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DON'T MISS:

- ❖ **Chili Cook-off**
~ February 21st
- ❖ **Potluck Dinner**
~ April 17th
- ❖ **Garage Sale**
~ October 6th

SMOKED SPIRAL HAMS ORDER FORM NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT FUND

- _____ smoked ham @ \$30 each
- _____ smoked & glazed ham @ \$30 each
- Enclosed is my check for \$_____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

For more information, please call or email:

- Billy Brown @ 755-4961 or bbrown6319@aol.com
- Chris Vanelli @ 756-3875 or chris@vanelli.net
- poplarestates@comcast.net

Mail to: PEHA, PO Box 382572, Germantown, TN 38138

Order Deadline Tues, April 3rd at 9 p.m.

Please Support Poplar Estates!

Membership renewal coupon for those who cannot attend
our meeting.

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- Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$25 for 2012 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 ___

Newsletter submissions: wbesser@bellsouth.net



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Neighborhood News

January 2012 Edition

11th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF & POTLUCK SUPPER

Tuesday, February 21st, @ 6:00 PM
Pickering Center
Everyone is invited

Pull out your favorite chili recipe and make plans to enter a pot of chili in our 11th Annual Chili Cook-off. However you do not have to cook a pot of chili to attend - just bring a salad or a dessert according to your last name.



Here are the rules:

1. Call Patty Nelius, 755-5393, or Billy Brown, 755-4961 or email: bbrown6319@aol.com or poplarestates@comcast.net to register your chili.
2. Cook a large pot of your favorite chili and don't forget your ladle.
3. Be in place by 6:15 - appearance and presentation are important.
4. Judging is at 6:30.

Dinner will be served at 6:45 p. m. If your last name begins with A-M, bring a salad; if your last name begins with N-Z bring a dessert. The association will supply beverages, crackers, onions, Fritos, cheese and sour cream.

Mayor Goldsworthy will be our speaker so please join us for a great evening of food, fellowship, and fun plus the latest update on what is happening in Germantown.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the start of every New Year, we all make resolutions and goals. I propose we all make some resolutions that will make our families safer this year. Start by ensuring that your street number is clearly visible, not only for the postal service, but also for emergency services, should you need them.

Top ten home security tips:

1. Make friends with your neighbors
2. Join your neighborhood association
3. Arm your alarm system; put an alarm sign out front
4. When away, turn on lights, TV or radio so it appears that someone is home
5. Park a car out front, don't leave valuables in your car
6. Facebook is fun, but don't mention you are going out of town
7. Lock all doors and windows, even if you plan to be gone for a few minutes
8. Robust door and window locks are important
9. Use security gates and security doors
10. Break down large cardboard boxes (for TV's etc.) and take them to a dumpster

Have a great New Year,
Jonathan Frase



2012 Garage Sale

Saturday, October 6th

SPIRAL HAMS FOR EASTER

Master cooker Chris Vanelli has again agreed to use his magic touch to smoke and/or glaze those delicious spiral hams for Easter. The projected cost will be \$30.00 and the hams will be available for pickup at 6965 Wynterhall on Saturday April 7 from 1- 4 PM.

Orders must be received by 9 PM on Tuesday, April 3rd. For information or to order, call or email Billy Brown 755-4961 - bbrown6319@aol.com, Chris Vanelli 756-3875 - chris@vanelli.net, or poplarestates@comcast.net. When ordering please remember to specify smoked or smoked and glazed.

POPLAR ESTATES GARDEN CLUB



If you think you might be interested in seeing what the Poplar Estates Garden Club is all about, or maybe your New Year's Resolution was to join our Club or you just want to hear an excellent speaker on a topic that interest you, please contact Joy Nichols, President, at 737-7444 or visit the PEHA website for more information.

We are a Club of Excellence and a member of the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs. Upcoming meeting dates for the Garden Club are noted below. You do not have to be a member of PEHA or live in Poplar Estates to join or sit in on a meeting. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are hosted in member homes. We would love to see you at our next meeting!

February 13 th	African Violets presented by Marian Zoller at the home of Connie Caplinger, 1511 Holly Hill
March 12 th	Hydrangas presented by Ann Reardon at the home of Marge McGinley, 1565 Poplar Estates Pky
April 9 th	Bonsai presented by Fred Nowak at the home of Nancy Scott, 6881 Neshoba Road
May 14 th	Cactus presented by Don Klotwog at the home of Waynette Besser, 7000 Westminster Lane

MEET OUR 2012 PRINCESS

The Homeowners Association would like to congratulate Princess Abigail Taylor Powell "Abby", as she takes the "reins" and represents us as our 2012 GCHS Princess.



Abby has lived in Germantown her entire life, and is the daughter of Don and Elizabeth Powell. She has two brothers who currently attend UT Knoxville, the school she plans to attend after graduation from Houston High School. She plans to study kinesiology & pre-medicine. Her desire is to

become an athletic trainer, physical therapist, or a pediatrician.

She spends her free time with friends, reading a good book, delving into photography, and working out at the gym. At Houston, she is enrolled in mostly honors and AP classes and is in the top 10% of her class.

She is involved in sports, spending time as a student athletic trainer, after giving up cheerleading due to an injury. She also works on the schools yearbook staff, is a member of the Beta Club and National Honor Society and is President of the Math Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta. She is a member of HOSA where she represents Houston in the Sports Medicine competition at Regional and State levels. She is a member of the 30+ ACT Club and tutors other students.

Abby attends Germantown Presbyterian Church and is involved in the youth group there, going on mission trips and retreats. She works part time at Mellow Yellow as a hostess and cashier. During the fall months of her junior and senior year, she coached Youth Cheer Squads through Germantown Park and Recreation.

Abby, Congratulations on being chosen to represent the Poplar Estates Homeowners Association as their 2012 Germantown Charity Horse Show Princess!

FRONT GATE NEWS

Our front Gate decorations were beautiful this year and in fact we won first place in Germantown for Front Entrance displays. Thanks to all of you who helped to decorate our front entrance and to those who helped take down and store the decorations. Thanks for a job well done.

PEHA would like to extend a special thanks to Ron Schaming for coordinating the Holiday Decorations at the front gates for many years. Ron has decided to retire his position and take a well-deserved rest. Ron, we all thank you for the joy that your work has brought to the neighborhood over the years.

Someone crashed into our front entrance brick wall on the east side of Poplar Estates causing considerable damage. In the near future we will secure estimates and replace the damaged section.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

PEHA once again sponsored their annual Holiday Lighting Contest. The ladies of the Poplar Estates Garden Club were the Judges. Categories were "Front Entrance" and "Overall Yard". Connie Caplinger of the Garden Club was Judging Chair. Jim Dodge, Past PEHA President drove the ladies around the neighborhood and the police were only called once to check out a "suspicious vehicle driving slowly through the neighborhood"! The other Judges from the Garden Club were Marge McGinley, Paula Sander and Joy Nichols.



Jan and James Dacus of 6921 Brookside Cove were the "Overall Yard" winners. Jan made the snowmen and Santa for her Mother in the early 1950's. She has been gracious all these years and shared her talents and memories with our Poplar Estates residents.

Rosie Wedaman of 1847 Woodridge Cove was the "Front Entrance" winner. Her wreaths were spectacular and she invited us into her lovely home and the inside decorating was as breathtaking as her outside decorating.



DOWN HOME COUNTRY COOKING POTLUCK DINNER

Tuesday, April 17th @ 6:00 p.m. is the time and the Pickering Center is the place for our "Country Cooking Potluck Dinner". Bring your favorite dish, whether it is pot roast, chops, meat loaf, a casserole or vegetables. The Association will provide beverages and dessert. Mark this date on your calendar and start planning your favorite dish. Our program will be announced later.

RECIPE CORNER

Slow Cooker Taco Chili

- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 2 15 oz cans seasoned tomato sauce with diced tomatoes
- 1 15 oz can chili beans with chili gravy
- 1 15 oz can hominy or whole kernel corn, undrained
- 1 1.25 oz package taco seasoning mix

Cook ground beef in large skillet until meat is brown, drain off fat. Put the meat, tomato sauce, beans with chili gravy, undrained hominy or corn and taco seasoning mix in a 3 1/2 or 4 quart slow cooker. Cover and cook on low heat setting for 4 to 6 hours or on high heat for 2 to 4 hours.

Extra option: Top it with cheese or sprinkle with corn chips.

Makes 4-6 main dish servings (8 cups).

Recipe submitted by Deborah Smith



In each newsletter we will feature a recipe that has been submitted to our website. Please send one of your favorites with your name to poplarestates@comcast.net.