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ELECTION OF PRFCA OFFICERS



The election of all Officers and Directors of the Civic Association will take place at the January meeting. Officers will be elected to serve for a period of one year. Requests for nominations will be accepted in writing to the Executive Committee prior to the January meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the January meeting. Nominees need to be in attendance at the January meeting to be elected into office.

The current Directors for Community Activities and Senior Activities will not be running for office in 2018. If you'd enjoy creating fun activities and meeting people, sign up for these positions today. It is your time to make a difference in your community. The 2018 Board will have a major impact on the Welch Elementary property and our neighborhood roads.

Skip Wicklund, PRFCA President

THANKSGIVING DINNER

As the holidays are quickly approaching, it is important that family and friends stay the number #1 priority for the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association Board. The community board would like to extend their love and appreciation to 5 families in the Farms that may need some assistance over the Thanksgiving Holidays. One of the greatest gifts is "Love". The community board Loves its neighbors and friends in the Farms. All turkey dinners will remain 100% confidential for the recipient families in the Farms. The association asks that community members that need assistance contact Skip Wicklund (513- 225-4463) or the John Wesley Church Secretary (513- 825-0733) to request the Thanksgiving dinners. Please remember, that all requests must be turn in before November 10, 2017. The first 5 families will receive dinners.



The Thanksgiving dinners can be pick at John Wesley Church between the hours of 4:30-6:30 pm on November 20, 2017. All dinners will include a 12 lb turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, dinners rolls, a pumpkin pie for dessert, and plenty of community "Love" from the PRFCA. Thank you and remember Happy Thanksgiving from the PRFCA Board!

Jerome Bouie, PRFCA Vice President

Fire Department Renewal Levy



Springfield Township's Fire Department Levy, Issue 23 is on the ballot on Tuesday November 7th. Help us maintain our excellent Fire and EMS services. Issue 23 is a renewal of the existing 1-mill levy and will NOT raise your taxes. For details, visit www.springfieldtwp.org.

Chief Leininger

Community Thanksgiving Service

The Farms neighborhood is invited to a community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 19th, 7:00pm at Augsburg Lutheran Church, 11676 Hamilton Avenue. Members and pastors from John Wesley United Methodist, Pleasant Run Presbyterian, St. John Neumann, and Augsburg Lutheran churches will lead this time of thanking God for our blessings. Musicians from these congregations will join together to share and lead songs. Everyone is welcome. Bring your family and friends.

Augsburg Lutheran Church



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

The **December Electronic Copy Memo Delivery** will occur the weekend of December 2nd. The memo will be available on the website, www.pleasantrunfarms.org, by December 1, 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

LUMINARIA 2017

Light Up your house, PRF homeowners. We are having luminaria again this year in the Farms. It was so well received the past two years that we will do it again this Christmas season. The date is Sunday night, December 10th. Luminaria kits should be put out and lit starting at 6:00 pm. Help PRF keep this beautiful tradition going by participating. This year there will be some additions.



December 10th is the official night for luminaria activities. Your PRF Civic Association Board is running the luminaria this year.

Order forms for the kits are available in the October PRF Memo that was distributed to all houses in PRF and are available in this memo and online at pleasantrunfarms.org website. Deadline for ordering kits is November 20th.

Kits will be available for pickup at the PRF pool on Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

All of PRF from Brookway Farms to Deer Chase to east of Mill and all the homes in-between are part of this celebration. Homeowners along Kemper, John Gray and Mill roads especially are asked to get their luminaria kits so that drivers and families from other areas can see how Pleasant Run Farms can be a great place to live.

This year we added a trolley ride on Sunday, December 10th. The trolley will travel down several PRF streets on a tour of luminaria lit homes. This will run from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. starting at John Wesley church. In addition, there will be an activity center open at John Wesley church where hot chocolate and cookies will be available.

The PRFCA Board is working to have Santa visits to homes on December 17th. If you have little ones and would like to have Santa visit your home, send an email to prfcatreasurer@yahoo.com. Key dates to remember

Monday Nov 20 th	last day to order luminaria kit
Saturday Dec 2nd	pickup kit at the pool between 9 and 11 a.m.
Sunday Dec 10 th	set out luminaria. Trolley ride and fun at John Wesley church
Sunday Dec 17 th	Santa visits to registered homes

John Buschmann, PRFCA Athletic Director

PRFCA ATHLETICS



Our PRF soccer teams have concluded their regular season schedule for this fall. It was another good year for our soccer program. PRF sponsored four teams in the Fairfield SAY league. Two of the three eligible teams will advance to post-season tournaments. PRF has participated in the Fairfield league for several years. This year included teams from Fairfield, Pleasant Run Farms, and Hamilton.

The PRF Girls under 8 year old team coached by Jason Katz finished with a 7-2-1 record.

The PRF Boys under 10 year old team coached by Scott Questa finished with a 5-5 record.

The PRF Boys under 12 year old team coached by Steve Knox finished undefeated with a 10-0 record. They only had two goals scored against them all year! Steve's team will be playing in the Fairfield post-season tournament, which starts the weekend of October 28th.

The PRF Boys under 14 year old team coached by Derek Sheaffer finished 8-2. Derek's team will be playing in the SAY North tournament. This tournament also starts the weekend of October 28th.

John Buschmann, PRFCA Athletic Director

AROUND THE FARMS



Around the Farms is back after a few years hiatus. This is a special place in the memo for everyone in the Farms to share good news with all of us about your family and neighbors and also those discoveries of special tips on how to live better.

Over the years, Around the Farms has had interesting news on current residents and many of our neighbors that are now living other places. This month we want to congratulate Josh & Crissy Hamster on their marriage. Josh's parents, Dave & Michelle live on Forester Dr. We've learned that Gary Batty, who grew up on Cedar creek, is currently having a New York Gallery showing of his drawings. Gary is an artist living in the Boston area. We're also reminded that Todd Rollenhagen, who grew up on Fallbrook Ln., was an integral part of the Oprah Winfrey Productions. Congratulations to Alexandra Smith, daughter of Darrell Smith and Tracy Turney-Smith, who was recently hired as a Program Specialist for Upward Bound at the University of Dayton's School of Education.

We look forward to hearing from you about the great things people in the Farms are experiencing. Send your information to Susan at aroundthefarms@gmail.com.

Susan Wicklund

HO! HO! HO! SANTA VISITS THE FARMS

Santa will make a super exciting drive through the Farms on Springfield Townships *bright and lively* Fire Truck on December 10th. He'll have his sirens screaming and his helpers throwing candy. He'll start winding his way through the Farms at about 4 pm. For the next 2 hours he'll be greeting our children and wishing them a Merry Christmas. And then, at 6 pm he'll go to the Luminaria Trolley Stop at John Wesley Church where he'll visit with our children while they enjoy hot chocolate and treats, create Christmas crafts and experience Christmas face painting. Santa will be wishing everyone a wonderful Trolley Ride through the Farms Luminaria. Ah, Christmas in the Farms!



Skip Wicklund, PRFCA President

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS



A free community meal is served once each month at Augsburg Lutheran Church, 11676 Hamilton Avenue, located near Speedway and Pleasant Run Elementary. These meals provide relief for tight budgets, company for those who often eat alone, and a safe, fun place for the community to gather. The church does not have steps, so persons with difficulty walking have no barriers. Everyone is welcome.

On Sunday, November 19th they will serve a Thanksgiving dinner! Serving is from 5:30 until 6:45pm. For more information please call 513.825.2240.

Augsburg Lutheran Church is a small congregation with a big heart for the community and God. Everyone is truly welcome. Come and see for yourself. For more information call (513) 825-2240 or visit the Facebook page Augsburg Lutheran Church Cincinnati.

Augsburg Lutheran Church

PRF MEMBERSHIP REWARDS

Membership has its Rewards. In addition to representing you in the Farms and in Springfield Township, your Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association has many discounts with area merchants. With your Membership Rewards Card, all Civic Association members are eligible for special discounts from great area merchants, such as Cancun, Papa John's, The Dip and Fresh Floors. Enjoy your PRFCA Rewards today.



Great Savings every day with your PRF Membership Rewards

Betsy Bissmeyer, PRFCA Membership Director

Luminaria - a beautiful holiday tradition!



Pleasant Run Farms



Luminaria – Sunday December 10th

LUMINARIA ORDER FORM

KITS ARE \$9.00 EACH

Name _____

Address _____

No. of kits ordered _____

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

Order deadline is November 20th

PICKUP SATURDAY DEC 2 FROM 9:00 – 11:00 A.M. AT THE PRF POOL

LANDSCAPING FALL PREPARATION

As cool weather approaches and frost is in the forecast, I begin the process of landscape clean-up. Clearing flower beds and pruning perennials in the fall is a matter of personal preference. I prefer the winter landscape view of leveled beds and pruned bushes and trees. In addition, this allows a fresh start for Spring flower bed preparation and mulching.

Now that watering and plant maintenance has reduced to fifty percent, this gives me a chance to discard old non-productive baskets and annuals. The more I can clear within a weekly walkthrough, the less work involved when the 'killer frost' arrives.

Subsequently, everything seems to go at once. I take one bed at a time; emptying baskets, pulling annuals, and cutting down (to ground level) Grasses, Hostas, Tigerlilies, Daylilies, and Lily of the Valley. Care must be taken when 'pulling' or 'cutting' the bed arrangements. Some plants like Daylilies, Easter Lilies, and Asiatic Lilies, originate from bulbs. Pulling the bulb vs. cutting the plant to ground level requires re-planting the bulb. These plants/bulbs tend to double and triple every season. Over time the plants will cluster and show more foliage and less blooms. It is advisable to extract and divide the bulbs for re-planting in the Spring.

Once the beds are completely cleared, I like to loosen or overturn the old mulch to allow aeration and moisture to penetrate the bed. A lightly applied dry fertilizer mixed within the mulch seems to encourage Spring growth. New triple shredded mulch is applied every Spring, however it is advisable to clear old mulch after several seasons of layering. Some gardeners clear the old mulch every Spring before applying the new layer. This will prevent mold build-up, harmful to plant health. I generally trim one last sharp edge around the beds in mid-November, when the lawn finally begins the dormant stage. A final note on cleared flower beds. Our Bradford Pear and Flowering Crab trees drop leaves until mid-December. Raking leaves from clean, leveled beds is much easier than working around dead plants and rooted debris.

Our Fall lawn care preference includes: September aeration and overseeding, October fertilizing (fast release nitrogen and iron mix), November winterizing (slow release nitrogen). Over the years, this lawn care program has been successful for jump starting early Spring growth, thickness, and color. In addition, the Fall applications seem to control the Spring emergence of grey snow mold and red thread fungus.

Our Fall clean-up process finishes approximately mid-December. The renewed Spring preparation begins in late March (including lawn mowing). With some wishful thinking, very little if any snow removal in-between.

Roger Schafer



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO YOUR HOUSE

Send an email to prfcatreasurer@yahoo.com if you would like Santa Claus to visit your children in your own home on Sunday, December 17 between 4 to 6 PM. There is no cost for this activity that will create great memories for you and your children.

Ed Mayer, PRFCA Treasurer



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

During the past month, we've been working on many projects to make Pleasant Run Farms a great place to live. One exciting project is this year's Holiday in the Farms on Sunday, December 10th. We've put together an exciting day starting with the Springfield Township Fire Department touring the Farms with Santa and their big, shiny fire truck. Santa will be greeting our kids and his helpers will be giving treats to everyone. As Santa completes his tour, all of us will be lighting our Luminaria candles giving the Farms a magical glow. While we're getting our Luminaria started, Santa will travel to the Luminaria Trolley Depot at John Wesley Church where you'll catch the Trolley Rides through the Farms. While you're waiting for your turn on the Trolley, you'll enjoy hot chocolate and treats and your children will be able to create a Holiday craft project and enjoy face painting. Santa will be with us to talk with your kids. Remember to sign up for your Luminaria kits by November 20th. The Luminaria Form is included in the Memo.



The Holiday Festivities in the Farms get even better. On the following Sunday, December 17th, we'll have our "Santa Walk" with Santa visiting our young children in their homes. You can sign up for your Santa's visit by emailing prf-catreasurer@yahoo.com. This is guaranteed to be a great photo opportunity and a life long memory for your kids.

We want to thank Erin Knox and Susan Schieb for the great job they did in managing the Swim Club for the past 5 years. They've worked tirelessly to keep the Swim Club the gem of the Farms. This coming year, Penelope Anderson will manage the Swim Club. Ed Mayer and Kevin Puccini will assist her in making 2018 a great swimming season.

We are continuing to revise the PRF Memo with new and fresh articles and will soon implement some new graphics. If you'd like to submit an article contact Venita Vivians, Memo Editor at vvivians@prodigy.net.

In January, we'll have an extremely important General Meeting. We'll have representatives from Springfield Township there to work with us in scheduling the needed repair of our streets. There are very limited funds available to the Township for road repair, so it is important that you begin the process to have your street scheduled for repair.

We hope that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and look forward to a very exciting Holiday in the Farms Festival.

Skip Wicklund, PRFCA President

PRFCA MEMBERSHIP

In last month's memo we listed things that the PRFCA was able to provide in 2017, as well as what we are working on for 2018. None of this can be done without you, the members.

It's time for annual membership to be paid. You can join the PRFCA or renew your membership by paying online on the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association website: www.pleasantrunfarms.org/prfca-membership.html, or by downloading the 2018 Membership form and mailing it to the address below. Please join now!

Membership Director
11955 Elkwood Driver, Box C
Cincinnati, OH 45240

Betsy Bissmeyer, PRFCA Membership Director



PRFCA SWIM CLUB FUNDRAISER



The PRF Swim Club is holding a Fundraiser to paint House Numbers on your curb.

This is important so that safety vehicles can find your house quickly in case of an Emergency.

Cost is \$10. Email prfpool@yahoo.com if you are interested.

Ed Mayer, PRFCA Treasurer

Your Celebration News

Living in the Farms Anniversaries— November 2017

Randall & Theresa Matthews ~~~~~ 1979 ~~~~~ 38 years

The Post Family ~~~~~ 1987 ~~~~~ 30 years

Tom & Amy Agin ~~~~~ 1987 ~~~~~ 30 years

Paul & Betsy Bissmeyer ~~~~~ 1990 ~~~~~ 27 years

Joe & Bev Miller ~~~~~ 1992 ~~~~~ 25 years

Robert & Valerie Purvis ~~~~~ 1993 ~~~~~ 24 years



Happy Birthday to You, November Birthdays!

1st Samantha Kluener Trinity Vivians	5th Ronald McDaniel	8th Vicky Henn
14th Bert Cameron	19th Valerie Purvis	20th Mark Boylson
22nd Deborah Baker	27th Amy Agin	30th Monica Bowles

Residents of Pleasant Run Farms

Check out the Private Social Network of Pleasant Run Farms

www.nextdoor.com

Did you know Pleasant Run Farms is on Facebook?

Join the Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association Group Today.

What a powerful tool to bond and share information in our community!