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# The Pleasant Run Farms Memo April 2019

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## Swim Club Update:

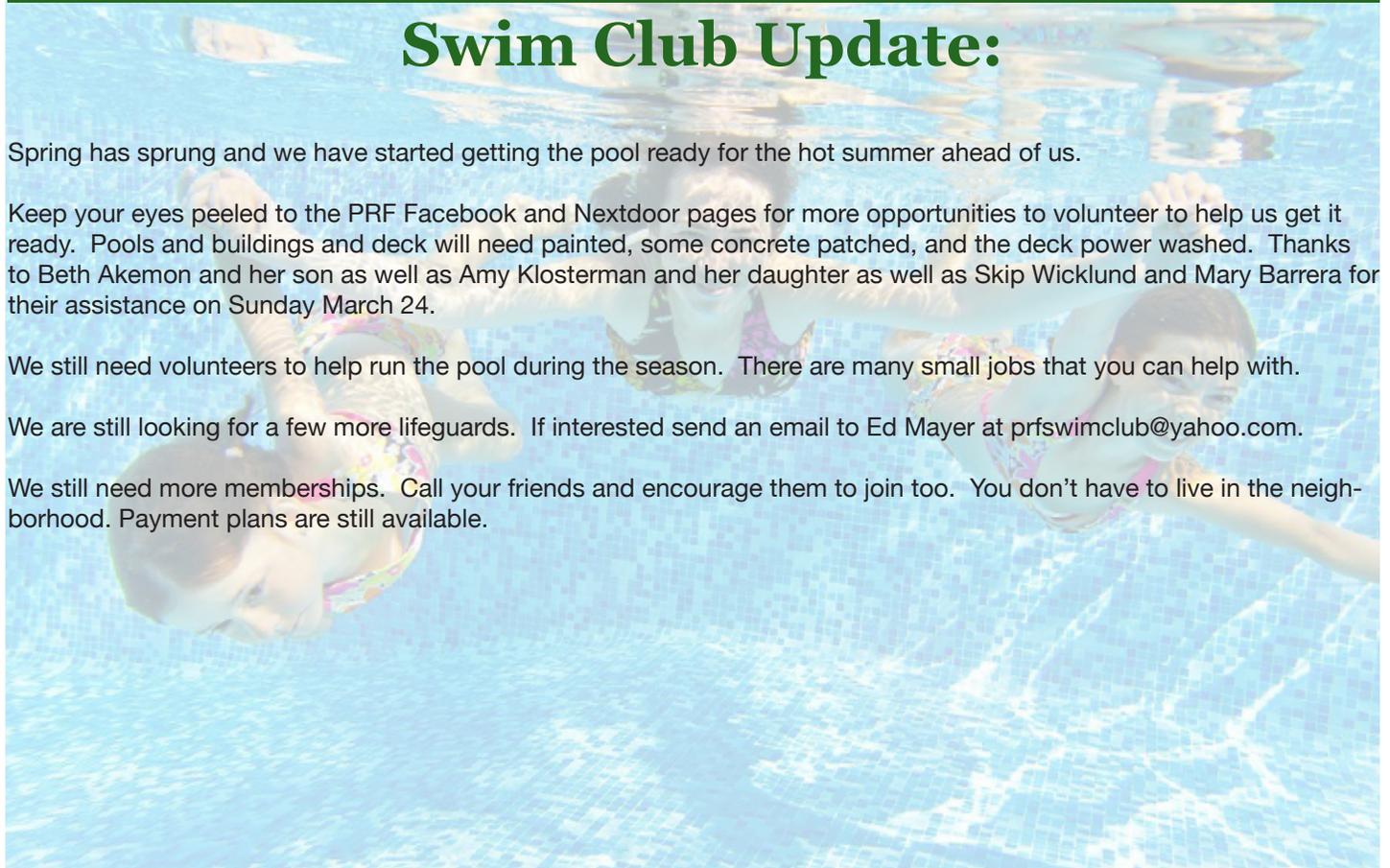
Spring has sprung and we have started getting the pool ready for the hot summer ahead of us.

Keep your eyes peeled to the PRF Facebook and Nextdoor pages for more opportunities to volunteer to help us get it ready. Pools and buildings and deck will need painted, some concrete patched, and the deck power washed. Thanks to Beth Akemon and her son as well as Amy Klosterman and her daughter as well as Skip Wicklund and Mary Barrera for their assistance on Sunday March 24.

We still need volunteers to help run the pool during the season. There are many small jobs that you can help with.

We are still looking for a few more lifeguards. If interested send an email to Ed Mayer at [prfswimclub@yahoo.com](mailto:prfswimclub@yahoo.com).

We still need more memberships. Call your friends and encourage them to join too. You don't have to live in the neighborhood. Payment plans are still available.



Hi Neighbor!

## President's Update



On Sunday, March 24th the Farms participated in the Great American Cleanup. We focused on the beginning spring cleanup of the PRF Swim Club. The work was performed by 7 volunteers, including Beth Akemon and her son and Amy Klosterman and her daughter and 3 board members, Mary Barrera, Ed Mayer and Skip Wicklund. We only made a dent in the pool's cleanup and will need several more hours of work. We really need to have more residents of the Farms help cleanup one of PRF's most important features. As the weather warms, we'll also paint the pool buildings to create a fresh new look for the Swim Club. The PRF Coalition of Congregations has volunteered to help us paint the Swim Club buildings.

Last month, I mentioned that Springfield Township is developing new neighborhood signs for the Farms. It now sounds like they will only be a replacement of the existing small signs like the ones on Mill Rd. and John Grey Rd. They will probably be installed in 2020. As you know, the Farms currently only has one major neighborhood sign at the entrance to Forester at Mill. The PRFCA Board would like to create

additional focal points at key entrances announcing the Farms. We want to maintain the identity and look of the Farms as a vibrant community.

Our next neighborhood event is the Spring Celebration and Egg Hunt at John Wesley Methodist Church on April 14th at 1:00 pm. We'll have an Easter Bunny, an egg hunt, spring holiday crafts and lots of goodies. We'll have it outside unless the weather is inclement. If weather is a problem we'll celebrate in the churches' gym.

As I mentioned, we really need more volunteer help on our community projects. Let us know if you'd like to join us in making Pleasant Run Farms a beautiful exciting place to live. We'd enjoy working with you.

Best,

Skip Wicklund

PRFCA President

## PLEASANT RUN FARMS ATHLETICS 2019

The weather is warming and kids are outside playing. Soon the ball fields at Clifford George will be filled with kids playing ball. The PRF coaches are meeting to plan the coming season. They are getting their teams together and meeting new faces as well as past players. Most of our teams will play in the Northwest Baseball recreation League (NWBR). PRF has been a participant in NWBR for many years and plays against Colerain, White Oak, Monfort Heights, CCAA, Olympian Club, TCYO, and other organizations. **Practices started the week of March 18. Opening Day for most teams will be Saturday April 13.**

Matt Heller is back running the overall spring sports organizations. Matt has been active as Baseball Commissioner of PRF for several years, and coached in PRF for even more. Matt grew up in PRF and started playing Tball when he was 4 years old. He knows the sport well and has done a terrific job in recruiting parents to become coaches. He has seen many of the players on our Clifford George fields and continues to encourage parents to sign up their kids each year. Tim Higgins has overseen our Tball program for six years. He has coached at PRF for eight years. And he will be back this year as a coach of one of our teams. Tim has developed a consistently outstanding Tball program that parents and kids love. In our community Friday night in the spring is known as **Tball Night!** They own the fields at Clifford George on Friday night. All 4 teams play on the two fields. It's hard to tell who is having more fun – the kids or the adults. If you want to see families having fun, come to Clifford George on a Friday night.

### Help needed with PRF Athletics

Our PRF Athletics Association needs some help from you. There are a lot of teams, a lot of players, and a lot to do each season. There only so many Matts and Tims to run the programs. You can contact **John Buschmann @ 612-8767 or johnbusch25@yahoo.com about any of these.**

We need help some adults to fill these positions:

**PRFAA Treasurer:** manages the finances of the Athletic program – pays the bills, keeps a budget of the sports, makes occasional deposits, distributes money for umpires, delivers money to the concession stand as needed. This requires about 2 -3 hours per week during the sports seasons and 1 hour per week during the off-season.

**Field maintenance.** Dan does most of our cutting and dragging the field but he could use assistance in doing this. We need 2 more adults to maintain the fields in playing shape. This includes cutting the grass at Clifford George, dragging the two ball fields before games, and doing some landscaping work in the spring. This work is seasonal and requires about 3 – 4 hours per week. This can be flexible as to when it is done.

**Sign Master:** the sign along Mill road depicts activities going on in PRF. Both in Athletics and in the community itself. We advertise about sports sign ups, Easter egg hunt, July 4th parade, luminaria, PRFCA meetings, pool signups and opening, etc. Members in Athletics or Civic Association advise what to display. This takes about 2 hours per month. Like the Civic Association, the Athletic Association is made up of volunteers. You don't need to have a child playing to help at the fields. Anyone can pitch in and get the job done. You can be a parent, you can be retired and looking to contribute something useful, or you may have some extra time and want to give back to the community you live in. Contact John and see how you can help.

# Garage Sale



The **Annual PRF Garage Sale is Saturday May 18th from 8:00am-2:00pm.** Start going through your closets, basements and garages for all the stuff you don't need anymore. Make some money and clear out your home or go around and get some new (to you) stuff. Be sure to post your address and what you will be selling in the event pages on Facebook and Nextdoor so everyone knows where to get the good stuff! We will have signs put up around the neighborhood to help advertise, but feel free to put some of your own signs up to so people know where to go.

St. John Neumann (corner of Mill and John Gray) will be hosting its annual rummage sale at the same time so be sure to head up there too. They have offered to allow PRF community to drop off unsold items to the St. Vincent de Paul truck to go to a good cause! The truck will be at the church at 2:00pm on Saturday so anything you want to donate will need to be there by then. They don't stick around long. If you have questions about the event or are not on Facebook and NextDoor but want your address included, email/call Mary Barrera at [mbarrera@comey.com](mailto:mbarrera@comey.com) , **513-678-5011**.



## Holy Week at Augsburg

- April 14 – Palm Sunday, 10:30 am
- April 18 – Holy Thursday, 7:00 pm
- April 19 – Good Friday, 7:00 pm
- April 20 – Easter Party, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- April 21 – Easter Celebration, 10:30 am

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

# 08-14

Greater Cincinnati Restaurant Week: Spring 2019

# 09-21

Miss Saigon  
Arnoff Center

# 12

Five Little Monkeys

# 13

Spring Carnival hosted by Pleasant Run Elementary PTA  
Brandford Marsails

# 14

PRF Spring Celebration & Egg Hunt  
CFTA Food Truck Spring Swing

# 20

Kid's Spring Day  
Kings Island Opening Day

# 24

CFTA Food Truck Spring Swing

**Today's Recipe**  
**Pastry-Wrapped Asparagus with Balsamic Dipping Sauce**

- 1 box ready-to-bake puff pastry (2 sheets)
- Flour for work surface
- 3/4 c. grated Parmesan
- 24 Asparagus spears
- 1 tbsp. Flaky sea salt
- 3/4 c. balsamic vinegar
- 1 tbsp. sugar
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/4 tsp. dried thyme

- 01** Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Line two rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper and set aside.
- 02** Meanwhile, cut puff-pastry sheets into thirds along the folds to create six 5- by 10-inch rectangles. On a lightly floured work surface, roll one rectangle to 6 1/2- by 10 inches. Using a sharp knife, trim edges (about 1/4 inch per side), then cut into four 2 1/4- by 6-inch strips. Sprinkle each strip with 1/2 tablespoon
- 03** Lightly brush tops of pastry-wrapped asparagus with water and sprinkle each with a pinch of sea salt. Bake until golden brown, 15 to 18 minutes.
- 04** bring vinegar, sugar, bay leaf, and thyme to a gentle boil and cook until liquid is reduced to 1/2 cup, 12 to 15 minutes. Strain, reserving sauce and discarding herbs. Serve asparagus warm with balsamic dipping sauce.

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.

- Hard Copy Issue Advertising Rates
- Back Full Page \$110
  - Regular Full Page \$ 90
  - Half Page \$65
  - Quarter Page \$25
  - Business Card Size Ad \$25
  - Classified Ad \$8
- Electronic Issue Rates are 1/2 the cost of Hard Copy Issue Rates
- Contact Jalisa Harris @ [harrisjalisa88@gmail.com](mailto:harrisjalisa88@gmail.com) to place your Classified or Business Ad.



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  - Jerome Bouie (VP)
  - Ed Mayer [prfcatreasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:prfcatreasurer@yahoo.com) (Treasurer)
  - Bert Cameron (Secretary)
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  - Jalisa Harris [harrisjalisa88@gmail.com](mailto:harrisjalisa88@gmail.com) (Communications)
  - Mary Barrera [mbarrera@comey.com](mailto:mbarrera@comey.com) (Community Activities)
  - Monica Bowles (Membership)
  - [prfswimclub@yahoo.com](mailto:prfswimclub@yahoo.com) (Swim Club)

# State of the Township Community Address

Article by Springfield Township

Recycling, it's one thing we can all do, and Hamilton County strives to provide the information you need to make it happen. Below is information for Yard Trimmings Drop-Off Sites offered by the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District.

If you prefer to compost your yard trimmings at home, click here for information on backyard composting. All material collected from the listing below is composted. 2019 Dates & Hours

March 30 - November 24  
Saturdays and Sundays, 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

All sites closed Easter Sunday, April 21

January 4 & January 11, 2020  
Saturdays ONLY 12:00 p.m. - 3 p.m.



## Locations

East: Bzak Landscaping—3295 Turpin Lane (off Rt. 32), Anderson Township

West: Kuliga Park—6717 Bridgetown Road, Green Township

North: Rumpke Landfill— Struble Road and Colerain Avenue, Colerain Township

## Guidelines

Brush and tree branches must be cut into lengths of 4 feet or less and must be no larger than 12 inches in diameter.

Brush and tree branches must be bundled. Bundles must not be heavier than 50 pounds.

Yard trimmings must be brought to locations in containers or bags – brown paper bags preferred.

Containers and plastic bags will be returned.

Yard trimmings in commercial vehicles or from commercial establishments cannot be accepted.

No large trailers or trucks larger than pickups.

No pallets, boards, nails, fence, or wire accepted.

No bricks, stones, or soil accepted.

Illegal dumping prohibited.

All children must stay inside vehicles.

Hamilton County residents only.

# SEASONAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT LABORER

Article by Springfield Township

Springfield Township, Hamilton County, OH seeks multiple, summer only Laborers with the Public Works Department working 7am to 3:30pm with a pay rate starting at \$10.50 per hour. The position helps with: pothole patching; crack sealing; manhole repair; curb repair; fence installation and repair; street sign repair; and landscaping among other duties.

Requirements: experience driving a pickup truck; knowledge of and experience regarding safe use of a variety of hand and power tools; high school diploma/GED.

Application available at

<https://www.springfieldtpw.org.jobs.aspx>

or at the Administration Building, 9150 Winton Road, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. **Deadline: May 1, 2019.**

Springfield Township is a drug free workplace and employees are subject to drug testing. All applications are subject to open records law. EOE.



## Brentwood Bowl Mural Dedication

Article by Springfield Township

ArtsConnect, ArtWorks, Springfield Township and Hamilton County Planning + Development invite the community for the dedication of our beautiful outdoor mural, Creatress at Brentwood Bowl on **Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 4 p.m.**. Meet the artist who designed the the mural and the student artists from ArtWorks that painted it. A few words from each organization will be shared.

The first 50 guests attending the mural dedication will receive a Dogwood sapling tree to plant at home. Participants of the dedication are also invited to screen print a line art rendering of Creatress and design a clay keepsake. Stay for refreshments and a game of bowling for just \$2/person. (Free bowling shoe rental.)

## Playhouse in the Park - FREE PRODUCTION!

### “Five Little Monkeys”

Article by Springfield Township

Bring the entire family for a fun adventure with Playhouse in the Park at The Grove Event Center. (9158 Winton Road, Building B) Playhouse's Off The Hill Production of the storybook favorite, "Five Little Monkeys" will have kids wanting more. Admission is free. Pre-show by students from Winton Woods Elementary. Show begins at 7p.m. Craft to follow the show. No tickets needed.



About Five Little Monkeys: Going shopping, baking cakes, sitting in trees and jumping on beds! Mayhem ensues in this zany play, told in cumulative verse, as five silly siblings insist on doing things their own way. Recommended for ages 4 and up.



Make plans to come to the [Spring Celebration and Egg Hunt on Sunday April 14th at 1:00pm](#) at John Wesley Church. Fun for the whole family! Get ready for a visit with your favorite Bunny, an Egg Hunt, great Raffle Baskets and activities and games for the kids (and grownups too!) I look forward to seeing you all there!

Snacks and Beverages will be available for purchase.

Be sure to join the PRF Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/186664130502/>

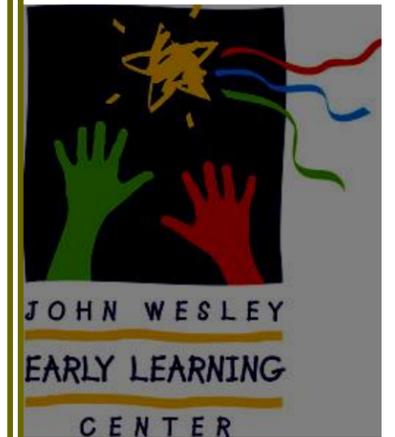
And RSVP for the Event for up-to-date information! -

<https://www.facebook.com/events/784243385290318/>

If you are available to help during the event or volunteer your time in any way, let me know! We are still looking for Raffle Basket donations, be sure to let me know if you have something!

Mary Barrera

[mbarrera@comey.com](mailto:mbarrera@comey.com) 513-678-5011



# **2019-2020** **REGISTRATION**

**WHEN**

**NOW**

**WHERE**

**John Wesley Early Learning Center**  
**1927 West Kemper Rd.**  
**Cinti., OH 45240**

**Schedule a tour and bring your child along to explore the classrooms, meet the teachers, and see the school. Registration materials will be available to enroll your child for the 2019-2020 year.**

**Registration fee : \$60.00**

**Fee is non-refundable, exact cash or check only.**

**PART TIME QUALITY PRESCHOOL FOR 3, 4, AND 5-YEAR-OLDS THAT ARE NOT READY FOR KINDERGARTEN**

**EXPERIENCED BACHELOR TO MASTER DEGREED TEACHING STAFF**

**EXCELLENT TEACHER-STUDENT RATIO FOR ALL CLASSES**

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[WWW.JOHNWESLEYELC.COM](http://WWW.JOHNWESLEYELC.COM)

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**BETH@JWUMC.COM**  
**MSGUANCIALEJWELC@GMAIL.COM**



### **ADD A SPRING TOUCH TO YOUR HOME**

Even if the weather isn't cooperating quite yet - spring is on the way! Cheering up your home with some spring decor is the perfect way to prepare for warmer days and more sunshine. Here are some options to prepare your home for the next season!

### **ADD AN HERB GARDEN**

While they may not last outdoors with the sporadic weather of spring, bringing potted herbs into your home and letting them soak up sunlight in a kitchen window is the perfect way to add life to your home and have access to fresh herbs while you're cooking.

### **THINK SPRING**

If you are all about DIY-ing, creating simple decorations can add a pop of seasonal color to your home. Take that pair of rain boots you don't wear anymore and turn them into planters - add bright floral arrangements and use your new decor item as an inviting piece by your front door.

### **POPS OF COLOR**

Neutral and sleek is all the rage right now but adding a pop of color in your normal decor can add a cheerful touch to your home. Swap out your kitchen napkins or tablecloth with something a little bit more colorful, like soft blues or pinks. Small changes can do enough to make your home feel different without being overwhelming.

### **FLORALS ARE ALWAYS THE ANSWER**

Whether or not you already include florals in your home decor, take the time to swap out or add something new that feels like spring. While fresh flowers are a great choice, consider picking up some faux florals for most of your decor and save the fresh flowers for a centerpiece. Don't be afraid to add pops of color, specifically yellows and pinks, to create a focal point for the room.

### **TOUCH UP TIME**

Is there a room in your home that is just feeling drab? Maybe it is dark and uninviting, or maybe it has white walls that have started to fade. While you are spring cleaning, consider adding a fresh coat of paint to a place in your home that needs a boost of light. Spring is all about being fresh and new, so your home should feel that way too!

## **TODAY'S WORLD**

As you know, innovations for the 21st century are all around us. Our commercial business magazines are filled with new ideas that will affect all of our lives. Many of these innovations will effect the inside and outside of our living spaces. This column is to give you an insight on some of the new innovations of materials and their uses.

While reading the Contract magazine for this month, a few interesting items caught my attention.

A company has been collecting old athletic footwear. They turn these shoes into rubber pellets, which in turn are used in the fabrication of floor covering.

The wallpaper used in your home can now have LED lights inserted into the paper.

Lichen is no longer just a plant. Today manufacturers are using it in wallpaper. The benefits are great. It has antibacterial qualities, acoustical benefits, and helps with clean air.

All that gravel that gathers on our streets and walkways can now be used for flooring. It's mixed with terrazzo creating an extremely durable surface.

Susan Wicklund

## **Now Hiring in the Springfield Township Fire Department**

The Springfield Township Fire Department is one of the busiest departments in Hamilton County, Ohio. The department responded to 6,383 combined Fire/EMS details surpassing their 2017 combined fire and EMS responses by 8.7%. The trend is expected to continue in 2019.

In order to meet the growing demand for Fire and EMS response, Springfield Township is accepting applications for part-time Paramedic/Firefighter and part-time EMT/Firefighter positions.

Part-time Paramedic/Firefighter – Unit Day and Flex Schedules

Part-time employees are expected to work a minimum of 800 hours and cannot work more 1500 hours in a 12 month period. Unit Day

and Flex schedules are available. Hourly rates are \$21.00 per hour.

All Paramedic/Firefighter candidates must possess a minimum of an Ohio Paramedic and Ohio Firefighter Level II certifications, valid driver's license, good driving record, and undergo physical ability assessment, written Fire and EMS examinations, Fire and EMS skill assessments and medical examination.

Part-time EMT/Firefighter – Unit Day and Flex Schedules

Part-time employees are expected to work a minimum of 800 hours but are restricted to working no more than 1500 hours in a 12 month period. Unit Day and Flex schedules are available. Hourly rate is \$15.00.

All EMT/Firefighter candidates must possess an minimum of an Ohio EMT and Ohio Firefighter Level I certifications, valid driver's license, good driving record, and undergo physical ability assessment, written Fire and EMS examinations, Fire and EMS skill assessments and medical examination.

To apply:

Complete an application and send resume to Larry Mullins, Human Resources Director, Springfield Township, 9150 Winton Road, Cincinnati, OH 45231.

Applications and resumes will be accepted until April 19, 2019 at 4:00 pm.



# Gardening

We would really like to have some PRF folks who love to garden help us with creating some flower and bush plantings in the Swim Club compound. Last year an architect landscaper created a number of flowerbeds in the Swim Clubs parking area. That landscaping only goes back to the Community Building at the rear of the parking lot. As we create a new and exciting look for the Swim Club buildings we really want to add flowers and bushes around the pool area. We need the help of well seasoned gardeners and gardeners who are just discovering the fun of gardening. This project will not only be a great help for the Farms, but also be an opportunity to meet others who love gardening.

We'd also love to have you share some of your lush plantings that may be overgrowing in your gardens. The Swim Club would be a great new home for your favorite flowers. We also could use some planters that could be placed around the pool area. If you have some planters that you're no longer going to use they may work fine for the Swim Club with a touch of new paint. Please, give us a call or email and let us know you'll help us create a new and exciting look for our Swim Club. You can reach me at skipwicklund@gmail.com or 513-225-4463. I'll be looking forward to hearing from you.

Skip Wicklund

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in Pleasant Run Farms!

"In the past year, I have had over \$500,000 in sales in Pleasant Run Farms, ranking me a Top Agent in our area!"



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As a Pleasant Run Farms resident and active Civic Association Board member, consider me your local market expert. If you have real estate plans for 2019, I am here to help! If you, or someone you know, is considering buying or selling, you deserve a Realtor who will always have your best interest at heart.

Who knows the neighborhood better than your neighbor?



## Celebration News: Birthdays and Home Anniversaries April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Resident Anniversaries
31	1	2	3	4	5	6	The Payne Family 1978 The Puccini Family 1998 The Cunningham Family 2017
7	8	9	10 Joanne Glaser	11	12	13 Mary Jo Bissmeyer	
14	15	16	17 Joan Paynter	18 Jane Miller Mary Telinda	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28 Shannon Miller	29	30	1	2	3	4	

## Thinking Out Loud

As I continue to march towards actualizing my goals, I look forward to April's raining showers. This past month has been emotionally and mentally exhausting. Finding the motivation to continue to move towards my goals has been extremely challenging. The outside world gives me feedback on what I should do, how I should be, and where I should be in my life (I am sure many of you can relate)- that I can now appreciate the rain. By this, I mean, ever since I have decided to take my future into my own hands and claim my destiny as my own, I have learned the importance of being rooted in myself. More importantly, I understand the value of water and how rain not only nourishes the roots but washes away debris. The debris for me is everyone telling me what I should do. While feedback can be useful, I do know that my time on this planted is limited and therefore I cannot risk my development on what others feel I should do. I can only afford the risk of me taking control, ownership, and accountability for my life and then blooming as an effect. Will you bloom with me? Because when we do our family, friends, and community will benefit from it. Come on rain, we're ready!

April showers bring may flower! How will you use the month of April to blossom?

Hope you Enjoyed!



Jalisa Harris, PRFGA Communications Director

