



Poplar Estates Homeowners Association

"A Community within a Community"

Neighborhood News

December 2013 Edition

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND HOLIDAY PARTY

Our holiday party and membership meeting is Saturday, December 21 at 6:00 PM at the Pickering Center. This will be a fun event for the entire family with entertainment, a special program for the kids and another program for the rest of the family, plus a great meal. Our planned menu will consist of traditional holiday fare including rolls, salad, smoked turkey breast, and smoked ham, two vegetables, dessert and beverages. We will have bags of treats and a special program for the kids. This will be a fun evening for everyone. Our program this year will be a special slide presentation of the holiday lighting both at the front gate and in our neighborhood. Pictures will be taken of the top 10 overall lighting displays and the top 10 front entry decorations in the Poplar Estates Association lighting contest. First prize awards will be presented in both categories at our party. All this at no cost to you.

FRONT GATE NEWS

Please drive by the front gate and check out our new seasonal color plants and the overall beauty of our landscaping. Thanks to Lance Hause of Jones Brothers Nursery for keeping our plants looking great.

We will set up our holiday decorations at the front gate on November 30 (Saturday after Thanksgiving Day). Please come to the front gate at 9:00 AM and help put up a display that will make our neighborhood proud. It is time we won first place for the best entrance display in Germantown again. This is a lot of fun and usually does not take over two hours.

Also mark your calendar for the Saturday after New Year's Day, January 4 at 9:00 AM to come and help take down and store the front gate decorations.

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Our chili cook-off is set for February 11, 2014 at the Pickering Center. Mark that date on your calendar and dig out your favorite chili recipe.



This is always one of our favorite meetings where we enjoy great chili, competition and fellowship with our neighbors.

-SAVE THIS DATE-

April 24, 2014—Annual Pot Luck

HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

Judging for our holiday lighting contest will be held December 16 and 17 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Be sure to turn on your displays on these two dates. This competition is for all residents of the Poplar Estates Neighborhood Association area. Judging will again be done by the members of the Poplar Estates Garden Club and winners will be chosen in two categories.

Overall: House, yard and front door
Entrance: Front door and steps

Suggestion: have a theme such as traditional, country, Santa Claus, etc. The brightest and biggest display is not usually the winner.

Pictures will be taken of the top 10 in each category and will be shown as a slide/video presentation at our December 21 meeting. Prizes of \$50 in each category will be presented to the winners. Our neighborhood does a great job with their holiday lighting each year so let's make this year the best.

POPLAR ESTATES GARDEN CLUB

The October meeting featured David Glover, aka The Bartlett Bee Whisperer. His presentation included some very interesting photos of what bees can do to harm and help us. Check out his website at www.thebartlettbeewhisperer.com.



Photo by:
Maggie Landry

The meeting in November featured Rebecca Dailey and Cameron Mann with Shelby Farms Park Conservancy who shared the history of the park and where they hope the park will be many years from now. More information can be found on their website at www.shelbyfarmspark.org.

The next meeting is the annual pot luck social and will be on Monday, December 9 at the home of Susan Threlkeld at 7:00 PM. For more information about PEGC, please call President Connie Caplinger @ 901-489-9493.



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Don't Miss:

- ◆ Holiday Lighting Contest
December 16 & 17
- ◆ December Meeting and
Holiday Party
December 21
- ◆ Chili Cook-Off
February 11

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RECIPE CORNER

Apricot Pecan Oatmeal Muffins

Makes 12 muffins

- 1 cup quick cooking oats
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup dried apricots, chopped (or part cran raisins, dried cherries or
whatever you like)
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1/3 cup canola oil
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- Try adding some cinnamon, optional



Place oats and buttermilk in a bowl. Stir to combine. Cover and let stand for 20-30 minutes. In a large bowl sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Stir in apricots and pecans. Add oil, egg and brown sugar to the oatmeal mixture and combine well. Pour the oatmeal mixture into the flour mixture. Stir just to moisten the dry ingredients. It will look lumpy. Divide batter into 12 greased muffin cups. Bake in a preheated oven at 375° F for 20 to 25 minutes. Remove muffins from muffin tin and cool on a wire rack.

Recipe submitted by Barbara Dodge

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