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The Pleasant Run Farms Memo

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Sports Update:

Let's go kids! Weather may be a little chilly now but that won't last long. Though our baseball fields are quiet now because of winter, there is plenty of action going behind the scenes. Here's some of it:

- We have checked our equipment and uniforms that we will need for 2020.
- We already placed our order for baseballs, bats and equipment for the teams.
- Soon there will be coaches' meetings about the organizations, teams, season, and field locations to play.
- Umpire classes will be set soon. Interested kids and adults can ask our baseball commissioner, Matt Heller about umpiring this spring.

In 2019 we had over 110 kids playing on 11 teams. This included 6 Tball teams, two coach pitch 7 year old teams, and a class B, class C, and class D team. That's a lot of kids having a lot of fun playing a lot of ball.

Now it's your turn. Let's play ball! It's time to sign up. Boys and girls from ages 4 – 14 can sign up at our PRFarms.org/Athletics webpage. All home games are played at our fields in Pleasant Run Farms. Don't miss your chance to play ball with your friends in Pleasant Run Farms in 2020.

Hi Neighbor! President's Update



We are in the final stages of preparation for this years exciting Holiday in the Farms. We expect it to be bigger than ever. We have Santa visiting the Farms Children during the afternoon on Saturday December 7th . Then we have one of Cincinnati's most spectacular Luminaire Celebrations with candles lighting our streets with a soft Holiday glow. Order forms for Luminaire kits are in this Memo. As part of the Celebration we invite everyone to join us at 5:00 pm at the Trolley Depot at John Wesley United Methodist Church for a really fun evening. We are having the Northwest High School Choir singing all the classic Holiday songs while the kids visit and have their photos taken with Santa. We have a special Shiner Magician who will fascinate all of us with his unbelievable tricks. We have face painting for the little ones and fun crafts for all of us. We'll have games for everyone looking for a Holiday challenge. We hope that you'll be able to join us for this years exciting Holiday in the Farms. Check out the event schedule in this Memo issue.

The zoning change for the Welch Development project was approved and we anticipate groundbreaking at the first of the year. We're excited to see everything moving forward. This project will help to keep our neighborhood vibrant.

The asphalt repairs on Elkwood Dr. between John Grey Rd. and Deerhorn will begin in early November. 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.

This Election Day we're being asked to approve an important Levy for the Northwest School District. Without this Levy we'll see program cutbacks that will harm our children. If the Levy fails, it will not only impact families with children, but effect the market value of all our homes. The Levy is needed because of reduced funding from the State.

This election Day we are also voting for new School Board Members. Two of the candidates running for the Board live in the Farms. Monica Bowles, who many of us know from her untiring work with the PTA would be a great addition to the Board. She's been our vocal advocate at the School Board Meetings for many years. Monica graduated from Wright State University in Sociology and Management and has worked in the housing industry for 25 years. She has lived in the Farms for 13 years and has a daughter attending Pleasant Run Elementary. Diane Bradley has lived in the Farms for 18 years and has 2 children in the Northwest system. Diane has also been very active in the PTA and very interested in improving our children's educational opportunities. Diane is a graduate of Ohio State University in Industrial Engineering and operates her firm. With the challenges that face the NWLSD its very important to have the right people on the Board. I hope to see all of you at the Holiday in the Farms Celebration and at the voting polls on November 5 th .

Happy Holidays,
Skip Wicklund

President, PRFCA

Swim Club Update:

The Pleasant Run Farms Swim Club is now under New Management. Welcome Mary Barrera. Thank you to Natalie Winkler and Cindy Goldick for running it this year. Mary can definitely use your help. Send an email to prfswimclub@yahoo. com if interested.

We will be in need of several lifeguards next year so now is the time to look into getting the training.

New Management has promised to purchase some new pool furniture, clearing the old pool paint and repainting the pools and setting clear expectations for the lifeguards and concession workers.

We are offering an early bird special. Join by December 31, 2019 at 2019 rates of \$198 for a family membership, \$174 for a couple and \$150 for a single membership. Join at prfarms.org under swim club page. 10 month payment plans are available. Rates will raise to \$250 for a family membership after November 1 so join now.

Thanks to Isaiah Shields, a Boy Scout from Troop 881 at John Wesley United Methodist, whose Eagle Scout Project will now make it easier to water the plants at the PRF Swim Club parking lot area.

Our Northwest School Levy

by Bert Cameron

Our schools provide much to the residents of several communities in Northwest Hamilton County and supporting the new Northwest Local School levy request makes sense as civic duty, pure self-interest, community betterment, and enhancing the opportunity for our children. A school levy acts as a form of investment in our future in many ways.

All of us have benefitted from parents and grandparents who supported schools we attended by giving their time, support of local school financing, and attendance at games, ceremonies, and other events. My parents said the schools helped to glue our community together, became vehicles of hope, and in many instances wonderful memories for the new generation. Leaders in my Pennsylvania community talked about a civic duty to support schools. Most of us in attendance at these schools thought less about duty and more about escaping school to a more unsupervised life.

Now it's our turn to tell the students in our schools to make the best of their opportunities and to stay in school. We might even tell them the same thing I often heard—it's the best time of your life, enjoy it. And we should tell this new generation of pupils that when they have to make a decision to support schools financially, it's in their best interest too. Older folk get enhanced property values which may be used to keep financially stable and have a better quality life. Just a quick glance of TV ads tell us of reverse mortgages, a place for mom, providing your heirs with a car, etc. Younger adults without children also see the same benefits as do older ones and also as a way to build the nest egg that really often provides for the future.

This self-interest also extends to the quality of community life, for kids with more opportunity make for better neighbors. Rising home values bring greater ability to borrow as well as more neighborhood stability. Surveys of homebuyers found that over 90% believed the quality of local schools very important and many were willing to pay from 10% to 20% more to get their kids in a good school system. So—let's keep our kids in good schools so they have greater opportunity, feather our own nests, and improve our community to boot. It seems like a no-brainer.

Pleasant Run Farms Luminaria 2019

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 2019! Many longtime 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 Saturday December 7 th . 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 7 th 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 pleasenrunfarms.org . Deadline for ordering kits is November 22 nd .
- Kits will be available for pickup at the PRF Pool on Saturday November 30 th 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! All signs point to live music courtesy of our very own Northwest High School Students and a magician from the Shriners! 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 in the late afternoon/early evening on Saturday December 7 th . 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 or 513-678-5011. I hope to see you there!

- **Key Dates-**
- November 22 nd – Last Day to order Luminaria Kits
- November 30 th – Pick up Luminaria Kits from PRF Pool 9-11am
- December 7 th – Setup Luminaria, Santa Stops, Head to John Wesley for fun!
- Date TBD – Santa to make house calls

-Mary Barrera, Community Activities Director

Pleasant Run Farms Luminaria

2019 Order Form

December 7th 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, 513-678-5011

*****Order deadline is November 22nd*****

Pickup will be Saturday November 30th 9:00am-11:00am at the pool parking lot



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

November Finneytown Farmers Market

Article from Springfield Township

The Finneytown Farmers Market is held the second Sunday of each month, May through November from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the small administration parking lot behind the Springfield Township Fire Station at 9150 Winton Road.

Stock up on fresh, locally raised organic vegetables, non-GMO beef, pork, eggs, juice, and vegan bakery items. Fresh flowers, hand made specialties, local honey and soaps will be available for purchase. Enjoy live music and activities.

For more information on the Finneytown Farmer's Market vendors, visit <https://finneytownfarmersmarket.com/vendors.html>. For questions on the market, contact the Market Manager at [Jenni@finneytownfarmersmarket.com](mailto:jenni@finneytownfarmersmarket.com)



Fresh locally grown and produced foods, art, wellness

Vegetables/Fruits	Non-GMO meats
Soaps	Grass-fed Beef
Plants & Flowers	Pork
Honey	Eggs
Breads	Juice Cheeses
Cottage-Crafted Gifts	Healthy Cookies
Homemade Doggie Treats	SNAP-Ed Demos



jenni@finneytownfarmersmarket.com

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- 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.

- Hard Copy Issue Advertising Rates
 - Back Full Page \$110
 - Regular Full Page \$ 90
 - Half Page \$65
 - Quarter Page \$25
 - Business Card Size Ad \$25
 - Classified Ad \$8

Electronic Issue Rates are 1/2 the cost of Hard Copy Issue Rates
 Contact Jalisa Harris @ harrisjalisa88@gmail.com to place your Classified or Business Ad.

HCDC Small Business Assistance Coming to Springfield Township

Article from Springfield Township

Thanks to a six-month grant from the Duke Energy Foundation to Springfield Township, Hamilton County Development Corporation (HCDC) will soon be administering the **Small Business Technical Assistance Program**. This program involves business outreach to better understand local business needs, obtain input, and provide connections to regional resources to help meet those needs. The program also includes business coaching, which is confidential and free of charge.

HCDC's small business assistance will be available to any locally owned and operated business located in Springfield Township. The Small Business Technical Assistance Program was recently implemented in the city of Reading where coaching was provided to help businesses;

- Establish business and financial goals
- Build low-cost marketing strategies
 - Sales improvement
 - Increase inventory productivity
 - Budgeting
- Understand and using financial reports

For more information regarding the program or to arrange a business outreach meeting or take advantage of the free, confidential business coaching available this year to businesses in Springfield Township, contact Kathleen Kennedy at 513-522-1410.

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Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



YOUR PRF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

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Ed Mayer prfcatareasurer@yahoo.com (Treasurer)

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Monica Bowles (Membership)

prfswimclub@yahoo.com (Swim Club)

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Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association

Membership

By, PRFCA

As the New Year approaches, we're asking you to join the PRF Civic Association and help us keep the Farms a great place to live. At only \$30 for a family membership (senior discount 10%) it's a really inexpensive way to get a tremendous amount of benefits. And, as an added benefit you'll get a PRFCA Discount Card to area local businesses. Here's a summary of some of the things the PRF Civic Association does for all of us.

During the past few years, everyone in the Farms has seen some major improvements in our neighborhood as a result of the efforts of the PRF Civic Association. Along with important street repairs, we've seen a much more beautified Clifford Park. Our Civic Association members work very hard to maintain the ball fields and refreshment stand. We've worked with the Township to significantly improve the parks parking areas and eliminated the large trash dumpster that was sitting in the parking lot. We've gotten a \$30,000 grant from the Township to improve the infrastructure of the Swim Club. This year we freshened the Swim Club with newly painted buildings creating a beach like atmosphere. We received another \$20,000 grant to repair and landscape the Swim Club parking area and Community Building. As we've talked with the Welch Home Developer they've decided to give 2 years of Swim Club memberships to all of their new homebuyers, a significant financial help in operating the Swim Club. They've also indicated that they will do more landscaping of the Swim Club. Additionally, they are working with us to create more neighborhood gateway signage for the Farms.

We work closely with the Northwest Local School District to make sure that our children's needs are being met. We attend School Board Meetings, meet with the Superintendent and make sure that he has an opportunity to answer all your questions at our General Meetings.

Our Community events throughout the year continue to get larger. We've reintroduced the beautiful Farms Luminaire Celebration in December and expanded it into the Holiday in the Farms Celebration with Santa, the Trolley Depot with rides through the Farms, and crafts and face painting for the children. And this year, we also have a Shriner Magician and choral groups to entertain us all. And, then don't forget we have an Easter Egg Hunt in the spring and a Fourth of July Parade and Cookout in the summer. And very importantly we have the PRF Athletic program that starts in the spring and goes through the fall.

We work closely with Springfield Township's administration, and the police and fire departments. We make sure that the 5,000 residents of Pleasant Run Farms are heard.

We need your help! Join the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association and help us keep the Farms an exciting and vibrant community that is one of Cincinnati's greatest places to live. At \$30 for a family membership, it's one of the best buys you'll ever make.



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. 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
 Please check out the PRFCA website at pleasantrunfarms.org. Join our facebook page for updates under Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association. Website: 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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Nov 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Resident Anniversaries
27	28	29	30	31	1 Trinity Vivians	2	The Campbell Family 1978
3 Taylor Bradley	4	5	6	7	8	9	Theresa Matthews 1979
10	11	12	13 Bert Cameron	14	15	16	The Agin Family 1987
17	18	19	20 Val Purvis	21	22	23	The Bissmeyer Family 1990
24	25	26	27 Amy Agin	28	29	30	The DeSelms Family 2003

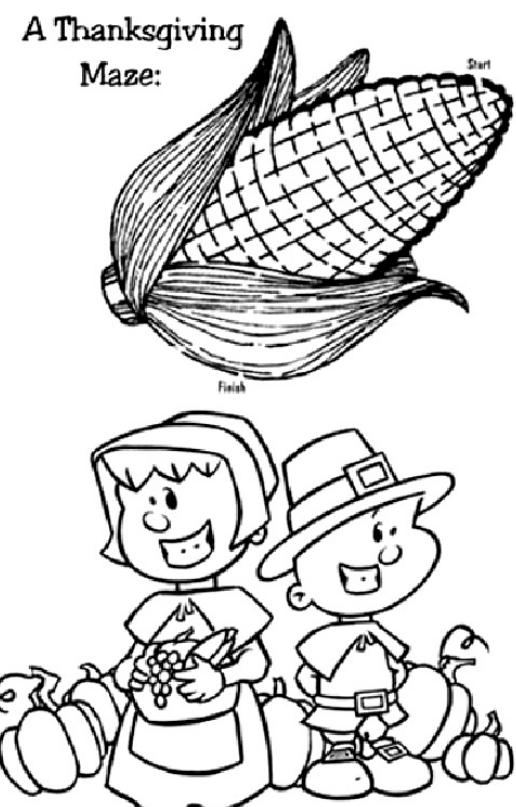
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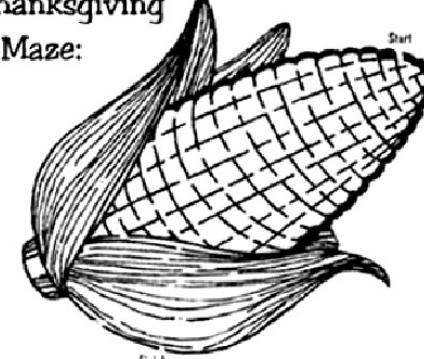
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PUMPKIN PIE
STUFFING
THANKSGIVING
TURKEY
YAMS



A Thanksgiving
Maze:



Hope you Enjoyed!

Jalisa Harris, PRFCA Communications Director

Thinking Out Loud

Here comes November! I am excited to share with you all that I have taken up journaling. More specifically scripting, it's when you write out your future as if it has already happened. The trick is to be as detailed as you can while also leaving room for life to occur as it will. To complicate the matter, you train yourself to write in the positive, meaning leave out the negative stuff you don't want to happen. You probably already have daily conversations about what you don't like and what you don't want in your life anyway. But have you ever really thought about what kind of life you actually want to live? I mean, we all have been groomed since childhood to think about what we want to be instead of how we want to live. So scripting has helped me to focus on just that: how I want to live. This has been quite therapeutic for me as well. It's a way for me to cultivate a mind of gratitude and positivity. Why can't we have it all? Why can't we be overflowing in love, abundance, peace and more? When you script, you begin to realize how unlimited your imagination is. Children dream and play big. Adults, well somewhere down the line, many of us begin dreaming and playing small. So scripting has also helped me tap back into that inner child who knows she is limitless and powerful all at once. You can script for the week or you can script 25 years into the future. We all have the right to envision ourselves as fully expressed humans who experience sincere love, peace, respect, and financial abundance. We all deserve to reach our dreams and become fulfilled and satisfied with our lives. This November remember to be grateful for your present because your future is in your hands!