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4th of July Parade

The Annual July 4th Parade occurs on Friday (the 4th) this year. All participants are asked to assemble in the parking lot of John Wesley United Methodist Church on West Kemper Road by 9:00 am. The parade will officially begin at 10:00 am.



The parade route is the same as in previous years—from John Wesley United Methodist Church parking lot make a right on West Kemper Road, a left on Elkwood Drive, a right on Forester Drive, ending at Clifford George fields.

If you are interested in joining us to celebrate our country’s independence, please email me at la-boylson@yahoo.com. Motorcycles and riding lawn mowers (with blades removed) are welcome. The annual Bike Contest will also be held so start thinking Red, White, and Blue! Hope to see you there.

Membership Director, Linda Boylson



PRF Helping Hands

May 10, 2014 is PRF Helping Hands Day. If you want high school volunteers to do yard work or provide small task assistance on May 10th, call Sarah Mayer at 851-7908 or email cincymayers@aol.com with your name, address, phone number, what you want done and your preference on morning or afternoon. There is no charge for this as the students need volunteer hours, but you are encouraged to be members of PRFCA. Anyone that wants to volunteer to help should also contact Sarah.



Sarah Mayer

2014 PRFCA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The 2014 PRFCA Scholarship was awarded to Sarah Mayer. Sarah is currently a senior at Northwest High School, and plans to study Business at the University of Cincinnati this fall. Sarah is among the top of her class at Northwest, where she has earned straight-A's since her freshman year. She is involved in many extracurricular activities at school including various academic clubs and sports. She has held numerous leadership positions, and has also volunteered her time in various ways at church, school, and in the PRF community over the years. Sarah was a very well-rounded applicant who came highly recommended by her teachers. Sarah, congratulations on earning your \$500 scholarship award!



Christina Norris, PRFCA Secretary

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**Memo Deadline for
Advertisements and Articles
Friday, May 30, 2014**

The **June Electronic Copy Memo Delivery** will occur the weekend of June 7th. The memo will be available on the website, www.pleasantrunfarms.org, by June 6, 2014. 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 Susan Scheib at 931-3508.

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.

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

www.pleasantrunfarms.org

POOL NEWS FROM PRF SWIM CLUB

Memberships are still available for the Swim Club.

All memberships purchased by May 23rd include 5 FREE guest passes!

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



****NEW** this summer... WiFi at the pool!** All members will receive secure log in information to enjoy free WiFi on their favorite device.

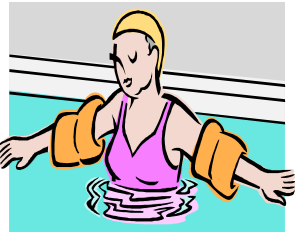
Pool opens on May 24th, 2014.

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

Questions, comments, suggestions? Contact Erin Knox, Pool Director @513-266-100 or email us at prfswimclub@yahoo.com

2014 PRF Swim Committee

AQUA ZUMBA



Heat up the Pool Party! Jump into the Latin inspired, easy-to-follow, calorie-burning, dance-fitness party that makes working out a SPLASH. Taught by certified/licensed Zumba Instructor: Deb Yaeger. (www.debsfitnessparty.com)

Classes will be held at the PRF Swim Club on Saturday mornings beginning June 14th from 10:30-11:30am and will be "pay as you go." PRF Swim Club members- \$5/class, Non-members- \$6/class. If you are interested in this class or need more information, please contact Susan Scheib at caem2201@yahoo.com.

2014 PRF Swim Committee

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN UP

Springfield Township's Great American Cleanup

Saturday, May 10, 2014

Check-in 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. at the Springfield Township Fire Department

Volunteer work 9:00 a.m. - noon

For more information 513-522-1410



The Community of Springfield Township will host its annual one-day clean sweep as part of the Great American Clean-up. Volunteers of all ages are needed to pick up litter, plant trees and flowers and paint picnic benches. Check-in at the Springfield Township fire station and enjoy a light breakfast before we head out to assigned areas. We will work from 9am until noon and enjoy a cleaner community!

Kimberlee Flamm, Springfield Township Administration

Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association
General Meeting
April 24, 2014

A General Meeting of the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association was held Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 7:30pm in the Welch Elementary library. Ten community members were in attendance. The following are the minutes from the meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:38pm.

President: Kevin Puccini reported briefly on a situation a homeowner recently raised of fallen trees in the greenbelt, likely related to the Emerald Ash Borer. Looking into whether insurance will cover removal. Still in the process of trying to resolve this.

Vice President: POSITION REMAINS OPEN. If interested in this position or questions, please contact Kevin Puccini.

Treasurer: Ed McNett reported the end of April balance in the checking account is \$1751.51. This is after memo printing costs, scholarship payout, and incoming memberships. There are 91 households with membership thus far in 2014. The end of April balance is on track with last year at this point.

Secretary: Christina Norris reported the winner of the 2014 PRFCA Scholarship is Sarah Mayer of Northwest High School. She was unable to be present tonight due to attending a Student Senate event out-of-town. A check will be forwarded. Next month's board meeting will be held tentatively on May 15th at 7pm at the swim club. Will confirm this after ensuring we will be able to meet at the pool that early in the month.

Athletic Director: John Buschmann sat in tonight to give report, as Athletic Director's position is currently open. Spring games are in full swing at Clifford George Field at this point. Concession stand is open. John discussed the Pitch, Hit and Run activity with Major League Baseball being held at the field for kids age 7-14; also, residents are encouraged to take part in the "Reds Kid Glove" fundraiser, where \$20 tickets can be purchased for only \$10 (choice of 4 games).

Communications: Venita Vivians – not present but submitted written report beforehand. Advised the May memo will be an electronic memo, to be distributed the weekend of May 2nd. It will be available on the website May 1st. All ads and articles are needed by 04/26. Reviewed articles needed for May's memo.

Membership Report: Linda Boylson reported that all members and those needing their 2014 membership cards can reach her on Saturdays at the concessions stand at Clifford George Field, to ask questions or to pick up their membership card. Linda previously was Community Activities Director and reported that although the 4th of July Parade and the Skirt Game are taking place this year, due to having no current director of Community Activities, the Great American Cleanup, PRF Garage Sale, and Landscape Contest have all been canceled. Anyone interested in the Community Activities position is encouraged to contact Linda or another board member. The position could also be a team of community members working together, rather than one sole person.

Community Activities: POSITION OPEN AT THIS TIME.

Pool: Susan Scheib (member of pool board) reported for Erin Knox, Director, tonight. The swim club is ahead on memberships this year compared to last year at this point – likely due to early bird incentives and payment plan offered online. Work is being done now to set up the pool. This year there will also be free, secure Wi-fi offered at the pool. Aqua Zumba is a new class which will take place in mid-June and run 6 weeks on Saturday mornings – this will be offered to both members and non-members. Information on this class, as well as swim lessons for the summer, will be forthcoming.

Old Business: None

New Business: Chris Gilbert and Gwen McFarlin of Springfield Township were in attendance tonight to discuss Issue 13, which will be on the May 6th ballot. If approved, the measure would allow for the development of a Joint Economic Development Zone/District (JEDZ) to replace funds lost when the Ohio State Legislature eliminated certain taxes. After a short presentation, community members were invited to ask questions and discuss the proposal.

Announcements: None

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.

Next meeting: Association Meeting, tentatively Thursday, May 15th, 2014 at 7:00pm at the swim club.

Christina Norris, PRFCA Secretary

JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE (JEDZ)

As a resident of Springfield Township and a long-time Member of the Township’s Budget and Finance Committee, I’m encouraging fellow Township residents to vote yes on Issue 13 (JEDZ). The way I see it is that we have 3 options to fill the gap in our Township’s General Fund, which was created by Governor Kasich’s funding cuts to local governments. We can approve the JEDZ, raise property tax, or cut our services. While I’m not necessarily a fan of more taxes, the JEDZ income tax on employees and businesses in the Township seems to be the best option for our community. There are many signs throughout the Township opposing the JEDZ. Unfortunately, in my opinion, many individuals have been given misinformation about the issue and may be the reason that some residents have these signs in their yard.



First of all, Township residents that happen to work and /or own a business here will get all of the tax they pay into the JEDZ back at the end of the year. Second, I believe that those individuals that work in the Township, but live elsewhere, should share in the costs of the services they benefit from. Also, why shouldn’t certain public employees that don’t live here help fund our community services? The Anti-JEDZ group doesn’t want to tax them according to their signs. I ask why? We, as residents, pay their salaries with our property tax and they should share the burden of that expense. Lastly, I do not believe the threats that businesses will close up shop and leave. Where will they go that doesn’t already have an income tax? Businesses in the Township survive off of residents. If residents are forced to leave because of more property taxes or reductions in Township services, businesses will be in worse shape than they will be as a result of the JEDZ income tax. Therefore, logical Township residents and businesses should support the JEDZ and vote for Issue 13 in order to prevent the need to increase property taxes or cuts to resident services.

Jason Henry, Resident, Pleasant Run Farms



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:

- Elese 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
- Maddie Girts, age 16, 648-9766, CPR certified, has own transportation for babysitting jobs
- 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
- Louis Girts, age 14, 648-9766, yard work, car washing & other odd jobs

Tutoring:

- Deja Martin—age 15, dmartfam@gmail.com, Northwest honor student

Kids and parents please advise if this information needs updating.



SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP ACTIVITIES

Afterschool Art Club

Wednesdays, beginning May 7th

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Springfield Township Senior and Community Arts Center

9158 Winton Road

513-522-1410

Kids from all schools come together to make mini-masterpieces in themed, monthly art classes. In May we will work on Creative Comics and Cartoons. \$40. Call 522-1410 to register.

Art and Wine Wednesdays

First & Third Wednesdays of each month

6:30 p.m.

Springfield Township Senior and Community Arts Center

9158 Winton Road

513-522-1410

Whether you are an experienced artist or someone picking up a brush for the very first time, you will enjoy Art and Wine Wednesdays at the Springfield Township Senior and Community Arts Center. Sip our white and red wines and let your creative side flourish. Our professional artist will guide the class with easy to follow directions for the featured painting. At the end of the class, you will have a beautiful work of art to hang on your wall and you can view the monthly class projects here at the center.

Register online at www.springfieldtpw.org/317/Art-Wine-Wednesdays. \$45

ArtsWave Presents Improv Classes With Playhouse in the Park

May 7, 2014

6:30-8:30 pm

Springfield Township Senior and Community Arts Center

9158 Winton Road

513-522-1410

Improvisation (improv for short) is a form of theatre in which the actors perform spontaneously. Learn the form of improv from Kevin Crowley, a professional actor with Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, in television, film, and theater for over 30 years. With support from an ArtsWave Presents grant, this two-day program for adults is free. A donation in any amount to the Springfield Township Arts and Enrichment Council is appreciated.

Summertime Kids Drama Camp

9150 Winton Road

Session 1: Mondays, 9:00 a.m. - noon June 16, 23, 30 (Ages 10-14) \$85

Session 2: Mondays, 9:00 a.m. - noon July 7, 14, 21, 28 (Ages 7-10) \$115

*Pack a lunch if registering for Drama Camp and Art Camp.

Maximum 15 students per session.

Students will put their imaginations center stage! Taught by lead teaching artists from the Playhouse in the Park, students will explore their creativity through theater exercises, improvisation, and character building. Woven into the games are opportunities to practice fundamental skills such as public speaking, storytelling, cooperation and problem solving. All levels of experience are welcome! The camp program will be held at the Springfield Township Senior and Community Arts Center. For further details call 522-1410.

Register at <http://www.springfieldtpw.org/camp>

Summertime Kids Art Camp

9150 Winton Road

Session 1: "Mini-Masterpieces" Mondays, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. June 16, 23, 30 (Ages 10-14) \$85

Session 2: "Creative Crafts" Mondays, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. July 7, 21, 28 (Ages 7-10) \$85 *No class July 14th

Maximum 15 students per session.

In Mini-Masterpieces, children will create original artwork using inspiration of famous artists. Each Monday, the instructor will introduce a new artist, style and artistic media. Kids can look forward to canvas painting with acrylics, drawing realistic portraits and creating oil pastel landscapes.

In Creative Crafts, kids will get messy, getting crafty! Each Monday, the instructor will introduce a new, three-hour craft project. Crafts will include clay and glazes, custom designed tote bags and stained glass inspired window clings. If time allows, we will create dream catchers.

Register at <http://www.springfieldtpw.org/camp>

Kimberlee Flamm, Springfield Township, Administration

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

Congratulations Springfield Township residents! In 2013, we recycled 968.72 tons of metal, glass, plastic, and paper. Residents saved resources, conserved energy, and reduced pollution by recycling.

The recycling efforts in Springfield Township:

- Conserved enough energy to power every home in Springfield Township for 3 days.
- Reduced more greenhouse gas pollution than if every household in Springfield Township rode their bicycle to work for three weeks.
- Saved 7,765 trees from being harvested.

Recycling reduces pollution so the air we breathe is cleaner, conserves natural resources so we will have them to use in the future, and decreases the energy needed to make new products. Recycling also boosts our local economy by creating 169,000 jobs (4.3% of all jobs) just in the State of Ohio.

On average, each household in Springfield Township recycled 139 pounds in 2013. That's 7.79% of all the waste we generate. If you would like to see even more material recycled in 2014, check out the list below to make sure you include all these materials in your recycling cart. Don't have a cart? Call 946-7766 to request your cart today.

Good work, Springfield Township, our recycling efforts made a big difference!

Recyclable Materials

- Plastic bottles and jugs (lids are OK if left on empty bottle)
- Aluminum and steel cans
- Empty aerosol cans (remove and dispose of lids and tips)
- Glass bottles and jars (remove and recycle lids)
- Paperboard (cereal boxes, etc.)
- Junk mail and envelopes
- Magazines, catalogs, and phone books
- Newspapers
- Cardboard
- Office Paper
- Brown grocery bags
- Clean pizza boxes
- NEW- paper cartons (milk, soup, broth, etc.)

Have a question about recycling? Call Hamilton County's Recycling Hotline at 946-7766, visit www.HamiltonCountyRecycles.org, or ask a question on Facebook (www.facebook.com/HamiltonCountyRecycling) or Twitter (www.twitter.com/HamCoRecycling).



Cinco de Mayo Facts



- Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican holiday celebrating the Battle of Puebla, which took place on May 5, 1862. In 1861, France sent a massive army to invade Mexico to collect on some war debts. The French army was much larger, better trained and equipped than the Mexicans struggling to defend the road to Mexico City. It rolled through Mexico until it reached Puebla, where the Mexicans won a huge victory.



- In Puebla and many USA cities there are parades, dancing and festivals.
- It's a fun holiday about celebrating the Mexican way of life than about remembering the battle.



- Cinco de Mayo is celebrated more in the United States, by Mexicans and Americans, than it is in Mexico.



Your Celebration News

Living in the Farms Anniversaries—May 2014

Fred & Julie Sisson ~~~~~ 1968 ~~~~~ 46 years

Jim & Bev Gutknecht ~~~~~ 1973 ~~~~~ 41 years

Charles & Barbara Payne ~~~~~ 1978 ~~~~~ 36 years

Dan & Vickie Buck ~~~~~ 1983 ~~~~~ 31 years

Rick & Joan Klefas ~~~~~ 1992 ~~~~~ 22 years

Willie & Barb Olson ~~~~~ 1993 ~~~~~ 21 years

Brian & Mary Barrera ~~~~~ 2007 ~~~~~ 7 years



Happy Birthday to You, May Birthdays!

1st Sidney Kluener	3rd Ed Mayer	7th Megan Reed	8th Evelyn Cooper
11th Josie Veite	13th Ben Veite	16th Brian Barrera	19th Kitty Converse
20th Elizabeth Barrera	21st Jack Paytner	25th Shaden Schoen	29th Bev Gutknecht
30th Wendy Puccini			



Congratulations to JaShaylia Jenkins on your graduation from Northwest High School - June 2014

Congratulations to Carol L. Taylor on your graduation from Cincinnati Christian University—May 2014



Residents of Pleasant Run Farms

Check out the Private Social Network of Pleasant Run Farms

www.nextdoor.com



PRFCA MEMBERSHIP REMINDER—2014

A reminder to all PRF civic association members, memberships run from January 1 through December 31 of each calendar year. Your Community and the Civic Association needs your membership dues! **Now is the time to submit your membership for 2014. Application is on back page of this memo or available at www.pleasantrunfarms.org** . Thank you for your continued support.

PRF Civic Association

PLEASE JOIN THE PRF CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Here's why:

The membership pays for itself when you use member discounts at local merchants, i.e. 25% off regular menu price at Papa John's on Kemper Road, 10% off Skyline Chili on Kemper Meadows, to name a few.

Because our neighborhood has a working Civic Association, we have an effective voice with Springfield Township. Here are some of the items that were discussed at previous meetings:

- Potential uses for Welch Elementary if the Northwest District would close the school.
- Retail redevelopment on Hamilton Avenue.
- Ways to preserve our neighborhood pool.

Your membership fee helps pay for the insurance necessary to preserve and protect the Greenbelt. You will have voting rights at association meetings. Also, the publication of the neighborhood newsletter, "The Memo" is supported mostly by your membership fee.

The Civic Association members help ensure community events and opportunities continue, maintaining a high quality of life and protecting the value of our homes and neighborhood.

Some other things your Pleasant Run Farms Membership dues support:

- Scholarship Fund
- Landscape Contest
- Neighborhood Garage Sale
- 4th of July Parade

More information available on www.pleasantrunfarms.org.

Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association Mission Statement

Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association (PRFCA) exists to ensure a better quality of life for residents by offering a variety of volunteer opportunities for community involvement and commitment. The PRFCA does this by encouraging community awareness of Springfield Township resources, youth athletic programs, and a community swimming pool: and in offering a schedule of social activities giving membership/residents a way to "get to know each other."

PRFCA provides a variety of leadership opportunities for those who choose to get involved. Past leaders have contributed many benefits for community improvement such as liaison with Township on planning projects and maintenance of our commonly held Green space, communication with residents via the Memo or on the Website. PRF property values are enhanced by the existence of a Civic Association and would be further enhanced with increased membership. A strong Civic Association benefits the entire community and is what separates us from being "just another neighborhood."

PRFCA membership is currently open to any family or family member who would like to become involved in their community. Opportunity for involvement is never ending from serving on the Civic Association Board to coaching to helping out with several of the social activities offered.

Ensure PRF's future: GET INVOLVED



2014 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 indicate below:

I need a hard copy of the memo.

If you have a child and he/she participates in sports, you must be a member. Annual 2014 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: Ed McNett, 1403 Forester 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: _____