



NEWSLETTER

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POPLAR ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SATURDAY AUGUST 16TH AT 5 P.M.

ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED!

POPLAR ESTATES PARK



Come and meet your neighbors and enjoy complimentary Barbeque and beans and slaw followed by cookies. There will be activities for the children so bring the whole family.

This is the beginning of our fiscal year so you can pay your membership dues of \$25 at the same time. You can also mail in your dues using the coupon at the back of this newsletter. Our support of Poplar Estates is important. Your Association strives to keep up our neighborhood values and works with city government on local issues. We will have a brief business meeting and also elect our Officers for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

You will get a chance to meet local candidates for Alderman and find out where they stand on local issues and make an informed choice on November 4th when you vote. This is your chance to make a difference to your community.

The Nominating Committee recommends the following:

Elected Officers

President: Greg Marcom
Vice President: Jim Dodge
Treasurer: Billy Brown
Secretary: Charlotte Woods

Board of Directors

Ron Schaming, Barbara Dodge, Sherri Rogers, Sarah Bettendorf, Paula Sanders, Gene Forrester

Standing Committee Chair

Front Gate: Ron Schaming
Membership: Jonathan Frase
Government: Jerry Herman
Garage Sale: Joy Nichols
Yard of the Month: Chuck Gault
Lighting Contest: Barbara Fisher

Still open is Webmaster so if anyone has the knowledge and interest we would love to hear from you.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

I hope all of you have had a safe and happy summer. It is hard to believe but school will be starting back in just a few days. Please watch out for the kids who will be waiting on the school bus, riding their bikes or walking to school in the mornings and in the afternoons.

Here are a few things that I thought you might be interested in.....

RIVERDALE UPDATE

I attended a meeting on June 26th hosted by the City of Germantown. The meeting was called to give neighborhood leaders a status report on the continuing road work at Poplar and Riverdale. Here are a couple of items of interest from that meeting:

1. Proposed finish date for the entire project is August 18 +/-
2. Landscaping of the median along Riverdale Road will consist of Oak, Maple and Pine trees (similar to new Kimbrough median just north of Poplar). There will be no plantings in these medians other than the trees and sod. The city wants to begin planting the trees and maintaining the medians very soon so we should see some progress on that front shortly. At the intersection of Poplar and Riverdale, there will be a detailed planting plan in the new medians at that location, however work cannot be started until all construction work is complete.
3. I have made the city aware of the concerns for the children who will be crossing New Riverdale Road at Neshoba on their way to Riverdale School. The city will monitor the situation once school starts and see if a crossing guard will be necessary at that location.

TRASH PICK-UP

If you anticipate creating an unusually large amount of trash or yard debris during a weekend project or clean-up, please notify the Neighborhood Services division of the City. They will make sure that the trash service has the proper resources in place to pick-up your debris in a timely manner. Remember, any yard debris or construction materials generated by a contractor that you hire must be hauled away by that contractor. Contact Neighborhood Services if you have any questions. 757-7263.

HEAT KILLS CAMPAIGN

The Germantown Fire Department would like to remind us all that "Heat Kills". Every year approximately 30 children die because they are left inside of hot vehicles. Never leave a child or pet unattended in a parked car, even for a minute and even with the windows left down. Here are a few safety tips to be aware of:

If you see an unattended child in a parked car, call 911 immediately even if the child does not appear to be in danger

If you see an unattended child in a parked car and the child appears to be ill or has passed out, call 911 immediately and open the door or break the window to get fresh, cooler air to the child.

If you have to run errands where it is not practical to take children, make child care arrangements with friends, relatives or baby sitters.

If your vehicle has child safety locks, teach older children how to unlock the doors.

Teach children not to play in or around cars.

Keep car keys out of reach of small children

Keep your car locked at all times, even when the car is parked in a garage or driveway. Small children will often play in cars and may be unable to get out.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about Poplar Estates.

Greg Marcom – President PEHA

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PEHA & LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008

CLIP AND SAVE THESE DATES

August 16 th	PEHA General Membership Meeting and Picnic
September 9 th	Board of Directors Meeting
October 4 th	PEHA Garage Sale

GATEWAY NEWS

Once again Lance Hause, President of Jones Brothers Landscaping, East Churchill Downs has donated his landscaper's time and Vinca flowers for our front gate. They cleared out the dying winter color, tilled the soil, mulched, trimmed the shrubs and planted the beautiful dark pink flowers that have set our entry a cut above the rest. When its landscaping time at your home, give Lance a call. You won't regret it.

Unfortunately, the home next to our gateway on the west side of Poplar Estates Parkway has become vacant. The usually well maintained yard quickly became overgrown this spring. It was really not the first impression we wanted our guests, passers-by on Poplar and potential home buyers to see when they first entered Poplar Estates. As the grass and shrubs exceeded the standards set forth in the Germantown Property Maintenance Code, our Association worked closely with city Code Enforcement officials to notify the out-of-town owner as to the situation. As soon as the proper contact was found, the owner quickly responded to correct the oversight and has placed the property under a landscape maintenance contract. The property now has an acceptable appearance and does not detract from the well maintained image that is a hallmark of Poplar Estates.

If you have a similar overgrown situation in your immediate neighborhood, call Germantown Code Enforcement at 757-7263. If you don't call, they have no way of knowing about the property condition. While we expect them to quickly respond to your call, please let your Homeowners Association know that you notified Code Enforcement. With over 900 homes in Poplar Estates working together, we can keep Poplar Estates appearance and property values at the highest level possible.

PORK BUTT SALES

Chris Vanelli, famous for his outdoor grilling, has agreed to cook pork butts for delivery at our General Membership meeting August 16. Use the order form in this newsletter and order now or call Billy Brown @ 755-4961. You may order the meat pulled or on the bone and you may order as many as you'd like! The entire proceeds go toward the decorative street signs. They make great gifts and will freeze well for Labor Day picnics.

DECORATIVE STREET SIGNS

We currently have decorative street signs on order with the City for all remaining intersections in the PEHA area. The city has again encountered a delay in delivering and installing our signs. We are now told the signs will be installed in late fall of this year or early in 2009 and that the cost will be higher than originally thought. It appears our cost will be in excess of \$300 per sign. With what we have prepaid and project we can pay from our treasury, we are still short of funds. If you have committed to pay for a sign and have not sent in your money please do so as early as possible. If you would like to make a donation for the street signs please send a check or include a donation with your dues payment.

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

This will be on October 4th this year. Mark your calendar now and start putting aside those items you wish to sell. The sale will be advertised in the local media and we will have Hot Dogs and drinks available for a nominal fee for shoppers. Sign up now with Joy Nichols so you can be added to the map given to our visitors to Poplar Estates. Last year we had great participation in this annual chance to clean out the attic. Contact Joy Nichols at 737-7444.



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BBQ PORK BUTT ORDER FORM

PEHA STREET SIGN FUNDRAISER

- Please supply _____ in Foil @ \$30 each
- Please supply _____ Pulled @ \$30 each
- Enclosed is my check for \$ _____
- I will pick the meat up at the meeting on August 16

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

To order by phone or for more information, call:

Billy Brown at 755-4961

Chris Vanelli at 756-3875

Order Deadline August 15th at Noon.

Membership renewal coupon for those who cannot attend our meeting.

Please Support Poplar Estates!

Poplar Estates Homeowners Association

I enclose my check in the amount of \$25 for 2008-2009 PEHA dues.
Make check out to Poplar Estates Homeowners Association.

- Please include my name and address in the 2008-2009 PEHA Directory.
- I do not want to be included in the directory.
- Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____ to the Street Sign Fund.

Last Name: _____

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

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail: _____