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POOL NEWS FROM PRF SWIM CLUB:

The PRF Swim Club is offering 2018 Pro-Rated Membership deals of \$110 for a Single, \$165 for 2 people, \$220 for 3 people and \$275 for 4 or more people.

Join online at <http://www.pleasantrunfarms.org/swim-club.html> or stop in at the PRF Swim Club Concession Stand at 11955 Elkwood Drive to join. Payment plans are still available too.

In addition, during July, we are opening the Swim Club to non members on July 4 from 1-8 pm for \$5 per person ages 3 and over and on Friday nights from 5-8 pm for \$4 per person for those ages 3 and over and on Saturdays and Sundays from 12-8 pm for \$7 for adults (18 - 54) and \$5 for Youth (ages 3-17) and Seniors (55+). Ages 2 and under are free. Enjoy the hottest month of the year in the coolest place around.

As always remember food and drinks in non-glass containers can be brought in for free and enjoyed (though not in the pool) and that swim diapers are required.



Hi Neighbor!

President's Update



We're looking forward to the road contractors arriving in the next few months to resurface Cedar creek, Centerbrook and Canfield. Now, we have to think of getting more of our streets scheduled for next year. We'll be working on that this fall.

The Welch School building is still scheduled for demolition. We believe that it will come down in late summer or early fall. There is now a home developer that has expressed interest in building on the 11-acre property. They build homes in the \$180,000 - \$250,000 range.

Many have enjoyed the Swim Club since it's opening on Memorial Day weekend. We've been listening to everyone's comments and trying to offer a number of special days with special prices. The Swim Club is operated by a number of Civic Association volunteers, but still has around a \$30,000 operating budget that has to be covered. We'd welcome your help in keeping the Swim Club an important part of the Farms.

The renovation of the Swim Club parking area and the Community Building is moving along now that the weather has been a little dryer. The landscape work is completed and has really changed the looks of the property. We still need some volunteers to help paint the community building and the split rail fence. We also need some help in watering the plantings for the first summer while they acclimate to their new surroundings. We greatly appreciate Springfield Townships Grant.

We're really looking forward to the Farms Fourth of July Celebration. We've created a new parade route that begins at Welch and winds up Hazelgrove and ends at Clifford George Park. After the parade your family can join us for our Fourth of July picnic and then enjoy our Swim Club, which will be open to the community with a super Holiday weekend special rate of \$5 per person.

Let us know if you'd like to participate in any of the many activities that the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association is doing to keep our community a great place to live and play. Have a great month.

PRFCA President

Skip Wicklund

Skip Wicklund, PRFCA President

IT IS PARADE TIME!



It is once again time to come together as a community and celebrate our country's Independence Day. Come join in on the Pleasant Run Farms Annual 4th of July Parade! We are mixing things up this year with a NEW ROUTE! Meet us at the back parking lot of Welch Elementary School (off Elkwood) at 9:30am on Wednesday July 4th to get organized and to line up. We would love to see your kids on decorated bikes, scooters, wagons or whatever wheels they like best! Bring that festive pooch along for a walk as well! Know anyone with a fancy car? The can join too! The parade will head out the parking lot at 10:00am and go north on Elkwood, turn right on Forester, Right on Mill, Left on Hazelgrove, Left on Forester and end back at Clifford George Field. Signs have been placed along the route to help spread the word. We would love to have a good crowd watching! Please come and celebrate with us!

Follow us on Facebook and Nextdoor for up to date route information or call/email Mary at 513-678-5011 mbarrera@comey.com for details. When the parade ends we will gather as a community at Clifford George Ballfields for family fun! The Civic Association will have free hotdogs and snacks for 100 people or feel free to bring your own picnic lunch!

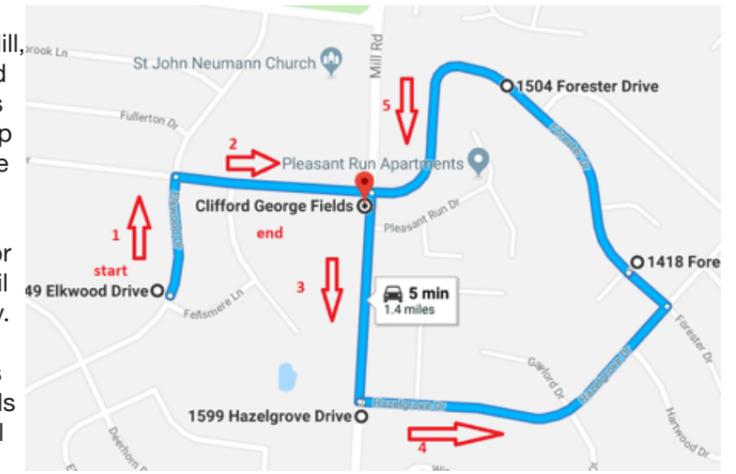
We would love to get a friendly game of kick ball together while we are there too! So come ready to play! And then head to the pool! Day passes will be available! If you are reading this, please help spread the word! We want to make sure everyone can come out and participate in the festivities!

Be sure to join the Facebook group and check out the Facebook event page! Must be a member of the Facebook group to see the event.

PRF Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/186664130502/>

July 4th Event Page - <https://www.facebook.com/events/2071788726444266/>

NextDoor Event Page - <https://nextdoor.com/events/2188837/>



A Special Thank You Note! By Maddie DeSelms

I am honored to be chosen as the recipient of this scholarship. Thank you so much for this opportunity! This money will go towards my tuition and books. In the fall, I will be attending the University of Cincinnati and majoring in Communications.

- Maddie DeSelms



Maddie DeSelms
2018 PRF Scholarship Recipient



Need a baby sitter located within the Pleasant Run Farms community? Our very own Trinity Vivians is available for the summer. Trinity is certified in First aid and CPR and has experience with small children and babies. You can contact Trinity at 513-505-0480.

Any more teens looking for summer work? Please send their names and any relevant qualifications to harrisjalisa88@gmail.com to be mentioned in the August memo.

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04 Fourth of July Parade

05-07 The Flying Dutchman

08 Summerfair



10 Cincinnati Civic Orchestra

14 Superhero Cruise

15 FC Cincinnati Day at the Zoo

26-28 Cincy Music Festival

- 01 Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
- 02 Coat the bottom of a 9x13 inch casserole dish with olive oil, and sprinkle with garlic and hot red pepper flakes.
- 03 Arrange the chicken breasts in bottom of the dish, and pour marinara sauce over chicken. Sprinkle basil over marinara sauce, and top with half the mozzarella cheese, followed by half the Parmesan cheese. Sprinkle on the croutons, then top with the remaining mozzarella cheese and remaining Parmesan cheese.
- 04 Bake in preheated oven until cheese and croutons are golden brown and the chicken is no longer pink inside, about 35 minutes to an hour, depending on the shape and thickness of your chicken breasts. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of a chicken breast should read at least 160 degrees F (70 degrees C).

Today's Recipe
Parmesan Chicken Bake
 2 tablespoons olive oil
 2 cloves garlic, crushed and finely chopped
 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, or to taste
 6 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
 2 cups prepared marinara sauce
 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
 1 (8 ounce) package shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided
 1 (5 ounce) package garlic croutons

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.

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What do you get when you cross a duck with a flame on the Fourth of July?

What did King George think of the American colonists?

Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Lexington?

What would you get if you crossed a patriot with a small curly-haired dog?

Answers: A fire quacker; He thought they were revolting!; It was too heavy to carry; Yankee Poodle!

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Hamilton County Democratic Party elects female chairs for the first time ever

Hamilton County's Democratic Party will be led by women for the first time ever after a Saturday morning vote to elect new leadership. The county's 258 Democratic Party precinct chairs chose to make former state Rep. Connie Pillich and Springfield Township Trustee Gwen McFarlin co-chairs of the party. The two replace retiring chair Tim Burke, who has served in the role for 25 years. Precinct chairs also elected new faces to the party's nine-member executive committee. Party members have touted that body's diversity — it includes four black members and five women.

Pillich and McFarlin's elections come as Democrats gain more clout in Hamilton County — more Democrats than Republicans turned out for the May primary in the county, and Democrats now hold a 2-1 majority on the Hamilton County Commission after the 2017 elections.

Pillich, who served in the Ohio House from 2009 to 2014, ran for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination last year, but dropped out of a crowded field earlier this year. McFarlin has been a Springfield Township Trustee for 23 years and is also the head of the Hamilton County Tax Levy Review Committee.



"Hamilton County is on the cusp of something great," Pillich said. "It might not be easy. It might be bumpy, but Hamilton County is going to be **blue**."



Cincinnati Civic Orchestra at the Grove Events Center

ArtsConnect hosts the **Cincinnati Civic Orchestra** twice a year; a summer pops concert and a holiday concert. Both concerts have free admission and are held indoors at The Grove Events Center, 9150 Winton Road.

This summer, the 60-piece all volunteer orchestra, celebrating their 89th season, will perform music of the silver screen. Enjoy the live soundtracks from movies including Robin Hood Prince of Thieves, The Wizard of Oz, Mary Poppins, Pirates of the Caribbean, Snow White, and Star Wars.

The concert will begin **Tuesday, July 10th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** and will conclude at 9:00 p.m. Kids welcome!

There is not a food truck for this event. Drinks are available for purchase.

Free admission.

For questions call ArtsConnect at 513-522-2108

Without the support of our amazing sponsors, events such as these are not possible. Please thank our concert supporters.

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Donations to the Cincinnati Civic Orchestra is appreciated.



ArtsConnect Accepting Letters of Interest To Become Its Next Board Member

ArtsConnect, a non-profit partner of Springfield Township which brings art education and over 25 annual events to the community, is now accepting letters of interest and resumes from individuals interested in becoming a board member. Board members serve an important role, creating the best experiences for Springfield Township residents and visitors to enjoy.

ArtsConnect board members attend monthly meetings to set the schedule of events, plan engaging community activities, make fiduciary decisions, fundraise, award scholarships and provide recommendations that shape the future. Although not required, most board members attend events to support the programming needs.

The ideal candidate will be a resident or employee in Springfield Township with a passion for the arts. Individuals with a background in running annual campaigns and/or has fundraising experience are especially encouraged to apply.

To apply for a board position, send a letter of intent and resume to ArtsConnect at artsinfo@springfieldtwp.org or to ArtsConnect at 9150 Winton Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231. **Letters of interest and resumes will be accepted through July 20, 2018.** For questions regarding the responsibilities of a board member or to learn more about ArtsConnect, call Kimberlee Flamm at 522-2108.

Pleasant Run Farms Baseball and Softball Teams Update

As the calendar flips from June to July, PRF's baseball and softball teams are closing out another successful season. This year we fielded more than a dozen teams, and have had over 125 players representing our organization. In addition to our usual teams in NWBR (baseball) and GMSL (softball), we also placed two teams in Knothole Baseball for the first time. And, for the second straight year, we had two select baseball teams calling PRF home.



There were plenty of highlights this spring. T-ball welcomed two new coaches, and didn't miss a beat. Our U8 softball team finished with an 8-5-1 record earning third place in their division. D2 baseball more than doubled its win total from 2017, and was still competing in tournament play at the time of publication. Both our C2 and A1 teams qualified for Knothole Baseball's City Tournament after finishing near the top of their respective divisions.

In addition to our dedicated coaches, who selflessly donate their time and energy, we would like to thank: John Corso for coordinating our umpires, Dan O'Brien for his help on field maintenance, and Wendy Puccini for taking the lead on concessions. Your contributions were an integral part of everything we accomplished this season. We also have to thank all our parents for getting your sons and daughters to practices and games, and for believing in PRF Athletics. We hope to have you all back again next year. Registration for 2019 is only a few months away!

-Matt Heller & John Buschmann, PRFAA

10 Tips for a Successful Backyard Barbecue

Hosting a backyard barbecue to celebrate the Independence Day Holiday? Fantastic! Stressing out about how to pull it off? Not necessary. Here are 10 simple ways to pull off a great barbecue and still have time to kick back with your guests..

1. Prep in Advance. Don't wait until your friends arrive to start brining chicken, marinating lamb, or even forming burgers for that matter. Prepping in advance is key for any kind of party, outdoor ones included. Having most of the work done ahead of time frees you up to spend more time with your guests. Salads and relishes can be prepped a day ahead; veggies for the grill can be sliced; and pitchers of cocktails can be mixed in advance and refrigerated until guests arrive. Fill your chimney starter with charcoal and newspaper or have your gas grill preheating. Remember that preparation is half the battle.

2. Get organized. Before you light that first coal or flip the switch on your gas grill, make sure you have everything you need nearby so that you don't have to run back and forth into your house to find that pair of tongs or peppermill while your food is burning on the grill.

3. Have extra everything. Make sure you have enough charcoal and wood chips; keep a spare gas tank on hand in case yours runs out in the middle of grilling dinner for ten of your closest friends. If someone wants to know what to bring, say a bag of ice! Which leads me to . . .



4. Stock the cooler. You can make a signature cocktail or serve beer and wine—just make sure it's easy for guests to serve themselves and that everything is nice and cold when they arrive. Nobody likes warm beer, well except for the British . . .

5. Have something ready to nibble on. Whether you make a dip or cold appetizer that can be ready and waiting, or you've planned a super-quick grilled dish to start, make sure you've got something on hand for people to snack on while you get to the main event. Free-flowing alcohol and no food is a recipe for disaster.

6. No poking. This is a very common rookie mistake. If you poke meat on the grill, the juices will come out and your food will dry out. So using meat carvers or forks to flip your food is not recommended; go for tongs and heavy-duty spatulas.

7. Don't slather on sauces until the end. You can marinate your food before grilling to make it more flavorful. But do not coat meat with barbecue sauce during the actual cooking process. This can cause flare-ups, and the high sugar content in sauces and glazes can burn, leaving you with an inedible mess. Resist brushing until the last five minutes or so, and always feel free to re-slather once the food comes off the grill.

8. Cook everything properly. Nothing really ruins a party like undercooked or overcooked food. When in doubt, it is always better to undercook because you can simply put the food back on the grill and continue to cook it until it is at the proper temperature. Unfortunately, once a piece of fish or a beautiful thick rib eye is overcooked, there is nothing you can do to make it moist again.

9. Take time to rest. Not you, the food. Never cut into meat or fish as soon as it comes off the grill. Let the food rest and relax to allow the juices to redistribute and stay inside. Typically rest smaller cuts like fish fillets and chicken breasts for 5 minutes, thick steaks and whole chickens for 10 minutes, and large roasts for 20 minutes. Tent loosely with foil to keep warm.

10. Keep it casual. A meal prepared outdoors on the grill invites everyone to loosen up and enjoy the party. The whole idea of grilling is to be relaxed and festive. Serve food family style on big platters, have cocktail shakers and ingredients for drinks ready to go, and lots of beer and sodas on ice so guests can help themselves. That's my kind of entertaining. Give it a try and have fun!



Around the Farms by Susan Wicklund

The Fourth of July is upon us. Here in the Farms we have so much fun and excitement on this day. Neighbors have a great chance to meet new friends in the neighborhood.

When in past years when our sons were young, they dressed up in Revolutionary attire and rode their decorated bikes and big wheels in the PFR Parade. Through out the Farms there were many Block Parties.

Let me know what you did to celebrate this 4th of July. Also if you have any ideas for next year.

There has been many Presidents since the first Fourth of July.

Here are some fun fact to know about a few of them:

George Washington turned down \$500 a month salary as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army. He did not want to profit from war. However, at the end of the war, he presented a large bill of \$414,108.21 for his living expenses plus he added to this his wife's expenses when she visited at Valley Forge. When elected President the Congress insisted on paying him \$25,000 a year which was a better deal for us all.

From: the author of George Washington's Expense Account.

George Washington's mother, Mary Ball Washington, was annoyed by George that he ran off to become commander-in-chief when it was his duty to stay home and take care of her.

Woodrow Wilson did not learn to read until he was 9 years old. We now know that he was dyslexic.

John Kennedy was not a great student. In his Freshman year at Harvard, he got a B in Economics and C's in English, French, and history. His second year, he did worse: one B, four Cs, and a D. What is not mentioned is that in later years, Kennedy took a speed reading course . He was later known to be a very fast reader and read many books in a day.

From the book: Not A Good Word About Anybody by Jane Goodsell.

Happy Fourth!!!!



Celebration News: Birthdays and Home Anniversaries

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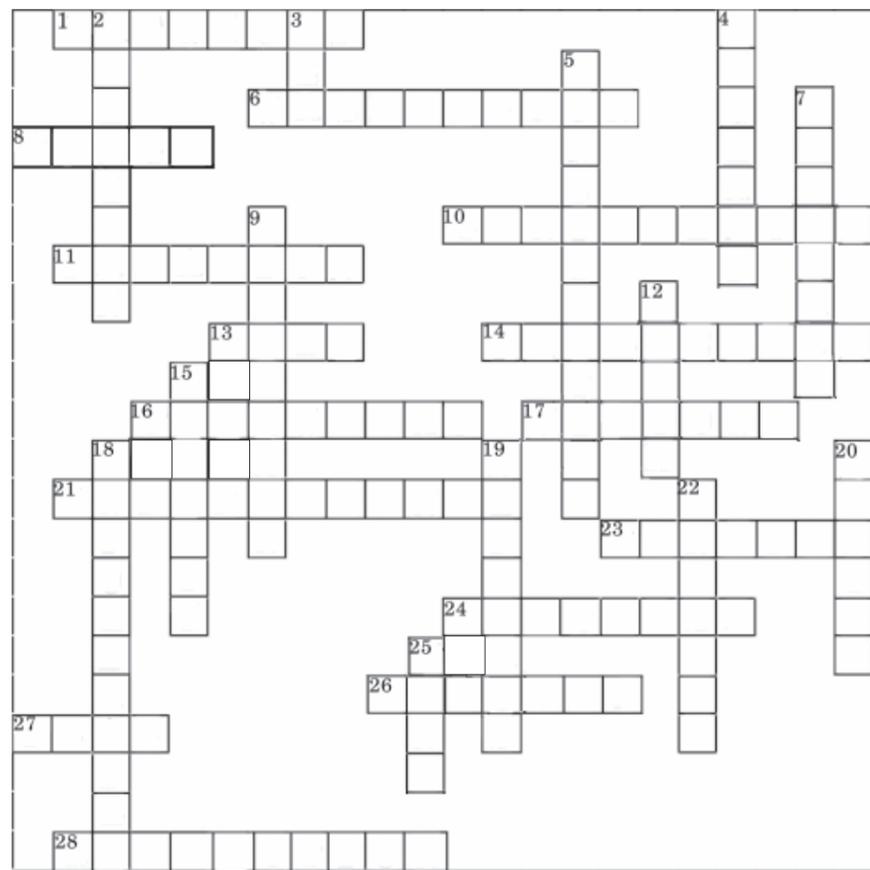
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*Answers will be available in August memo

Thinking Out Loud

As we get ready to celebrate American Independence Day, let's not forget independence is also interdependence. We would have never gained independence from the British Crown if the colonies took lightly the importance of alliances. They needed each other and were interdependent in their quest for greatness and separation. While this note is not meant to be political, it is meant to remind us the importance of human connection and relationships. It is a reminder of how we must forge forward together in greatness. We are at a time in our nation where there is great insecurity for many. While it is easy to blame others for their realities. It is harder to look beyond and see ourselves in them. However, when we dare to do so, we find unseen and unknown commonalities that we did not know existed before. We build an alliance that becomes a force to be reckoned with. This 4th of July as we celebrate our INDEPENDENCE, let's also celebrate our INTERDEPENDENCE. Invite the new neighbor over, reach out to the distant family member, apologize to the person you may have hurt, plant a tree, make a charitable donation. Do something that connects you beyond you, after all Independence Day is not just about independence but community.



Hope you Enjoyed!

Jalisa Harris, PRFCA Communications Director