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Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association—2017 Scholarship

The Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association will 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 hold a current membership in the Civic Association.



The scholarship application form is available online at www.pleasantrunfarms.org, or you may contact the PRFCA secretary, Connie Fears, to obtain a copy. All applications must be submitted by March 31, 2017. The scholarship winner will be announced at the Civic Association's General Meeting in April.

Please contact Connie if you are interested in assisting with judging the applications.

Connie Fears, Acting PRFCA Secretary, cfears@zoomtown.com

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 soon!

Erin Knox, PRFCA Swim Club Director

Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association Memberships 2017

Thank you to those who have renewed your membership to PRFCA already. If you joined before 2/20/17 you should have already received your membership card.

If you have not renewed yet, you can do so online at <http://www.pleasantrunfarms.org/prfca-membership.html> or [click here](#) for a printable form. Membership per household costs \$25, plus an extra \$10 if you want a paper copy of the Memo delivered to you. If you opt to print a form, 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

Join Us!

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(between Jay's Food Mart & Domino's Pizza)

Fairfield, OH

829-4441

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Memo Deadline for Advertisements and Articles Friday, March 24, 2017

The **April Hard Copy Memo Delivery** will occur the weekend of April 1st. The memo will be available on the website, www.pleasantrunfarms.org, by March 31, 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.

PLEASANT RUN FARMS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A Board Meeting of the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association was held Thursday, February 16, 2017 at John Wesley UMC. Following are the minutes from the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

Copies of the treasurer's report were distributed to the board members in attendance (Skip Wicklund, Ed Mayer, Al Eichorn, Monica Bowles and Connie Fears). Ending balance as of 2/16/17 is \$5381.39.

PRF trifold brochure:

President Skip Wicklund reported that some work has begun on updating the PRF trifold brochure. He's been in contact with one of the realtors who works in the area about what should be included; her feedback was that prospective buyers would want to see the benefits of living in PRF.

Meeting with township personnel:

Skip met with Springfield Township's Mike Gould and Kim Flamm to introduce himself as the new president for PRFCA and to discuss various topics.

Road maintenance: The Feb 15 issue of the Northwest Press gives a good overview of the program for residents to pay a portion (up to 50% of the cost, assessed over a period of up to ten years) for streets that qualify. This is an avenue for residents who want to have their street repaired sooner than waiting for it to fall into the poor category (and then there's likely to be a wait until funding is available for the repairs).

Signage: Skip asked about signage for the Farms and he learned that the township is considering new, uniform signage for all areas of the township. The sign itself would be made of Corian (easier for cleaning off graffiti) but the signs could be of various sizes and mounted in different ways, such as on poles or on foundations. PRFCA will need further discussion and a better idea of costs in order to proceed on this for the Farms.

Clifford George Ball Park: Skip asked a few questions about the ball fields, such as improving the look of the concession stand. The response was that our ball field and concessions are among the best parks in the township, and one of only two with restrooms. They are planning to pave the parking lot as well as replace the low fence at the far west side of the park, near the batting cages (the original was damaged by vandals; a fence made of better material is to be installed this time).

Further discussion among the board members on other topics:

Recycling dumpster: Skip mentioned the idea that the Township will remove the recycling dumpster from the ball park, since everyone has curbside recycling now. Board members in attendance were in agreement with this idea.

Swim club: Skip discussed a meeting he had with Susan Scheib at the pool. He wanted to see the operation and get an idea of what's involved in preparing the pool for the summer season. Susan provided a list of items to be completed before the pool opens for summer (mostly items still to be done with the remainder of the neighborhood grant).

Skip said he has talked with a landscape designer who said he's willing to assist with determining what plants to use in various areas (not just at the pool); all that's needed is for someone to bring him information about and pictures of the areas that need the landscaping.

Skip and Monica plan to get with Susan and Erin again to talk about needs, signage, landscaping, etc. Monica also will look into the possibility of sending a flyer about the swim club home with all Welch students.

Pool Director Erin Knox was unable to attend the meeting, but she wanted to remind everyone about the Pleasant Run Through the Farms 5k on May 13. Visit <http://www.pleasantrunfarms.org> for more information.



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PLEASANT RUN FARMS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - continued

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Board Reports:

Athletics Director John Buschmann was unable to attend the meeting but he sent a report.

We should have another good season this year for ball teams in PRF. Teams are being formed now in baseball, softball, and Tball. It looks like we will have 6 or 7 baseball teams, 3 girls' softball teams, and 2 Tball teams. Plus we will field 2 select baseball teams.

Coaches will start contacting their players, equipment and uniforms will be distributed, practices will start next month and games will start being played in April. There will be about 140 kids playing on PRF teams this spring. Parents can still register their children to play by going to the PRF website or contacting Matt Heller at 295-1808.

New business:

Skip stated that he would like to see PRFCA create a new, standardized logo for use in all communications (print, website and social media). The time seems right since work is being done on the trifold brochure. Skip created a first draft for the updated brochure and shared that with the board members in attendance. It was agreed that each board member will provide their thoughts to Skip for what verbiage and/or pictures they'd like to see in the new brochure.

Discussion was held in regards to community activities for the next several months. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 15. Great American Cleanup in the Farms is potentially set for April 22. The community yard sale will be on Saturday, May 20 (and perhaps another in August to align with the World's Longest Yard Sale).

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Next meeting (board only): March 16 at 7pm; location TBD.

Connie Fears, Interim PRFCA Secretary

SENIOR MOMENTS

A suggestion was made to bring back the senior yard cleanup day for the neighborhood. The pastor from Augsburg Lutheran Church was at the last open meeting and she suggested I contact the "In-As-Much" program that the Coalition of Churches (Augsburg Lutheran, John Wesley UMC, Pleasant Run Presbyterian and St. John Newman) has in place to see if that group would be interested in providing a cleanup day as one of their projects.



Their next service day is October 14, 2017 and they have agreed to help with fall cleanup specifically for seniors who are in need of a helping hand. Because I already have a relationship with John Wesley UMC, their "In-As-Much" leader will be my contact person. Please let me know if you are interested or have questions (Al Eichorn, 513-674-7144).

Thank you Pastor Werzinske – for attending the open meeting and for your suggestion.

Plans are not finalized for the service day but I wanted to let you know it is coming; I will provide more information about requesting help when the time is closer – help will be received on first come, first served basis.

I would still welcome suggestions of groups to contact to see if a spring cleanup day can be arranged.

Al Eichorn, 513-674-7144 or aeichorn@cinci.rr.com

AUGSBURG Lutheran Church

Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed!

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."
~John 3:16*

Holy Week

- 3/19 Community Meal 5:30 to 7:00
- 4/9 **Palm Sunday Worship Service** 10:30 a.m.
- 4/13 **Holy Thursday Worship** 7:00 p.m.
- 4/14 **Good Friday** Worship at John Wesley United Methodist church at 12:00 noon, Augsburg Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m., both with the coalition of local churches
- 4/15 **Children's Community Easter Party** 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. games, egg hunt and free lunch
- 4/16 **Easter Sunday Celebration**
Breakfast 9:15 to 10:00 a.m.
Easter Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Augsburg Lutheran Church (ELCA)
11676 Hamilton Ave. Phone 825-2240
(South of Kemper, just north of Speedway)
e-mail: augsburgoffice@fuse.net

St. Patrick's Day Trivia



- Why Do Irish wear green?
The Irish originally used blue as their color, but since Ireland is called the emerald isle the color was changed to green.
- The Irish Presbyterians brought the potato to America in 1719. Its name origin is from the Haitian word "batata" which we now know as a sweet potato.
- A joke for the Kids: Why do people in Ireland take their money to the bank? Because it always Dublin.

Courtesy of Skip Wicklund, PRFCA President

Your Celebration News



Living in the Farms Anniversaries—March 2017

Deanna Dutro ~~~~~ 1979 ~~~~~ 38 years

Karen Pearson & Stephanie Clemons ~~~~~ 1990 ~~~~~ 27 years

Happy Birthday to You, March Birthdays!

2nd Peter Mayer	3rd Kara Puccini	8th Troy Marwehe
11th Cathy Morton	13th Randall Matthews	26th Emily Puccini
31st Theresa Matthews		



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:

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

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!

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