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**PRF Swim Club NEEDS Your HELP!**

Are you one of the countless families that have enjoyed the PRF Swim Club over the years? OR are you one of the residents of the “Farms” that doesn’t even know there is a neighborhood pool? Either way, the PRF Swim Club needs your help. The pool is in desperate need of repairs and is on the verge of being functionally obsolete and CLOSING FOREVER.



This is a photo of what the pool looks like in the “winter” months. It takes countless volunteered man hours to make it look the way you are used to seeing it.

The PRF pool was constructed in the late 1960s as part of the Pleasant Run Farms development by Hammond Builders. It was a “gift” to our community. It is a concrete pool. Typical lifetime of a concrete pool is 25-40 years based on the upkeep it is given. The PRF Pool has been well taken care of and been able to exceed this lifetime. It is now starting to really show its age. The pool deck is in major need of resurfacing and the pools need sandblasting and resurfacing to remain open. Ultimately, the pool needs to be replaced.

2015 Pool Memberships are now available on our website at [www.pleasantrunfarms.org/swim-club](http://www.pleasantrunfarms.org/swim-club). Prices are \$300/family; \$245/couple; \$195/single; and \$65 for add on membership. We have convenient payment plans available. Additional information about the pool, party rental and lifeguard applications are listed.

**We have gotten several questions since our article in the January PRF memo, so to answer the most FAQs:**

**Why don’t you offer “Pay as you go” memberships?** The PRF Swim Club is a non-profit organization. We operate on a balanced budget based on income from memberships, concessions, and party rentals. At the end of each season, there is very little profit earned. What little money is left, is used at the beginning of the next season to get the pool ready to open. If we did “pay as you go” memberships, we would not have the income needed to keep the pool running. We also pride our swim club of having the atmosphere of a place “where everyone knows your name.”

**Why did the prices go up for 2015?** Membership prices have been very stable for the past 5+ years. Due to the increased repairs needed to our aging pool, we had to increase prices to cover our expenses. We are still very INEXPENSIVE compared to neighboring pools. Rolling Hills charges \$495/family AND a \$295 initiation fee. New London charges \$590/family, and



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**Memo Deadline for  
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Friday, February 27, 2015**

The **March Electronic Copy Memo Delivery** will occur the weekend of March 7th The memo will be available on the website, [www.pleasantrunfarms.org](http://www.pleasantrunfarms.org), by March 6, 2015. If you would like to **place an ad in** or **contribute an article to** the Memo, please contact Venita Vivians, Memo Editor at [vvivians@prodigy.net](mailto:vvivians@prodigy.net) (include Memo in the subject). If you have any problems with **receiving** your Memo, please contact Sherry Glover Walsh at 673-0634.

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PRFCA Membership Applications are available in this memo and on the website listed below or by calling our Membership Chairperson listed above.

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

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

## PRF SWIM CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP! (continued)

**Can the PRF Swim Club get funding from Springfield Twp.?** No. There is no funding available from the Township to help with repairs or operational costs. PRF Swim Club is a PRIVATE pool and does also not qualify for additional funding like the neighboring Fairfield Aquatic Center. (Municipal pool funded by the City of Fairfield)

The PRF Swim Club committee is committed to keeping the pool running as long as we possibly can. What we need is your support. What can you do? BUY A MEMBERSHIP. Invite your neighbors and friends to buy a membership. You do not need to be a resident of "The Farms" to join the pool. Almost 50% of our members live outside The Farms. We have launched a "Go Fund Me Page" to help with long term support. [www.gofundme.prfswimclub](http://www.gofundme.prfswimclub) NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL. If you are someone that knows how to secure private funding, write grants, has a large sum of money you want to contribute, or has additional ideas how to keep this pool running, please contact any one of us to discuss. We are also open to meet with anyone to discuss suggestions, concerns or if you would like to visit the pool in person to check it out. Don't let our pool close like another neighborhood pool, Brentwood Swim Club in Finneytown. This pool closed in 2014 due to no support from its members, major repairs needed and no funding to keep it going. Think of the hundreds of kids who have come to the pool to learn how to swim, the award winning swim team, a safe place for teens to hang out in the summer months, family movie nights, and many more memories... AND hopefully many more to come.

PRF Swim Committee: Erin Knox, Beth Akemon, & Susan Scheib

## PLEASANT RUN FARMS CIVIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association will once again offer a \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior. Each applicant must be receiving a high school diploma and intend to continue his or her education at a college or technical school. The applicant's family must be residents of Pleasant Run Farms and current members of the Civic Association.



Scholarship applications will be available online at [www.pleasantrunfarms.org](http://www.pleasantrunfarms.org) or you may contact PRFCA secretary, Connie Fears, to obtain an electronic or hard copy of the form. All applications must be returned to Connie Fears by March 31, 2015. The winner of the scholarship will be announced at the Civic Association's General Meeting in April.

If you are interested in serving on the scholarship committee, please contact Connie Fears.

Connie Fears  
PRFCA Secretary/Scholarship Chair  
[cfears@zoomtown.com](mailto:cfears@zoomtown.com)  
513.851.8556

## GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN UP

The Great American Clean Up is May 16, 2015. Anyone who is interested in helping can email me at [m.jackson.5@hotmail.com](mailto:m.jackson.5@hotmail.com).

Misty Jackson, PRFCA Community Activities Director



## PRF SPRING SPORTS



PRF Baseball, softball and t-ball registration is ongoing and teams are filling quickly. If you haven't gotten your kids signed up to play — what are you waiting for? Registration is quick and easy through our website. Hop on your computer or smart phone today, get registered, and start looking forward to the warmer weather. We're hoping to get outdoor practices going at the end of March, and games will begin in early April.

Be sure to get your kids signed up by February 15th in order to guarantee a spot for the upcoming season. After February 15th, players will be accepted on an as-needed basis. For T-ball, and high school level baseball and softball, registration will be extended into mid-March. An additional in-person registration for T-ball will be held during Welch parent/teacher conferences in March.

Register now at [sports.bluesombrero.com/prfaa](http://sports.bluesombrero.com/prfaa)

We are always looking for additional volunteers to contribute to our organization. If you have an interest in participating, on or off the field, please contact us.

Please direct any questions to Matt Heller at [hellermj@fuse.net](mailto:hellermj@fuse.net) or 295-1808.

Matthew J. Heller

## PRF CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING BROADCAST

The January 22 Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association Meeting will air on Time-Warner Cable, Channel 8 & 979 (5.12 cable ready) and Cincinnati Bell Fioptics Cable channel 850 at the following times:

Sunday, Feb. 1, 10 AM

Tuesday, Feb 10, 9 PM

Friday, Feb. 13, 1 PM

It will also air on Time-Warner Cable, Channel 15 (5.13 cable ready) and Cincinnati Bell Fioptics Channel 851 at the following times:

Saturday, Jan. 31, 7 PM

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 9 PM

Thursday, Feb. 5, 4 PM

Saturday, Feb. 7, 11:30 AM



An online video of the meeting can be found at <http://www.waycross.tv/>

Waycross Community Media also cablecasts the following program of interest to PRF residents:

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.

Chip Bergquist

## PRFCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association  
General Meeting  
January 22, 2015

A General Meeting of the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association was held January 22, 2015 at 7:30pm at Welch Elementary. The following are the minutes from the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. Thirteen members of the community were present.

President: Kevin Puccini –

Kevin introduced guest, Springfield Township Trustee Gwen McFarlin, who discussed recent happenings at the township level.

The township will be switching to a new supplier for the gas aggregation program. Residents will receive mailed information in the near future. The new supplier will not be knocking door to door.

The State of the Township address will be held on Sunday, March 15 at 2pm.

ArtsConnect flyers have been mailed to all residents in the township. Check out the flyer for upcoming events. Visit <http://www.springfieldtp.org/> for information and to RSVP for upcoming events (such as the self-defense seminar to be held on Wednesday, January 28).

Gwen introduced Springfield Township police officer Sgt. Matt Wilcher, who joined the police force 13 years ago. Officer Wilcher shared information about how PRF is doing vs. other township neighborhoods. PRF has experienced typical issues in the last few months – resident alarms, animal complaints, criminal damaging and auto break-ins – but on average has experienced less in the way of more serious crime. There were 3 burglaries in the Farms from November, 2014 to current. Reminders to keep valuables out of sight when leaving cars unattended, locking the house and calling the police when you see or hear something suspicious were shared. Do not think you're bothering the police. They have made arrests and/or recovered property in cases where someone called based on hearing or seeing something that didn't seem right. Township police have PRF as a priority for district patrol and they do offer vacation watch and vacant house watch. They try to be visible in the neighborhood. PRF is still a good neighborhood with neighbors who watch out for each other.

Kevin thanked the visitors and moved on to other board business.

Board positions were voted on, with PRFCA members in attendance eligible to vote. The board for 2015 is as follows:

President -	Kevin Puccini
Vice-President -	Anna Fields
Treasurer -	Ed Mayer
Secretary -	Connie Fears
Athletics -	Open position
Communications -	Venita Vivians
Membership -	Linda Boylson
Community Activities -	Misty Jackson
Pool Director -	Erin Knox



Vice President: Anna Fields –

Anna attended the Springfield Township Trustees meeting on January 20. She spoke with Mr. Musselman about the condition of some streets in PRF, particularly Deerhorn. The message she got was that a petition should be sent to the trustees. She'll be working on that as well as being a louder voice to the township regarding needed maintenance on our streets.

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## PRFCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (continued)

Treasurer: Ed Mayer –

Discussion regarding concern from a few members about membership checks not being cashed for a long time. The outgoing treasurer did not want to continue in this role because his job has become too demanding and takes him on the road a lot. As the new treasurer for 2015, Ed Mayer promised to work toward bringing everything up-to-date as quickly as possible.

Secretary: Connie Fears –

Connie reported the PRFCA scholarship application is available on the PRFCA website, with a submission deadline at the end of March. The scholarship winner will be announced at the April General Meeting.

Athletic Director:

Athletic Director's position is currently open, although being filled in the interim by John Bushman. Registration for spring sports is underway. Coaches are needed. If interested, please contact John.

Communications: Venita Vivians –

Venita advised January's Memo was a hard copy memo that was delivered the weekend of January 3. February's Memo will be an electronic distribution. Ads and articles will be due January 30. The February Memo is to be emailed on the weekend of February 7. Discussed articles needed for February memo.

Discussion was held regarding consideration of raising pay for the carriers who deliver the Memo the three times per year that it is done in hard copy. Another suggestion was to provide other incentives, such as a pizza party, for the carriers. Board suggestion was for Venita and Memo coordinator, Sharon Glover, to discuss and come back to the board with their recommendation.

Membership Report: Linda Boylson –

Linda reported that new cards for 2015 memberships are on hand. With the issues of residents not seeing their membership checks being cancelled, Linda suspects she doesn't have all the membership information that normally would be passed on to her by the treasurer. She requests that people bear with her and Ed Mayer as they iron out these issues. She'll be working to deliver the 2015 cards as soon as possible.

Community Activities: Misty Jackson –

Misty reported that the Great American Cleanup is scheduled for May 16, but she would like to hold the volunteer cleanup day in the Farms a little earlier, perhaps sometime in April before plants begin blooming and when we can catch the high school students before they finish their required number of service hours. Comment was made that Athletics will be doing field prep before baseball season begins.

Question was asked about whether or not there will be a neighborhood garage sale; Misty said yes.

She also mentioned that she's just begun to contact people about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

Pool: Erin Knox –

Erin reported that there is some repair work needed to open the pool this year, which will be done and money has been set aside to cover the costs.

However for long-term, the pool needs major work that will take \$250k to give the pool future longevity. A site for donations has been set up: [www.GoFundMe.com/PRFSwimClub](http://www.GoFundMe.com/PRFSwimClub). Residents are asked to donate, if possible, and share the link with friends via social media. The PRF pool is a hidden gem and we wish to keep it in operation.

Pool membership rates haven't been raised in 12 years, so this year seems the time to institute a modest increase in fees. Pool membership application is printed in the Memo and is available on PRFCA's website (<http://www.pleasantrunfarms.org/swim-club-membership.html>). There are options for installment payments as well as paying by credit card or PayPal.

**PRFCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (continued)**

Reading of the minutes from prior meeting:

Kevin Puccini read the minutes from the September, 2014 General Meeting. Motion was made to accept the minutes as written, and motion was seconded. Minutes were approved for acceptance.

Old Business:

n/a

New Business:

Question was raised about the school district’s facility plan and what will happen to the property if Welch school is closed. While it was mentioned that the township trustees have previously expressed little interest in the property, since it’s not centrally located in the township, comment was also made that it’s too early at this stage to determine what may happen. PRFCA board intends to be engaged in the process in effort to attain a favorable outcome for Pleasant Run Farms and its residents.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09pm.

Next meeting (board only): Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 7:00pm. Location: TBD  
Next General Meeting will be in April.

**PRFCA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS—ONLINE PAYMENT OPTION**

It’s time to get your 2015 memberships and renewals in. You can now pay your PRFCA membership online.



<http://www.pleasantrunfarms.org/prfca-membership.html>

Dues can also be sent to Linda Boylson, 11955 Elkwood Drive, Box C, Cincinnati, OH, 45240. Memberships are still a great deal at \$25.00 for 12 months, \$35 for the year if you want a monthly hard copy memo delivered to you.

The 2015 membership form is available on the back page of this memo.

Linda Boylson, PRF Membership Director

Valentine’s Trivia—How did it all start?

There are various theories on the origin of Valentine’s Day, but the most popular dates back to the time of the Roman Empire during the reign of Claudius II, 270 A.D. Claudius didn’t want men to marry during wartime because he believed single men made better soldiers. Bishop Valentine went against his wishes and performed secret wedding ceremonies. For this, Valentine was jailed and then executed by order of the Emperor on February 14th. While in jail he wrote a love note to the jailor’s daughter, signing it, “From your Valentine.”

(per [www.sheknows.com/holidays-and-seasons](http://www.sheknows.com/holidays-and-seasons))

## PRF SWIM CLUB—TREASURER NEEDED

The PRF Swim Club is in need of a Treasurer. If you are interested in being part of the operations of a wonderful asset in our community please contact Erin Knox at [prfswimclub@yahoo.com](mailto:prfswimclub@yahoo.com).



Ed Mayer, PRFCA Treasurer

## PRF NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

The PRF neighborhood yard sale will be held on Saturday, May 21. Anyone who is interested in participating should have their things out by 9 a.m.



Misty Jackson, PRFCA Community Activities Director

## SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING

Springfield Township Trustee Regular Meeting—February 10, 5:30 PM @ Allen Paul Community Room

The Springfield Township Board of Trustees holds Regular Meetings at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Allen Paul Room of the Township Civic Center, located at 9150 Winton Road. Regular meetings are recorded and shown live by Waycross Community Media, channel 4 on Timer Warner Cable and on channel 854 for Cincinnati Bell Fioptics subscribers. Meetings can also be watched live from our website at <http://www.springfieldtp.org/283/Trustee-Meetings-LIVE>. Each Regular Meeting does allow for citizen participation whereby a citizen may address the Board with a question, concern or an announcement. If you wish to speak to the Board regarding a service issue, please call 513-522-1410 to have your concern addressed in a quick and efficient manner. To receive e-mail and/or text message reminders for Trustee Meetings, subscribe to the Trustee Meeting Calendar at <http://www.springfieldtp.org/list.aspx>.

### 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:

Ellese Boylson, age 14, 259-9143, basic C.P.R., very good with kids including babies, schedule is EXTREMELY flexible

Sarah Dean, age 14, 674-9455, Red Cross babysitting course, CPR & First Aid trained/certified (spring 2011), babysitting and/or mother's helper

JaShaylia Jenkins, age 17, 723-1624, Certified babysitter (2011), CPR (2012). Also has dog care experience

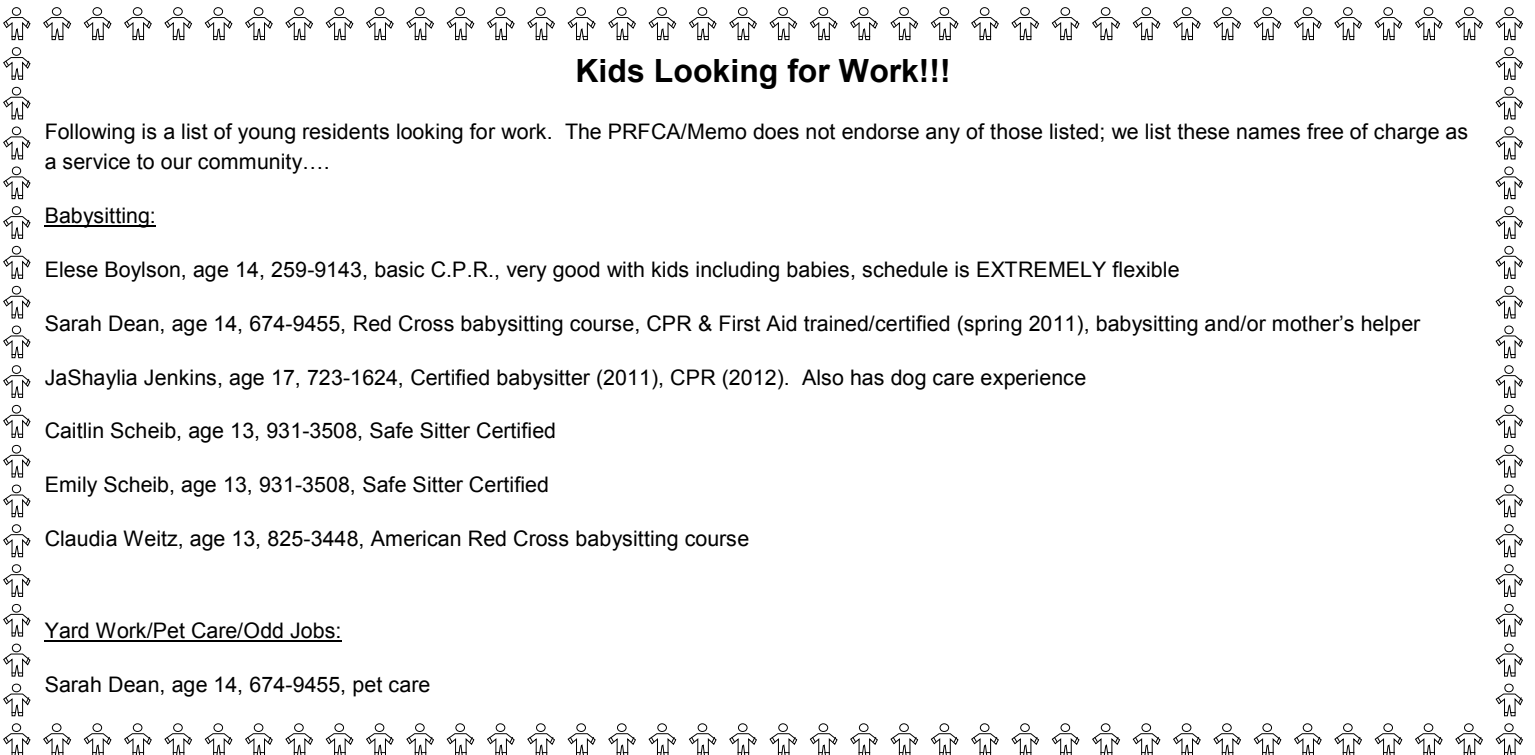
Caitlin Scheib, age 13, 931-3508, Safe Sitter Certified

Emily Scheib, age 13, 931-3508, Safe Sitter Certified

Claudia Weitz, age 13, 825-3448, American Red Cross babysitting course

Yard Work/Pet Care/Odd Jobs:

Sarah Dean, age 14, 674-9455, pet care





**Your Celebration News**

**Living in the Farms Anniversaries—February 2015**



**Alan & Judy Hill ~~~~~ 1969 ~~~~~ 46 years**

**Harry & Wanda Daugherty ~~~~~ 1980 ~~~~~ 35 years**

**Cecil Ray & Tandra Renee Smoot ~~~~~ 2013 ~~~~~ 2 years**

**Happy Birthday to You, February Birthdays!**

4th Chris Post	6th Chris Conrad Martha Goodwin
9th Abby Purvis	10th Tom Agin
22nd Jaiden Earls	23rd Josh Stanfield
27th Pat Barker	28th Judy Hill

**Residents of Pleasant Run Farms**

**Check out the Private Social Network of Pleasant Run Farms**

[www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)

**Join the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association Group Today on Facebook.**



**2015 Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association, Inc. Membership Form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Family last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (please print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

PRF Resident since: month \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_ Check One: Membership Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New Member: \_\_\_\_\_

*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 may contact you for assistance.

- 4th of July Parade \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Where needed \_\_\_\_\_
- Garage Sale \_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_
- Landscaping Contest \_\_\_\_\_ Communications \_\_\_\_\_
- Swim Club \_\_\_\_\_ Sports \_\_\_\_\_ (specify which sport \_\_\_\_\_)

We publish members anniversary (years living in PRF) and birthdays in the Memo.

I do not want household anniversary and birthdays published in the Memo.

The Memo is electronically distributed monthly to members of the civic association only. The memo will be distributed to the entire PRF community during the months of January, April and September in hard copy form. **If you are a member and require a hard copy of the memo monthly please add \$10 to your annual dues to help cover the cost of printing and delivery.** If you would like a hard copy monthly please indicate below:

I need a hard copy of the memo. **(Add \$10 to your annual dues)**

If you have a child and he/she participates in sports, you must be a member. Annual 2015 Membership fee: \$25.00. Please return this completed form with your check. Please make your check payable to PRFCA and mail or drop off to: Linda Boylson, 11955 Elkwood Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45240.

Please check out the PRFCA website at [pleasantrunfarms.org](http://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: _____
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