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The Pleasant Run Farms Memo Aug/Sept 2019

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Swim Club Update:

The Pleasant Run Farms Swim Club is now under New Management. Welcome Mary Barrera. Thank you to Natalie Winkler and Cindy Goldick for running it this year. Mary can definitely use your help. Send an email to prfswimclub@yahoo.com if interested.

We will be in need of several lifeguards next year so now is the time to look into getting the training.

New Management has promised to purchase some new pool furniture, clearing the old pool paint and repainting the pools and setting clear expectations for the lifeguards and concession workers.

We are offering an early bird special. Join by November 1, 2019 at 2019 rates of \$198 for a family membership, \$174 for a couple and \$150 for a single membership. Join at prfarms.org under swim club page. 10 month payment plans are available. Rates will raise to \$250 for a family membership after November 1 so join now.

The PRF Swim Club Dog Swim will be held on Sunday, September 8 from 2-3 pm at the pool at 11955 Elkwood Drive. You do not have to be a Swim Club Member to participate. Cost is \$5 a dog. Dogs must be well-behaved and on a leash.

Hi Neighbor! President's Update



The PRF Civic Association will have a **General Meeting on September 4th** at John Wesley Methodist Church. Prior to the meeting there will be an Open House for everyone interested in the Welch Home Development. We'll have the project developer, the homebuilder and Chris Gilbert and Kathleen Kennedy from Springfield Township there to talk with everyone about the project. After the Open House we'll have our Fall General Meeting. Todd Bowling will discuss the upcoming NWLSD Levy. Following Todd's discussion we'll conduct a brief business meeting. The items that will be covered will affect everyone in the Farms for years. We hope to see you at the meeting.

This year's PRF Fourth of July Celebration was a fun filled day for many of the Farms residents. The new, slightly shorter parade route worked well for marchers and spectators. And, the afternoon free grill out for everyone at the pool was a great success. Thanks to Mary Barrera for coordinating all the activities and to Jerome Bouie for arranging all the food donations.

This year the PRF Swim Club has 109 memberships. The cost of a 2019 Family Membership was only \$198. Next year, in order to meet all our Swim Club expenses, the family membership will be \$250. However, you can take advantage of the 2020 family membership Early Bird Special for only \$198 if you join before November 1st. Looking ahead to next season, we'll need a lot of volunteers to keep the Swim Club operating. Help us start planning for next year, let us know if you can help.

Here's an update on infrastructure repairs for the Farms. Currently, the Township is concentrating on repairs of the storm sewers. In the fall the Township will resurface a strip on each side of Elkwood from John Grey to Deerhorn. Decisions on next year's repair of Hazelgrove Dr., Hartwood Dr., Hazelhurst Ln. and Havilland Ct. will be made shortly. The county is not sure if they will resurface Kemper Rd. from Hamilton Ave. to Mill Rd. or apply for a State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) grant to make a total repair. If the SCIP Grant is applied for, Springfield Township will probably also apply for a SCIP Grant to repair a portion of Brookway when Kemper is repaired. Joint repairs are scheduled to reduce project costs.

Todd Bowling, superintendent of NWLSD tells us the parking and pickup problem at Pleasant Run Elementary should be corrected soon. They will add 68 – 74 parking spaces across the creek and on the side field toward PRE. They are also looking at widening the entry road for parent drop off and changes in flow of traffic during drop off. NWLSD has also announced that they will suspend bus service for students living within 1 mile of their school. There is significant concern for students that do not have sidewalks and cross walks on major roads for part of their journey. The Township tells us that residents of the Farms should not be affected. Additionally, this Fall the NWLSD will place a levy on the November ballot.

The preliminary stages of the development of the Welch property are beginning. The developer has met with the Township and will begin submitting documents. The Springfield Township Zoning Commission meeting to approve zoning as PUD will be on September 16th. The meeting for Hamilton County Regional Planning to approve the subdivision will be scheduled for November 7th. The Developer has requested that the PRFCA have an open house on September 4th so that neighbors can meet with them to share their ideas and concerns. We'll keep you up to date on the PRFCA Facebook page and on Nextdoor.

I hope you all have a fun filled August.

Best,
Skip Wicklund

PRFCA President

Northwest Schools District Important Update

- In order to maintain our focus and support of students, families and staff, the Northwest Local School District is putting a 7.5 mill levy on the ballot this upcoming November. Our partnership with our community is imperative. It is important that all of our stakeholders understand the rationale and the need for the levy.

The following are facts related to the levy:

- A 7.5 mill will increase \$21.88 per month on a \$100,000 home.
- The State of Ohio determines the amount a local community should pay to support their schools. The state expects our taxpayers to provide 60% of the cost of a basic education through levies, and currently, the community provides 40% based on existing levies.
- Northwest LSD community taxes to support schools are one of the lowest in the region.
- The State of Ohio continues to reduce the amount they pay to support schools. They have made reductions to our funding totaling over \$11 million annually over the last fifteen years.
- Failure to pass the levy would cause the District to make over \$8 million in reductions above basic education. This would create detrimental impacts on curricular offerings, increase class sizes, and result in reductions for Art, Music, Physical Education, Counselors, Dean of Students, and a variety of other rigorous course offerings such as Gifted, AP(advanced placement) or CCP(college credit plus) courses. Extracurriculars such as music and athletic programs could also be impacted.
- NWLSD has not asked for new operating monies since 2007. We have gone 12 years without new monies to maintain operations while educating approximately 9,000 students.
- Renewal Levies were recently passed in 2015 and 2017. These levies did not increase the amount of taxes that were paid by voters, they only renewed the money the District was already receiving.
- The District has an \$8.5 million spending deficit due to reduction in funding and inflationary costs.
- Passing the levy would keep current staffing in place and would allow the District to provide course offerings beyond the basic education requirements.
- Without continuous support and partnership with our community for increased funding, reductions in services to students and families will have to be made.
- If you would like more information please feel free to contact **Todd Bowling, Superintendent** via email at tbowling@nwlsd.org; or **Amy M. Wells, CFO**, at awells@nwlsd.org They can also be reached by phone at **513-923-1000**.

We encourage all community members to vote on November 5.

Reserve Your Tables Now For WinterFest

Article by Springfield Township

Mark your calendars! WinterFest Reimagined in Springfield Township is December 7th and 8th. With the addition of an iceless ice rink, fireworks, magic shows every 30 minutes - along with a winter village of activities, puppet shows, hay rides, a petting zoo and a Breakfast with Santa, this exciting event is sure to attract large crowds!



ArtsConnect is now accepting registrations for 10 x 10 booth spaces for the Art, Craft and Vendor Fair at WinterFest Reimagined. Booth spaces are \$45 for both days. (Must have booth set up both days in order to apply). Tables and electric are \$5 each. Vendors are considered individuals selling unique retail items. Only one vendor per home business will be approved. (Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Lu LaRue etc.) Booths will be available until sold out. (30 Maximum)

To learn more visit: <https://app.cerkl.com/org/story.php?id=6463706>

For more information, call **ArtsConnect at 513-522-2108**

Around the Farms

By Susan Wicklund



Sadly, in the last few weeks, The Farms lost 2 of its neighbors. Clarence Stephen's passed after a long battle with Kidney disease. Clarence was a Cincinnati entrepreneur, owning several businesses. He was also a very innovative Comedian. He started the Poetry & Comedy Act at Mr. Kelly's and then pitched his idea to Russel Simmons, with it evolving into the Def Comedy Jam.

Mary Lee Klus also passed this month. She settled in the Farms in 1972. Many know her from the time she owned a pottery studio in Mt. Healthy. She was active in many PRF activities and especially enjoyed bridge and gardening. She and husband Mike raised 3 daughters in the Farms before moving to the West side a few years ago.

September Finneytown Farmers Market

Article by Springfield Township



Fresh locally grown and produced foods, art, wellness

- Vegetables/Fruits
- Soaps
- Plants & Flowers
- Honey
- Breads
- Cottage-Crafted Gifts
- Homemade Doggie Treats
- Non-GMO meats
- Grass-fed Beef
- Pork
- Eggs
- Juice
- Cheeses
- Healthy Cookies
- SNAP-Ed Demos

The Finneytown Farmers Market is held the second Sunday of each month, May through November from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the small administration parking lot behind the **Springfield Township Fire Station at 9150 Winton Road.**

Stock up on fresh, locally raised organic vegetables, non-GMO beef, pork, eggs, juice, and vegan bakery items. Fresh flowers, hand made specialties, local honey and soaps will be available for purchase. Enjoy live music and activities.

For more information on the Finneytown Farmer's Market vendors, visit <https://finneytownfarmersmarket.com/vendors.html>. For questions on the market, contact the Market Manager at Jenni@finneytownfarmersmarket.com





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Today's Recipe

Watermelon Salad

- 8 lb. whole seedless watermelon, chilled (about 12 cups of cubed fruit)
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 3 whole limes, juiced
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 3/4 tsp black pepper
- 1 cup fresh mint leaves, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups crumbled feta cheese (sheep's milk feta preferred)
- Arugula

- 01 Cut rind from the watermelon, then chop the fruit into 1 inch chunks. Place chunks in a colander to drain as your chop.
- 02 In a small bowl, whisk together olive oil, fresh lime juice, salt, and black pepper to create a dressing.
- 03 Place watermelon in a large salad bowl with arugula. Pour dressing and chopped mint over the watermelon and arugula mixture and toss gently to coat. Pour the crumbled feta into the salad bowl and stir gently to integrate the cheese into the salad. Serve.

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.

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 - Monica Bowles (Membership)
 - prfswimclub@yahoo.com (Swim Club)

Springfield Township Fire Department Celebrates 23 Years

Article by Springfield Township



Soccer in the Farms

Soccer starts soon!! It's nearly fall and it's soccer time again. Rich Wisecarver supervised our soccer program last year and will do it again this year. Last year there were 36 kids playing Lollipop soccer. This year we will continue to field lollipop teams. Rich is busy organizing all the players who signed up into teams. Practices and games will start soon.

Like last year all games will be played at our own Clifford George fields on Friday nights. Rich will send out information this week to parents and coaches about the teams.

Open House: Welch Home Development

T.J. Ackermann and Ralph Meierjohan, the developers of the Welch Elementary School site, will be holding an open house on Wednesday September 4th from 6:00PM until 7:00PM at the John Wesley Church on West Kemper Road. Information on the design of the community will be available for neighbors to review and ask questions about. Maronda Homes will be the home builder for all the lots and will have a representative available to share floor plans and elevations of the homes they will be offering in the new development. Chris Gilbert and Kathleen Kennedy from the Springfield Township administration will also be available to answer your questions about the planning, zoning, and finance processes. Please feel free to stop by and get the information on this exciting new development in Pleasant Run Farms.

Thank You John Wesley Volunteers!

We want to extend a warm and grateful thank you to the volunteers from John Wesley Methodist Church who have been helping our neighbors with difficult projects that significantly help their daily activities. It's heartwarming to have such caring and giving neighbors who work together through John Wesley United Methodist Church.

This month, the Springfield Township Fire Department celebrates 23 years. In June 1996, Robert Leininger was hired as Fire Chief to develop the Springfield Township Fire Department. On September 1, 1996, plans went into effect and the Springfield Township Fire Department was established. From that day forward, the fire department started providing fire and paramedic emergency medical service to the people who live, work and visit Springfield Township.

In 1996, the newly formed fire department consisted of 5 full-time and 50 part-time firefighters. In order to meet the demand for service today, the department employs 34 full-time and 38 part-time firefighters. All firefighters are cross trained to provide emergency medical services.

In 1996, the newly formed fire department was ranked 15th out of 44 suburban fire departments in Hamilton County based on service demand. Today, the Springfield Township Fire Department is ranked among the top 3 departments in the county based on geographic area, population served and the volume of fire/Emergency Medical Service (EMS) response. In 2018, the Springfield Township Fire Department responded to 6,383 emergency dispatch calls. Station 79, located at 9150 Winton Road is the second busiest suburban fire station in Hamilton County.



The Springfield Township Fire Department was recognized as 2018 Fire Department of the Year by the Ohio Fire Marshal and the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

According to Chief Leininger, "We have come a long way in 23 years. Our successes would not have been possible without the leadership from our forward thinking Trustees, administration and outstanding fire personnel. We strive to exceed the expectations of the people we serve."

Chief Leininger shared his insight on the future of the Springfield Township Fire Department, "I see the demand for safety services, especially medical increasing every year. To meet that demand, we will need to improve our current service delivery model to improve efficiency and effectiveness of providing fire and EMS services.

This will involve creating an environment that embraces change and innovation. Opportunities for collaboration, partnerships and joint ventures will be pursued. Community Paramedicine will change the way we provide EMS. In the future, paramedics may treat patients in the field rather than transport to the hospital. Paramedics will use telemedicine to communicate with a physician from a patient's living room. We need to embrace technology when it comes to radio and smart phone communications and medical devices."

The Springfield Township Fire Department will continue to be one of the leaders of fire and EMS in Hamilton County.

Hamilton County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency to Conduct Countywide Test Wednesday, September 4th

Article by Springfield Township

Hamilton County, OHIO – Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (EMHSA), in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will conduct the first county-wide test of the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system on **Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 9 a.m. EDT**. A test message reading: **"THIS IS A TEST of the Hamilton County Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action required."** will be sent to cell phones in Hamilton County to assess the county's readiness to alert the public when an emergency is in progress. **A backup test date is scheduled for September 10, 2019 at 9 a.m. EDT.**

Many members of the public will receive the WEA test message on their cell phones. Specifically, beginning at 9 a.m. EDT, cell towers will broadcast the WEA test for approximately 30 minutes. During this time, WEA-compatible wireless phones that are turned on, within range of an active cell tower, and whose wireless provider participates in WEA, should be capable of receiving the test message. The test WEA will appear to the public as a text-like message accompanied by a special tone and vibration, both repeated twice. **Because this is just a test message, no action is required when the public receives the message.**

For more information about the Hamilton County Wireless Emergency Alert Test please visit: <http://www.hamiltoncountyohioema.org/wireless-emergency-alert-test-2019/>



August is a great time to perform a handful of home maintenance tasks. Here are some tips on how to take care of those things as summer comes to a close.

Feed the Lawn

Many homeowners fertilize their lawns in the springtime. Far fewer do it again at the end of summer, which is also a vital time for feeding grass to ensure that it looks green and healthy next year. Lawn experts note that in the month of September grass growth begins to slow, so August is one of the prime months for boosting soil fertility. Neglecting the late-summer feeding, when the weather is particularly hot and humid, can leave the lawn weakened for lack of adequate nutrition – and that makes it more vulnerable to a variety of diseases and blights. But if you take the time to feed your lawn in August it will gain the strength needed to keep up its healthy resistance.

Check for Termite Evidence

Every home is made from at least some wood, and for that reason it is important for every homeowner – even those with brick houses – to do routine checks for termite infestation. You may not be able to confirm an infestation, and you may not know whether the termites are still active., but you can examine for telltale signs that will help you spot a potential problem and address it in a proactive way to protect your property.

One thing to look for is the presence of mud-like material which creates an irregular pattern of thin lines or tubes that can resemble

tiny vines made of dried mud. You'll often see these kinds of tracks leading from the dirt up and across the exposed portion of the building's foundation. Old tubes break and crumble into powder pretty easily, whereas active tubes may be less brittle and may even contain live termites.

Another sign of termite presence is piles of wings that have been shed by the creatures as they grow and evolve. If you suspect termite damage you can tap on the wood with a rubber hammer. If the inside of the wood has been eaten away you should hear a hollow thud versus the solid sound made when tapping on a piece of healthy wood. Probing with a small knife may reveal tunnels that run parallel to the grain of the wood.

Of course you should not let these kinds of home maintenance be a substitute for a thorough termite inspection conducted by a qualified home inspector who specializes in pest control. Termites, wood-destroying ants, and other pests can do serious damage to your home while disguising themselves and avoiding you detection. So be sure to have a professional termite inspection done at least every 2-3 years.

Inspect Basement and Crawl

Spaces for Moisture
You might not have been down here since you stowed away your

holiday decorations, so it's time to revisit crawl spaces and your basement. Suspicious moisture could indicate leaking pipes or water damage that'll undermine your foundation.

Create a Child Safety Kit

Keep an up-to-date description and important information about your child handy in case of an incident. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has in-depth guidelines about what police recommend including in your child safety kit at <http://www.missingkids.com/ChildID>

Organize Mudroom

When school starts, your entry-way will become ground zero for backpacks, coats, and all manner of mess. Start the season off organized and cut down on the inevitable chaos of back-to-school schedules. Consider where everything should go and make sure the whole family knows what is expected.

**Celebration News:
Birthdays and Home Anniversaries**

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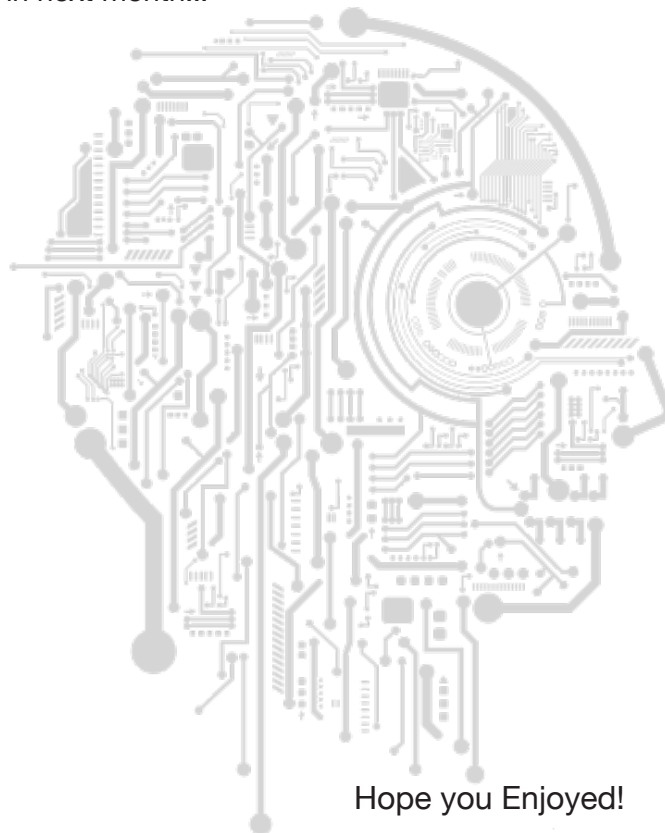
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Thinking Out Loud

I am re-programming my conscious and subconscious minds . Yes, you have read that correctly! According to science, all of our habits of thinking and behaving are stored in the subconscious mind and reinforced consciously and vice versa. As I look around my life, I realize that my life is the most important project I will ever have to work on. So much depends on my life including the well-being of my daughter and family -that I must take absolute ownership over what I plant and produce in my mind because it will spring forth into existence the life I am living. Therefore, anything I am unhappy with or unfilled in probably stems from previous mental conditioning blocking me from completeness, wellbeing, and fulfillment . And this is why I am reprogramming myself because I deserve a life of joy, growth, love and prosperity in the highest forms. For this entire month, I will not watch tv shows that reinforce dysfunctional family dynamics or behaviors and habits that will not lead to a fulfilling life. I am listening to audios and reading books that unleash my greatest potential and I am taking complete accountability for the makings of own mind. I don't have time to complain or blame. But I do have time to radically develop myself so that I can create the life that is most rewarding to me. I am taking full ownership for how I feel, I will no longer say someone made me feel xyz. I take responsibility for my attitude, mindset, and perception of life because I know I am destined for fulfillment. I know many of you are on a similar journey and I love would to hear your thoughts? I am officially on day 3 of my reprogramming! I will fill you in next month!!!



Hope you Enjoyed!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jalisa'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jalisa Harris, PRFCA Communications Director

