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POOL NEWS FROM PRF SWIM CLUB

It's ALMOST TIME!!! Despite the wild spring and ever changing weather, the PRF Swim Club will be open in just a few short weeks. Have you purchased your membership yet? We still have a 2-payment plan available for all memberships.

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



The pool is set to open on May 27th, 2017. For “OPENING DAY” we will open the pool to the community FREE OF CHARGE to celebrate all the improvements made with our grant money from Springfield Township. We will have a ribbon cutting ceremony at 12 noon to start this season off with a bang! We hope to see you there and if you are not a member, you consider joining for the summer.

We still need a few volunteers to get the finishing touches on the pool before we open. We are scheduling our next work day for Saturday, May 13th. 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.

If you are interested in having a party at the pool, rental agreements are available. Reserve your date early!

Pool hours for 2017:

The pool will be open daily beginning May 27th thru August 16th. It will then be open WEEKENDS August 19-20 & 26-27 and September 2-4. Pool hours will be 1-8pm WEEKDAYS and 12-8pm on Saturday and 12-6pm on Sunday.

Information on Swim Lessons 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

Erin Knox, PRFCA Swim Club Director

Emily Puccini, 2017 PRFCA Scholarship Winner

Emily is a senior at Northwest High School and is planning to attend University of Cincinnati to major in Chemistry.

Emily has grown up in the Farms, attending Welch, PRE and PRMS before her time in high school at NWHS. Within the Farms, she's been on the swim team, played softball, worked at the Clifford George concession stand, works as a lifeguard at PRF pool and has participated in Great American Cleanup.

She is a successful student, leader and athlete. At NWHS, she played softball two years, participated in band three years, swam (and served as captain) all four years.





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The **June Electronic Copy Memo Delivery** will occur the weekend of June 3rd. The memo will be available on the website, www.pleasantrunfarms.org, by June 2, 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.

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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 April 27, 2017 at John Wesley United Methodist Church. The following are the minutes from the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm. Twelve members of the community were present.

Springfield Township: Trustee Joe Honerlaw, Assistant Administrator Chris Gilbert and Service Director Mike Gould presented information about the status of funding road projects in the township. The Kempermill Village project, currently underway, is funded with state (SCIP) and township funds, due to the poor condition of these particular streets.

Information was presented on how much less expensive it is to work on streets that haven't fallen into poor condition yet; however the state funding generally is not available for streets that rate at fair condition. An option that several other township neighborhoods have already agreed upon is for the residents to pay an assessment for the work to be done. Assessments in that situation are for a limited amount of time; as opposed to paying taxes for an unlimited duration when a road levy is passed. It was stated that this may be the wave for the future in how road work gets done. Residents in the Farms who may want to look into having their streets repaired in this manner should contact the township for information.

They said that previous methodology for road repairs was always to work on the worst roads first, but more recent thinking has come around to the idea that maintaining roads that aren't in poor condition yet is less costly. Progress is being made, as is possible with funding, to repair roads in poor condition as well as keep up maintenance on roads that aren't in poor condition yet.

They also presented information about the township's spending on PRF streets from 2007 – 2017: \$2.1 million spent and 3.4 miles covered by the projects. They said potential exists for future projects, where they would try to bring in state (SCIP) funding for roads that are in poor condition, as well as work jointly on projects with the county where possible (such as county work on Kemper, where the township would work in a project on streets just off Kemper); and work with neighborhoods that wish to do a project by agreeing to assessments.

Visit www.springfieldtwp.org for more information.

Northwest Local School District:

Todd Bowling presented information on the school district tax levy on the ballot for May 2. Issue 10 would be a replacement levy for one that was passed in 2012 and ran for just 5 years. This levy would actually cost a little less than the levy it is replacing and would be in force for ten years. The levy also is tied to the rollback for homestead, so it's important to pass this levy for the homestead provision as well.

Todd also provided information on the status of school buildings being built and those that are being retired. Without available buyers, five buildings (including Welch) will be demolished. The district will maintain the land, having grass mown, etc., but each location will just be a grassy meadow until such time as it can be sold to a developer who would likely build new housing.

NWLS D has a rating of AA2, which is very good; and only 4 districts in Ohio have a better rating. This helps the district with ability to obtain credit and better interest rates.

Todd discussed other new things on the horizon, such as all-day kindergarten, the board's commitment to reducing costs (even with passage of Issue 10) and looking for other ways to be involved in attracting growth in the townships (Green, Colerain and Springfield) where NWLS D has property.

Visit <http://www.nwlsd.org/> for more information.

PRFCA Scholarship: Ed Mayer presented the 2017 PRFCA Scholarship to Emily Puccini.

Emily is a Northwest High School senior who will be attending University of Cincinnati to major in Chemistry. Congratulations, Emily! Best wishes to you!

Board Reports:

President: Skip Wicklund

Skip was unable to attend the meeting. Ed Mayer reported for Skip, mentioning the new PRFCA information tri-fold that Skip oversaw being revised and printed. Skip was also the force behind inviting our meeting guests from Springfield Township and Northwest Local Schools.



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PLEASANT RUN FARMS BOARD MEETING MINUTES - continued

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Vice President: open

Treasurer: Ed Mayer

Ed presented the financial reports. Year-to-date checkbook balance as of 4/27/2017 is \$2935.59.

Athletic Director: John Buschmann

John stated that there are 14 teams playing t-ball, softball and baseball. The season will run until July 1. Soccer team formation will begin soon, with expectation of around 200 youth playing soccer through the fall season.

PRFAA will be selling Kid Glove tickets. This is a fundraiser that brought in @\$900 last year, where people buy vouchers for specific games. First up this year is Cincinnati Reds vs Cleveland Indians on May 22; contact John if interested.

Communications: Venita Vivians

Venita was unable to attend the meeting. She did send notice to the board that the next Memo will be published electronically during the weekend ending May 7. The deadline for articles and ads is Friday, April 28.

Membership Report: Betsy Bissmeyer

Betsy was unable to attend the meeting. Ed Mayer reported for Betsy that there are 80 members thus far for 2017.

Community Activities: Monica Bowles

Monica was unable to attend the meeting.

Senior Community Activities: Al Eichorn

Al had no report.

Pool: Erin Knox

Susan Scheib presented for Erin. The pool is being readied for 2017 opening day May 27. New this year is that the pool will be free to residents on opening day. Come by and check the pool out, enjoy some time in the pool, and hopefully you'll decide to become a member this year.

Improvement projects have been completed – such as a new fence and painting of the pool – and some smaller things, such as landscaping, are still underway. These items were made possible by the neighborhood grant that was awarded to the pool last year.

There are plans to have Swimfest again this year. It was a successful and fun day last year, so they'll be doing this again in August. Stay tuned by watching for information to be shared via the Memo, PRF Facebook and Next Door.



Old Business: None

New Business:

Open positions: Vice-president, secretary and sign changer. Ed gave brief descriptions of each position. Contact any board member if interested in serving your community.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.

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

Next General Meeting will be held on September 28, 2017 at 7:30pm (location TBD)

Connie Fears, Interim PRFCA Secretary

PRFCA ATHLETICS



BASEBALL IN FULL SWING AT PRF

The warmer weather in April kicked off the start of the baseball season. This year PRF is fielding 8 baseball teams, 4 Tball teams, and 2 girls' softball teams. Every weekend and nearly every weeknight you can see two or more teams playing games or practicing at Clifford George fields. Teams are also practicing at the three fields at Welch Elementary school. These kids and coaches will be playing in April, May and June on these fields as they work on learning the art of baseball and improving their skills. There are kids from 4 – 14 playing and coaches volunteering their time to teach them.

Besides the sound of the bat and ball, if you come close to the fields when games are being played, you can smell the aroma of popcorn and hotdogs grilling. It's PRF kids who staff the concession stand and provide a good supply of snacks and beverages to the players, families, and fans. Don't let the construction faze you – it's only temporary. Be a sport and come watch a game.

SOCCER TO START SOON AT PLEASANT RUN FARMS!

PRF SAY Soccer for Fall 2017 is right around the corner. Registration will begin about June 1st at sports.bluesombrero.com/prfaa . All practices and home games are played at Clifford George Park. Teams are forming and coaches will be meeting soon as they begin to prepare for the fall season. So get registered as early as possible. Once again this year PRF will play in the Fairfield league, so even the away games are still close to our neighborhood.



We would love to have teams for both boys and girls from ages 4 – 14. Look for more details on the website soon. Any questions can be directed to Derek Sheaffer at dwsheaffer@fuse.net.

John Buschmann, PRFCA Athletics Director

PLEASANT RUN FARMS CIVIC ASSOCIATION—MEMBERSHIPS

Thank you to those who have renewed your membership to PRFCA already. Membership cards have been mailed to all who have paid for a 2017 membership.



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

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

PRFCA 2017 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER (continued)

Emily is a National Honor Society student, involved in Student Senate and Key Club (also is Key Club president this year), does after school tutoring and is president of her church youth group.

The letters written on her behalf by a teacher and a community member describe a high quality person: polite and smart, a successful student and athlete, driven to work hard and be successful, yet is always willing to help others.

I'm pleased to present the 2017 Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association Scholarship to you. We are very proud of you, Emily. Congratulations!

Connie Fears, PRFCA Interim Secretary

Your Celebration News

Living in the Farms Anniversaries—May 2017

Jim & Bev Gutknecht ~~~~~ 1973 ~~~~~ 44 years

Dan & Vickie Buck ~~~~~ 1983 ~~~~~ 34 years

Ronald & Gretchen McDaniel ~~~~~ 1985 ~~~~~ 32 years

Jeanne Huddleston ~~~~~ 1986 ~~~~~ 31 years

Rick & Joan Klefas ~~~~~ 1992 ~~~~~ 25 years

The Butts Family ~~~~~ 1993 ~~~~~ 24 years

The Doloresco Family ~~~~~ 1995 ~~~~~ 22 years

The Boylson Family ~~~~~ 1998 ~~~~~ 19 years

The Baker Family ~~~~~ 2000 ~~~~~ 17 years

Mary Ellen & Ronald Schweitzer ~~~~~ 2004 ~~~~~ 13 years



Happy Birthday to You, May Birthdays!

3rd Sidney Kluener Shannon Marwehe Ed Mayer	8th Arista Warrenhuffman	18th Roger Loosen
21st Jack Paynter	27th Valerie Cornist	29th Bev Gutknecht
30th Kevin Puccini	31st David Robinson	