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Pool News from PRF Swim Club

Memberships are currently available for the Swim Club. **Thank you** to those that have already purchased a membership and are taking advantage of our payment plans. We also thank those that have contributed to our “Go Fund Me” account.



Current happenings: The swim committee is working hard to ensure the pool will open for the 2015 season. We are currently accepting applications for anyone interested in being a lifeguard and interviewing potential swim team coaches. We have had several companies come give estimates for repairs and long term solutions for our aging pool.

The Swim Club/Pool is looking to raise \$30K to open for the **2016** season. These funds would be used to purchase a PVC liner for the pool. This would eliminate the need to paint the pool on an annual basis (no more paint chips while you swim!) and give the pool an additional 10-15 years of longevity. Think “bath fitter” for a swimming pool. Due to new laws and regulations, we are no longer able to purchase rubberized paint for the pool. Without raising these funds by the end of 2015, it is highly unlikely that the pool will be able to open in 2016. **We don’t want to see this happen!**

We are also looking for volunteers to help get the pool open this year. Last year we were taunted by Mother Nature and assume this year will be no different based on the current winter weather. If you have a few hours to spare to give a hand, please contact us and we can assign you a job. We will also gladly accept help from high school students needing service hours. No amount of time is too small to volunteer.

Visit www.pleasantrunfarms.org and select Swim Club to find membership forms and links for online payments.

The target for the pool to be open is May 23, 2015. We have ****NEW**** hours for 2015: The pool will be open on WEEKENDS only May 23-25th, May 30-31st, Opening DAILY on June 6th thru August 23rd. It will then be open WEEKENDS August 29-30th and September 5-7th. Pool hours will be 1-8 pm WEEKDAYS and 12-8 pm on Saturday and 12-6 pm on Sunday.

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

Questions, comments, suggestions? We would be happy to talk to anyone about the issues with the pool or even show you in person the issues we are facing.

Contact Erin Knox, Pool Director @ 513-266-1000 or email us at prfswimclub@yahoo.com.

PRFCA Membership Renewals—Online Payment Option



It's time to get your 2015 memberships and renewals in. You can now pay your PRFCA membership online.

<http://www.pleasantrunfarms.org/prfca-membership.html>

Dues can also be sent to Linda Boylson, 11955 Elkwood Drive, Box C, Cincinnati, OH, 45240. Memberships are still a great deal at \$25.00 for 12 months, \$35 for the year if you want a monthly hard copy memo delivered to you.

The 2015 membership form is available on the last page of this memo.

Linda Boylson, PRF Membership Director

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Fairfield, OH

829-4441

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**Memo Deadline for
Advertisements and Articles
Friday, March 27, 2015**

The **April Hard Copy Memo Delivery** will occur the weekend of April 4th. The memo will be available on the website, www.pleasantrunfarms.org, by April 3, 2015. 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 Sherry Glover Walsh at 673-0634.

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 CIVIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association will once 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 current members of the Civic Association.



Scholarship applications will be available online at www.pleasantrunfarms.org or you may contact PRFCA secretary, Connie Fears, to obtain an electronic or hard copy of the form. All applications must be returned to Connie Fears by March 31, 2015. The winner of the scholarship will be announced at the Civic Association's General Meeting in April.

If you are interested in serving on the scholarship committee, please contact Connie Fears.

Connie Fears
PRFCA Secretary/Scholarship Chair
cfears@zoomtown.com

COALITION OF CONGREGATION'S COMMUNITY STUDY

Close Encounters of a Wilderness Kind



We all face wilderness experiences. But we are not alone. Even well-known Biblical characters faced their own wilderness experiences. How was it these experiences brought them closer to God? How is it our own wilderness experiences can help us get closer to God? Join us and see what answers God will bring to you. This study will be offered at two convenient times each Tuesday of the Lenten season at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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| March 3 @ Pleasant Run Presbyterian Church | "David" led by Pastor Bobbi Bella |
| March 10 @ John Wesley United Methodist | "Elijah" led by Pastor RJ Davis |
| March 17 @ Augsburg Lutheran | "John the Baptist" led by Pastor Grace Werzinske |
| March 24 @ St. John Neuman (with clergy from all 4 congregations leading the study) | |

Everyone is welcome! For more information call Augsburg Lutheran Church (513) 825-2240.

Pastor Grace Werzinske, Augsburg Lutheran

GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN UP

The Great American Clean Up is May 16, 2015. Anyone who is interested in helping can email me at m.jackson.5@hotmail.com.

Misty Jackson, PRFCA Community Activities Director



PRF SWIM CLUB—TREASURER NEEDED

The PRF Swim Club is in need of a Treasurer. If you are interested in being part of the operations of a wonderful asset in our community please contact Erin Knox at prfswimclub@yahoo.com.

Ed Mayer, PRFCA Treasurer



AUGSBURG Lutheran Church

Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed!

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."
~John 3:16*

Holy Week

- 3/29 **Palm Sunday Worship Service** 10:30 a.m.
 4/2 **Holy Thursday Worship** 7:00 p.m.
 4/3 **Good Friday Worship** Saint John Neumann Catholic Church at 12:00 noon, Augsburg Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m., both with the coalition of local churches
 4/4 **Children's Community Easter Party** 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. games, egg hunt and free lunch
 4/5 **Easter Sunday Celebration**
 Breakfast 9:15 to 10:00 a.m.
 Easter Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Augsburg Lutheran Church (ELCA)
 11676 Hamilton Ave. Phone 825-2240
 (South of Kemper, just north of Speedway)
 e-mail: augsburgoffice@fuse.net

PRF CONCESSIONS WORKERS NEEDED

Looking for responsible teenagers who live in The Farms and are looking to make a little pocket change. The PRF Concessions is looking to add a few good workers to the roster to work for the upcoming sports season. You must be at least 12 years old and able to work some weekday evenings and some Saturdays.



If interested, please contact me at laboylson@yahoo.com.

Please include your name, address, age, and available hours.

Thank you,
 Linda Boylson,
 PRF Concessions

ADULT COED SOFTBALL AT PLEASANT RUN FARMS



Warm weather will be coming soon.....we promise. We'll put away the snow shovels and heavy coats. People will be wearing shorts and swimming. Kids will be riding bikes and playing ball. But why let the kids have all the fun. Come out and enjoy some yourself!

The Pleasant Run Farms Athletic Association is looking to start up adult coed recreational softball this spring. Games would be played at Clifford George field on Sunday evenings. Each team would have an equal number of men and women. Games will start on Sunday, April 19 and end in late June. You just need to bring a bat and glove; we'll supply the rest. Players must be a resident of Pleasant Run Farms or a member of PRF Athletic Association. Players must be 25 years old or older.

At a recent PRFAA baseball coaches' meeting, we discussed this idea and the coaches were enthusiastic about playing in such a league. If you are interested in playing, reply to johnbusch25@yahoo.com.

John Buschmann, 612-8767

PRF NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

The PRF neighborhood yard sale will be held on Saturday, May 21. Anyone who is interested in participating should have their things out by 9 a.m.

Misty Jackson, PRFCA Community Activities Director



STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ADDRESS

Learn About Past and Upcoming Plans for Springfield Township

Careful planning and strong fiscal management over the past several years have put Springfield Township in a position to grow. Exciting times are ahead and you can be among the first to hear what plans are “in the works.” Get connected with the progress happening in your own backyard by attending the 7th Annual State of the Township community address.



Springfield Township’s State of the Township will be hosted at The Grove Banquet

Hall on Sunday, March 15, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. (Located behind the Main Fire Station & Civic Center at 9150 Winton Road) You will hear an informative and energizing presentation designed for residents and business members of the community. (Students of all ages are also encouraged to attend!)

We know you have great ideas for shaping the community you live in. Share those ideas and ask questions one-on-one at the meet-and-greet with Township officials and staff following the community address. We want to hear from you!

Topics

The informational presentation will cover the following:

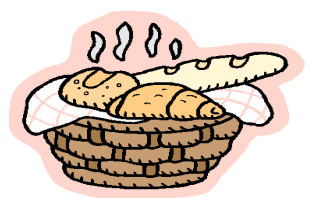
- Learn how the decisions and plans made over the past five years, across all departments, now shape the future of the Township and improve quality of life.
- The new Springfield Township Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) has been established to facilitate economic development. Learn how the CIC will operate and assist the Township in development, business retention and future growth.
- Dive into stats and learn how additions to the Police Department have helped lower crime, improve community relations and fulfill non-traditional roles.
- Come to a better understanding of how the Township’s utility aggregations has saved residents money. An upcoming meeting will also be announced that will present a Township-wide trash/recycling aggregation opportunity.

The State of the Township Community Address is expected to last approximately 45 minutes. Following the presentation, guests are invited to stay and talk with their elected officials and Township staff.

You do not need to register for this event.

COMMUNITY MEAL

Could your budget use a free meal once a month? Do you live alone and/or are tired of eating alone? Augsburg Lutheran Church, 11676 Hamilton Avenue (between Speedway and Pleasant Run Elementary) provides a free meal on the third Sunday of each month. The meal is available from 5:30 until 7:00 pm. For more information please call (513) 825-2240. Everyone is welcome!



Pastor Grace, Augsburg Lutheran

Your Celebration News



Living in the Farms Anniversaries—March 2015

Daryl & Karen Pearson ~~~~~ 1990 ~~~~~ 25 years

PRFCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association Board Meeting February, 2015

A Board Meeting of the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association was held Thursday, February 19, 2015 at the home of Treasurer Ed Mayer. The following are the minutes from the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

Treasurer Ed Mayer introduced the superintendent of Northwest Local School District, Dr. Andrew Jackson. Dr. Jackson reviewed the master facility plan for the district. The school district does plan to vacate Welch Elementary if the master facility plan proceeds. In order for the plan to proceed, the community must pass a bond levy in May. He did state that the district is interested in working with Springfield Township, PRFCA and PRF residents to determine what would be the best option(s) for the property.

President: Kevin Puccini – Unable to attend; meeting was chaired by the Vice President.

Vice President: Anna Fields – Anna attended the Springfield Township Trustees meeting on February 10:

- A) A presentation was made regarding the possible creation of a solid waste district (Springfield Township, Colerain Township and Ross) so that aggregation can be done for trash and recycling pickup. Springfield Township trustees stated there will be a public meeting on the issue.
- B) It was announced that the senior centers for Springfield Township and Wyoming have entered a cooperative agreement to share resources and programs.

PRF Covenant: Anna learned that the township is willing to attach a copy of the PRF covenant to any building permits issued for residents of The Farms. Anna will take a copy to them.

Street repairs: Anna mentioned the advice she'd been given in regards to requesting maintenance and/or repair of certain streets in The Farms. Discussion was held regarding the best way to proceed as a board. It was decided that two board members (Anna Fields and John Buschman) will work together to review all the streets in The Farms, prioritizing those that need the most attention. They'll then work with PRFCA President Kevin Puccini to draft a letter for submission to the Springfield Township trustees.

Treasurer: Ed Mayer – Has been working with prior Treasurer Ed McNett regarding transition; all checks that had been turned over have been deposited; insurance is paid up; prior property taxes are also paid up; and work on payroll taxes (pool employees) is ongoing but hopefully will be done soon. Account access needs also to be turned over to Ed Mayer and Kevin Puccini. Finally, an audit will be done.

Secretary: Connie Fears – Reported the PRFCA scholarship application is available on the PRFCA website, with a submission deadline at the end of March. So far, no applications have been received; however it is expected that we will see applications come in as the deadline approaches.

Athletic Director: John Buschman (interim Athletic Director) - Reported that PRF Athletics will be ready for Opening Day (after Easter this year), which may be a little different than in the past with possibly a meet-n-greet or cookout. There is some interest in starting an adult co-ed league to be held on Sunday evenings at Clifford George (baseball in spring/summer, then soccer in the fall). There is a volunteer who is handling the hiring of umpires and work is being done on a fundraiser (Cinti Reds—kids glove tickets). Linda Boylson mentioned that she's looking for concession works (age 12+). She'll submit an article for the March Memo.



Communications: Venita Vivians – Unable to attend meeting but sent word that the deadline for item submission is February 27 for the March issue. The Memo will be emailed during the first weekend of March.

Membership Report: Linda Boylson – Reported that work on updating membership roles, based on information turned over by the outgoing Treasurer (including seeing to it that checks were sent to the bank), is complete. There are still residents who say they sent in checks that were never cashed; however they haven't been found and those people are being asked to re-submit their membership forms with payments. Linda is looking into reviving the street rep program in effort to drive more membership.

Community Activities: Misty Jackson – Unable to attend meeting; no report.

PRFCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (continued)

Pool: Erin Knox – Unable to attend meeting but sent word that work on the pool for this year will consist of a minimal amount of work to make do for the year so as to save as much as possible for the PVC liner (see note below). There are also several pipe repairs that must be done (funds to cover this are available) and some concrete patching work must also be done (she’s looking for help in this area). The new applicaton for lifeguards is on the website and the gofundmesite is still up (www.GoFundMe.com/PRFSwimClub). Erin is looking for volunteers to help with spring setup, hopefully some high school students will be interested in fulfilling their service hours by helping at the pool. PVC Liners—it’s been decided that the best option is to install a PVC liner to extend the life of the pool (10-15 years); approx. cost is \$25K. If we do not have the money by December 2015, it is highly unlikely the pool will open the summer of 2016. Meeting discussion held after reviewing Erin’s note: Suggestion to hold garage sale at the pool (and at Welch, if extra space needed), where people donate their sale items to the pool, garage sale held onsite with all proceeds going to the pool. Leftover items can be donated to a nonprofit agency.

Old Business:

Ed Mayer brought up topic of the greenbelt, issues with taxes (now paid up) and maintenance, insurance, etc. He mentioned that, in the past, a previous PRF board had discussed the idea of selling the greenbelt to a nature conservancy (with stipulation it could never be developed). There was some discussion on the idea, but also general agreement that the concept needs further exploration and understanding. Further discssuion may ensue at future meetings.

New Business: no topics were presented as new business

Announcements: PRF pool needs a treasurer for this year.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 29 at 7:00pm; location TBA.

Connie Fears, PRFCA Secretary

Kids Looking for Work!!!

Following is a list of young residents looking for work. The PRFCA/Memo does not endorse any of those listed; we list these names free of charge as a service to our community....

Babysitting:

- Elése Boylson, age 14, 259-9143, basic C.P.R., very good with kids including babies, schedule is EXTREMELY flexible
- Sarah Dean, age 14, 674-9455, Red Cross babysitting course, CPR & First Aid trained/certified (spring 2011), babysitting and/or mother’s helper
- JaShaylia Jenkins, age 17, 723-1624, Certified babysitter (2011), CPR (2012). Also has dog care experience
- Caitlin Scheib, age 13, 931-3508, Safe Sitter Certified
- Emily Scheib, age 13, 931-3508, Safe Sitter Certified
- Claudia Weitz, age 13, 825-3448, American Red Cross babysitting course

Yard Work/Pet Care/Odd Jobs:

- Sarah Dean, age 14, 674-9455, pet care
- Abigail Junker, junkerabigail@gmail.com, animal care



2015 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 your annual dues)**

If you have a child and he/she participates in sports, you must be a member. Annual 2015 Membership fee: \$25.00. Please return this completed form with your check. Please make your check payable to PRFCA and mail or drop off to: Linda Boylson, 11955 Elkwood Drive, 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: _____
