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# The Pleasant Run Farms Memo

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## POOL NEWS FROM PRF SWIM CLUB:

The PRF Swim Club is hosting Swimfest on Sunday August 19 from 1-4 pm. There will be many vendors such as Scentsy, Arbonne, Avon, Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Park Lane Jewelry, LuLaRoe, 31, Paparazzi, Pink Zebra, Norwex and more displaying and selling their goods. We are offering free pool admission that day to spur attendance. We will be selling hot dogs plus all of our other great concession items. Please watch [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com) and the PRF facebook pages for reminders and updates and then stop out to do some shopping.

With school starting back up, the Swim Club will be closed August 20-24 and August 27-31. The last day will be Labor Day, September 3 from 12-6 pm.

Due to the success of open admittance weekends in July, we are extending it to August weekends and September 1-3. Non-members can enjoy the Swim Club on Friday evenings from 5-8 pm for \$5 for those aged 3 and up, Saturdays from 12-8 pm and Sundays and Labor Day from 12-6 pm for \$7 per adult aged 18-54, \$5 for children aged 3-17 and adults over 55 and under 2 free.

# Hi Neighbor!

## President's Update



The Welch school property looks like it will be repurposed into new housing and possibly a walking track. Everyone who is interested in the changes planned for the Welch property should plan to attend the PRF Civic Association General Meeting on September 18th at 6:45 pm at John Wesley Church. We have Chris Gilbert, Springfield Township Administrator, Todd Bowling, Superintendent of NWLSD and the housing developers for the site attending to answer any questions you may have regarding the changes planned for the property.

The road contractors will begin to resurface Cedar creek, Centerbrook and Canfield in late September or early October. The project should be completed before Thanksgiving. Now, we have to think of getting more of our streets scheduled for next year. We'll be working on that this fall.

The renovation of the Swim Club parking area and the Community Building is getting close to completion. The new sign for the property has been completed and should be installed within days. The landscape work is completed and has really changed the looks of the property. We still need some volunteers to help paint the community building. It's not that much work, but will take a few hours. Members of the PRFCA Board have primed 2 sides of the building and painted the doors. The John Wesley Boy Scouts have painted the split rail fence that extends from the Community Building down to the Pool. We could also use some help in watering the plantings while they acclimate to their new surroundings. Hopefully, this fall we'll be able to plan some activities like a corn hole contest for this area.

Let us know if you'd like to participate in any of the many activities that the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association is doing to keep our community a great place to live and play. Have a great August.

Skip Wicklund

PRFCA President

## Springfield Township Fire Department To Be Recognized as Fire Department of the Year

Article from Springfield Township

The Springfield Township Fire Department has been named **2018 Ohio Fire Department of the Year** by the Ohio Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Medical Services and the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of State Fire Marshal. One thousand one hundred and fifty (1,150) fire departments across eighty eight (88) counties in Ohio are eligible for this award. According to the Ohio Department of Public Safety, this award honors an Ohio Fire Department that has demonstrated outstanding teaching characteristics and because of these attributes, has made a major impact in fire education in its community and department.

The award will be presented on **Thursday, September 20, 2018** in a formal ceremony at the Division of State Fire Marshal in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.



*Courtesy of Springfield Township*

Furthering fire education, the Springfield Township Fire Department conducts a bi-annual fire prevention open house event, Kids Fire Academy summer camp, juvenile fire setters program, college campus fire safety program, firehouse tours, boy and girl scout fire safety programs, elementary school visits with over 1,700 children each year, and fire prevention partnerships with apartment and condominium associations.

For 21 consecutive years, Springfield Township EMS and Fire responses have increased. The run volume makes the STFD the third busiest suburban fire department in Hamilton County. Station 79, located at 9150 Winton Road is the second busiest suburban firehouse in the county.

In 2017, the Springfield Township Fire Department launched a Code Enforcement Division to provide inspection services for zoning and property maintenance as well as fire inspection for business, schools and daycare facilities. With the addition of the Code Enforcement Division, the Department improved its Insurance Service Office (ISO) Class rating from a Class 3 to a Class 2. ISO class ratings can have a significant influence on property insurance rates, especially for businesses. This exceptional rating has been achieved by less than 3% of fire departments nationwide.

STFD received the 2017 Mission Lifeline EMS silver achievement award and was recently awarded a \$200,000 planning grant from the Bethesda Inc. Foundation to develop a community paramedicine service model.

## Art, Craft and Vendor Fair Added To WinterFest

### Now Accepting Applications

Article from Springfield Township

WinterFest Reimagined is Springfield Township's largest holiday event, bringing the entire community together through a celebration of the arts. New this year will be the addition of an Art, Craft and Vendor Fair at the Springfield Township Community Arts Center. The addition of the Fair will top the already exciting activities scheduled Saturday, December 1st which includes a parade, Winter Village, hay rides, petting zoo, Madcap Puppet show, school art show, student performances, ice sculpture demonstrations, sm'ores pit, Cincinnati Civic Orchestra holiday concert and so much more! The Art, Craft and Vendor Fair will take place from 1-6pm.



*Courtesy of Springfield Township*

Artists, crafters and vendors of retail or home-based businesses can register for a 10x10 space [HERE](#).

Each 10'x10' space is \$25. Tables and electric can be rented for \$5 each.

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WINTERFEST VISIT: <https://www.theartsconnect.us/244/Winter>**

# Swim Club Director, Treasurer and Volunteers Needed



The PRF Swim Club is in need of another Director to help get the pool ready in the Spring and to help run the pool throughout the Summer and a Treasurer to budget and keep track of the Swim Club expenses. Please contact Ed Mayer at 513-407-1174 or at prfswimclub@yahoo.com with any questions or to express interest.

In addition, we will need volunteers to help close the pool down in the fall and to get the pool ready in the Spring. Volunteers will receive \$10 per hour off of their swim club membership.

# Parade Wrap-up

Thank you to everyone who came out to participate in the July 4th Parade. Despite the crazy hot temperatures we had quite a few parade participants and spectators. Thank you to the Springfield Township Police and Fire Departments for leading the parade around the neighborhood. Thank you to the Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts for being in the parade this year. It was great to see all the kids on their bikes, scooters and the parents walking along with them. The new route turned out to be a bit intense, but I know the residents on the east side of the neighborhood appreciated the effort. I think the intense heat caused people to retreat to their AC right after the parade, but those of us that stuck around at the ball fields enjoyed some nice free food and great company. I look forward to putting together next year's event! Feel free to send me any thoughts you have about the event!

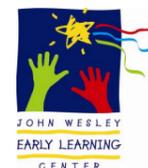
-Mary Barrera



Need a baby sitter located within the Pleasant Run Farms community? Our very own Trinity Vivians is available for the summer. Trinity is certified in First aid and CPR and has experience with small children and babies. You can contact Trinity at 513-505-0480.

Any more teens looking for summer work? Please send their names and any relevant qualifications to harrisjalisa88@gmail.com to be mentioned in the August memo.

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04 Ohio River Paddfest

05 Glier's Goettafest

08-12 Hamilton County Fair



09-13 Great Inland Seafood

24-26 Germania Society Oktoberfest  
11 Cincy Blues Fest

31 ArtsConnect Cafe-Lunchtime Concert  
31 St. John Neuman Festival

## Today's Recipe Baked Pork Chop

Serves 4

- 1 1/2 cups panko
- 5 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 3 tablespoons grated Parmesan
- 2 teaspoons dried Italian seasoning
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Four 3/4-inch bone-in pork chops (about 2 1/4 pounds)
- Lemon wedges, for serving (optional)

01 Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F. Combine the panko, oil, Parmesan, Italian seasoning and 3/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper in a large resealable plastic bag. Put the pork chops in a large bowl and toss to coat with 1 tablespoon water. Place the pork chops in the bag and shake well to coat, pressing the breadcrumb mixture firmly into the meat.

02 Place the pork chops on a wire rack set on a baking sheet and top evenly with any breadcrumbs remaining in the bag. Bake until the breadcrumbs are dark golden and the internal temperature of the chops registers 165 degrees F on an instant-read thermometer (avoid touching bone), about 30 minutes. Serve immediately with lemon wedges, if using.

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 to place your Classified or Business Ad.

## Landscape Summer Maintenance by Roger Schafer

Finally.....as we experienced little Spring and a brief hot and wet to dry tropical wave, we can appreciate a relatively normal summer. The plantings and assorted potted flowers/baskets are showing the stress. Even perennials are struggling to survive the drastic climate changes. This is the time to maintain all plants by diligent pruning of dead foliage and branches. Also, a light application of fertilizer with moderate daily watering will improve the health and appearance of your plants. Over watering may initiate mold and fungus as cooler nights approach. So be light with the watering, and apply during morning hours if needed. The Vinca, New Guinea impatiens (sunpatiens) and Geraniums seem to survive under extreme conditions and prolonged weather changes.

We still have a good three months of growing season to enjoy our landscapes and gardens before the frost days arrive.

Most garden centers are now preparing for Fall. Mums are the focus of flower displays. However, a few greenhouses will heavily discount their unsold baskets and pots from Spring and early summer inventory. Search for these items to replace annuals that failed through the extreme weather cycles.

## YOUR PRF EXECUTIVE BOARD

### MEMBERS:

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prfswimclub@yahoo.com (Swim Club)

## A Brighter First Impression - New Gateway Signs!

Article from Springfield Township

“First impressions are important”, explains Springfield Township Trustee, Mark Berning. For communities, that first impression is set the minute you cross into that jurisdiction’s boundary. Some say, a first impression can even play a role in home buying and business development. Springfield Township’s official welcome mats to the community are making a change! Soon you will begin to see vibrant gateway signs, making our first impression bold and exciting.

The previous signs, made of wood, are showing their age and have far exceeded their lifetime. Maintenance of wood signs have been costly and time consuming. The new signage, made to last, are being constructed with Corian. Corian is a brand of solid surface material created by DuPont. Its primary use is as a countertop/benchttop surface, though it has many other applications. The signs have been designed using the Township’s more modern logo, new branding colors and its “Center to it all!” tagline. Unlike wood, these signs are guaranteed not to fade or crack, so they will look new for many years to come.

The first gateway sign was installed at the Cross County Highway exit ramp on Galbraith Road. Five additional signs will be added throughout the remaining summer months to the Cross County Highway entrance and exit ramps on Winton and Galbraith Roads, and at the gateway between Greenhills and Springfield Township near Winton Woods park. These larger gateway signs are considered to be the first phase for new signage in Springfield Township and should be in place by early September. Phase two will include new, smaller vertical signs for parks, neighborhood gateways, facilities and directionals and will be installed in 2019.



Courtesy of Springfield Township

### Additional Community Branding Projects:

- Springfield Township’s website redesign was completed in 2017.
- Cincinnati Magazine spotlight on Springfield Township 2017
- Springfield Township Center to it All video 2018
- Annual Report 2018 for 2017
- Business Matters publication 2018

## U.S. Route 127 (Hamilton Ave) Lane and Shoulder Closures Scheduled

Article from Springfield Township

The Ohio Department of Transportation Announcement:



Pavement work and storm sewer upgrades require various lane and shoulder closures on north and south U.S. 127 between the Mt. Healthy corporate line and the Butler County line beginning Wednesday, July 25.

Lane closures will be daily from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. between Meredith Drive and John Gray Road, excluding the portion of U.S. 127 in the city of Forest Park. One mile of U.S. 127 will be reduced to one lane in each direction in the vicinity of Meredith Drive. This traffic pattern will remain in effect for approximately three weeks.

Arrow boards and/or signs are in place to alert motorists of the upcoming work zone and restrictions. All work is contingent upon the weather.

To help ensure the safety of the construction workers as well as the traveling public, motorists should remain alert, reduce their speed and watch for stopped traffic while passing through the work zone.

For ongoing traffic, construction and weather-related information, please check [www.OHGO.com](http://www.OHGO.com).

This project is being managed by ODOT. Concerns may be directed to Liz Lyons, District 8 Public Information, at (513) 933-6534.

## Mural Dedication

Article from Springfield Township

The entire community is invited to celebrate the transformation, work and creativity of Springfield Township’s first mural, Creatress.

### Community Partners making the mural possible include:

ArtWorks, ArtsConnect, Hamilton County Planning + Development, Springfield Township Community Improvement Corporation, Brentwood Bowl

**Mural Designed by:** Joe Castrucci (A Springfield Township Resident)

### ArtWorks Team:

Program Manager: Thaddeus Williams

Teaching Artist: Ian Hermanns

Apprentices: Adonay Kebede (Withrow High School), Centoria McConnell (Princeton High School), Darion Hassertt (Winton Woods Graduate, Entering University of Cincinnati DAAP), Erin Backs (Roger Bacon Graduate, Mount St Joseph University), Evelyn Larkins (Mercy McAuley), Jasmine Floid (North College Hill Graduate, Miami University), Megan Ackley (Holy Cross), Oliver Orue (Finneytown High School)

Join us, as we dedicate this mural to the community.

**Date: October 2, 2018**

Time: 3:30pm

Address: Brentwood Bowl - 9176 Winton Road, Cincinnati, OH 45231



Courtesy of Springfield Township



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 entryway 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.

## Around the Farms by Susan Wicklund

July has ended and hopefully the heat. Some in the Farms missed the hot temperatures traveling to lakes, oceans and the Gulf of Mexico. Some took trips through out the interior of the USA. A few even went to Europe. For those that stayed home, many enjoyed the Fourth of July Parade and our great PFRCA Swim Club. Many enjoyed baseball games on our PFR fields at Clifford George Park. All and all I hope you all had a great summer.

Did you know, Ohio.org has an Ice Cream Trail for all to follow. This site shows a map of the 15 places that have been voted for serving the best ice cream in Ohio. So, if you'd feel like a small car trip, you can experience a delicious ice cream and create a wonderful memory. Two of our Ice Cream Shops in Cincinnati are on the list.

Memorial Day is coming and that means more parades and family outings. For something new to do, there is the Kettering Holiday at Home Parade in Kettering Ohio. Kettering is about an hour away from the Farms. It is a must for families with young children. The parade has been going on since the 1960's. Cities up to Lima are in the parade. It has many professional looking floats, bands from many cities, Shriners, horses, etc. It has been seen on Dayton's TV channels for years. There is also a super outside Arts & Craft Show and a large Car Show. You can go to the web to look up the Parade.

Another fun family outing is the Sand Volley Ball event each week at the Northwest Bowling Alley. The game is free and open to most ages. Families and their children play in the game or watch. Our sons who use to live in the Farms and others from the Farms do join in this event.

School will start this month. The children have new things to enjoy. The first day is always full of mixed feelings. I remember this as teacher and parent. The children will be coming home with so much news to tell their parents. It's a really important day to take time in the evening to have talks with your children. It really helps with settling into the school program the next day. Many parents tell me how important it is for them to understand the first impressions the children have of their teachers and other students in the class. School is a great way for our kids to create new friends.



Sand volleyball: <https://acusports.com/>



Ice Cream trail: [trailsohio.org](http://trailsohio.org)

# Celebration News: Birthdays and Home Anniversaries

*Happy Belated Anniversary to 'The Schafer Family' who was mistakenly not listed on our July memo. The Schafer's have been living in the farms since July 1978! Happy belated Roger & Karen Schafer!!*

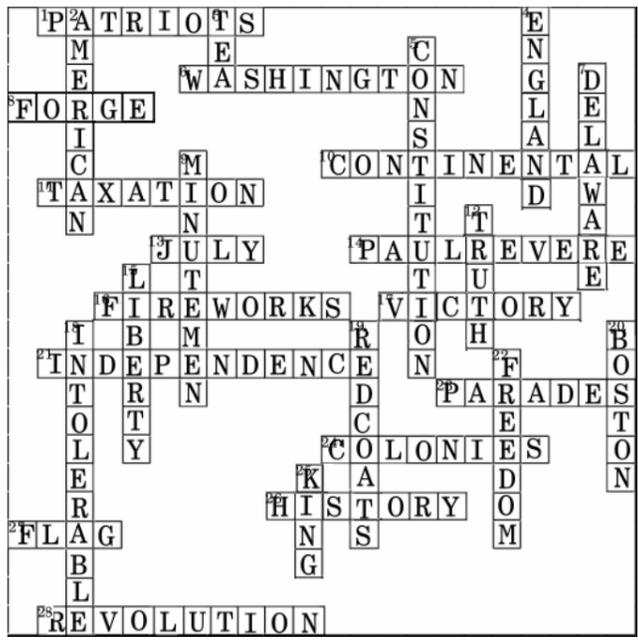
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Resident Anniversary
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							The Strebe Family 1992
12	13	14	15	16 Bill Obermeyer	17	18 Nicolas Sutton	Eleanor Gaynor 1996
19 Skip Wicklund Tori Barrera	20	21	22 Mary R. Wurzbacher	23 Kevin Puccini Karen Pearson	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30 Kaitlyn Marwehe	31	1	

# Thinking Out Loud

This month I am going to be transparent about a personal struggle of mine-the struggle to expand. This desire for expansion, whether in the job market, love and relationships, and health is a natural human desire. However this desire for expansion is not easy to actualize. It takes hard work, dedication, and a strong resolve. Lately, I have been feeling extremely stressed as I have repeatedly tried to expand in the the real estate market as a Real Estate Project Manager (eventually I would like to be a director of development for a government or nonprofit agency). My education, work experience and overall preparation has not saved me from rejection. Feelings of worthlessness have paralyzed me and in all candidness, I feel stuck. But as I have mustered up what little courage I have to keep applying and reaching for my expansion. I realize I am not as stuck and paralyzed as I feel, I have power here. Undeniable power to direct my reaction to my own circumstances. I can move forward even when my mind tells me that doing so will only lead to further rejection. I know I am not alone in this. So I ask all my readers to share your own struggles of expansion and the courage it is taking you to preserve through it. The task of achieving greatness is met with struggle. It may seem like your whole world is falling apart right before your eyes but you're power is in your light and your ability to shine in your own darkness. Just remember that whatever you are trying to expand in requires a stretch of faith and perseverance. You can achieve hard tasks because greatness and expansion are within you!

## JULY CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS



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\*Answers will be available in Sept. memo



<https://breakdownchick.wordpress.com/2018/04/27/update-expansion/>

Hope you Enjoyed!

Jalisa Harris, PRFCA Communications Director