



NEWSLETTER

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POPLAR ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

MARCH 2011 EDITION

ITALIAN POTLUCK DINNER
The Pickering Center
All residents are invited!



April 18 at 6:00 PM is the time and the Pickering Center is the place. Make your plans to attend this exciting and tasty event. We have some great cooks in this neighborhood so we are asking you to prepare and bring your favorite Italian dish, whether salad, vegetable, or meat or entrée dish. The Association will furnish beverages, garlic bread, dessert and extra parmesan cheese. We did this once before and the food was great.

So come on out, meet and visit with your neighbors and enjoy great Italian food. Our program will be a presentation on how to improve our personal and home security by a representative of our neighborhood, security specialist Jonathan Frase.



DECORATIVE STREET SIGNS



Please do not tape signs to our decorative street signs. These signs are very beautiful and expensive and tape will ruin the finish. If your pet is lost or if you have some urgent announcement for the neighborhood, please email poplarestates@comcast.net and we will send out an email to the entire neighborhood about your missing pet. We will turn phone numbers from these destructive and illegal signs over to code enforcement.

2011 Calendar for Poplar Estates

April 18	Italian Potluck Dinner
July 16	Board Meeting
August 20	Picnic at the Park
September 13	Board Meeting
October 1	Garage Sale
October 22	Fall Festival
November 8	Board Meeting
December TBA	Holiday Party



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Schools Schools Schools

Well the vote is in. Memphis City Schools voted to turn in their charter. Now the courts will have to look at all the issues involved. Last letter I mentioned that with change comes opportunity and I hoped the idea of Germantown City Schools would be seriously considered. That is exactly what is happening.

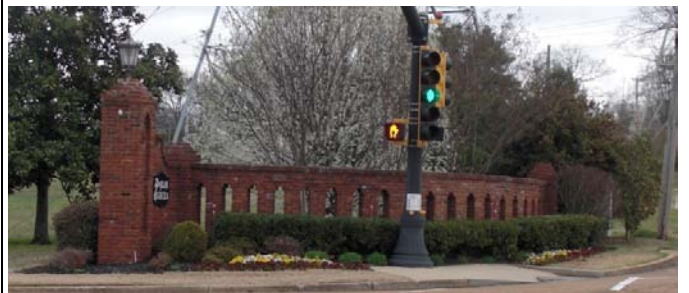
The city has had a meeting discussing this issue, our mayor has written an excellent letter on the subject. It is still far too early to make a prediction of whether it will come true or if there will be some joint effort with other suburban communities. What's important is our city is looking at the possible options and doing due diligence in investigating them.

Over the next couple of years there will be a lot more on this issue. I hope all of you will do what the city is trying to do and look seriously at the options. It is very likely at some point this will come to a vote and we need to be well informed on the issue. What are the anticipated costs, what will it mean to our property values, what will it mean to our community and our neighborhood? Out of problems come opportunities. Help Germantown take advantage of whatever opportunities come our way.

Jim Dodge, President

FRONT GATE NEWS

With the arrival of warmer weather, our flowers really look great. We will start our maintenance soon by removing weeds and getting ready for spring. The irrigation system will be checked and started as soon as the temperature permits. Please drive by and note the beauty of our front gate landscaping.





INSIDE:

- ❖ *Italian Potluck – April 18th*
- ❖ *Smoked and/or Glazed Hams*
- ❖ *Front Gate*

SPIRAL HAMS FOR EASTER

Master Cooker Chris Vanelli has again agreed to use his magic touch to smoke and/or glaze those delicious spiral sliced hams for Easter. The cost of each ham will be \$30.00 and the hams will be available for pickup at 6965 Wynterhall Drive on



Saturday, April 23rd (the day before Easter) from 1 to 4 PM. Orders must be received by 9 PM on Tuesday, April 19th. For information or to order, call or e-mail:

Billy Brown (755-4961) bbrown6319@aol.com
Chris Vanelli (756-3875) chris@vanelli.net
Poplar Estates poplarestates@comcast.net

When ordering please remember to specify “smoked” or “smoked & glazed”.

Please Support Poplar Estates!

Membership renewal coupon for those who cannot attend our meeting.

Poplar Estates Homeowners Association
P.O. Box 382572, Germantown, TN 38183-2572

- Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$25 for 2011 PEHA dues.
- Enclosed is my contribution of \$_____ to the Neighborhood Improvement Fund.

Last Name: _____

First Name(s): _____
(Include husband's and wife's names for directory)

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

List my name in the membership directory:

Yes ____ No ____

POPLAR ESTATES GARDEN CLUB

At the March meeting, the neighborhood garden club installed a new slate of officers. The installation meeting is always a dinner meeting and this year we dined at Brooklyn Bridge.



There are two meetings left before we take off for the summer. The April meeting will be at Marge McGinley's home, 1565 Poplar Estates Pky and the program, Iris, will be presented by Master Gardener, Caroline Nave. In May the topic is growing a container herb garden presented by our own Master Gardener, Susan Threlkeld at her home, 7861 Lennox Cove. For more information about these meetings or becoming a member of the Poplar Estate Garden Club, please call Joy Nichols at 737-7444 or 831-9143.

Garden Club officers for 2011-12:

Joy Nichols, President
Nancy Scott, Vice President
Susan Threlkheld Treasurer
Connie Caplinger Secretary
Marge McGinley Parliamentarian



From left to right: Susan, Nancy, Joy and Connie

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