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The Pleasant Run Farms Memo March 2019

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Swim Club Update:

The Pleasant Run Farms Swim Club is run by volunteers and we need you. Below is a description of several different jobs. Please contact Ed Mayer at prfswimclub@yahoo.com or at 513-407-1174 to learn more about them or to volunteer to help with this area.

Swim Club Director: Attend PRF Civic Association Meetings and provide updates on pool happenings. 2 hours per month.

Lawn Mower: Mows the grass and keeps up on the Landscaping. An hour per week.

Life Guard Scheduler: Schedules Life Guards and manages them. 5 hours per week.

Pump Room and Building Maintenance: Fixes issues with pool pumps and other issues. Assembles pipes in spring and disassembles in fall and winterizes. As needed.

Concession Buyer: Purchases and prices concessions. 1 hour per week.

Spring Crew to get pool ready: Power wash the pools and the deck, fix concrete cracks, put out furniture, attach diving board, clean concessions and bathroom. Need lots of people. Willing to take \$10/hour off membership.

Pool Chemical Purchaser: Setup schedule for chlorine delivery and order other chemicals as needed. Less than an hour a week.

Social Director: Schedule parties and other events like swimfest. Less than an hour per week.

Treasurer: Prepare budget, pay life guards every 2 weeks, pay taxes, pay bills, deposit funds. 2 hours per week.

Membership Director: Promotes Swim Club Membership, keeps track of who has joined and who hasn't renewed. Less than 1 hour per week.

Lifeguards:

Concession workers:



Hi Neighbor!

President's Update



The PRFCA Board of Directors was elected at the February 19th Annual General Meeting. All members of the 2018 Board were reelected for 2019. If you would like to work with us on any of our many projects we'd love to hear from you.

On Saturday, March 23rd the Farms will participate in the Great American Cleanup. If you'd like to join us in making Pleasant Run Farms a more beautiful place to live contact me at skipwicklund@gmail.com.

The PRFCA Scholarship deadline is March 15th. For more information you can contact Bert Cameron at bert.cameron@fuse.net.

Springfield Township is developing new neighborhood signs for the Farms. We're told that they will be made of corian, the same material the new Swim Club sign is made of. We're waiting to see the design proofs.

Todd Bowling, NWLSD Superintendent, tells us that the Welch property has been sold to home developer, T. J. Ackerman. His firm is currently reviewing their plans with Springfield Township. Anyone interested in the development plans can contact the Township and attend meetings to provide your input on zoning and buffers/landscape plans.

As I've previously mentioned, the Swim Club's parking area will be gated shortly. This is being done to reduce wear and tear and prolong the life of the asphalt.

Mike Gould, Springfield Township Public Works Director, has told us that Hamilton County has decided not to request State-funding assistance for Kemper Rd improvement this year. Unfortunately, that eliminates the repair of the streets in the Brookway area that were connected with the Kemper project. Mike also mentioned that the Township is purchasing road repair equipment that will give them the ability to grind the existing asphalt and apply new paving in small areas. They will identify areas in the Farms that are between 25' – 200' that need immediate repair. Members of the PRFCA Board will assist in determining the repair areas. These repairs may effect some of the State grant funding that will be requested for streets in poor condition. This critical factor will be significant in determining the repair areas.

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

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PLEASANT RUN FARMS ATHLETICS 2019

The weather will be warming soon, drying out, and getting people in the mood for spring. Birds will return, grass will grow, and kids will be outside playing. And soon the ball fields at Clifford George will be filled with kids playing ball. Registrations have occurred the past 3 months. Parents have signed up their boys and girls again for baseball, softball, and Tball. PRF may have 9 or 10 teams this spring. It's especially gratifying to see so many kids at younger ages signing up.

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. There is equipment to distribute; uniforms to order and hand out; games to schedule; fields to prep; umpires to organize; concessions to plan for and more. 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.

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

It's a good time with PRF Athletics and we could use some help. 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 - 2 hours 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. This includes cutting the grass at Clifford George, dragging the two ball fields before games, trimming the bushes early in the season, spraying weeds occasionally that grow on the fields. This requires about 3 – 4 hours per week and 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 signups, 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 week.

Upcoming Events in the Farms!

Great American Cleanup

Save the date for the 2019 Spring Cleanup! We will be creating teams to tackle some projects around our neighborhood on Saturday March 23rd starting at 9:00am. We are looking for volunteers to lead teams or to work as part of a team. We would also like to feedback on what projects the community would like to be worked on. We have registered our event with <http://www.keepcincinnatibeautiful.org> so it will show up on the calendar of events. If you, or your organization, would like to get involved, please email me at mbarrera@comey.com so that we can get you on the list!

Spring Celebration and Egg Hunt

Despite the dreary weather outside now, it will be spring before long and that means it will be time for the neighborhood Spring Celebration and Egg Hunt! This year's event will be on Sunday April 14th at 1:00pm at John Wesley Church. There will be activities, snacks, raffle baskets and of course an Egg Hunt! Last year's event was very well attended and I'm hoping to make this year even better!

Community Garage Sale

Are you on the KonMari bandwagon? Cutting the clutter? Got some junk to get rid of? Well lucky you! Mark your calendars for Saturday May 18th for the neighborhood garage sale! Be sure to look for the posts on Facebook and NextDoor and add you address and what you'll have for everyone to see!



Augsburg Lutheran Church

Ash Wednesday Worship March 6, 7:00 pm

Free Soup Supper 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Prayer service 6:55 pm

Every Wednesday March 13- April 10

Bible Study 10:30 am each Thursday

March 7 - April 11

Free Community Meal

Sunday March 17, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

All are welcome.

11676 Hamilton Ave. Phone 825-2240
(South of Kemper, just north of Speedway)

Facebook: Augsburg Lutheran Church

e-mail: augsburgoffice@fuse.net




06 Ash Wednesday
Springfield Township Regular Trustee Meeting & Public Hearing

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13 Community Improvement Corporation, Inc. Meeting

15-16 Prom Mom



23 Spring Cleanup

25 STAR Soccer Club, Rising STAR Academy programs

26 Springfield Township Trustee Work Session

Today's Recipe

Thai-Style Turkey Burgers

- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1/3 cup minced fresh cilantro
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1/2 tablespoons minced fresh ginger, or more to taste
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pinch salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 1 pound lean ground turkey
- 1/3 cup bread crumbs

- 01** Whisk egg and soy sauce together in a bowl; add cilantro, green onions, ginger, garlic, salt, and pepper. Mix turkey and bread crumbs into mixture and mix well; form into 4 patties.
- 02** Heat a large non-stick skillet over medium heat. Place patties in the hot skillet; cover skillet and cook, turning once, until burgers are no longer pink in the center, about 15 minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read at least 165 degrees F (74 degrees C).

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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Contact Jalisa Harris @ harrisjalisa88@gmail.com to place your Classified or Business Ad.



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Youth Fire Academy

Article by Springfield Township

The Springfield Township Fire Department Youth Fire Academy is now accepting registrations! (Hurry - only 20 spaces open and they fill quick!) The Fire Academy program is free, open to Springfield Township residents, and filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Each program will be conducted at the main Springfield Township Fire Headquarters located at 9150 Winton Road. The final class includes a graduation ceremony and a mini-combat challenge for all participants.

Students will learn about the daily activities of a firefighter, basic first aid, CPR, making fire escape plans, proper use of a fire extinguisher, and severe weather safety.

A liability agreement will be e-mailed to parents and MUST be filled out and returned prior to the camp start date.

Youth Fire Academy Schedule
Tuesday, June 25 - Saturday, June 29, 2019
Ages 8-12
One week camp
Tuesday - Friday, 9 a.m. - noon
Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



State of the Township Community Address

Article by Springfield Township

Careful planning and strong fiscal management over the past several years has put Springfield Township in a position to grow. Exciting times are ahead and you can be among the first to hear what plans are in the works. You are invited to attend the 11th Annual State of the Township community address.

The State of the Township will be held at The Grove Banquet Hall on **Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** (Located behind the Main Fire Station & Civic Center at 9158 Winton Road) You will hear an informative presentation, designed for residents and business members to catch up on what is happening in the community. The format will include a review of 2018 accomplishments and an outline of major projects for the year.

After the presentation participants will have an opportunity to speak one-on-one with their elected officials and Township staff.

Refreshments will be served.

Can't Attend the State of the Township, but Interested In The Message? The Springfield Township State of the Township Community Address will be aired on Time Warner Cable, Waycross Channel 23 and on Cincinnati Bell Fioptics, Channel 853. The video of the meeting **will be** available online at <http://www.springfieldtpw.org/283/Trustee-Meetings-LIVE>

This spring we're going all out in working on improving the PRF Swim Club.

We're painting the Club buildings and pools and would like to do a few landscaping features to make the lawns more inviting. We'd also like to add some planters around the pools. If you enjoy gardening we really need you to join our PRF G-Team to help us create an exciting Swim Club. We would also love to share some of your extra plants that will make the pool a beautiful place to spend an afternoon. If you can join the PRF Gardening Team or are able to donate a few plants send me an email at skipwicklund@gmail.com.



High School Students Needed To Serve in WinterFest Committee - A Great Addition To Your College Application!

Article by Springfield Township

Over the past two years WinterFest has evolved into a winter wonderland for families to experience a memorable time together with a way give-back to the community of Springfield Township. This year, the event is expanding to two days and will feature the winter village, food, entertainment, parade, petting zoo, hay rides and iceless ice rink, Breakfast with Santa and so much more!

There are two major goals of WinterFest; bring the entire community together in a holiday celebration through the arts and have all of the township's public and private schools involved to showcase the talent of our area students. To meet these goals and to design a new experience on the second day of WinterFest, ArtsConnect is seeking the help of area students to serve on a student WinterFest committee. "Volunteer experience on a student committee could be a positive addition to a college application," said the Executive Director of ArtsConnect, Kimberlee Flamm. "Student input and involvement will bring new ideas to WinterFest, keeping it focused on what the community wants in a holiday experience."



The student committee meetings will held twice a month. **The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6 at 4:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Community Arts Center, 9158 Winton Road.** Meetings will last one-hour and will always be open to new committee members who are students of Winton Woods, Mt Healthy, Finneytown, North College Hill, Northwest, Cincinnati Public, Princeton, and St Xavier high schools. After the first meeting on March 6th, following meeting dates will be set.

Students in the committee will work with the ArtsConnect Executive Director to recruit volunteers to work the event and student groups for the WinterFest parade. The committee will also design activities for the second day of WinterFest with the theme of "Holiday Celebrations Around the World".

WinterFest is scheduled December 7 & 8, 2019. Sponsorships from local businesses help make the event possible and are available. Call 522-2108 for sponsorship details.

Students interested in being a part of the student committee should send an email to Artsinfo@springfieldtpw.org with their name, email address and phone number. Meeting reminders will be sent through email.



ArtsConnect is Now Hiring

Article by Springfield Township

ArtsConnect offers a full-time summer camp for ages 7-13 at the Springfield Township Community Arts Center. The non-profit is now accepting applications for qualified Lead and Assistant Camp Counselors. This is a perfect job for teachers and college students in the education or arts field of study. All hired counselors will participate in three days of training and up to eight weeks of camp. There is no camp the week of 4th of July. Complete details including the job descriptions, hours, rate of pay and a downloadable application is available at:

<https://www.theartsconnect.us/209/Camp-Instructors>

**Lead counselor applicants should include a cover letter and an updated resume. Applications accepted until positions are filled.*



While plenty of chores may be on your "To-Do" list, they are probably not on your "Want-To-Do" list. So you put them off and then feel guilty. Perhaps you don't need to feel so bad because you could just be making extra work for yourself. Some chores only need attention once per year. By spreading out the work, you'll feel a sense of accomplishment, keep your home looking good, and have more free time. Consider tackling one chore a month to keep the list bearable.

1. Curtains & Drapes

During the year, this fabric collects dust. To wash them, you can follow the instructions on the tags and load your laundry machine or take them to your local dry cleaner for assistance. The exception to this would be valences mounted to boards, as they can usually only be vacuumed. To do this, use a step stool and handheld vacuum and work your way down from the top to suck up dust.

2. House Gutters

Gutter guards can be a great investment, especially here in the Farms where we live around trees that seem, to shed all year long. These can keep your gutter cleanings from being too intense, but it is still necessary to check your gutters about once per year. The best time to do this is in the autumn when all the leaves from the trees have already fallen, but if you live in a spot where lots of leaves fall on your roof, you may have to do it again in late spring. There are handy hose accessories that can help flush the gutters, without even getting up on a ladder.

3. Fireplace & Chimney

After the winter, you'll want to give your fireplace a thorough cleaning. You can use a shop vacuum to clean up the embers. You may need to wash down the brick/stone surround with a stone cleaner solution. Make sure to wash down the fireplace tools as well. Go an extra step further and schedule an appointment with a chimney sweeper.

4. Carpets

I wish I meant vacuuming, but that's pretty much a weekly or biweekly task for most households. In this case, I mean a deep clean. You will want to have the professionals come and steam clean the carpet to remove ground in dirt, dust and allergens. Properly maintaining your carpets can add years to their life.



5. Deep clean your dryer.

To make sure this appliance performs at its best and isn't a fire hazard, you should first unplug it, pull it out and disconnect the duct. Vacuum in, around and under the dryer as much as you can and vacuum as far into each end of the duct from inside and outside the house. There are also long brushes and snakes you can buy to make this easier. Wipe down every surface to remove all dust, and residue. If you have the crinkly foil style vent hose, consider replacing it annually, as they collect lots of lint and are near impossible to clean completely.

6. Windows

Often overlooked, dirty windows can have negative affect on their ability to function efficiently, decrease their lifespan, and of course they don't look good! Taking the time to clean both sides of the glass, as well as the frames and sills can really brighten up the inside of your home. Try using the sponge and squeegee method for a streak free shine.

7. Mattress

Mattresses have improved through the years, but they still need a little bit of attention. At least once a year, give your mattress a thorough cleaning and if possible, flip/rotate it. You can use baking soda to deodorize the mattress and detergent to spot clean. If you don't already own a mattress cover, I recommend buying one. Adding a mattress pad between the cover and bottom sheet will help absorb moisture. Along with the periodic deep cleaning described here, these extra layers of protection will help prevent mites, fleas, and other pests from sharing your bed. That should really help you sleep tight.

8. Kitchen Cabinets & Pantry

Early November is a great time to clean out kitchen cabinets, drawers, and the food pantry to get them ready for the holidays. Do a section of cabinets at a time and empty them out completely. Wipe down the shelves and reline with shelf paper if needed. Cleaning annually will ensure that you don't find a mystery food item from decades prior.



9. Linen Closet

Just once a year, empty out your linen closet and give it a thorough cleaning. Take time to vacuum away dust and spiderwebs and reline any shelves. Organize the items as your return them and use this as an opportunity to thin out items not used over the past year.

10. Garage, Basement, & Attic

No one is expecting you to have a perfect garage, basement, or attic. However, a good cleaning at least once a year can help you keep an eye on things, such as moisture or insect problems. It can also feel good to get rid of junk that tends to accumulate in these hidden spaces.

AROUND THE FARMS

By, Susan Wicklund

This month is the "Wearing of the Green". Did you know that most of the people living in the Farms have some Irish heritage? Yes, that is because so many different countries invaded Ireland during its very long history. A few of those countries and peoples are include the Germans. Spanish, Greeks, Egyptians, Vikings (Danes, Norwegians) and Celts. The Vikings founded Dublin in 988.

We have 22 of our US Presidents claiming to be from Irish descent including Obama, Regan, Bush, Lincoln and Clinton. We also have many of our Entertainers including Mohammad Ali whose great grandfather was born in Ennis County Clare in Ireland before he immigrated to Kentucky.

Our own White House was also designed by an Irish architect named John Hoban. My family is proud to add him to our Ancestry Tree.

A few odd facts about the history of Ireland are that St. Patrick was from Britain. His real name was believed to have been Maewyn Succat. Also, believe it or not St. Valentine is actually buried in a church in Dublin not St. Pat. Couples go to the church to get married on Valentine's Day.

We have all heard the song the "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling". It's sung in many of the Pubs on St. Pat's Day. However, we have two American songwriters to thank for this melody. George Graff and Chauncey Olcott wrote it. No one is sure if these two had ever been to Ireland.

In 1995 the film Braveheart was filmed in both Ireland and Scotland. The battle scenes were done in Ireland. Of course that film was once up for an Oscar at the Academy award ceremony. We can thank an Irish man named Austin Cedric Gibbons who in 1928 designed the Oscar.

Ireland has many industries. Guinness stout is well known to Americans. . The Titanic was built in Belfast. A man named John Phillip Holland of County Clare invented a submarine named USS Holland, which was the first to use battery power for submerged conditions in a submarine.

In the USA on St Patrick's Day, we deck ourselves out in the color green, even dye our hair this color. However, in Ireland, they do not do this. The only green they wear is a sprig of a shamrock.

Hope you enjoyed a little knowledge that I picked up about Ireland. May Irish Luck be with you all.



Statue of St. Patrick
Stasphoto by, Albert Bridge

March 2019

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3 Kara Puccini	4	5	6	7	8 Troy Marwehe	9	
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Thinking Out Loud

Often times, I am interested in learning the meaning of things. Today, I decided to look up the meaning behind the month March. Now this is pointless to do if you truly believe that each individual month does not mean/symbolize anything. I, on the other hand, tend to believe that everything has meaning. This could be a good or bad thing because this also means that I tend to apply meaning to things that may truly not have a meaning, but I digress. So in my quest to understand the meaning behind the month March, I learned that this month was first called Mars and that march is about "making progress on our endeavors". (What does March mean, n.d). So essentially, March is about marching on...go figure!

With this being said, what are some things in your personal and professional life that you may need to march on from or towards? How can this month be more meaningful for you? For me, I am learning more and more about myself from the lens of those around me. I've learned that I can be too direct in situations that cause people to view me as abrasive; overly sensitive and take things too personal; and can fester more on the negatives of life opposed to the positives. The only thing I can do is change the way I interact with people. The only thing I can do is march away from aspects of me that aren't as friendly and march towards a Jalisa, that is perhaps, more mindful about the things she says (never hurts to exercise mindfulness). It takes courage to be honest with yourself and make the necessary changes to become a better person. This month, in order to make it more meaningful for me, I will look for the areas in my life that need more tender and love from me. I will march toward the areas that desperately need me to grow, and ultimately i will march to an evolved better version of myself.

What about you?

Hope you Enjoyed!

Jalisa Harris, PRFCA Communications Director