



Poplar Estates Homeowners Association

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Neighborhood News

October 2013 Edition

FALL FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH FROM 4:30 – 7:30 P. M.
POPLAR ESTATES PARK
All Residents are invited

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Poplar Estates Homeowners Association October Membership meeting and "Fall Festival" for the entire family to be held on October 19th from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at Poplar Estates Park. Entertainment will be provided by the **Minor Street Strings** bluegrass band. Food will be provided by the Association and will consist of grilled hotdogs, grilled hamburgers, potato chips, and cookies. Beef hotdogs will be available for those prefer them. We will have a fire and supplies for you to roast marshmallows for s'mores. We will offer cold beverages and hot chocolate. Come enjoy the food and fellowship with your neighbors.

We welcome anyone who is not a member of our association to join us at this meeting. All that is required to join PEHA is that you live in the Poplar Estates area and pay the \$25.00 membership dues per household. Membership forms will be available at the sign-in table. This is a great way to get to know your neighbors so bring your lawn chair and help us celebrate our "Fall Festival".



GARAGE SALE

The 2013 PEHA Garage Sale will be on Saturday, October 5 from 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and will be advertised in The Commercial Appeal, Germantown

News, and Shoppers News as well as on Craigslist.



This year's garage sale coordinator is Erin Cordle and she can be reached at 904-289-5901.

Arrangements have been made with Vietnam Vets to pick up any leftovers but your address must be registered in order for them to pick up. Volunteers will be passing out maps at the front entrance beginning at 6:00 a.m.

DECORATIVE STREET SIGNS



Please do not tape signs for lost pets, garage sales, etc. to our decorative street signs. These signs are very expensive and tape will ruin the finish.

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP PICNIC

Jonathan Frase, outgoing PEHA President, addresses the crowd at our summer membership picnic (photo left) for the last time. The weather was perfect and the food was great. Jonathan introduced each of the candidates running for school board and they spoke briefly about their goals and expectations for the upcoming Germantown School Board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is the first article I've had the pleasure of writing for our newsletter and I'm proud to be a contributor to our award-winning communications team. They won recognition for *Most Effective Communications* at the 2011 Germantown Neighborhood Summit, which was only possible with significant volunteer effort to keep this association "in the know" and thriving.

We had a spectacular turnout at our August membership picnic with over 100 in attendance. Leftovers were hard to come by because the barbeque was delicious. For all of the challenges we are facing in our day to day lives, our Poplar Estates community is as strong as it ever has been. I want to encourage you to show and spread that feeling of pride for living in our great community. From the way we welcome visitors with smiles and clean property, to engaging and helping out neighbors (even those of us that let our knockout roses go a little wild), we can make our community even better and make some lifelong friends in the process.

Come out and enjoy the Fall Festival in the Poplar Estates Park on October 19th at 4:30 pm. We have some local talent playing bluegrass, fun for the kids, and the latest gossip about the city and school system all within walking distance. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone and working to improve our community and association. I hope to see you soon.

Joseph Vannucci, President

FRONT GATE NEWS

We will set up the holiday decorations at the front gate on November 30th (Saturday after Thanksgiving Day). Please come to the front gate at 9:00 a.m. 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. Come on out and help us do it again. This is a lot of fun and usually does not take over two hours. Also mark your calendar for January 4th at 9:00 a.m. to help take down and store the Front gate decorations.



POPLAR ESTATES GARDEN CLUB



Poplar Estates Garden Club is a small group of women learning what they can about gardening in the Memphis area and at every meeting we welcome an expert from the surrounding area to talk to us about a variety of subjects. Our dues are only \$20 per year and we take turns meeting in each other's homes.

The September meeting featured Catherine Lewis, Master Gardener and co-author of the book *They That Sow In Tears*. She showed her own as well as several other Memory Gardens in honor of loved ones.

The October 14 meeting will be at the home of MaryAnn Blair and David Glover will discuss beekeeping.



All meetings start at 7 pm. For more information about the garden club, please call Connie Caplinger @ 901-489-9493.

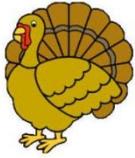
HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

This competition is for all residents of the Poplar Estates Neighborhood Association area. Judging will again be done by 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

Pictures will be taken of the top ten in each category and will be shown as a slide/video presentation at our December Party on December 21st. Prizes are \$50.00 in each category. Our neighborhood does a great job with their holiday lighting each year, let's make this year the best. Date of judging will be announced in our December newsletter.

SMOKED TURKEY BREAST FOR THANKSGIVING



Champion cooker, Chris Vanelli has again agreed to use his talents and smoker to prepare bone-in smoked turkey breasts for our neighborhood. Each turkey breast will weigh between 7.5 to 10 lbs. and will cost \$30.00.

These smoked breasts are truly delicious.

The turkey breasts can be picked up at 6965 Wynterhall Drive on Sunday afternoon, November 24, between 1:00 and 4:00 p. m., which is the Sunday before thanksgiving. You can keep the turkey breast in the refrigerator and be ready for Thanksgiving. All proceeds after expenses will go to our Neighborhood Improvement fund.

To order, clip the coupon in this newsletter and mail to PEHA, P. O. Box 382572, Germantown, TN 38183-2577 or call or email any of the following:

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

Order deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 19 @ 9:00 p. m.

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

As a reminder, please do not keep valuables in your vehicle that may tempt thieves. Always keep your doors locked and if at all possible park in your garage, carport or a well-lit area. If you see anything suspicious, please call GPD immediately at 754-7222 or Star 54 from your cell phone.

POPLAR ESTATES DUES

The fiscal year for Poplar Estates Neighborhood Association began on September 1 and dues bills will be sent out soon. Dues are \$25 per household which funds the ongoing costs, projects and events for the Association. A membership form is on the back page of this newsletter or you can go to www.poplarestates.net and find a form at the bottom of the home page.



DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND HOLIDAY PARTY



Mark your calendar now for December 21st at 6:00 P.M. and make plans to attend this family fun event at the Pickering Center. We will have entertainment and a great meal. Our planned menu will consist of traditional holiday fare including,

salad, special smoked turkey breast, and smoked ham, two vegetables, dessert and beverages. We will have goodie bags and a special program for the kids and a great evening for everyone. Our program this year will be a special slide presentation of the 10 top overall lighting displays and the 10 top front entry decorations in the Polar Estates Association lighting contest. First prize awards will be presented in both categories at our party. All this is at no cost to you. More details will be in our next newsletter.

RECIPE CORNER



Bill's Fudge Pie

- 4 - Eggs
- 1 - 4 oz. Bar Chocolate (semi-sweet) Melted
- ¼ Cup Butter, Softened
- ½ Cup Bisquick
- ½ Cup Packed Brown Sugar
- ½ Cup Sugar
- ¾ Cup Chopped Pecans

Heat oven to 350°. Grease 9" pie pan. Beat all ingredients except nuts, until smooth, about 2 minutes. Pour into pie plate. Sprinkle with nuts.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until knife inserted comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes. Serve with vanilla ice cream on top. Then melt hot fudge over the top. Pie is best served warm.

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October 5

❖ ***Garden Club***

October 14

❖ ***Fall Picnic***

October 19

**SMOKED TURKEY BREAST
ORDER FORM**

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT FUND

_____ Smoked Turkey Breast @ \$30 each

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

For more information, please call or email:

Billy Brown @ 755-4961 bbrown6319@aol.com

Chris Vanelli @ 756-3875 chris@vanelli.net

poplarestates@comcast.net

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

Order Deadline Tues, Nov. 19 @ 9:00 p.m.

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 2013/2014
PEHA dues.

Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____
to the Neighborhood Improvement Fund.

Last Name: _____

First Name(s): _____
(Include all adult names for directory)

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

List my name in the membership directory Yes ___ No ___

Newsletter submissions: wbesser@bellsouth.net