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# The Pleasant Run Farms Memo November 2018

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## Sports Update:

The playing fields are emptied. The sports teams have completed their fall season. All is quiet ..... for now. We're not talking about major league baseball and the World Series. No, we are talking about the youth sports teams in our own backyards here at Pleasant Run Farms. Although the teams have finished playing, in the background the coaches are already planning for the spring season.

- Our baseball commissioner has opened the website for player registrations.
- Girls and boys can begin signing up for baseball, softball and t-ball.
- Kids from 4 to 16+ years old can register to play.
- Register @ [sports.bluesombrero.com/prfaa](http://sports.bluesombrero.com/prfaa)

Last year Pleasant Run Farms had 14 teams playing on our fields. Over 140 kids played from ages 4 - 17. Every week night, every weekend in spring we had kids on our fields playing ball. And you do not have to be a resident of PRF to play on our teams. If you have a child or if you have a grandchild who lives outside the Farms they can register to play. If your child or grandchild has a friend from school or their neighborhood, they can register to play also. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Heller at [hellermj@fuse.net](mailto:hellermj@fuse.net)

# Hi Neighbor!

## President's Update



The demolition work on the Welch School Property is about completed. We're still waiting to hear if the property will be sold to a home developer. The contractor for the curb repair for Cedar creek, Centerbrook and Canfield is hard at work. We anticipate the asphalt resurfacing will be completed by the end of November. We are waiting to hear if we will have Kemper Rd, east of Hamilton and Brookway resurfaced in 2019.

We're working hard preparing for the Holiday in the Farms Celebration on December 9th. The festivities will include Santa's visit, the neighborhood Luminaria, Santa's Depot with holiday crafts and goodies and the exciting Christmas trolley rides. If you'd like to help with the celebration contact Mary Barrera at mbarrera@comey.com. Be sure to order your Luminaria kits soon. An order form is in this newsletter. Lets make this years Luminaria fantastic!

On Saturday October 13th the Pleasant Run Farms Coalition of Congregations held its "Inasmuch Day" and lent a helping hand to many of our neighbors. They also spent the day painting the PRFCA Community Building in the Swim Club parking lot. It's a tremendous improvement for the neighborhood. Be sure to check it out.

Just before Halloween, the PRFCA participated in the Lane Library Trunk or Treat for little ones in our area. There were lots of kids and great costumes.

As you think about family Christmas gifts, remember that you can give a 2019 PRF Swim Club Family Membership for only \$198. It's a great place for kids, right here in our neighborhood.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving,

Skip Wicklund

PRFCA President

## SAVE THE POOL...JOIN NOW

Now is the time to join the PRF Swim Club. Prices have been cut in half to \$198 per family. We need your memberships to remain open but we need to make a decision on whether to open by the end of the year so that we can get licenses, lifeguards, chemicals, etc. A Membership would make a great Christmas gift for the whole family. Send in the Membership form from this Memo or join online or with Payment plans that are available online at <http://www.pleasantrunfarms.org/swim-club.html>. Urge friends and neighbors to join too. All membership dollars will be held separately so they can be refunded if the pool is unable to open.

We will also need volunteers to help get the Swim Club open in the Spring and to help manage the pool by scheduling lifeguards and ensuring that things are running smoothly. Please contact **Ed Mayer at prfswimclub@yahoo.com** to volunteer to help.

An active Swim Club is a true asset to our community and to our property values. Please join and help out so it can remain open.

## Enter The WinterFest Parade

Article from Springfield Township

Calling all marching bands, residents, neighborhood associations, local businesses, mascots and reindogs! Show your community pride and holiday spirit in the WinterFest parade, December 1st!

ArtsConnect, Springfield Township's non-profit organization bringing community vibrancy through the arts and events, is accepting registrations for the second annual WinterFest parade. The parade will kick off a series of WinterFest events including performances by Madcap Puppets, the Cincinnati Civic Orchestra, the Cincinnati Opera, and our local schools. WinterFest will also have an outdoor winter village featuring a Charley Harper gift shop, food by J Gumbo's, LaRosa's, Dapper Doughnut and the Fudge & Nut Hut. There will be face painting, pictures with Santa, cards to the community, crafts, hay rides, a petting zoo, ice sculpture demonstrations and a big s'mores pit! If that isn't enough, this year there will be an indoor arts, crafts and vendor fair! A small shell Rozzi's Holiday firework show will end the event in style!



Local businesses, neighborhoods, organizations, schools, churches and even dogs (dressed for the holidays of course) are encouraged to be a part of the 2nd annual WinterFest parade. Register now at <https://www.theartsconnect.us/247/WinterFest-Parade>.

\*The parade will begin at the old Kroger building, located at 8685 Winton and will end at the Springfield Township Fire Station, located at 9150 Winton Road. The parade will begin at 3p.m. The portions of Winton Road that involve the parade will be CLOSED, beginning at 3pm, until the parade ends. Detours will be set up to lessen the impact as much as possible.

Limited parking available at the Springfield Township Civic Center and Grove Event Center. Free shuttle service to and from Northminster Church, 703 Compton will be available from throughout the days event, 1-7p.m.

# Rock the Block in West College Hill A Success

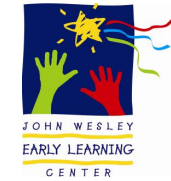
Article from Springfield Township

Over 300 volunteers "Rocked" West College Hill, a Springfield Township neighborhood, on Saturday, October 13th.

Habitat for Humanity rallied over 300 volunteers in their signature Rock the Block event in West College Hill on Saturday, October 13th. This is Cincinnati Habitat's 4th and largest Rock the Block since the event's inception in 2016. Rock the Block is an extension of Habitat for Humanity's work to revitalize neighborhoods one family, one block, one street at a time. Residents and volunteers teamed up for a one-day blitz to repair, refresh, and restore a neighborhood where Habitat is currently building. The West College Hill event included minor exterior repairs of sixteen homes, a fresh coat of paint to the playground at Crutchfield Park, and a general neighborhood cleanup involving litter and brush removal. A new basketball court, wildflower field and three community art projects were made possible through the added support of Springfield Township, ArtsConnect and a grant from Hamilton County Planning and Development.

Trustees Gwen McFarlin, Joe Honerlaw and Mark Berning were all in attendance at Rock the Block. "This was such an exciting event to be a part of", explains McFarlin. "The energy of the volunteers raised the entire neighborhood." The work in West College Hill will continue over the coming years. Additional homes are being built by Habitat for Humanity and a community renewal plan is underway with support of Hamilton County Planning and Development and The Port.

John Wesley Early Learning Center  
1927 W. Kemper Rd.  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45240  
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**2018-2019 ENROLL NOW**

**CALL OR TEXT BETH HOENDORF,  
THE ADMINISTRATOR**

**513-236-9338**

**BETH@JWUMC.COM**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR ENROLLMENT GROWING QUICKLY.

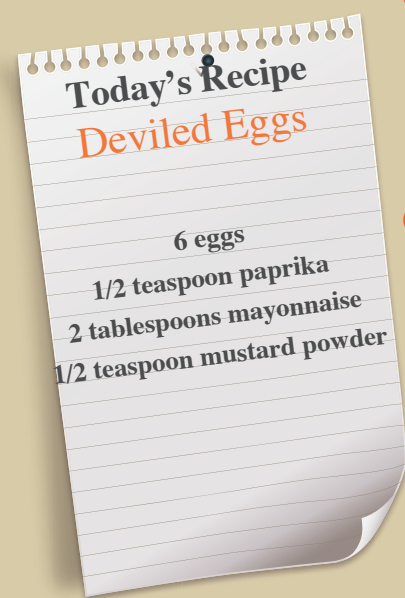


**13**  
Springfield Township Regular  
Trustee Meeting

**15**  
Rock of Ages

**16 - 18**  
Germania Chistkindlmarkt

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DON'T STOP



- 01** Place eggs in a pot of salted water. Bring the water to a boil, and let eggs cook in boiling water until they are hard boiled, approximately 10 to 15 minutes. Drain eggs, and let cool.
- 02** Cut eggs in half, lengthwise. Remove the egg yolks and mash them together in a small mixing bowl. Mix in the paprika, mayonnaise, and dry mustard. Spoon mixture into the egg whites; cool and serve.

Membership Applications are available in this memo and on the website listed below or by calling our Membership Chairperson, Monica Bowles.

Dues are \$25 a calendar year.  
(\$35 for monthly hard copy memo distribution)

Check out the website below for additional news and community information.

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- Half Page \$65
- Quarter Page \$25
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Contact Jalisa Harris @ harrisjalisa88@gmail.com to place your Classified or Business Ad.



**16 - 12/2**  
Twelfth Night

**17 - 12/31**  
Christmas at EnterTRAINment Junction

**17 - 1/1**  
PNC Festival of Lights

**23**  
Macy's Light Up the Square

## Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



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## Pleasant Run Farms Luminaria 2018

It is time to light up the Farms! We are excited to announce that we will be continuing the Pleasant Run Farms Luminaria Tradition for 2018! Many long time residents tell stories of the neighborhood years ago and how so many homes participated in the Holiday Luminaria. Our hope is that we can get great participation again so that our children and new residents will be talking about it for years to come!

The date is Sunday December 9th. Luminaria kits should be put out and lit starting at 6:00pm. Help PRF keep this beautiful tradition going by participating and encouraging your neighbors to do the same! December 9th is the official date for luminaria activities. Your PRF Civic Association Board is running the luminaria again this year.

Order forms for the kits can be found as an insert in the printed version of this memo or by visiting [pleasant-runfarms.org](http://pleasant-runfarms.org). Deadline for ordering kits is November 26th.

Kits will be available for pickup at the PRF Pool on Saturday December 1st from 9:00am-11:00am. All of PRF from Brookway Farms to Deer Chase to East of Mill and all the homes in between are part of this celebration. Homeowners along Kemper, John Gray, and Mill Roads especially are encouraged to participate to show everyone passing through that PRF has the holiday spirit and is a great place to live.

Again, this year we are planning a Limo Bus ride to travel down streets in PRF to see the luminaries and to sing carols. This was a great time last year and I know the kids and adults will enjoy it! The Limo Bus will run from approximately 6:00-8:00pm starting at John Wesley church. We invite all our neighbors, both young and old, to join us and have some fun playing games and socializing. We are planning on having arts and crafts for the kids, as well as activities for the adults and seniors too! Complementary light refreshments and snacks will be available.

Last but not least, it wouldn't be Christmas without a visit from Santa Claus himself! Santa will be traveling around the neighborhood on a Springfield Twp Fire Truck to designated 'Santa Stops' in the late afternoon/early evening on Sunday December 9th. The exact route/stops are still in the works, but check our Facebook page and Nextdoor for the information. Not on social media? Call or email Mary for the information.

Have someone at home that won't be able to head out to a Santa Stop? Email/Call Mary to get on the list for a Santa home visit at a date and time TBD.

Make sure to keep your eyes open for up-to-date information on the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association Facebook Page and Nextdoor. If you have questions, are interested in volunteering to help with the event, or have items to donate for Raffle baskets, please contact Mary Barrera at [mbarrera@comey.com](mailto:mbarrera@comey.com) or 513-678-5011. I hope to see you there!

Key Dates-

**November 26th – Last Day to order Luminaria Kits**

**December 1st – Pick up Luminaria Kits from PRF Pool 9-11am**

**December 9th – Setup Luminaria, Santa on a Fire Truck, Head to John Wesley for fun!**

**Date TBD – Santa to make house calls**

**Mary Barrera, Community Activities Director**

# Pleasant Run Farms Luminaria

## 2018 Order Form

### December 9th Event Date

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Kits \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00= \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Complete kit consists of 20 bags, candles, and sand. Corner lots need 2 kits.**

**\*Checks should be made out to PRFCA**

**\*Please mail/drop off this form with your order to: Mary Barrera 1755 Clayburn Cir 45240**

**Questions? Ask Mary- [mbarrera@comey.com](mailto:mbarrera@comey.com), 513-678-5011**

**\*\*\*Order deadline is November 26th\*\*\***

**Pickup will be Saturday December 1st 9:00am-11:00am at the pool parking lot**



Be sure to join the PRF Facebook Page to receive updates on the event!



## Simple Sprucing Tips For Your Home

*You don't need thousands of dollars to fully refurbish your home to make it feel like new again. Instead, you can DIY a lot of features in your house to help spruce it up for the upcoming season. Whether you plan to sell your home, have guests over, or are just tired of how drab it's been feeling lately, here are a few tips and tricks you can use to refresh your space:*

### CLEAN + DECLUTTER

Throw out all the junk taking up space! You'd be surprised by how much more you'll fall back in love with your home when you take out the collection of accumulated stuff that has piled up over the years and finally get to see your home's features for what they are. Store what you don't need/use in either the attic, basement, or in a storage unit. After you've decluttered, be sure to finish it off by cleaning your home. Clean windows, walls, and the floors for the best results.

### BRING IN NATURAL LIGHT

Do you have heavy curtains covering your windows? Bring them down! Not only will this make your space feel bigger by removing stuff off the walls, it'll also feel alive again with all the natural light that pours in.

### ADD FRESH PAINT

Nothing refreshes a home like a new coat of paint. If you have dark dull colors, opt for lighter tones. Covering up stains on the walls, or drab old paint, can help your house feel brand new all over again.

### ADD TILE

Consider adding a tile backsplash in your kitchen or bathroom. You don't have to spend a lot of money to get beautiful results. Be sure you get tiles that complement the colors in the space, so it doesn't clash and look unappealing.

### ADD COLOR

Although neutral colors are always recommended as the base of any home decor, don't be afraid to complement your neutrals with a pop of color. You can add it throughout the home by using flowers, pillows, decor, or even light curtains that are staged on the sides of your windows.

### CHANGE OUT FIXTURES + HARDWARE

You'd be surprised by how much more a kitchen can look different just by replacing the hardware on the cabinets. A bathroom or living room can come alive again by installing a brand-new light fixture. If you moved into a place that still has the same stock hardware or fixtures, replace them and add a little creativity with the new pieces you have installed.

### REARRANGE FURNITURE

Head to Pinterest and get inspired for new living room, bedroom, or dining room arrangements. Most homeowners decorate "incorrectly" when it comes to standard staging rules. View a variety of furniture set-ups on social media and let it motivate you to rearrange your space. You don't have to buy a bunch of new furniture to make a drastic change.

## Around the Farms

By, Susan Wicklund

With Thanksgiving upon us, it's time to thank our forefathers and many people living today.

Here in the Farms, we've been so lucky to have many wonderful people open their hearts and volunteer to help our community. In the past few years, many new people have moved into the Farms. Many of them have volunteered to help with the Pleasant Run Civic Associations Swim Club, athletic programs, cultural programs and Governing Board. I'm mentioning these because they are entirely volunteer programs. Many of the new volunteers are young parents or single moms and dads. They hold regular jobs during the day, raise young children and still help our Farms have events for the thousands of people who live here.

We also have many volunteers that have lived in the Farms for years. They volunteer and help train our new volunteers. Without them the Farms would have just been a neighborhood without a ball field, Swim Club, the Memo Newspaper, Fourth of July Parade and Holiday in the Farms. We also have church volunteers for many of the churches around the Farms. Over the yers they have helped many folks that have needed a little assistance.

So, please take thsi time to thank all these people when you see them.

Let Us Also Think About Volunteering!

We presently need more volunteers for our Holidays in the Farms Celebration. It'll be an exciting day for everyone.



**Nov 2018**

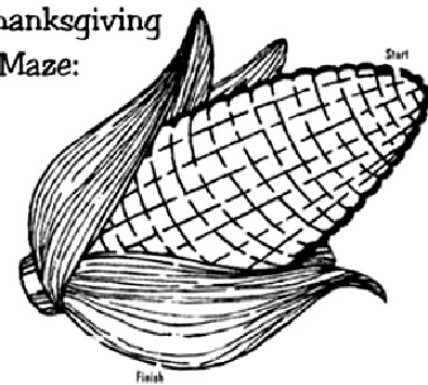
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**Thanksgiving Day**

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HARVEST	NOVEMBER	STUFFING
HOLIDAY	PILGRIMS	THANKSGIVING
	PLYMOUTH	TURKEY
		YAMS

**A Thanksgiving  
Maze:**



**Thinking Out Loud**

Thanksgiving is approaching! Meaning it's a time to share and be thankful. In fact, gratitude is the best attitude- even science backs it up!

According to a 2015 study by Paul Mills, a professor of family medicine and public health at the University of California San Diego School of Medicine, found that a "grateful heart is a healthier heart". Research reveals when we are thankful for the positive aspects of life, it can result in improved mental and physical health and wellness.

Something I do to help me find the positives-in this rollercoaster ride, we call life, is adding notes in my gratitude/happy jar. I hand painted a mason jar that I now refer to as my gratitude/happiness jar. I write dated notes of the aspects I am thankful for and add them to my jar. It can be as simple as "I am thankful I woke up today." At the end of the year, I will read them all and remember everything I was grateful for. It doesn't take as much time as journaling.

When you're a busy body, it's a great way to pause and reflect without a bunch of time spent. My heart feels expansive as I try to think of everything I am thankful for especially when I have had particularly rough days.

Thanksgiving is not the only day to practice gratitude, it can also be a positive lifestyle practice we do daily. I hope you all enjoy your Thanksgiving and know that I am also grateful to be apart of the Pleasant Hill community.

I am thankful for you because you matter to our heartfelt neighbors!



This is my happiness jar! You can design yours too look any way you please. Have fun with it and be creative =)

Hope you Enjoyed!

Jalisa Harris, PRFCA Communications Director

**2019 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. All money will be refunded if the Swim Club is not able to open in 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Penelope Anderson @ 513-485-5644. Please complete the registration form and submit payment in one of two ways:

1. Pay by cash or check (make check payable to PRFCA Swim Club) and mail to: PRFCA Swim Club, 11955 Elkwood Dr, Box B, Cincinnati, OH 45240; or register in person at the pool during pool hours.
2. Pay by credit card - 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.

Select Qty.	Membership Options	Price
	Family Membership (all members reside in same household) – max 6	\$198
	Couples Membership (2 people living in same household)	\$174
	Single Membership (minimum age 16)	\$150
	Add-on to Any Membership (grandmother, babysitter, nanny, etc.)	\$24/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.

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



**2019 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.

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

We do publish members anniversary (years living in PRF) and birthdays in the Memo. Please indicate your preference below:

- I do want household member's anniversary and birthdays published in the Memo.
- I do not want household anniversary and birthdays published in the Memo.

Annual 2019 Membership fee: \$25.00, Senior Membership \$22.50. If you would like a paper copy of the memo, membership is \$35.00. Please return this completed form with your check. Please make your check out to PRFCA and mail or drop of to: Monica Bowles, 11885 Elkwood Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45240. 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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