with 4 monthly installment payments of \$49.50 and get \$20 concession credit too. Then tell your friends and neighbors. You don't have to live in the Farms to join but it does help our home values.

For questions, please email prfswimclub@yahoo.com.

Ed Mayer

Happy Holidays!

President's Update



The Welch School building demolition has now been completed and the grounds seeded. Todd Bowling, NWLSD Superintendent indicates that the sale of the property to a home developer will be discussed at the School Boards Meeting on December 10th at 6:30 pm at 3240 Banning Rd.

The asphalt resurfacing of Cedar creek, Canfield and Centerbrook was completed the last week of November. We're still waiting to hear if we will have Kemper Rd, east of Hamilton and Brookway resurfaced in 2019.

We're in the final stages of preparation for the Holiday in the Farms Celebration on Sunday December 9th. Most of the Luminaria Kits were picked up during the soaking downpour on Saturday December 1st. Anyone that missed ordering can call Mary Barerra at 513-678-5011 and we'll get a kit to you. This years festivities include Santa's visit on the Springfield Town-

ship fire engine, the neighborhood Luminaria, Santa's Depot with holiday crafts and goodies and the exciting Christmas Luminaria Limo rides. If you'd like to help with the celebration contact Mary Barrera at mbarrera@comey.com. A Luminaria Kit order form is in this newsletter. Lets make this years Holiday in the Farms fantastic!

As you think about family Christmas gifts, remember that you can give a 2019 PRF Swim Club Family Membership for only \$198. It's a great place for kids, right here in our neighborhood. We listened to everyone who wanted a lower membership cost and significantly reduced the membership fee for 2019. Now more than ever it's very important for as many as possible to purchase a membership so that the Swim Clubs overhead expenses can be paid.

This month, as you talk with your neighbors let them know about the Civic Association and all the things it does to improve life in the Farms. We provide many community activities, a large sports program, a fun Swim Club, and work as a liaison with the Springfield Township Government and the Northwest Local School District. Everyone's support helps us maintain an exciting community with rising home values. We're including a 2019 Membership Form in the Memo.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Civic Associations January General Meeting. It will be held at John Wesley Methodist Church on Tuesday, January 15th at 6:45. We'll discuss all the items that will affect us in the coming months and also elect officers for 2019.

I hope you all enjoy the Holiday in the Farms and have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends.
Skip Wicklund

PRFCA President



SPORTS UPDATE



The 2018 sports season is over for the year. We had a large number of baseball, softball, and Tball teams playing this past spring at PRF. And we had 4 teams playing introductory soccer this fall.

The new year is only a few weeks away and that means a new sports season will start soon thereafter. Registration for all of our spring sports teams at Pleasant Run Farms is currently underway. Parents can register their children for baseball, softball, and Tball. Boys and girls from ages 4 to 18 can sign up.

Registration can be done at the Pleasant Run Farms website at prfarms.org. Click on the Athletics website page and follow the easy registration instructions to sign up today.

SPACE HEATER CAUSES FIRE, CHIEF PROVIDES SAFETY TIPS

Article from Springfield Township

A Springfield Township home is being called a 'total loss' after a fire ignited on a chilly November night.



Photo: www.yourbestdigs.com

Crews were called to the home on the 1800 block of Lotushill Drive just before 11 p.m. Four people took themselves to the hospital to be treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Firefighters believe a space heater may have been the cause.

Fire and electrical hazards can be caused by space heaters without adequate safety features, if they are placed by combustibles, or if they are improperly plugged in.

Safety should always be a top consideration when using space heaters. Here are some tips for keeping your home safe and warm when it's cold outside:

- Make sure your space heater has the label showing that it is listed by a recognized testing laboratory.
- Before using any space heater, read the manufacturer's instructions and warning labels carefully.
- Inspect heaters for cracked or broken plugs or loose connections before each use. If frayed, worn or damaged, do not use the heater.
- Never leave a space heater unattended. Turn it off when you're leaving a room or going to sleep, and don't let pets or children play too close to a space heater.
- Space heaters are only meant to provide supplemental heat and should never be used to warm bedding, cook food, dry clothing or thaw pipes.
- Install smoke alarms on every floor of your home and outside all sleeping areas and test them once a month.
- Proper placement of space heaters is critical. Heaters must be kept at least three feet away from anything that can burn, including papers, clothing and rugs.
- Locate space heaters out of high traffic areas and doorways where they may pose a tripping hazard.
- Plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet. Do not use an extension cord or power strip, which could overheat and result in a fire. Do not plug any other electrical devices into the same outlet as the heater.
- Place space heaters on level, flat surfaces. Never place heaters on cabinets, tables, furniture, or carpet, which can overheat and start a fire.
- Always unplug and safely store the heater when it is not in use.

Source: <https://www.esfi.org/resource/space-heater-safety-tips-146>



Memories

by Susan Wicklund

This past November, the Farms lost a good former neighbor, John Barthel. John lived on Fallbrook Ln. for many years. He was an exactint scientist and a great cook. He left behind



his wonderful family, his wife Joan, twin sons David and Steven, daughter Sarah and several grandchildren. Many past and present neighbors from the Farms attended the funeral. It was nice to see them all. We are praying for his famnily. John is a great loss.

FEBRUARY 2, 2018 10:00-11:30 A.M.

2019-2020 OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION JOHN WESLEY EARLY LEARNING CENTER



Come meet the teachers and see the classrooms with your children.



1927 W. Kemper Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45240
513-825-0879

IS YOUR TEEN INTERESTED IN BECOMING A POLICE OFFICER? NOW RECRUITING EXPLORERS

Article from Springfield Township

The Explorers Program is operated in conjunction with Learning for Life, a national program associated with the Boy Scouts of America. This program is open to area youth between 14 and 20 years of age who have an interest in law enforcement. (Must have completed 8th grade) The Explorer will receive a minimum of 40 hours of training in basic law enforcement in an Explorer Academy, and then will receive ongoing training throughout the year through in-serve training at monthly meetings, along with riding with patrol officers.

Explorers also attend various field trips. Explorers have the opportunity to demonstrate their learned skills while competing against other explorer posts in both local and national competitions. Police explorers also assist the police department in various functions such as assisting with crowd control and parking at large events and festivals in the township. The Springfield Township Law Enforcement Explorer Post has won several best overall post awards in tri-state competitions over the past several years, and was named the best post in Ohio in 2010. Many of our former explorers have gone on

to careers in law enforcement both at the local and federal levels.

Explorers meet every Tuesday from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Police Department. You are not required to be a resident to join.

Now Recruiting

The Springfield Township Police Department Explorer Program is currently accepting applications for its Police Explorer Program. For more information on this program, please contact **Officer DeShawn Brooks** at **dbrooks@springfieldtwp.org** or by phone at **513-729-1300**.



08
Reindog Parade

08
Cincinnati Fairtale Ball

08
Cincinnati Santacon

09
Luminaria



12
Printmaking Workshop

1-30
Christmas Town

1-1/6
Antique Christmas

1-31
Holiday in Lights

Today's Recipe
Eggnog Cheesecake

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 2 tbs white sugar
- 3 tbs melted butter
- 3 (8oz) packages of cream cheese, (softened)
- 1 cup white sugar
- 3 tbs all purpse flour
- 3/4 cup eggnog
- 2 eggs
- 2 tbs rum
- 1 pinch ground nutmeg

- 01 Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C).
- 02 In a medium bowl combine graham cracker crumbs, 2 tablespoons sugar and butter. Press into the bottom of a 9 inch spring form pan.
- 03 Bake in preheated oven for 10 minutes.
- 04 Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C).
- 05 In a food processor combine cream cheese, 1 cup sugar, flour and eggnog; process until smooth. Blend in eggs, rum and nutmeg. Pour mixture into cooled crust.
- 06 Reduce heat to 250 and bake for 45 minutes, or until center of cake is barely firm to the touch. Remove from the oven and immediately loosen cake from rim. Let cake cool completely before removing the rim.

Membership Applications are available in this memo and on the website listed below or by calling our Membership Chairperson, Monica Bowles.

Dues are \$25 a calendar year. (\$35 for monthly hard copy memo distribution)

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

Hard Copy Issue Advertising Rates

- Back Full Page \$110
- Regular Full Page \$ 90
- Half Page \$65
- Quarter Page \$25
- Business Card Size Ad \$25
- Classified Ad \$8

Eletronic Issue Rates are 1/2 the cost of Hard Copy Issue Rates

Contact Jalisa Harris @ harrisjalisa88@gmail.com to place your Classified or Business Ad.

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

YOUR PRF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

- Skip Wicklund skipwicklund@gmail.com (President)
- Jerome Bouie (VP)
- Ed Mayer prfcatreasurer@yahoo.com (Treasurer)
- Bert Cameron (Secretary)
- John Buschmann johnbusch25@yahoo.com (Athletics)
- Jalisa Harris harrisjalisa88@gmail.com (Communications)
- Mary Barrera mbarrera@comey.com (Community Activities)
- Monica Bowles (Membership)
- prfswimclub@yahoo.com (Swim Club)

Pleasant Run Farms Luminaria

2018 Order Form

December 9th Event Date

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Number of Kits _____ x \$10.00= _____

***Complete kit consists of 20 bags, candles, and sand. Corner lots need 2 kits.**

***Checks should be made out to PRFCA**

***Please mail/drop off this form with your order to: Mary Barrera 1755 Clayburn Cir 45240**

Questions? Ask Mary- mbarrera@comey.com, 513-678-5011

*****Order deadline is November 26th*****

Pickup will be Saturday December 1st 9:00am-11:00am at the pool parking lot



Be sure to join the PRF Facebook Page to receive updates on the event!

FINDING LOVED ONES IN BEECH GROVE CEMETERY WILL SOON BE EASIER

Article from Springfield Township

Beech Grove Cemetery in Springfield Township is the final resting place for over 5,300 people, a large portion being African American veterans. The graves here date as far back as 1890. Beech Grove was under the care of the Bethel AME Church until the church disbanded and the property fell delinquent. By the time Springfield Township was required to take over its care, there was in excess of \$100,000 in tax liens and a trail of debt. The three designated property lines only further complicated the township's efforts to legally take over basic maintenance.

Hamilton County Land Bank worked with Springfield Township's Law Director, Trustees and staff for over two years to undergo the legal process required to forgive the liens and transfer the property to Springfield Township. Since that time, the Public Works Department has worked to restore the neglected property. Dead trees and a dangerous structure were removed, gateway fencing has been installed and many gravestones have been repaired. The biggest expense incurred involves new technology that has already helped families find their loved ones.

"We inherited three old filing cabinets filled with cemetery records in disarray," shares Springfield Township Trustee, Gwen McFarlin. "As soon as we took over the cemetery, families were calling begging for help. They hadn't been able to find their mothers, fathers, grandparents - ever," she said. Trustees Gwen McFarlin, Joe Honerlaw and Mark Berning authorized the funds in order to do what was right - to locate and properly

document every person buried at Beech Grove Cemetery. Gwen recalls, "The people resting here in Beech Grove deserve our attention. They've been forgotten too long, and this is not how we do things in Springfield

"As soon as we took over the cemetery, families were calling begging for help."

Township. We care for one another. We take the time to do what's right, even if it's not the easiest thing to do."

The company RA Consultants has been hired to map where a person is buried using modern GIS technologies. To date, two thirds of the cemetery has been mapped. The final third will be complete by the end of the spring season in 2019, and this is when the final map will be available on the township's website.

There are several unmarked graves at Beech Grove, and that is when the difficult "detective work" comes in to play. Through the process of basic research involving a plot receipt, Springfield Township Public Works employees have been able to positively identify where some people, such as Freda and Prince Holcomb, are buried.

Gordon Holcomb was first interviewed in early October by Channel 9 News. His story found him tirelessly looking for his mother, father and both grandparents who were buried at Beech Grove. At the time of their

death, there wasn't enough money to purchase gravestones for any of these family members. When the story aired, the township was not aware of Mr. Holcomb's search. Once the story aired, the search was on to find Mr Holcomb's relatives. Channel 9 News was at the scene when Trustee Gwen McFarlin led to the sites where his mother, father and both grandparents were buried. Gordon was grateful that the search was over. He finally had a place where he could speak to his family - in their resting place. Next, he would like to find a way to purchase proper headstones.

PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP

Article from Springfield Township

Create one of a kind greeting cards and wrapping paper to make your gift-giving season extra special. Join Sharon Doering as she walks participants through the steps of printing numerous imprints of one image for cards and wrapping paper.

The workshop will cover:

- Safe carving methods
- Stamping and stenciling
- Monoprinting
- Collagraphy

The Printmaking Workshop, hosted by ArtsConnect costs \$25 per participant and will take place on **Wednesday, December 12, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** All workshops and classes are programmed at the Springfield Township Community Art Center at 9150 Winton Road. It is the second building back on the campus.

Call **Katherine Smith** at **(513) 728-4266**. ArtsConnect offers a 10% discount on all classes and \$10 off each weekly summer camp session for ArtsConnect members!

OFFICERS SHOP WITH KIDS AT HEROES AND HELPERS EVENT

Article from Springfield Township

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, Ohio (WKRC) - A local police department spent the day giving back to the community by taking a group of kids shopping.

The Heroes and Helpers event saw police officers from the Springfield Township Police Department take a group of kids from the Mt. Healthy and Finneytown School Districts shopping for the holiday season.

The officers helped the kids spend \$100 on whatever they wanted at the Target on Colerain Ave.



Around the Farms

By, Susan Wicklund

December is here!!!! People rush to turn on the Hallmark Channel to see the dreamy towns, snow covered fir trees, colored lights on each house and so much more. Have you realized that Pleasant Run Farms has most of what is shown in the Hallmark towns?

We're so lucky enough to live in a community like Hallmark celebrates. On these wintry days, we're surrounded by Churches of all faiths, many ringing their bells in celebration of the Christmas Season. Our neighborhood stretches across rolling hills creating a dreamy picture on snowy days, just like the movies. We even have our own wooded areas that we call the Green Belt that's full of trees dripping with icicles and snowflakes. Our ball fields are often covered with a white blanket of snow where children can build a snowman or sled down a hill. Oh, and have you looked at the golf course pond? When it freezes it looks like an old fashion skating pond. Unfortunately, it's not thick enough to skate on but beautiful to view.

Hallmark movies always show houses trimmed in colored lights in the winter. The windows in Pleasant Run Farms homes also bring in the winter spirit with Christmas trees decked out in bright sparkly colored lights. These cheerful views fill us with happiness. Wow, and don't forget many of the yards are full of multicolored lights on brushes and trees. Perfect for a wonderful stroll through our quaint neighborhood.

Best of all, we have a community of many cultures and races. Many of our neighbors gather for Winter Events like the annual Holiday in the Farms. This celebration includes the fire department bringing Santa to visit our children, holiday crafts, children's face painting, snacks and a limo to take us on a tour of the Farms Luminaria. There's no need to take a winter trip to another place for a better view. We all have so much here in the Farms. All we have to do is look.

We're all so fortunate to live in this wonderful place. Our wish for this year is that all who live in Pleasant Run Farms will continue supporting the events that keep our community a wonderful place to live.



Celebration News: Birthdays and Home Anniversaries

Dec 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Anniversaries
1	2	3 Ric Boschert	4 Luke Strebe	5	6	7	The Phillips Family 2011
8	9	10	11	12 Gretchen McDaniel	13 Gary Hunn	14	
15	16 Al Eichorn Gary Johnson Angie Cunningjam	17	18	19	20	21 Jerry Sutton	
22	23 Jim Gutknecht	24	25	26	27	28 Rita Hunn	
29 Jonathon Brearton	30	31	1	2	3	4	



Thinking Out Loud

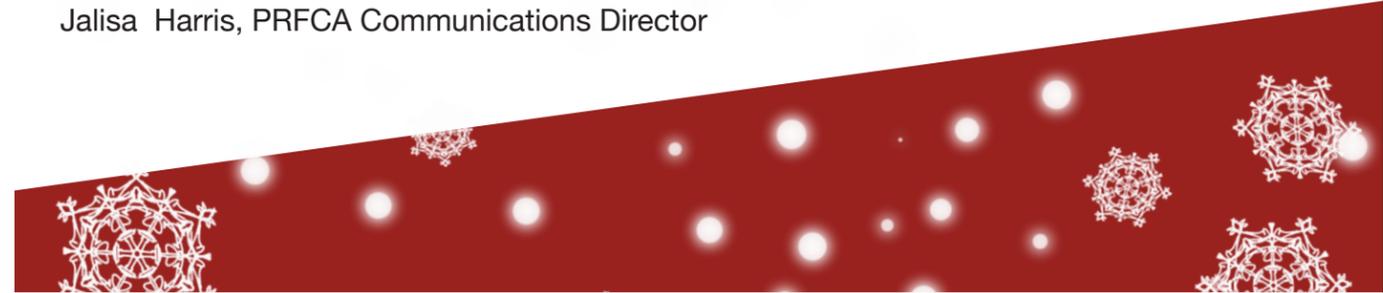


“All I want for Christmas [inserts desire] is...”

These popular lyrics ring true for many during December. We create our wish lists with expectations our wants will be delivered to us on Christmas day-nicely packaged at that. December is a magical month to so many of us where desires become actualized. It's a season of snow out here in Pleasant Hills too. Life covers itself in itself for something new to arise later. It's a reminder to us that just like we can expect the snow to eventually lead into spring and for great gifts to be delivered to us on Christmas-we can carry this expectation of desiring the best over to every day of our lives too. Your wish list doesn't have to just be created for Christmas, when Santa reviews whether or not you have been good or bad for the year. Be your own Santa and put you on the good list! Great things happening to you doesn't have to depend on Santa and his reindeer. Great gifts can be created any time you like. The magic of creation lies in your heart and your ability to bring it into existence. So this Christmas give yourself the most powerful gift you can ever give yourself and that's knowing that you are the creator of your own gift of happiness.

Hope you Enjoyed!

Jalisa Harris, PRFCA Communications Director



2019 PLEASANT RUN FARMS SWIM CLUB REGISTRATION

The membership drive for Pleasant Run Farms Swim Club season has begun. There will not be any Daily Admission Days. All money will be refunded if the Swim Club is not able to open in 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Penelope Anderson @ 513-485-5644. Please complete the registration form and submit payment in one of two ways:

1. Pay by cash or check (make check payable to PRFCA Swim Club) and mail to: PRFCA Swim Club, 11955 Elkwood Dr, Box B, Cincinnati, OH 45240; or register in person at the pool during pool hours.
2. Pay by credit card - Visa, MasterCard, American Express & Discover are accepted.

ALL Members and Guests under the age of 12 must wear a swim wrist band at the pool at all times.

Select Qty.	Membership Options	Price
	Family Membership (all members reside in same household) – max 6	\$198
	Couples Membership (2 people living in same household)	\$174
	Single Membership (minimum age 16)	\$150
	Add-on to Any Membership (grandmother, babysitter, nanny, etc.)	\$24/ea

Memberships are non-transferable and are not refundable.

Membership Information

PLEASE NOTE: All members listed on this membership form must reside in the same house and be able to provide proof of residency.

Last Name: _____ Adult First Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Emergency contact name & phone #: _____

Children/Add-on Names+	Male/Female	Age (if under 18)	Date of Birth (if under 18)

+ Please include the children's last name if different than the family name above. Please list first and last name of Add-on members.

By signing this registration form, I have received, read and agree to obey the rules and regulations of the Pleasant Run Farms Swim Club, and they will be followed by all persons listed on membership. I will not hold the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association or any member responsible for any injury that my family or I may sustain while at the pool. Failure to obey the swim club rules and regulations may result in suspension or forfeiture of membership.

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature

Date



2019 Pleasant Run Farm 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 and 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.

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Seasonal Activities _____ | Scholarship Committee _____ | Sports _____ |
| Street Rep _____ | Landscaping _____ | Street Reps _____ |
| Pool _____ | Memo _____ | Where needed _____ |
| Great American Clean Up _____ | Welcome Committee _____ | Walk/Jog Club _____ |

We do 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.

Annual 2019 Membership fee: \$25.00, Senior Membership \$22.50. If you would like a paper copy of the memo, membership is \$35.00. 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. Form is not needed if you pay online.

If you have any questions, please text (513) 591-9368 or via e-mail at monicabowles@ymail.com
 Please check out the PRFCA website at pleasantrunfarms.org. Join our facebook page for updates under Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association. Website: pleasantrunfarms.org. Thank you for making our community a great place to live!

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