



NEWSLETTER

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POPLAR ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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PEHA 8TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF AND POTLUCK SUPPER

PICKERING CENTER

6:00 to 8:15 PM

All neighbors are encouraged to enter:

There are not too many rules:

1. Call **Patty Nelius (755-5393)**, **Billy Brown (755-4961)**, or **Greg Marcom (751-1358)** to register
2. Cook a large Crock Pot of your favorite chili – bring your own ladle
3. Be in place by 6:10 – Appearance and Presentation are important!
4. Judging will be at 6:20 PM

Dinner will be at 6:35 PM

All with last names A – M bring salad; N –Z bring dessert

PEHA will supply Chili compliments (cheese, fritos, onion, crackers etc) and beverages

Our speaker will be Patrick Lawton, City of Germantown Administrator. Patrick will give an update on events in Germantown and respond to questions from the audience.

SMOKED AND/OR GLAZED SPIRAL SLICED HAM FOR EASTER

Champion Cooker Chris Vanelli has again agreed to use his talents and smoker to smoke and/or glaze a delicious spiral sliced ham for our neighborhood. Each ham will weigh 9 to 11 lbs and cost \$35.00. Pickup will be the day before Easter, Saturday April 11 between 1 PM and 4 PM. All proceeds will go toward the decorative sign funds. To order, call or e-mail; Billy Brown 755-4961, bbrown6319@aol.com; Greg Marcom 751-1358, poplarestates@comcast.net; Chris Vanelli 756-3875, chris@vanelli.net.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE – HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing Holiday Season. As many of you already know, Poplar Estates enjoyed a tremendous year in 2008. Increased communication between the Association and its members, the revamping of the www.PoplarEstates.net website, successful membership meetings and socials, winning the best decorated Front Gate award during the holidays and finally 2008 Neighborhood Association of the Year.

In 2009 we need to strive to keep Poplar Estates one of the strongest and safest neighborhoods in all of Germantown. Let's focus on keeping crime out of our area by increasing our communications with the Germantown Police and educating our members about Neighborhood Watch, work on keeping our homes in good repair and lawns neat and clean and finally getting more people from the neighborhood involved with the Association. Let's ALL work hard this year to make Poplar Estates the most vibrant community in Germantown. Thank you all for your tremendous support this past year, it has truly been my pleasure to serve you as PEHA President.

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GATEWAY NEWS

For the second time in three years your Poplar Estates entry holiday decorations won the City of Germantown Best Holiday Entry display. The combination of our large scale gateway, professionally landscaped by Lance Hause and his Jones Brothers Landscaping Company, and the freshly repainted life size figures by Sue Galey overwhelmed the judges. Further, a total of 20 homeowners came out to move the many pieces and storage containers from storage, set up it up, then take down the display and return it to storage. I'm sure their efforts are greatly appreciated by everyone in Poplar Estates. "Well Done" and "Thanks" to everyone who participated. Your Gateway Committee will now take that long winter's rest.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Details often spell the difference between a really well maintained property and one that does not stand out. The City of Germantown Property Maintenance code has many specific items that when properly maintained result in that well maintained appearance that we all desire. Here are two items each classified as a \$50 a day nuisance; "Any driveway that is deteriorated, crumbling, weed-infested, or lacks adequate covering of asphalt, brick, or concrete or is missing portions thereof." and "Exterior light fixtures that shine directly toward adjacent property, with the exception of front entrance general illumination lights, shall be shielded, redirected, or relocated to prevent the light source from illuminating neighboring property." The first really stands out and directly detracts from a property's attractiveness and the value of other homes nearby while the second detracts from the livability of the neighbor's property and is visible only to that neighbor. Regardless of the number of properties affected, they both reveal a lack of attention to detail in the care of the property.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

LAST CALL!! To have your name included in the published PEHA Membership Directory, we must receive your membership dues or \$25.00 by February 20, 2009. Our goal is to have the directory published and in the homes of our membership by April 1.

REASONS TO JOIN POPLAR ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

INFORMATION: Keep informed on what is happening nearby that can affect the value of your home (neighboring developments, local schools, updates on neighborhood crime, park updates, street changes, zoning changes, etc)

NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENTS: Beautiful, landscaped front gate entrance from Poplar, prize winning front gate holiday display, yard of the month competition, holiday lighting contest, and decorative street signs to be installed in our entire neighborhood.

CONTACT WITH CITY GOVERNMENT: Your Association is a well known and respected voice in our City. We are an active part of The Council of Neighborhood Associations and we have a Government representative who keeps us informed on happenings in City Government.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS: We publish a membership directory of those who wish to be listed, publish five (5) newsletters each year, offer an e-mail hotline for up to the moment information on concerns of residents, a website with a craftsmens guide and last but not least five (5) parties per year which offer fun, food, information and an opportunity for you to get to know your neighbors.

GOVERNMENT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Government telephone numbers are listed in your directory if you need to get in touch with any department. If you have any concerns contact Jerry Herman at 754-5180 as he keeps up with the latest news at City Hall.

DECORATIVE STREET SIGNS

We have been informed that installation contracts are being concluded for our remaining signs. They should all be installed by late spring. PEHA has made a further payment on these signs but we still have a sizable balance due. We are still seeking donations to our Decorative Street Sign Fund.

HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS:

Entrance Award: Ralph & Sheri Strange, 1351 Poplar Estates, Check for \$50

Overall Award: John & Michelle Cordera, 1391 Corsica Cove Check for \$50

Ralph & Sheri also won the entrance award from the City Beautification Commission.

PEHA won the Subdivision Front Entrance award from the City Beautification Commission.



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EASTER HAM - ORDER FORM

PEHA STREET SIGN FUNDRAISER

- Please supply _____ @ \$35 each
- Enclosed is my check for \$ _____
- I will pick up on April 11, 2009

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

To order by phone or for pick up information, call:
Billy Brown at 755-4961
Chris Vanelli at 756-3875

Order Deadline: April 5th

Membership renewal coupon for those who cannot attend our meeting.

Please Support Poplar Estates!

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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: _____