



The Pleasant Run Farms MEMO
“An Active Community”
September 2017
Volume 49 Issue 9e
www.pleasantrunfarms.org
A publication brought to
you by the PRF Civic Association

GENERAL MEETING OF PLEASANT RUN FARMS CIVIC ASSOCIATION



A General Meeting of the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association will be held on Thursday, September 19th at 7:00 pm in John Wesley’s Dunlap Hall. The meeting is open to all PRF residents. Please plan to attend and let your voice be heard on concerns or issues you may have, or be there to learn more about what’s going on in PRF.

N
E
W
S

Y
O
U

C
A
N

U
S
E

PRF SWIM CLUB SET TO CLOSE AT END OF 2017 SEASON

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 will not open for the 2018 season if you don’t join or volunteer to help now!**

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. Volunteers have helped keep the pool running and enjoyable for those both inside and outside our community. The only paid staff is the lifeguards.

2018 Pool Memberships are now available. Prices are \$350/family; \$295/couple; \$245/single; and \$65 for add on membership until Sept. 30th, 2017. We have convenient payment plans available. Have your membership paid off before next season begins! We NEED you to join now and make a commitment, so we know we have enough interest to open the pool for the 2018 season. Prices will increase after Sept. 30th, 2017.



Why doesn’t the Swim Club 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, it 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 operational. We also pride our swim club of having the atmosphere of a place “where everyone knows your name.” It is a hidden gem nestled in the center of our community.

Why are membership prices going up for 2018? Membership prices have been very stable for the past 5+ years. The past three swim seasons, we have seen a decline in pool memberships. We have worked hard to balance our budget to ensure we did not have to cut pool hours or offerings. Costs are rising. We strive to make sure that everything is clean and safe as required by our licensing through the Hamilton County Health Department. There are new requirements coming for 2018 that we must adhere to.

We are still very INEXPENSIVE compared to neighboring pools. We will be able to control the price increase if someone (or multiple people) step up to help out with the pool. For the pool to remain open without volunteers, a pool management company will need to take over the daily operations of the swim club.

Can the PRF Swim Club get funding from Springfield Twp.? Yes and No. The PRF Swim Club was awarded \$30,000 in grant money for the 2017 season. This was used for upgrades to the facility. It cannot be used for daily operational expenses. We are looking to secure more grant money to help with additional property and facility upgrades. Again, this does not help with annual operational cost.



The MEMO is published by the Pleasant Run Farms
Civic Association,
11955 Elkwood Dr.,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45240
www.pleasantrunfarms.org



Hard Copy Issue Advertising Rates:

Back Full Page \$110 Regular Full Page \$90

Half Page \$65 Quarter Page \$45

Business Card Size Ad \$25

Classified Ad \$8

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

Contact Venita Vivians at

vvivians@prodigy.net to place your Classi-
fied or Business Ad.

Pleasant Run Dry Cleaners

Same Day Service-

In by 10:00 Out by 4:00

Shirt Laundry

FREE Minor Repairs

Ask for our 20% off Dry Cleaning
Card

6106 Winton Road at Mack Road

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

Fairfield, OH

829-4441

YOUR PRF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

Skip Wicklund skipwicklund@gmail.com (President)

Open (VP)

Ed Mayer prfcatreasurer@yahoo.com (Treasurer)

Bert Cameron (Secretary)

John Buschmann johnbusch25@yahoo.com (Athletics)

Venita Vivians vvivians@prodigy.net (Communications)

Monica Bowles monicabowles@ymail.com (Community
Activities)

Betsy Bissmeyer betsy.bulldog@gmail.com (Membership)

Al Eichorn aeichorn@cinci.rr.com (Senior Activities)

Erin Knox 266-1000 prfswimclub@yahoo.com (Swim Club)

Memo Deadline for Advertisements and Articles Friday, September 29, 2017

The **October Hard Copy Memo Delivery** will occur the week-
end of October 7th. The memo will be available on the website,
www.pleasantrunfarms.org, by October 6, 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 sub-
ject). If you have any problems with **receiving** your
Memo, please contact Venita Vivians at 513-505-0480.

The Memo and the PRF Civic Association reserve the
right to refuse any content. Letters to the editor will be
published only with the authors name. Any comments,
suggestions, or new contributors are welcome.

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 SET TO CLOSE AT END OF 2017 SEASON (continued)

Continued from front page

The PRF Swim Club 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. DONATE** money. No amount is too small. **HELP** by inviting 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. **VOLUNTEER** your time. If you are someone that knows how to secure private funding, write grants, has a large sum of money you want to contribute, can help us **FUNDRAISE**, or has additional ideas how to keep the pool running, please contact us to discuss. 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. It was then burned down by an arsonist. It is now a grassy field. Don’t let this happen in our neighborhood. Think of the hundreds of kids who have come to the pool to learn how to swim, 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.

Erin Knox & Susan Scheib
prfswimclub@yahoo.com

PRF CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING, AUGUST 22, 2017

Present: Skip Wicklund, Ed Mayers, John Buschmann, Al Eichorn, Susan Scheib, Erin Knox, Bert Cameron, and Betsy Bissmeyer.

1. Skip introduced Mark Koeninger, (KPS Architecture & Landscape) who made a presentation for the renovation of the Meeting/Parking Area and Community Athletic Building that is adjacent to the Swim Club. These improvements depend upon a grant from Springfield Township and include sign changes, landscape upgrades, painting of the Athletic Building, parking lot upgrade, and other improvements.
2. After Mark left, Susan and Erin presented a plan for Swimsafe Pool Management to take over operation of the PRF pool that depended upon enrollment of at least 100 families. Since the last two years have seen 75 families taking advantage of pool membership, Board members voted to ask that Swimsafe wait until after the PRF Civic Association Meeting in September for approval of their contract proposal and to make a final pre-swim season payment come on April 1st instead of March 1st. This would allow time for Board members to assess liability of the Association and to find whether the contract, as proposed, is feasible. Susan and Erin made this proposal reluctantly, but are unable to continue as pool directors. The Board also planned to inform the community of the pool dilemma in as many forums as possible in order to effect a positive outcome—continuation of the PRF pool.
3. Ed updated the Board on PRF finances, describing at both the July and August meetings a stable income and expenditure outlook.
4. John reported that coaches had volunteered to staff 6 teams with about 70 players for the upcoming soccer season and that Clifford George Field had passed Hamilton County’s inspection. John also got the inspector to agree that both the pool and field could send one representative to a mandatory two day, 16 hour, \$150.00 food safety instruction.
5. Skip and Ed described the new process for street repair established by Springfield Township, which requires residents to vote on an assessment to fund the repair. A majority vote of residents along a street up for repair brings an assessment paid out over five years. An \$80 figure served as an example of a possible cost for resealing a street. And Skip said that a better idea of Township plans for street repair would be ready in January.
6. A general discussion about building a procedure guide for PRF Board positions brought the suggestion that we look for descriptions already available and add to them as needed to create an updated product that would aid present and future Board members, especially with the timing necessary for events.
7. Luminairia will take place on December 10th. This may include Santa visits and a special vehicle for viewing the decorations. Other events are also planned, but details about Halloween remain in the planning stages.
8. The Memo (delivered) will come out in October and some discussion occurred about how best to reach residents about events and community issues.
9. Next meeting—September 19th at 7:00 PM in John Wesley’s Dunlap Hall. Community invited.



Bert Cameron, PRFCA Secretary

PRF ATHLETICS

The sports season kicks off again as school starts. This fall we will field teams in the Fairfield SAY soccer league, where they will play teams from Fairfield and Hamilton.

There are about 70 boys and girls playing soccer on Pleasant Run Farms teams this fall. These numbers will enable us to field six teams within PRF. Games will start beginning Tuesday night, August 29 and finish by Saturday, October 21. Teams will be practicing and playing games at Clifford George park.

John Buschmann, PRFCA Athletics Director



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

We're looking forward to meeting with everyone from the Farms at the September 19th Civic Association Meeting. The meeting will be held at the John Wesley United Methodist Church on Kemper Rd. at 7 PM. We'll review a number of important issues that will affect all of the residents of Pleasant Run Farms. Here are a few highlights of items we'll discuss:

- We're requesting a grant from Springfield Township to renovate the area in front of the Swim Club that contains our community building and the parking area.
- We'll discuss plans for next years Swim Club season. We'll be reviewing whether the club will be managed by the Civic Association or a pool management firm, planning our pool membership drive, reviewing the possible addition of new activities and the cost of next years membership.
- We'll discuss the groundwork for renovating the streets in the Farms. With changes in State and Township funding it will be important for the residents of the Farms to join together to get their streets scheduled for repair. We have to be proactive or our streets will not be scheduled for the needed repairs. We'll discuss resident participation, cost and timing.
- We'll discuss the fall community activities. The events include Halloween, Luminaire and Santa visits.
- We'll update everyone on the status of the Welch Elementary property after the school is closed in 2018.
- We'll talk about the increasing property values in the Farms and what we can do to keep them moving up.



We hope you'll join us at the September 19th Civic Association Meeting. We need your input to help us make Pleasant Run Farms an exciting, safe and prospering community.

Best,
Skip Wicklund

MEMO CARRIERS NEEDED

Looking for carriers for several routes within the Pleasant Run Farms neighborhood. Hard copies of our memo are distributed to all the PRF neighborhood houses twice per year, April and September. Routes can be delivered to get credit for volunteer hours or a per memo delivered rate is paid. If you are age 10 and up, and interested please contact Venita Vivians at vvivians@prodigy.net (Subject: Memo Carrier) or call 513-505-0480.

Venita N. Vivians, PRFCA Communications Director



Your Celebration News

Living in the Farms Anniversaries— September 2017

Walter & Marilyn Hahn ~~~~~ 1968 ~~~~~ 49 years

The Klei Family ~~~~~ 1972 ~~~~~ 45 years

Roger & Mary Beth Loosen ~~~~~ 1972 ~~~~~ 45 years

She Shepherd ~~~~~ 1983 ~~~~~ 34 years

Monica Bowles ~~~~~ 2006 ~~~~~ 11 years



Happy Birthday to You, September Birthdays!

2nd Gale Boberg	10th Joe Mayer	13th Joan Reul	15th Maureen Cleary
16th Kimberly Stephens	20th Julie Post	23rd Dee Hartmann	24th Colton Agin Erika Agin Susan Wicklund
25th Diana Yee	27th Debbie Treacy		

Residents of Pleasant Run Farms

Check out the Private Social Network of Pleasant Run Farms

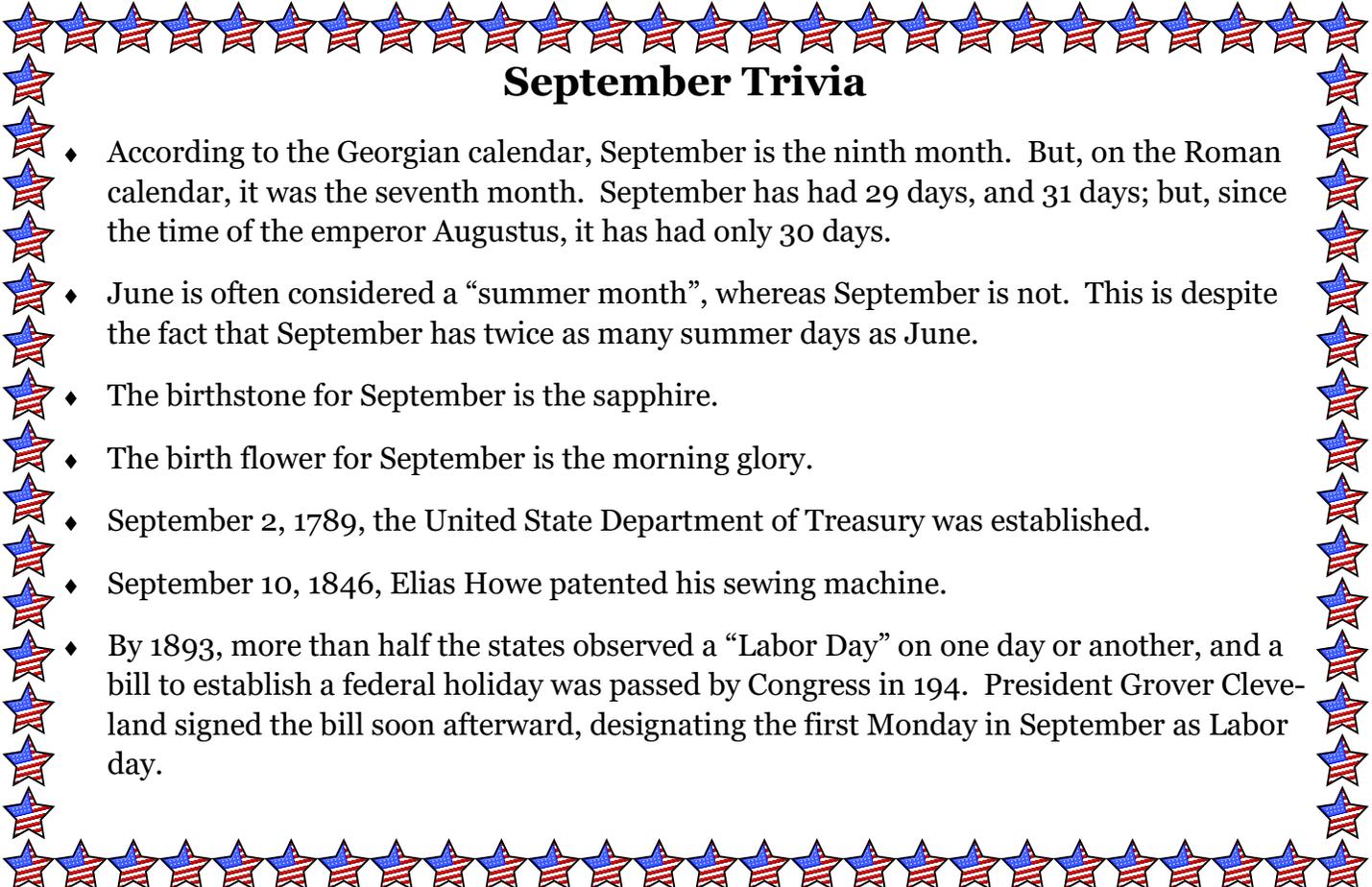
www.nextdoor.com

AUGSBURG

Lutheran Church

9/10/17 Sunday School Breakfast, 9:15 a.m.
 9/17/17 Community Meal 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
 9/24/17 Outdoor worship/picnic 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



September Trivia

- ◆ According to the Georgian calendar, September is the ninth month. But, on the Roman calendar, it was the seventh month. September has had 29 days, and 31 days; but, since the time of the emperor Augustus, it has had only 30 days.
- ◆ June is often considered a “summer month”, whereas September is not. This is despite the fact that September has twice as many summer days as June.
- ◆ The birthstone for September is the sapphire.
- ◆ The birth flower for September is the morning glory.
- ◆ September 2, 1789, the United State Department of Treasury was established.
- ◆ September 10, 1846, Elias Howe patented his sewing machine.
- ◆ By 1893, more than half the states observed a “Labor Day” on one day or another, and a bill to establish a federal holiday was passed by Congress in 194. President Grover Cleveland signed the bill soon afterward, designating the first Monday in September as Labor day.