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# The Pleasant Run Farms Memo

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# Hi Neighbor!

## President's Update



Our annual General Meeting is on Tuesday, January 21 st at John Wesley United Methodist Church at 7:00pm. Our feature speaker will be LT. Niehaus, Springfield Townships Police Department uniform patrol commander. He'll discuss safety in the Farms. During the business portion of the meeting, we'll be electing officers for 2020, present our annual treasurers report, schedule next years community events and give updates on the Welch Home Project and street repairs in the Farms.

Importantly, it's time for all of us to renew our annual membership in the PRF Civic Association for 2020. And if your not a member it's the perfect time for you to join the Civic Association and support all the important things we do to keep Pleasant Run Farms a great place to live. We provide fun community events throughout the year, work as a liaison with Springfield Township on all kinds of things like road maintenance, funding for the

Farms, safety and others. We operate the Farms Swim Club; coordinate an athletics program and maintain the ball fields at Clifford George Park, publish the monthly PRF Memo newsletter and work to enhance the look of the Farms. The Civic Association is run by all dedicated volunteers. If you're interested, we'd love to have you join us. But please remember to send in your membership forms. It's really important for all of us to actively support our community to keep it vibrant and thriving.

The asphalt repairs on Elkwood Dr. between John Gray Rd. and Deerhorn were delayed due to weather. The Township tells us that the repairs will be made shortly. The repairs will include a 4 ft. strip of asphalt down each side of Elkwood. Major repair of the street will be scheduled sometime after the Welch Project has been completed.

As we all set about our plans for 2020, consider joining us in one of our Civic Association projects. It's important that we all help keep Pleasant Run Farms a great place to live.

Skip Wicklund,

PRFCA President

## PRF Spring Sports Registration Now Open

### Registration for T-ball, baseball, and softball is now open.

Hello everyone,

I hope you all have had a wonderful holiday season. As the calendar turns to 2020, we are now focusing our attention on the warmer weather that is just around the corner. Registration for T-ball, baseball, and softball is now open. The link to register is here:

<https://sports.bluesombrero.com/prfaa>

You can forward this to your family and friends to simplify registration. A family does not need to be a member of PRF to register and play.

Unlike the past few seasons, we will not be conducting "early" or "late" registration. **Registration is open, and is first-come, first-served from now through Sunday, February 16th (for softball and baseball).** T-ball begins its season later, and therefore we will continue to accept registrations into mid-March. After February 16th, or when an age level is filled, all remaining baseball and softball registrations will be put on a wait list. **Last year's registrations were about 80% full by the middle of January, so please do not wait to get signed up.**

Once again this year, we'll be combining our program with Forest Park Athletics. The fusion of the two programs last season allowed us to enjoy our biggest registration numbers in almost a decade. As with any



new project, it took some time to get everything working seamlessly. After a year to work out the kinks, I'm confident that this season will be even better. We're excited for some upcoming improvements to our program that this partnership will afford. We can't wait to get this upcoming season going.

Thank you all for your support over the years. We hope to see you back on the field in a couple months. Please reply to this email with any questions, or email me at [hellermj1@gmail.com](mailto:hellermj1@gmail.com)

-Matt Heller, PRFAA

# Pool Update:

I know the weather is getting colder and summer is becoming a distant memory but fear not! Summer will return and it will once again be pool weather! Were your kids going a little crazy with cabin fever over winter break? Wondering how you will keep them entertained all summer break? Well I have a solution!! Join the Pleasant Run Farms Swim Club! Your whole family will thank you!



We have many different membership levels available including a new Senior Membership and Student Membership levels. Join by heading to [pleasantrunfarms.org/swim-club](http://pleasantrunfarms.org/swim-club) or printing off the membership form and mailing it along with a check. We have 10 month payment plans available!

I am excited to take a more active role in the operation of the pool this year and would love to hear what YOU would like to see offered at the swim club in 2020. We are so lucky to have a neighborhood pool and I look forward to helping it remain viable for years to come! Do not hesitate to call, text or email me anytime!

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

# Now Hiring Part-Time in the Fire Department

Article by Springfield Township

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



21  
Line Dancing

Wyoming Fine Arts

22  
First Act! Kids Theater

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Drawing Fundamentals

Springfield Twp Artist Foundation



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Springfield Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Frist Act! Kids Theater

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Stuart Little Performed by Playhouse In The Park

## Today's Recipe Pesto Zoodles

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 4 small zucchini, cut into noodle-shape strands
- 1/2 cup drained and rinsed canned garbanzo beans (chickpeas)
- 3 tablespoons pesto, or to taste
- salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons shredded white Cheddar cheese, or to taste

01 Heat olive oil in a skillet over medium heat; cook and stir zucchini until tender and liquid has evaporated, 5 to 10 minutes

02 Stir garbanzo beans and pesto into zucchini; lower heat to medium-low. Cook and stir until garbanzo beans are warm and zucchini is evenly coated, about 5 minutes; season with salt and pepper.

03 Transfer zucchini mixture to serving bowls and top with white Cheddar cheese.

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

Eletronic 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.

Civic Association Activities

Community Events

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Fourth of July Parade
- Holiday in the Farms

PRF Swim Club

PRF Athletics Program

PRF Memo Newsletter

Liaison w/ Springfield Township

Road repairs & Maintenance

Grants

Safety

Governing issues

Liaison w/ Northwest Local School District Board

Beautification of the Farms

### YOUR PRF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

Skip Wicklund [skipwicklund@gmail.com](mailto:skipwicklund@gmail.com) (President)

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Monica Bowles (Membership)

[prfswimclub@yahoo.com](mailto:prfswimclub@yahoo.com) (Swim Club)

## Around the Farms

By, Susan Wicklund

This past December's Holiday in the Farms was a great success. We want to thank Northwest High School's Matthew Marratta and his beautiful Choir for their wonderful Christmas songs. We hope they will treat us to more great Holiday classics next year. We were also treated to creative face painting by Northwest's Art Club and their teacher Andrea Stewart. While the kids did crafts and face painting we were also glued to our seats as we marveled at PRF Shriner, Pete Kohlmorgen's magic tricks. He had us all in awe. And importantly, we all treasured another appearance of our own PRF Santa and his wife, the Grosheim's. This was their second year visiting with the children at the Holiday in the Farms.

On sadder news, we had a few past neighbors lose family members in December. Cheryl Collins Smith lost her husband Larry Smith. Cheryl's children are Brian and Alisa Collins. The Collins had lived on Fallbrook in the 1970's. As the New Year approached, we lost Michael Porter. He was 49 years old. His family had lived on Elkwood. Mike graduated from Northwest High School in 1988. He had been working in Texas.



# SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP **CIC**

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

## Springfield Township Community Improvement Corporation Offers Next Round of Grants to Spur Neighborhood Beautification and Economic Development in 2020

Article by Springfield Township

The Springfield Township Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) has opened the grant application process for neighborhood and local business improvements. **Neighborhood Enhancement** and the **Business Improvement** grants were created to assist local businesses and neighborhood associations in carrying out improvements that better our area. The CIC has budgeted \$25,000 for each grant in the 2020 cycle of funding. Applications are now available online.

Springfield Township Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) Board Member and Township Trustee Mark Berning explains, "The two grant programs leverage community resources to revitalize and reinvest in Springfield Township businesses and neighborhoods. The programs create valuable partnerships that help to improve the economic health and vibrancy of Springfield Township."



The Neighborhood Enhancement Grant program was created in 2016. The program was designed to make Springfield Township neighborhoods better places to live, work, and play. The program focuses on the Township's various neighborhoods by achieving specific goals.

Similar to most grant programs, the Neighbor-

hood Enhancement Grant Program provides funding only to specific types of organizations and for specific types of projects.

Projects which are eligible include ones which:

- Provide a public, neighborhood benefit;
- Make improvements and/or repairs to existing facilities;
- Develop aesthetic improvements such as landscaping, entrance signage, or lighting; and
- Involve neighborhood residents in project identification, planning, and implementation

Funded projects must have a minimum of 10% matching funds by the eligible organization.

**Past completed projects include:** Hollydale Civic Association neighborhood gateway, Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association swim club pool repairs, Sevenhills Action Group neighborhood gateway, the Hartwell Business Association Vine Street beautification project and the Meadows of Wright Farm Civic Association decorative street lighting project.



**About the Business Improvement Grant:**

## Residential Incentive Grant Program Continued...

The Business Improvement Grant was created in 2018 as part of the “Business Matters!” initiative. The grant was created to offer incentive for the redevelopment of local businesses. Business owners and/or eligible business associations may file a grant application for the implementation of a single project. Eligible projects are those that:

- Make improvements and/or repairs, or improve the aesthetics to existing facilities; or
- Create new opportunities for economic growth or add jobs; or
- Allow the business to remain in Springfield Township; or
- Address economic development needs of the neighborhood or business corridor and clearly benefits the area; or
- Make aesthetic neighborhood improvements such as landscaping, entrance signage, or lighting; and

A minimum of 35% matching funding from the eligible business/businesses association are required. Projects that conflict with township policy will not be awarded.

**Past completed projects include:** The Brentwood Bowl mural, plaza and parking lot improvements and Conover Family Dental and Seven Hills Women’s Health Centers signage, entryway and landscape improvements.



**Grant Application Deadlines: March 6, 2020**

**For more information of the Springfield Township CIC, Call 522-1410.**

## Celebration News: Birthdays and Home Anniversaries

### Jan 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Resident Anniversaries
29	30	31	1 Marty McCain	2	3	4	The Bischoff Family 1971
5	6	7	8 Julie Mayer	9 Edward Wurzbacher	10	11	The McCain Family 1974
12	13	14 Nancy Berquist	15 Bert Cameron	16 Floyd Strebe	17	18	The Miller Family 2018
19 Jorday Bradley	20	21	22	23 P.J. Bissmeyer Kay McCain	24	25 Monica Bowles	
26	27	28	29 Betsy Bissmeyer	30 Rosemarie Sutton	31	1	





**2020 Pleasant Run Farm Civic Association, Inc. Membership Form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Family last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail (please print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

PRF Member since: month \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_  
*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 and existence and running smoothly. Please check if you are willing to help with any of the following programs and the respective Board Member will contact you.

- |                               |                             |                    |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Seasonal Activities _____     | Scholarship Committee _____ | Sports _____       |
| Street Rep _____              | Landscaping _____           | Street Reps _____  |
| Pool _____                    | Memo _____                  | Where needed _____ |
| Great American Clean Up _____ | Welcome Committee _____     | Luminaria _____    |

We do publish member's anniversary (years living in PRF) and birthdays in the Memo unless you click below:

I do not want household anniversary and birthdays published in the Memo.

Annual 2020 Membership fee: \$30.00, Senior Membership \$27.00. If you would like a paper copy of the memo, membership is \$40.00. Please return this completed form with your check made out to PRFCA and mail to: PRF, 11955 Elkwood Drive, Box C, Cincinnati, Ohio 45240 or drop it in the new dropoff mailbox on the side of the building at 11955 Elkwood Drive or you can join online at [www.prfarms.org](http://www.prfarms.org). Form is not needed if you pay online.

If you have any questions, please text (513) 591-9368 or via e-mail at [monicabowles@ymail.com](mailto:monicabowles@ymail.com)  
 Please check out the PRFCA website at [pleasantrunfarms.org](http://pleasantrunfarms.org). Join our facebook page for updates under Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association. Website: [pleasantrunfarms.org](http://pleasantrunfarms.org). Thank you for making our community a great place to live!

Membership Use Only: Date Received: _____ Check # _____ Amount: _____ Date Cleared: _____ Other: _____
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**2020 PLEASANT RUN FARMS SWIM CLUB REGISTRATION**

The membership drive for Pleasant Run Farms Swim Club season has begun. There will not be any Daily Admission Days. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Barrera @ 513-678-5011. Please complete the registration form and submit payment in one of two ways:

1. Pay by check or money order (make check payable to PRFCA Swim Club) and mail to: PRFCA Swim Club, 11955 Elkwood Dr, Box C, Cincinnati, OH 45240;
2. Pay by credit card online at [www.pleasantrunfarms.org/swim-club](http://www.pleasantrunfarms.org/swim-club). Payment plans are available.
3. Visa, MasterCard, American Express & Discover are accepted.

ALL Members and Guests under the age of 12 must wear a swim wrist band at the pool at all times.

Qty	Membership Options	Price	Per
	Family Membership (all members reside in <u>same</u> household) – max 6	\$250	\$250
	Couples Membership (2 adults living in <u>same</u> household)	\$200	\$200
	Single Membership (minimum age 16)	\$175	\$175
	Student Membership (Must show valid student ID and registration)	\$150	\$150
	Senior Membership (Over age 62) Single/Couple	\$150/\$175	\$150/\$175
	Add-on to Any Membership (add'l family, grandmother, babysitter, etc.)	\$25/ea	\$25/ea

Memberships are non-transferable and are not refundable.

Membership Information

**PLEASE NOTE: All members listed on this membership form must reside in the same house and be able to provide proof of residency or be listed as an add-on.**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency contact name & phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Children/Add-on Names+	Male/Female	Age (if under 18)	Date of Birth (if under 18)

+ Please include the children's last name if different than the family name above. Please list first and last name of Add-on members.

By signing this registration form, I have received, read and agree to obey the rules and regulations of the Pleasant Run Farms Swim Club, and they will be followed by all persons listed on membership. I will not hold the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association or any member responsible for any injury that my family or I may sustain while at the pool. Failure to obey the swim club rules and regulations may result in suspension or forfeiture of membership.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date