

The Pleasant Run Farms MEMO
"An Active Community"
December 2016
Volume 48 Issue 12e
www.pleasantrunfarms.org
A publication brought to
you by the PRF Civic Association

### 2017 MEMBERSHIPS

We are currently accepting membership forms and fees for 2017. <u>Click here</u> for the form or you can submit it online at <a href="http://www.pleasantrunfarms.org/prfca-membership.html">http://www.pleasantrunfarms.org/prfca-membership.html</a>. Membership per household costs \$25, plus an extra \$10 if you want a paper copy of the Memo delivered to you. If you prefer not to pay online, you can mail your form and check to:

PRFCA Membership 11955 Elkwood Drive, Box C Cincinnati, OH 45240

Along with helping to support our great neighborhood and the wonderful programs we have, each household also will receive 2 membership cards. On the back of each card is a discount for local establishments such as Papa Johns, Pleasant Run Service, Skyline Chili, Cancun Mexican Restaurant, Games of Fairfield (formerly Fairfield Lanes), The DIP, Izzy's, Midwest Cleaners and Fresh Floors.

Thank you for supporting Pleasant Run Farms!

Betsy Bissmeyer, betsy.bulldog@gmail.com, PRFCA Membership Director

#### SENIOR MOMENTS



As part of the Neighborhood Watch Program we want to promote our community and Civic Association.

It would be great for Pleasant Run Farms to be more than "just a neighborhood" and instead to be a "family oriented community." We can move in that direction by 1) waving to our neighbors (and hopefully introducing ourselves); 2) watching out for one another; 3) calling the police if we see something unusual and 4) support the community by supporting the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association.

All of us working together can make the "Farms" safer, stronger and a great place to buy a home, live and raise a family.

How are you "creating community" on your street?

**Looking forward**...We are trying to arrange for someone from the Springfield Township Police Department to come to the January open meeting to talk with us about the Citizen's Police Academy. Please plan on attending.

To apply to the Citizens Police Academy, go to <a href="www.springfieldtonwship.org">www.springfieldtonwship.org</a>. At the top click Government, then Police, then Programs, then Citizens Police Academy. Your application will be kept on file and you will be contacted when the next class begins.

Al Eichorn, PRFCA Senior

N E

W S









E



The MEMO is published by the Pleasant Run Farms
Civic Association,
11955 Elkwood Dr.,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45240
www.pleasantrunfarms.org



### **Hard Copy Issue Advertising Rates:**

Back Full Page \$110 Regular Full Page \$90
Half Page \$65 Quarter Page \$45
Business Card Size Ad \$25
Classified Ad \$8
Electronic Issue Rates are 1/2 the cost of
Hard Copy Issue Rates
Contact Venita Vivians at
vvivians@prodigy.net to place your Classified or Business Ad.

# Pleasant Run Dry Cleaners

Same Day ServiceIn by 10:00 Out by 4:00
Shirt Laundry
FREE Minor Repairs
Ask for our 20% off Dry Cleaning
Card

### 6106 Winton Road at Mack Road

(between Jay's Food Mart & Domino's Pizza)

**Fairfield, OH 829-4441** 

### YOUR PRF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

James Ciolino jciolino@fuse.net (President)

Open (VP)

Ed Mayer prfcatreasurer@yahoo.com (Treasurer)

Connie Fears 851-8556 cfears@zoomtown.com (Secretary)

John Buschmann johnbusch25@yahoo.com (Athletics)

Venita Vivians vvivians@prodigy.net (Communications)

Linda Boylson laboylson@yahoo.com (Community Activities)

Betsy Bissmeyer betsy.bulldog@gmail.com (Membership)

Al Eichorn aeichorn@cinci.rr.com (Senior Activities)

Erin Knox 266-1000 prfswimclub@yahoo.com (Swim Club)

# Memo Deadline for Advertisements and Articles Friday, December 30, 2016

The January Electronic Copy Memo Delivery will occur the weekend of January 7th. The memo will be available on the website, <a href="www.pleasantrunfarms.org">www.pleasantrunfarms.org</a>, by January 6, 2017. If you would like to <a href="place an ad in">place an ad in</a> or <a href="contribute an article to">contribute an article to</a> the Memo, please contact Venita Vivians, Memo Editor at <a href="wvivians@prodigy.net">wvivians@prodigy.net</a> (include Memo in the subject). If you have any problems with <a href="mailto:receiving">receiving</a> your Memo, please contact Venita Vivians at 513-505-0480.

The Memo and the PRF Civic Association reserve the right to refuse any content. Letters to the editor will be published only with the authors name. Any comments, suggestions, or new contributors are welcome.

PRFCA Membership Applications are available in this memo and on the website listed below or by calling our Membership Chairperson listed above.

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

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

### PLEASANT RUN FARMS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

A Board Meeting of the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association was held November 17, 2016 at John Wesley UMC. Following are the minutes from the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Board Reports:

President: James Ciolino –

James stated that the October 30 trunk or treat at Augsburg Lutheran was a success. It was well attended and he spoke with several members of PRF at that event.

Vice President: Open position

Treasurer: Ed Mayer –

Ed presented the financial report. Account balance as of 11/17/16 was \$8,952.05.

Secretary: Connie Fears –

Connie reported that the changes to the By-Laws, approved by membership at the September General Meeting, have been posted on the PRFCA website. Welch cafeteria is confirmed for the General Association meeting scheduled for January 26, 2017.

Athletic Director: John Buschmann –

John reported that soccer season is over, except that the boys' Kickers – coached by Derek Sheafer - are playing for state champions, with the last couple games scheduled for this weekend. The concession stand at the ball field has been winterized. The township plans to aerate the fields at some point before baseball season begins next spring. John also reported that the township's services director, Mike Gould, is planning to attend the January general association meeting, to discuss the pending work on certain streets in the Farms.

Communications: Venita Vivians –

Venita was unable to attend the meeting. Submit articles and ads to her (<u>vvivians@prodigy.net</u>; include 'Memo' in the subject line) by Friday, November 25 for publication in the December Memo.

Membership Report: Betsy Bissmeyer –

Betsy was unable to attend the meeting, but she did send a report. There are 18, so far, for 2017.

Betsy did reach out to the vendors for the discounts included with membership for 2017. All want to remain on our membership cards. She's reached out to the person who helped with printing of cards in the past to have the new ones for 2017 made. Betsy also reported that she's willing to work on an update of the tri-fold brochure if a digital version can be provided to her.

Community Activities: Linda Boylson -

Linda was unable to attend the meeting.

The board briefly discussed the last activity for 2016, the Luminaria project (Dec 24, kits to be made available to residents at a nominal cost; John is lead on this). John volunteered to put an article in the Memo regarding the activities sponsored by the civic association.

Director of Seniors Activities: Al Eichorn –

Al reported that he has signed up for the next Citizen's Police Academy offered through Springfield Township (Mar – May, 2017; 1 evening per week). He'll put an item in the Memo in case other residents would like to sign up, as well. The board asked Al to invite an officer to present at the January association meeting on the academy.

# PLEASANT RUN FARMS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (continued)

Continued from previous page

Pool: Erin Knox –

Erin was unable to attend the meeting. She and Susan did send an update to swim club members regarding recent improvements. New fencing has been installed and it looks great.

Previously announced: Pleasant Run Through the Farms 5k event is being planned for May 20, 2017. This will be a family friendly event. Watch the Memo for more information.

### Old Business:

Luminaria in the Farms: Scheduled for December 24. Kits available at \$9 each; order forms have or will soon be delivered to every house in the neighborhood. John has enough bags and candles on hand for 200 kits. He'll have sand delivered closer to the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December. The board members need to reserve December 8 to help with kit assembly. Pickup is planned for December 10. James asked for extras to line the sidewalk in front of the pool and for along the ball fields.

Current open position: vice-president.

Expected open positions for 2017: president, secretary, community activities, as well as vice-president, if not filled yet. Ed suggested that the board members help

with recruiting residents to fill these board positions. James will write a letter to the community regarding the open posi-

tions, to be published in the December Memo. James asked for board members to reflect on the work s/he completed this year within their role on the board and put something in the December Memo on that topic.

New Business: None at this time.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

Next meeting (board only): Luminaria kit assembly December 8, location John's house; time TBD.

Connie Fears, PRFCA Secretary

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

From the thoughts of James Ciolino, President of Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association...

This year has brought about many changes and opened up new doors to the farms community. As president I have made ties within Springfield Township that has led to improvements and upgrades within our community. We have branded ourselves in the eyes of neighboring communities and those communities now have a better understanding of who we are and what are community stands for. We have made friends with our local businesses and are encouraging growth in our community. There has been talk about selling and/or rezoning our greenbelt, but we have come to the conclusion that we need our green belt to stay as is. This is one of the few untouched areas of Greater Cincinnati where animals are free to roam, where businesses and apartments can not invade. I have met such wonderful neighbors, seen our sporting teams sore above their competition, and have worked with my board to better our community. Thank you for being my neighbor and thank you for everything you do for this community. "Life is hard, sometimes painful, and often depressing. But, we have to remember to smile and enjoy it because it's the only one we have. Have Fun!"

James Ciolino, PRFCA President



# Luminaria - a beautiful holiday tradition!



# Pleasant Run Farms *Luminaria*





Luminaria - December 24th

Christmas Eve!

# LUMINARIA ORDER FORM

KITS ARE \$9.00 EACH

Name		
Address		
No. of kits ordered	1	_
Phone		
E-mail		

- \* Complete kit consists of 20 bags, candles, and sand. Corner lots need 2 kits.
  - \* Checks should be made out to PRFCA
  - \* Please mail this form with your check to: John Buschmann 1878 Edgewater Drive 45240

If any questions, contact John at 612-8767 or johnbusch25@yahoo.com

### OUR PRFCA COMMUNITY

The Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association Board consists of a few of your neighbors who are interested in keeping PRF a viable community. There are baseball and soccer teams for kids. We have a swimming pool that is open during the summer. The PRFCA Board works closely with Springfield township on issues. And over the years the PRFCA Board has sponsored a number of activities that benefit Pleasant Run Farms families. These activities help keep Pleasant Run Farms an enjoyable community.

In 2017 we plan to hold these activities, but we need a person to help oversee these events. You can contribute significantly to PRF's viability as a community by volunteering as the Board representative for Community Activities. You can contact any member of the Board to learn more.

Easter egg hunt

College scholarship

Great American cleanup

Community wide yard sale

Landscaping contest

Community Reds game

4th of July Parade/Men's skirt game

Trunk or Treat

Luminaria

John Buschmann, PRFCA Athletics Director



## Jesus is God's Christmas gift of love. Come celebrate!

Dec 24th - Family Candlelight Service, 4:30 pm Dec 24th - Traditional Candlelight Service, 11:00 pm Dec 25th - Christmas Say Worship, 10:30 am

Community Meal - Free - All Are Welcome Sunday, December 18th, 5:30 to 7:00 pm

11676 Hamilton Ave. Phone 825-2240 Visit us on Facebook - Augsburg Lutheran Church Cincinnati

# **Your Celebration News**

### Living in the Farms Anniversaries—December 2016



Frank & Vivians Byndon~~~~~~ 1972~~~~~~~	44 years
Mark & Gina Hodge~~~~~~ 1981~~~~~~~~	35 years
Stephen & Erin Knox ~~~~~~ 2004 ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	12 years

# Happy Birthday to You, December Birthdays!

#### 3rd 5th 1st Gary Johnson Ric Boschert Jennifer Troyan Deryck Cooper 6th 12th 18th Norm Obert Vickie Buck Chevenne Burton Gretchen McDaniel Isaac Fears Walter Ulanski 19th 21st 23rd Al Eichorn Luke Sebastian Jim Gutknecht Jim Hughes 26th 29th Elese Boylson Jonathan Breaton Marisa Fears

**Residents of Pleasant Run Farms** 

**Check out the Private Social Network of Pleasant Run Farms** 

www.nextdoor.com



# 2017 Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association, Inc. Membership Form

Date: Family	last name:				
Address:	Phone:				
E-mail (please print clearly):					
PRF Resident since: month	year Ch	eck One: Membership Renewa	al New Member:		
Please note your personal information include do not distribute, sell or trade any of your per		y the PRFCA to contact you regardin	g events and issues that pertain to our community. We resp	ect your privacy and	
Household N	Member	Birth month/day	Adult/Child	]	
		1			
				-	
			ers play an integral role in keeping programs in ex id the respective Board Member may contact you		
4th of July Parade	Scholarship Committee	e Where neede	d		
Garage Sale	Membership				
Landscaping Contest	Communications				
Swim Club	Sports (specify w	hich sport	)		
We publish members anniversary (year	ars living in PRF) and birth	ndays in the Memo.			
I do not want househo	ld anniversary and birthda	ys published in the Memo.			
	ber in hard copy form. If y	ou are a member and require a	memo will be distributed to the entire PRF common a hard copy of the memo monthly please add \$10 to use indicate below:		
I need a hard copy of th	e memo. (Add \$10 to you	annual dues)			
Annual 2017 Membership fee: \$25.00 Bissmeyer, 11955 Elkwood Drive Box	-	•	ase make your check payable to PRFCA and mail	to: Betsy	
Please check out the PRFCA website a and upload any pictures which involve			Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association. Please give ank you for your support!	your comments	
Membership Use Only:					
Date Received: Check #_	Amount:	Date Cleared:	Membership card:		