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# The Pleasant Farms Memo

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## POOL NEWS FROM PRF SWIM CLUB:

It's ALMOST TIME!!! Despite the wild spring and ever changing weather, the PRF Swim Club will be open in just a few short weeks. Have you purchased your membership yet? We still have a payment plan available for all memberships. We also have an option this year for a family of 3 to save a little money by purchasing the couples membership with an add-on. Call Ed Mayer at 513-407-1174 with any membership questions or email us at [prfswimclub@yahoo.com](mailto:prfswimclub@yahoo.com).

Visit [www.pleasantrunfarms.org](http://www.pleasantrunfarms.org) and select Swim Club to find membership forms and links for online payments or print out the attachment in this Memo.

The pool is set to open on May 26th, 2018. For "OPENING WEEKEND" we will open the pool to the community for \$3 a person with a maximum of \$10 per family so that you can try it out. If you decide to join that day or shortly thereafter we will credit your admission charge from your membership fee.

If you are interested in having a party at the pool, rental agreements are available. Reserve your date early!

Information on Swim Lessons will be available when the pool opens.

Questions, comments, suggestions?  
Contact Ed Mayer @513-407-1174 or email us at [prfswimclub@yahoo.com](mailto:prfswimclub@yahoo.com)



May 26th,  
2018

Opening Weekend

\$3

Per person

\$10

maximum per family

# Hi Neighbor!

## President's Update



All the rain and inclement weather have slowed down the start of work at the Swim Club. This past week, work began on the resurfacing of the pools. This should be completed in plenty of time for the scheduled opening day of the pool on Memorial Day weekend. The renovation of the Swim Club parking area and Community Building is underway. The asphalt parking area will be repaired in a week. Landscaping will follow the asphalt repairs. The project is being done by KPS Architecture & Landscaping. In a few weeks, the heart of our community will be beating strong again.

The Civic Association will be submitting a letter to Hamilton County requesting repairs on Kemper Rd. between Hamilton Ave. and Elkwood. This stretch of Kemper Rd. has fallen into disrepair and has some dangerous points along it. County road repair projects are assigned rating points to determine which projects receive funding. The Civic Association letter will count in the projects point value.

The street repairs on Cedar creek, Centerbrook and Canfield will be done in late summer or fall. Again, many thanks to our neighbors who worked hard to make this project possible.

We want to thank Venita Vivians for her excellent work as Editor of the Pleasant Run Farms Memo over the past years. Venita's schedule has changed and she feels the need to free up the time and responsibilities of coordinating the Memo. We'll miss Venita's cheerful disposition and her great work on the Memo each month.

At April's General Meeting, Jalisa Harris was elected to the PRFCA Board and will be the Farms new Memo Editor. Jalisa works with Children's Hospital in Community Relations. Jalisa is sharp and energetic and will be a great addition to the PRFCA team. Jalisa lives on Cedar creek.

On April 26th, the Farms celebrated Welch Elementary School's contribution to our community. Students, parents, faculty, administrators and friends gathered to reminisce about the wonderful days at Welch. Only a few weeks remain in the school year and then Welch will be closed for good. In the fall, the Farms elementary age children will be welcomed to the new Pleasant Run Elementary School building that will be located next to Pleasant Run Middle School.

Todd Bowling, Superintendent of Northwest Local School District, said that as of now, there are no plans for the Welch building and it will be demolished in the fall. Open discussions on the property continue with PRFCA, Northwest School district and Springfield Township. A few members of the Civic Association are working on possible options for the property, which include a park area with sports activities, and walking trail.

I wish you all a wonderful, warm May.

Handwritten signature of Skip Wicklund.

Skip Wicklund, PRFCA President

# PLEASANT RUN FARMS SCHOLARSHIP



Congratulations to Maddie DeSelms for winning the 2018 PRF Scholarship worth \$500. Maddie is a perfect example of the excellent student we search for when awarding this scholarship every year. Maddie is a senior at Northwest High School and plans on attending The University of Cincinnati this fall to study Communications.

It is hard not to see Maddie in action. To list her community service and school activities is an exhausting task. Maddie has been a cheerleader at Northwest all four years and has cheered on the Varsity level for the past three years. As a cheerleader she volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House for 2 years and considers this one of her favorite service opportunities. In addition she was asked and served as a mentor to the PRMS cheerleaders, helping with their tryouts.

Maddie is also a member of Northwest High School's student Senate which speaks to the admiration her peers as well as educators have for her. She volunteered with her schoolmates at The Blue and Gold Carnival in addition to raising money by participating in a walkathon for The American Heart Association and helping out with RASKALS, Random Acts of Simple Kindness, which touches local seniors who need some extra cheer.

Maddie continues her service outside her school. She has volunteered for Heart Refuge, a no-kill shelter in Sharonville as well as Matthew 25 Ministries. Maddie also enjoyed serving for several events for Metroparks which included a VOA park clean up and working the Eggstravaganza event. Maddie has represented The Farms in a very positive way both inside and outside our community and Northwest High School.

Congratulations to Maddie DeSelms!

# Around the Farms

By Susan Wicklund

We have an Around the Farms marriage announced by the John & Erna Burke who formally lived on Fallbook Lane. Their son Brian recently married Lisa Higgins, daughter of John and Linda Higgins who live on Blackhawk. Congratulations to them all.

Spring has finally arrived. I have been asked by many of my Interior Design Clients about painting their rooms. They are not sure of color selections. It's always a good idea to look at paint color swatches in both morning and evening light. It is also a good idea to get a large piece of white cardboard and buy a small can of the paint color you like. Then paint the cardboard with the color that you have chosen. Move this around to the different walls in the room that your painting. This helps you see how the color changes from where light is brighter to areas of the room with more shadows. This will give you a good idea if you'll enjoy the color in the room. Choosing the right color for your rooms is a personal choice. Some people like their furniture fabrics and pictures on the wall to be their main color statements. So the wall is a neutral color. Some people like the walls to be the center point of the room.



I have been asked about the popular colors of the year. Each year like any other business, paint companies chose new colors to bring you into their store. The best advice from me is that you chose what fits your home, not what is happening for just this year. Neutrals, grays, whites, greens and blues are always popular. Earth tones are the safest for background colors. Bolder colors are good to use as accent colors on one wall or in your pillows, etc. Pantone colors are the standard for setting the new colors introduced each year.



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Springfield Township Community Day at the Reds

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Garage Sale

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ArtsConnect Café lunchtime concert with BG's Grill and Kelly Richey



The Annual PRF Garage Sale is Saturday May 19th from 8:00am-3:00pm. Start going through your closets, basements and garages for all the stuff you don't need anymore. Make some money and clear out your home or go around and get some new (to you) stuff.

Be sure to post your address and what you will be selling in the event pages on Facebook and Nextdoor so everyone knows where to get the good stuff! We will have signs put up around the neighborhood to help advertise, but feel free to put some of your own signs up to so people know where to go. St. John Neumann (corner of Mill and John Gray) will be hosting its annual rummage sale at the same time so be sure to head up there too. They have offered to allow PRF community to drop off unsold items to the St. Vincent de Paul truck to go to a good cause! The truck will be at the church at 2:00pm on Saturday so anything you want to donate will need to be there by then. They don't stick around long.

**Facebook Event Page –**

<https://www.facebook.com/events/783256755218064/>

You must part of the Pleasant Run Farms Page to see the event – Join Here-

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/186664130502/>

**Pleasant Run Farms NextDoor Page-**

<https://nextdoor.com/invite/msdlnzfkzxikmnlscqch>

**NextDoor Event Page -** <https://nextdoor.com/events/2088599/>

If you have questions about the event or are not on Facebook and NextDoor but want your address included, email/call Mary Barrera at [mbarrera@comey.com](mailto:mbarrera@comey.com) , 513-678-5011.

**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](mailto:harrisjalisa88@gmail.com) to place your Classified or Business Ad.**

# Vote on May 8th!

Remember to vote on May 8th in this years Primary elections. If you've moved into PRF after the last election, you can update your new address with the Board of Election by submitting a new voter registration form. You can secure the form at the nearest public library or go on line at myohiovote.com. The Board of Election must receive your form 30 days prior to the next elections. The next elections will be on May 8 (the

Primary) and November 6, 2018. Upcoming voter registration deadlines are:

- April 9, 2018 for the May 8, 2018 Primary Election
- July 9, 2018 for the August 7, 2018 Special Election
- October 9, 2018 for the November 6, 2018 General Election

Also, if you haven't voted in the last few years, you may want to check with the

Board of Elections (513-632-7000) to confirm that you're still eligible to vote. -Anna Fields



## Pleasant Run Dry Cleaners

Same Day Service  
 In by 10:00AM  
 Out by 4:00PM  
 Shirt Laundry  
 FREE Minor Repairs  
 Ask for our 20% of Dry Cleaning Card  
**6106 Winton Road at Mack Road**  
**(between Jay's Food Mart & Domino's Pizza)**  
**Fairfield, OH**  
**829-4441**



**08** Puppets for Lunch

**15** Touch A Truck

**21** Evening Concert with Jay Jesse Johnson

**22** Brentwood Bowl Mural Kick off With Professional Skateboarders

**29** ArtsConnect Café lunchtime concert with Jon Jon's BBQ and Amy Sailor

### Amazing Grace Day Camp

June 11-15 ~ 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

For children going into grades 1-7 in the fall  
**FREE - Space is limited**

Registration must be in person by a parent or guardian  
 May 23, 3:00 - 7:00 pm  
 May 31, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm



**Community Meal, May 20 5:30 to 7:00 pm**

**Augsburg Lutheran Church**  
 11676 Hamilton Ave. Phone 825-2240  
 e-mail: augsburgoffice@fuse.net

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## Early Ticket Sales For Kamikaze FireFlies - A New Theater Experience in Springfield Township



As seen on America's Got Talent, cruise ships and entertainment venues world wide! ArtsConnect brings you a new theater experience with four time Guinness World Record holder, Kamikaze FireFlies! They will have you on the edge of your seat with circus-style entertainment at its best. Get tickets early for the October show and save \$10 per ticket!

This Los Angeles based two person vaudeville smack down stars Rob Williams (formerly of the renowned comedy troupe The Flaming Idiots) and Casey Martin (formerly of the acrobatic show Barely Balanced). Whether spinning gigantic metal cubes, juggling, stilt-walking, performing daring stunts, breathing fire, or breaking into contortionist backbends, their performances incite awe and laughter for the whole family. Prepare to be amazed!

Finneytown Performing Arts Center  
8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231  
SHOW AT 7:30 PM (Doors open at 7 PM)

TICKETS \$20 BEFORE AUG 15  
TICKETS \$30 AFTER AUG 15  
general seating



## ARTSCONNECT SUMMER CAMPS FILLING FAST!

Kids can get messy creating fun art projects all summer long in the ArtsConnect Kids Summer Camp! But don't wait too long to take advantage of this wonderful camp experience. Sessions are filling and only 20 children per week are accepted.

### So here's the scoop:

- The ArtsConnect Kids Camps are held at the Springfield Township Arts Center (behind the fire station at 9150 Winton Road).

- The camp is certified by the American Camp Association (which means the program has passed a critical outside review

and complies with national standards!)

- ArtsConnect hires certified art teachers as lead instructors and our assistant counselors are over the age of 18.

- Kids will work on four large art projects EVERY WEEK. Beyond art, we play games, sing, and spend a lot of time making new friends.

- Each week has an underlying "give back". We talk about ways we can use our art to impact the world around us and most weeks includes an outreach.

- Special guests are scheduled to speak and teach each week. Be inspired by a real-life toy designer, puppeteer, zoo keeper, detective ... and so much more!

- The price is affordable! \$169 for a week of camp is lower than most camps out there! AND, when you become an ArtsConnect member, you can save an

additional \$10 each week! Reserve your child's space in camp for a \$25/week deposit. The remainder is due the week prior to camp starting.

### CAMP WEEKS:

Week 1: June 4-8 PUPPET FUN  
Week 2: June 11-15 MY PET PROJECT  
Week 3: June 18 - 22 TOYS  
Week 4: June 25 - 29 ENDANGERED SPECIES  
Week 5: July 9 - 13 BUG OUT  
Week 6: July 16 - 20 SUPERHEROES  
Week 7: July 23 - 27 CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION  
Week 8: July 30 - August 3 SPORTS

### REGISTER & LEARN MORE AT

<https://www.theartsconnect.us/186/Summer-Camps>

A limited number of half-price scholarships are available. Learn more at <https://www.theartsconnect.us/224/Camp-Scholarships>

# Choosing the Right Paint Finish

A fresh coat of paint is the most inexpensive way to “re-model” a room. Ready to paint your home? Be sure to use the right finishes in each room and feature to make the best impact in your home. Using the wrong finishes can backfire for home owners if the wrong ones are used in the wrong spaces. Below, you’ll find the most common finishes and recommendations on where they are best applied to.



## - INTERIOR PAINT FINISHES -

**Flat/Matte** is a friend to walls that have something to hide, because it soaks up, rather than reflects, light. It has the most pigment and will provide the most coverage, which translates to time and money savings. However, it’s tough to clean without taking paint off with the grime. This low-sheen paint with a non-reflective finish that touches up well and hides minor surface imperfections is ideal for adult bedrooms, ceilings and other rooms that are not likely to get roughed up by kids and pets.

**Eggshell** has a soft, velvety appearance with just the slightest hint of shine and is a good choice for moderate traffic areas such as living rooms and formal dining rooms.

**Satin** if you desire a pearl-like appearance and are painting moderate to high traffic areas, Satin might be a good choice. It works well for halls, woodwork, children’s bedrooms, and family rooms.

**Semi Gloss** has a sleek, radiant sheen that is also durable and will withstand frequent cleaning. A good option for kitchens, bathrooms, utility areas, closet doors and trim.

**Gloss** creates a brilliant, shiny appearance with a glass-like finish. This is the most durable and easiest to clean finish and is great for high-use surfaces and other areas you want to highlight -such as wood trim, cabinets, doors and furniture.

## - EXTERIOR PAINT FINISHES -

Exterior paint comes in a full range of sheens. The finish you choose will be based on the type of surface you’re painting and the durability and final appearance you want to achieve.

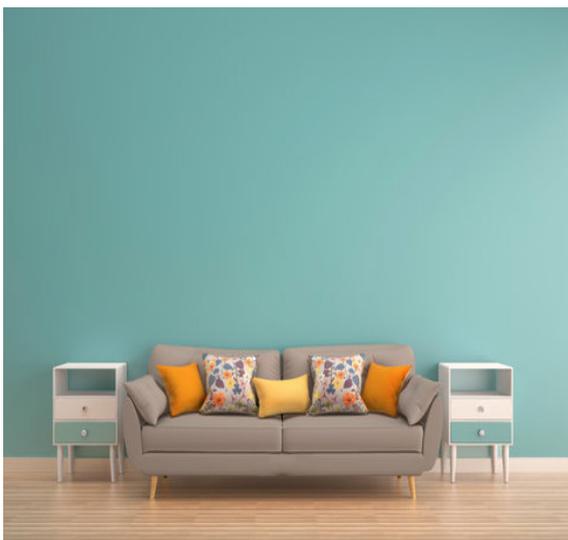
**Flat/Matte** - This finish softens the look of an exterior and helps hide surface blemishes. Flat finishes are ideal for body siding.

**Satin** - With its slight gloss, this finish offers the benefits of a flat finish with added cleanability. It works best for trim, window frames, shutters and other surfaces that need routine cleaning.

**Gloss** - This lustrous, durable finish is perfect for areas that require frequent cleaning. Gloss finishes, however, may accentuate surface imperfections. This finish is ideal for doors, garage doors, decorative metal (lamp posts, metal trim), functional metal (gutters, downspouts, railings), and accent trim.

**High Gloss** - This extremely hard and shiny finish provides a rich, smooth luster. Gloss finishes, however, may accentuate surface imperfections. This finish is excellent for front (main entry) doors, decorative fixtures, accent trim.

Happy Painting!



# Meet Chris Gilbert

While Chris Gilbert has been an instrumental part of operations and development in Springfield Township over the past 14 years, many may not have met him. We would like to change that, take this opportunity to reintroduce you to Chris, and invite you to chat more in an upcoming Meet the Administrator over coffee on April 25th at 9 a.m., at Panera in Springfield Township.

Christopher D. Gilbert was appointed as Springfield Township Administrator effective March 24, 2018, after having served as Assistant Township Administrator since December of 2006. Prior to that, Chris served as the Township's Director of Development Services for three years. Before working with Springfield Township, he served as the Assistant Administrator and Development Director in Fairfield Township (Butler County, OH).

As Township Administrator, Mr. Gilbert serves as the Chief Administrative Officer appointed by the Township Board of Trustees, and is the principal adviser to the Board concerning the overall direction and administration of the Township government overseeing nearly 170 employees and the Township budget.

Chris has a Master of Public Administration degree from Northern Kentucky University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Miami University, majoring in Public Administration. He is a Credentialed Manager and member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). He also is a member of the Ohio City Managers Association, the Ohio Township Association, and the Cincinnati Area Managers Association.

We recently sat down with Chris to ask him a few questions, so you can really get to know him better. We hope you find this light interview as fun as we did.



## What do you want people to know about you?

I guess I want them to know that, other than my family, there is nothing more I think about than how to make this an even better community to live and work in. Unfortunately, not every decision will make everyone happy, but know that it is always made with the best intentions. Beyond that, I love to travel and enjoy the outdoors with my wife Amber, 16 year old son Noah and 14 year old daughter Emma.

## Favorite place in Springfield Township:

I would have to say Winton Woods Park, especially the area around the lake. The park is an incredible asset to have in the Township.

## Best memory working in Springfield Township (so far):

Undoubtedly, it has to be being appointed as Township Administrator. There is no community or group of employees I would rather serve than the one here in Springfield Township. I'm grateful that I get the chance to advance my local government career here in the Township.

## What does the community look like ten years from now?

In my mind, the community will be financially stable, new housing will be in place to complement our existing neighborhoods, and businesses will continue to see our Township as a place to locate due to its central location. Our goal, as staff and the Board of Trustees, is to continually improve our community by being operationally innovative and efficient, making sound planning decisions, and providing programs and events that improve the quality of life for residents. The bottom line is that we will always be open and honest with the community and work collaboratively to make this one of the premier first-ring suburbs. I'm truly grateful to be given the opportunity to help this community realize its full potential.

## Advice you received from the previous administrator:

Mike (Hinnenkamp) was an incredible mentor and friend of mine for the past 14 years. We have discussed this transition quite a bit, but the best advice he gave me was to enjoy the journey and smile as often as possible. Sometimes this job can be difficult and demanding, but find ways to focus on the positive. One of the best things about this job is when a resident approaches you and expresses appreciation for the work that the Township does to make their lives a little bit better. It really makes it all worth it.

## Important Announcement: Parking in the Farms

We have received several concerns regarding off street parking in the Farms. Off street parking has been on the rise. While cars are permitted to park, there are rules. Cars should not be parked on the street for permanent parking spaces. Please consider parking in your driveway and garage instead of off street parking. Cars parked on the street are prone to theft. Cars and trucks are creating blind spots often times kids are unable to be seen by cars. We have had concerns for mail not being delivered and trash not picked up due to off street parking. In addition, there are concerns with large vehicles blocking views of kids at bus stops and blocking views for oncoming traffic. Cars parked on the street must be operable, and must have current tags. If you see anyone in violation, please contact Springfield Township police dispatch. Help keep our community a great place to call home by being a great neighbor!



## Celebration News: Birthdays and Home Anniversaries May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Resident Anniversari
29	30	1	2	3 Ed Mayer Shannon Marwehe	4	5 Piper Phillips	Jim & Bev Gutknecht 1973
6	7 Elizabeth Diop	8	9	10	11	12	Dan & Vickie Buck 1983  Gretchen McDaniel 1985
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Brian Barrera	Bryan & Amy Doloresco 1985
20 Lizze Barrera	21 Jack Paynter	22	23	24	25	26	Rick & Joan Klefas 1992  Mary & Brian Barrera 2007
27 Diane Miller	28	29 Bev Gutknecht	30 Wendy Puccini	31	1	2	Quianna Campbell 2013

# EDITOR'S NOTE

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Hi neighbors!

My name is Jalisa Harris and I am the new PRF Communications Director. As Skip mentioned, I live on Cedar creek Drive with my fiancé Gary Hunn and our daughter Eden. I recently graduated from the University of Cincinnati with my Master's in Community Planning and a graduate certificate in Real Estate. I am very excited to serve on the board!

## 10 Random Facts about Jalisa

1. I have an identical twin sister named Janita. She lives in Chicago with her fiancé Mike.
2. I was born in Tacoma, WA and moved to Cincinnati for school.
3. I am a photographer.
4. I am not a pet person.
5. My favorite colors are red and burnt yellow.
6. I've traveled to 22 countries.
7. I wore braces for 4 years!
8. I failed the written drivers exam twice before actually passing it.
9. I am teaching my daughter sign language even though I only took it for one semester while I was in undergrad.
10. I am an aspiring Yogi and might one day open my own yoga studio.



Hope you Enjoyed!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jalisa Harris".

Jalisa Harris, PRFCA Communications Director