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PRFCA GENERAL MEETING

A General Meeting of the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 7:30 pm in Welch Elementary cafeteria. The meeting is open to all PRF residents. Please plan to attend so you can learn more about what's going on in PRF. The elections for all positions on the PRFCA Board are to be held at this meeting. We hope to see you on January 26!



Connie Fears, PRFCA Secretary

Pleasant Run Through the Farms 5K Run/Walk



Mark your calendars now for the Pleasant Run Through the Farms 5K Run/Walk on May 13, 2017. This family-friendly event will begin and end at Clifford George Fields and will benefit the PRF Swim Club. There will be an after party with food, drinks and more! If you or your business are interested in sponsoring this event or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Erin Knox at erinlknox@gmail.com. More information about registration will be released next month!

Erin Knox, PRFCA Swim Club Director

SENIOR MOMENTS

Someone from the Springfield Township Police Department will be at the January meeting to talk with us about the Citizen Police Academy which begins in March.

If you would like to learn more about the Academy or if you have questions, be sure to attend the January meeting.



We are looking for one or more youth groups (church or another types), Boy/Girl Scout Troops who may be looking for a way to serve the community and who would be available to have a Senior Yard Clean-up Day. Ideally we would like to have clean-up days twice a year—Spring and Fall—which could be done if there are 2 or 3 groups interested in providing this service.

If you know of a group who might be interested, contact me at 513-674-7144 and I'll be glad to get in touch with their leader. If you prefer, you can email me at aeichorn@cinci.rr.com.

Al Eichorn, PRFCA Senior Activities Director

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Memo Deadline for Advertisements and Articles Friday, January 27, 2017

The **February Electronic Copy Memo Delivery** will occur the weekend of February 4th. The memo will be available on the website, www.pleasantrunfarms.org, by February 3, 2017. 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 (include Memo in the subject). If you have any problems with **receiving** your Memo, please contact Venita Vivians at 513-505-0480.

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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.

POOL NEWS FROM PRF SWIM CLUB

Are you tired of the sick and the cold?
Does basking in the warm sunshine by blue water entice you?
Well, DON'T wait! Get your 2017 PRF Swim Club Membership today.



This fall the pool underwent some major renovations/changes. Monies received from the Springfield Township Neighborhood Enhancement Grant has been put to good use. The pools have all been resurfaced and a new exterior fence and entrance gate have been installed. There are a few more items to complete in the spring, but will be ready to greet you on opening day. You will want to be part of the swim club this season!

Visit www.pleasantrunfarms.org and select Swim Club to find membership forms and links for online payments. We offer a convenient 5-payment plan with no interest. All memberships purchased in January 2017, will receive **10** FREE guest passes!

Pool opens on May 27, 2017.

Questions, comments, suggestion? Contact Erin Knox, Pool Director @ 513-266-1000 or email us at prfswimclub@yahoo.com

We hope to see you at the pool this summer.

PRF Pool Board

2017 PRFCA MEMBERSHIPS

We are currently accepting membership forms and fees for 2017. Click here for the form or you can submit it online at <http://www.pleasantrunfarms.org/prfca-membership.html>. Membership per household costs \$25, plus an extra \$10 if you want a paper copy of the Memo delivered to you. If you prefer not to pay online, you can mail your form and check to:

PRFCA Membership
11955 Elkwood Drive, Box C
Cincinnati, OH 45240



Along with helping to support our great neighborhood and the wonderful programs we have, each household also will receive 2 membership cards. On the back of each card is a discount for local establishments such as Papa Johns, Pleasant Run Service, Skyline Chili, Cancun Mexican Restaurant, Games of Fairfield (formerly Fairfield Lanes), The DIP, Izzy's, Midwest Cleaners and Fresh Floors.

Thank you for supporting Pleasant Run Farms!

Betsy Bissmeyer, betsy.bulldog@gmail.com, PRFCA Membership Director

PLEASANT RUN FARMS ATHLETICS

The holidays are officially over, and that means PRFAA Spring Sports are just around the corner. It's only a little over two months before our baseball, softball, and T-ball teams start practice. Registration for spring sports has already begun through our website (sports.bluesombrero.com/prfaa). You can also access our athletics page by going to pleasantrunfarms.org and clicking on the "athletics" tab.



This year, we will have two "phases" of registration: Open Registration and Late Registration. Open has begun, and will continue through January 29th. Late will begin on January 30th, and will run through the beginning of March, or until all teams have been filled. For everyone registering during the late period, there will be a fee increase of \$15 per player. This is intended to encourage early registration, which allows us more time to put teams and coaching staffs together. This process will apply to all levels of baseball and softball with the exceptions of U18 softball and A-Major baseball. Their registration periods will be modified due to their later seasons. T-ball will only have one registration phase, and all players will pay the same fee. T-Ball registration will last until late March, or until all teams are filled.

Last season was another successful one for PRF. We continued our winning ways on the field, with four of our baseball teams finishing in either first or second place in their division. Our softball and T-ball programs remained strong, and have laid the foundation for our future. In addition to our on-field successes, we were also able to bolster the organization by purchasing brand new uniforms for our baseball players, and some new equipment for all of our teams.

We're planning to make 2017 even better. We're excited to announce that our travel baseball program, Cincinnati Chaos, will be adding an 8U this season to compliment our returning 15U team. Based on last year's numbers, we see that there's a strong possibility of continued expansion on the recreational side as well. It's very encouraging that our organization keeps growing even as so many surrounding organizations are losing players. Thank you for helping to keep PRF strong!

PRFAA is a recreational youth sports organization for players ages 4-18. Our baseball teams compete in NWBR (Northwest Board of Recreation), our softball teams in GMSL (Great Miami Softball League), our travel baseball teams in SWOL (Southwest Ohio League), and our T-ball teams play an intra-organizational format. Clifford George Park is our home field, and we practice at other surrounding parks and schools.

If you're ready to register now, don't hesitate. Avoid increased fees by completing your registration and payment by January 29th. We'll see you in the Spring!

For any question, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please contact:
Matt Heller, PRF Baseball Supervisor, hellermj@fuse.net

OUR PRFCA COMMUNITY

The Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association Board consists of a few of your neighbors who are interested in keeping PRF a viable community. There are baseball and soccer teams for kids. We have a swimming pool that is open during the summer. The PRFCA Board works closely with Springfield township on issues. And over the years the PRFCA Board has sponsored a number of activities that benefit Pleasant Run Farms families. These activities help keep Pleasant Run Farms an enjoyable community.

In 2017 we plan to hold the activities listed below, but we need a person to help oversee these events. You can contribute significantly to PRF's viability as a community by volunteering as the Board representative for Community Activities. You can contact any member of the Board to learn more.

Easter egg hunt

College scholarship

Great American cleanup

Community wide yard sale

Landscaping contest

Community Reds game

4th of July Parade/Men's skirt game

Trunk or Treat

Luminaria

John Buschmann, PRFCA Athletics Director

LUMINARIA IN PLEASANT RUN FARMS

Luminaria in Pleasant Run Farms occurred Christmas eve. There were quite a few homes that participated. If you got the chance to get out and drive the neighborhood, you would have seen several nice displays that evening.

Some impressive views included the homes in the cul-de-sacs on Centerbrook and Fallbrook, the intersections of Elkwood and Cedar creek and at Deerhorn and Forester. Several neighbors on Edgewater grouped their bags together and made for a nice effect. So did some residents on Brookway.

Here are some pictures of your neighbors' homes with luminaria lit. Thanks to all who participated this year. Let's keep this tradition going in 2017.

John Buschmann, PRFCA Athletics Director



New Year's Trivia

- * The first New Year was celebrated 4,000 years ago by the ancient Babylonians.
- * It's a tradition to ring in New Year's with family and friends because the first people you see will either give you good luck or bad luck. So make sure to keep friends close and foes very far away.
- * More vehicles are stolen on New Year's Day than any other holiday.
- * The top three places to celebrate New Year's Eve are Las Vegas, Disney World and New York City. Internationally, one of the biggest celebrations is in Sydney, Australia.
- * Time Square New Year's Eve Ball was first dropped in 1907 after there was a fireworks ban. Back then, a 700-pound ball embellished with 25-watt bulbs made of iron and wood was dropped. Now it is over 11,000 pounds, 12 feet in diameter and is adorned with over 2,500 Waterford crystals.
- * In Italy , people wear red underwear on New Year's Day to bring good luck all year long.
- * It's good luck to eat foods like black eyed peas, ham and cabbage because it is thought they bring prosperity. But if you want to have a happy new year, don't eat lobster or chicken. Lobsters can move backward and chickens can scratch in reverse, so it is thought these foods could bring a reversal of fortune.

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....**Kids and parents please advise if this information needs updating.**

Babysitting:

- Isabelle Boylson, age 13 1/2, 513-259-9143, basic CPR, home schooled so schedule is very flexible
- JaShaylia Jenkins, age 17, 723-1624, Certified babysitter (2011), CPR (2012). Also has dog care experience
- Caitlin Scheib, age 14, 931-3508, Safe Sitter Certified
- Emily Scheib, age 14, 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
- Abigail Junker, junkerabigail@gmail.com, animal care
- Louis Girts, age 16, 648-9766, yard work, car washing & other odd jobs
- Linda Schulz, age 16, 478-5484, odd jobs
- Austin Thom, 513-470-6471, call or text, grass cutting, mulch , snow removal, odd jobs

Tutoring:

- Deja Martin—age 15, dmartfam@gmail.com, Northwest honor student

Your Celebration News



Living in the Farms Anniversaries—January 2017

Marty & Kay McClain ~~~~~ 1974 ~~~~~ 43 years

Jason & Charlotte Henry ~~~~~ 1998 ~~~~~ 19 years

Devon & Mike Earls ~~~~~ 2006 ~~~~~ 11 years

Happy Birthday to You, January Birthdays!

4th Dan Buck	8th Anthony Gaines Julie Mayer	9th Edward Wurzbacher
12th Max Purvis	13th Bert Cameron	14th Nancy Bergquist
16th Devon Earls Floyd Strebe	17th Cheryl Merkle	23rd Gerri Lech
26th Neal Jackson Roger Schafer	29th Hanna Baker Betsy Bissmeyer	31st David Kluener

Residents of Pleasant Run Farms

Check out the Private Social Network of Pleasant Run Farms

www.nextdoor.com



2017 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:

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Annual 2017 Membership fee: \$25.00. Please return this completed form with your check. Please make your check payable to PRFCA and mail to: Betsy Bissmeyer, 11955 Elkwood Drive Box C, Cincinnati, Ohio 45240.

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: _____