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Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association—2017 Scholarship

The Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association will again offer a \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior. Each applicant must be receiving a high school diploma and intend to continue his or her education at a college or technical school. The applicant's family must be residents of Pleasant Run Farms and hold a current membership in the Civic Association.



The scholarship application form is available online at www.pleasantrunfarms.org, or you may contact the PRFCA secretary, Connie Fears, to obtain a copy. All applications must be submitted by March 31, 2017. The scholarship winner will be announced at the Civic Association's General Meeting in April.

Please contact Connie if you are interested in assisting with judging the applications.

Connie Fears, Acting PRFCA Secretary, cfears@zoomtown.com

Pleasant Run Through the Farms 5K Run/Walk



Mark your calendars now for the Pleasant Run Through the Farms 5K Run/Walk on May 13, 2017. This family-friendly event will begin and end at Clifford George Fields and will benefit the PRF Swim Club. There will be an after party with food, drinks and more! If you or your business are interested in sponsoring this event or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Erin Knox at erinlknox@gmail.com. More information about registration will be released soon!

Erin Knox, PRFCA Swim Club Director

Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association Memberships 2017

Thank you to those who have renewed your membership to PRFCA already. I will be mailing 2016-17 Membership cards within the next couple of weeks.

If you have not renewed yet, you can do so online at <http://www.pleasantrunfarms.org/prfca-membership.html> or [click here](#) for a printable form. Membership per household costs \$25, plus an extra \$10 if you want a paper copy of the Memo delivered to you. If you opt to print a form, you can mail your form and check to:

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

Join Us!

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



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Fairfield, OH

829-4441

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Skip Wicklund (President)

Open (VP)

Ed Mayer prfcatreasurer@yahoo.com (Treasurer)

Open (Secretary)

John Buschmann johnbusch25@yahoo.com (Athletics)

Venita Vivians vvivians@prodigy.net (Communications)

Monica Bowles monicabowles@ymail.com (Community
Activities)

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

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

Memo Deadline for Advertisements and Articles Friday, February 24, 2017

The **March Electronic Copy Memo Delivery** will occur the weekend of March 4th. The memo will be available on the website, www.pleasantrunfarms.org, by March 3, 2017. If you would like to **place an ad in** or **contribute an article to** the Memo, please contact Venita Vivians, Memo Editor at vvivians@prodigy.net (include Memo in the subject). If you have any problems with **receiving** 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 General Meeting of the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association was held January 26, 2017 at Welch Elementary. The following are the minutes from the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm. Nine members of the community were present.

Guests:

A representative from Springfield Township briefly discussed the status of the road project to repair Deerhorn (from Elkwood to John Gray) and Fallbrook (west of Deerhorn) and Fullerton (west of Deerhorn). Contractor R A Miller won the bid and work is set to begin in early spring. Residents who wish to pay R A Miller directly for concrete work on their driveways and/or sweeps may contact R A Miller at 513.896.5011. The project will be a complete rehabilitation of the road infrastructure. Information on the project and status updates can be found on the township website (www.springfieldtwp.org). This project is being funded at 50% by the state and 50% by the township.

There is ability for residents of other streets (that weren't rated as being in the worst shape) to petition for work to be done and have the residents pay an additional tax assessment. Funding then would be at 50% by the residents and 50% by the township. Visit www.springfieldtwp.org for more information and / or contact the township's Service Director Mike Gould.

An officer from Springfield Township briefly discussed the program being implemented this year in place of the Citizen's Police Academy. Various topics, such as drugs, canine, Tasers, etc. will be single sessions once a month; with four sessions currently planned. The February topic will be on drugs. Visit www.springfieldtwp.org to register for the February session.

Reading of the minutes from prior meeting:

Connie Fears reviewed minutes from the last general meeting held in September, 2016. Motion was made to accept the minutes as written, motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Board Elections:

Board positions were reviewed, with openings being President, Vice President, Secretary and Community Activities. PRF resident, Skip Wicklund, stepped up to fill the President's role and PRF resident, Monica Bowles, stepped up to fill the Community Activities position. Outgoing secretary, Connie Fears, agreed to remain as interim until the position is filled. The slate of board members was voted on by the members in attendance.

The board for 2017 is as follows:

President -	Skip Wicklund
Vice-President -	open
Treasurer -	Ed Mayer
Secretary -	open (with Connie Fears as interim)
Athletics -	John Buschmann
Communications -	Venita Vivians
Membership -	Betsy Bissmeyer
Community Activities -	Monica Bowles
Pool Director -	Erin Knox

Vice-president and secretary remain as open positions. Anyone interested in filling either role can contact any member of the board.



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Board Reports:

President: James Ciolino (past president) and Skip Wicklund (incoming president) –

James thanked the board and the community for the support he's received over the past year. He then invited incoming president Skip Wicklund to join the board and run the meeting from that point forward.

Skip provided a little information about himself – 45 year resident of PRF, business owner – and stated that he is interested in helping to build up the civic association and the community. He plans to interface with the township and hopes to help find ways to engage people in the community to be involved and active in all things the Farms has to offer. He's interested also in improving signage at entry points into the neighborhood.

Vice President: open –

Ed Mayer gave a brief description of the vice president's role. Interested persons can contact any board member.

Treasurer: Ed Mayer –

Ed presented the financial reports, including the final reports for 2016 and year-to-date (January) 2017. Check-book balance as of 12/31/2016 was \$9990.26 and current balance as of 1/26/17 is 8923.10. Motion was made to accept the financial reports, motion was seconded and the financial reports and budgets were approved for acceptance.

Secretary: Connie Fears –

Connie reported that PRFCA will again award a \$500 scholarship to a high school senior. The scholarship application will soon be available on the PRFCA website, with a submission deadline of 3/31/2017. Anyone interested in serving on the scholarship committee should contact Connie. Presentation to the scholarship winner will be done at the April General Meeting.

Athletic Director: John Buschmann –

John was unable to attend but he sent a report. Registration for spring sports has begun, including baseball, softball and Tball. There will be teams for both boys and girls again this spring. Boys and girls ages 4 to 14 can sign up now. The league for players in high school will start later in the year, so they will be able to sign up later.

Access to the registration form is on the Pleasant Run Farms website. Parents are encouraged to do the signup in January so that:

- we can determine how many teams we'll have;
- we can purchase sufficient equipment and uniforms; and
- players can be assured of a spot on a team.

Matt Heller will once again serve as baseball commissioner. Matt grew up in PRF and has played on and coached PRF teams. He knows baseball extremely well. Matt held the first meeting with coaches earlier this month and they're beginning preparations for the season.

Pleasant Run Farms has had a strong baseball organization for nearly as long as PRF has been a community. Volunteers have run PRF Athletics since its inception. Spring sports runs from April to the end of June and PRF does need help in operating the PRF baseball organization.

Contact Matt at hellermj@fuse.net or 295-1808 if you are interested in:

- coaching
- umpiring (adult or youth 12yrs and older)
- sponsoring a team
- helping with the fields (cutting grass, dragging fields, painting fence, concessions)
- making a donation to supply uniforms, equipment and field maintenance

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Communications: Venita Vivians –

Venita announced that the next Memo will be published electronically during the weekend ending February 4. The deadline for articles and ads is Saturday January 28 (no later than mid-afternoon, please). Venita invited new ideas from community members for what to put into the Memo. One resident responded that she'd like to submit something about previous residents and where they are and what they're doing now, while another person stated enjoyment at reading about articles about past events and times in the Farms.

Membership Report: Betsy Bissmeyer

Betsy was unable to attend the meeting. Ed Mayer reported for Betsy that there are, so far, 65 members for 2017.

Community Activities: Monica Bowles

Monica provided a little information about herself. She grew up in the Farms, went to Wright State for college and later moved back to raise her family here. She's involved in Welch PTA and is interested in giving back to PRF through this role on the civic association board. She wants the Farms to be vibrant again.

Ed Mayer gave a brief description of the job duties and types of events PRFCA has done in the last few years: neighborhood garage sale, Great American Cleanup, Easter Egg hunt, 4th of July parade, Halloween trunk or treat (in conjunction with Augsburg Lutheran Church), Luminarias / Light Up the Farms (December).

Pool: Erin Knox –

Erin reported on the pool status. Most of the work funded by the neighborhood grant has been completed, with just a little work left to be done in the spring. Erin asked that residents be watchful of loitering, trespassing and/or vandalism at the pool and contact the police if they see damage being done or that has been done. Use of PRF facebook page and the Next Door app are encouraged, as well, for spreading word on things happening in the neighborhood or at the pool.

The pool is planning a 'Pleasant Run through the Farms' 5k for May 13, beginning at 9am. Volunteers and business sponsors are needed; please contact Erin at erinknox@gmail.com if interested. Information about registration for runners / walkers will be available soon in The Memo and on the PRFCA website.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Treasurer Ed Mayer distributed 2017 proposed budgets for PRFCA, PRFAA and the pool. Motion was made to accept the budgets, the motion was seconded and those in attendance voted to approve the budgets.

There was some general discussion between residents in attendance and the board regarding increasing membership for the association and the pool, improving the sense of community and residents knowing their neighbors. Monica Bowles stated she'll look into the ability to send fliers about the pool home to Welch families. Ed mentioned the work that is progressing on the new school being built by NWLSD (new elementary behind the current middle school on Pippin Road, to replace Welch and Pleasant Run elementary schools).

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Next meeting (board only): Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 7:00pm (location TBD)

Next General Meeting will be held on April 27, 2017 at 7:30pm (location TBD)

Connie Fears, Acting PRFCA Secretary

SENIOR MOMENTS

The Citizens Police Academy mentioned in last month's memo has been discontinued. A different opportunity is available called, "Springfield Township Police & Community Conversation". The first conversation will concern drug information; it will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd. Contact the Township to sign up.

Another follow-up from last month is related to finding an organization to help with a Senior Yard Clean-up Day – we will be talking with a group, "In As Much" made up of local church members to make plans for a clean-up day in the fall. Information to follow as it is available.

Al Eichorn, 513-674-7144 or aeichorn@cinci.rr.com, PRFCA Senior Activities Director

GOT A PUPPY FOR XMAS? NEED TRAINING?

Getting a puppy as a present can be an exciting way to bring love into your home. Once you have fallen in love with that adorable pup, getting along with it so that love doesn't turn to regret, is essential. There are many things a puppy needs to learn. If you have a new dog in your home, sign up for puppy classes. Located just 5 miles from PRF, the Hamilton Dog Training Club offers basic obedience classes suitable for puppies and adult dogs. We teach come-sit-heel-stay-down plus many other useful behaviors such as house-breaking, crate training, bark inhibition, and no-jumping-up on people. We offer many other classes once you have the basics, such as agility, conformation, or therapy dog certification. For more information, visit our website at www.hamiltondogtraining.com or call 513-665-6SIT or e-mail hamiltondogclub@gmail.com

Val Purvis

PRFCA MEETING BROADCAST

The January 26 Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association Meeting will air on Spectrum (Time-Warner) Cable, Channels 8 & 979 and Cincinnati Bell Fioptics Cable channel 850 at the following times:



Monday, February 6, 5 PM
Thursday, February 9, 10 PM
Sunday, February 12, 10 PM
Tuesday, February 14, 11 AM

An online video of the meeting can be found at

www.waycross.tv and www.prfarms.org

Waycross Community Media also cablecasts the following program of interest to PRF residents:

-Northwest School Board Meeting, Sunday's at 8:30 AM, Wednesday's at 3 PM, and Thursday's at 7:30 PM, on Spectrum (Time-Warner) Cable, Channel 23/Fioptics 853.

-Springfield Township Trustee meetings LIVE, the second Tuesday of every month, at 5:30 PM on Spectrum (Time-Warner) Cable, Channel 23/Fioptics 853. These meetings are replayed on Friday's at 6:00 PM, Sunday's at 10:00 PM, and Monday's at 7:00 AM.

Chip Bergquist

AUGSBURG
Lutheran Church

Ash Wednesday March 1
Prayer Service 7:00 pm

Free Community Meal
Sunday Feb 19 from 5:30 - 7:00 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

Your Celebration News



Living in the Farms Anniversaries—February 2017

Alan G & Jud Hill ~~~~~ 1969 ~~~~~ 48 years

Harry & Wanda Daughtery ~~~~~ 1980 ~~~~~ 37 years

Happy Birthday to You, February Birthdays!

3rd Mary Beth Loosen	4th Nancy Eichorn	5th Mary Ellen Schweitzer
6th Christina Conrad	9th Abby Purvis	10th Tom Agin
18th Judy Hill		

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 _____ Check One: Membership Renewal _____ New Member: _____

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 in existence and running smoothly. Please check if you are willing to help with any of the following programs and the respective Board Member may contact you for assistance.

- 4th of July Parade _____ Scholarship Committee _____ Where needed _____
- Garage Sale _____ Membership _____
- Landscaping Contest _____ Communications _____
- Swim Club _____ Sports _____ (specify which sport _____)

We publish members anniversary (years living in PRF) and birthdays in the Memo.

I do not want household anniversary and birthdays published in the Memo.

The Memo is electronically distributed monthly to members of the civic association only. The memo will be distributed to the entire PRF community during the months of January, April and September in hard copy form. If you are a member and require a hard copy of the memo monthly please add \$10 to your annual dues to help cover the cost of printing and delivery. If you would like a hard copy monthly please indicate below:

I need a hard copy of the memo. (Add \$10 to you annual dues)

Annual 2017 Membership fee: \$25.00. Please return this completed form with your check. Please make your check payable to PRFCA and mail to: Betsy Bissmeyer, 11955 Elkwood Drive Box C, Cincinnati, Ohio 45240.

Please check out the PRFCA website at pleasantrunfarms.org. We are also on Facebook under Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association. Please give your comments and upload any pictures which involves the Farms. Please become a fan or join the group! Thank you for your support!

Membership Use Only:

Date Received: _____ Check # _____ Amount: _____ Date Cleared: _____ Membership card: _____