



# Poplar Estates Homeowners Association

*"A Community within a Community"*

**Neighborhood News**

**August 2014 Edition**

## DID YOU KNOW?



Our neighborhood association began in 1964 as a garden club which soon became Poplar Estates Homeowners Association. Join us as we celebrate 50 years as a neighborhood at our membership picnic.

## PEHA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PICNIC POPLAR ESTATES PARK SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 @ 4:30 PM

Come meet your neighbors and enjoy complimentary pork shoulder barbeque, baked beans, cole slaw, cookies and cold beverages. Children are welcome so bring the whole family. We will offer a limited amount of barbeque beef brisket for those who cannot eat pork. Brisket must be requested in advance and servings will be saved under your names and any left will be placed on the serving line. To be certain you can get beef brisket please call or email Billy Brown 755-4961, [bbrown6319@aol.com](mailto:bbrown6319@aol.com) or email [poplarestates@comcast.net](mailto:poplarestates@comcast.net).

Candidates for Germantown elections will be invited to say a few words and answer questions at our picnic. This is a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship with neighbors, enjoy great food, and meet your Germantown candidates. If you have a neighbor who normally does not attend this event or does not belong to our association, invite them to come with you. We will also have a drawing for door prizes. The park is located at the north end of Poplar Estates Parkway.

## NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

The date for our Neighborhood yard sale will be Saturday, October 11, 2014. We are moving on with plans even though we do not have a volunteer to coordinate this event. We need a volunteer to step up and head up this project. If you are willing to help organize our sale, please contact Joseph Vannucci at 755-5959 [joseph@vannucci.org](mailto:joseph@vannucci.org) or Gary Smith 754-7963 [poplarestatesmembership@gmail.com](mailto:poplarestatesmembership@gmail.com).

Meanwhile if you plan to participate in this neighborhood sale with a yard sale of your own, please contact Gary Smith with your address, phone number, email address and any information you have about your sale. The association will place ads in local newspapers, provide maps and a list of sales in our neighborhood. We will again arrange for someone to pick up unsold items if you wish to donate them.



## NEW NEIGHBORS

Welcome New Neighbors to the PEHA Neighborhood. We'd love for you to attend the PEHA Annual Membership Picnic on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a chance to meet your neighbors, get useful neighborhood information, and sign-up to be a member of the Poplar Estates Homeowners Association.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

### Officers:

President Joseph Vannucci  
901-484-7581

Vice President Jan Harrison

Secretary Cheryl Smart

Treasurer Jason Whaley  
901-758-3648

### Board of Directors:

Jonathan Frase  
Billy Brown  
Chris Schmidt  
Paula Sander  
John Paul Koch

Poplar Estates was founded a half century ago, the same year the Beatles first appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show, the Ford Mustang burned its first rubber, MLK Jr. won the Nobel Peace Prize, and Goldfinger hit theaters. We are not a young neighborhood as you can see from the dense tree canopy overhead and classic cars in garages around the neighborhood. But we have a tremendous amount of zeal that comes from new neighbors with youth and energy.

Fifty years of service is the theme of our August picnic. It will be a little grander this year as we celebrate the longevity of the neighborhood as a quality place to raise children or watch grandkids play in the pool. We'll have our traditional spread: barbeque facilitated by master of grills and social committee chair, Chris Vanelli. We'll have the candidates running for school board speaking so please join us to celebrate 50 years!

*Joseph Vannucci*

### POPLAR ESTATES GARDEN CLUB



The opening meeting for the Garden Club will be held on Monday, September 8 at 7 p.m. at the home of Martha Garner. Martha, a Master Gardener, went to England with Chris Kelyman, also a member of our club, to attend the 101st Chelsea Flower Show as well as Holker Hall and several other gardens in the London area. She is preparing a presentation to showcase all the beautiful gardens that she visited while on her trip.

You do not have to be a member of the garden club to attend this opening meeting and this will be a perfect opportunity to get to know others in the neighborhood plus learn from master gardeners and other experts in the Shelby County area at our monthly meetings. Our dues are \$25 per year which includes a quarterly issue of The Volunteer Gardener which is published by the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs.

If you would like more information about becoming a member of the Garden Club, please contact President Connie Caplinger at 901-489-9493.

### Poplar Estates Homeowners Association Newsletter

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### 7 Up Biscuits

4 cups Bisquick  
1 cup sour cream  
1 cup 7-up  
1/2 cup melted butter

Mix Bisquick, sour cream and 7 up together.  
Dough will be very soft. Knead and fold dough until coated with your baking mix.  
Pat dough out and cut biscuits using a round biscuit / cookie cutter.  
Melt butter in bottom of cookie sheet pan or 9x13 casserole dish.  
Place biscuits on top of melted butter and bake @ 425 degrees for 12-15 minutes or until brown.



Send your recipes to [recipecorner@poplarestates.net](mailto:recipecorner@poplarestates.net)

# BE A PART OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

## BOARD ELECTIONS 2014-15

The election for officers and board of directors will be held at the picnic on August 23. The slate for the coming year is as follows:

OFFICERS		DIRECTORS
President:	Joseph Vannucci	Jonathan Frase
Vice President:	Gary Smith	Billy Brown
Treasurer:	John Sander	Chris Schmidt
Secretary:	Cheryl Smart	Paula Sander
		John Paul Koch
		Myrna Merced

Committee chairs are volunteer/appointed positions and are as follows:

COMMITTEE CHAIRS
Communications: Greg Marcom
Social: Chris Vanelli
Lisa Vanelli
Billy Brown
Front Gate: Lance Hause
Government: Jerry Hermann
Membership: Gary Smith
Newsletter: Waynette Besser
Website: Gary Smith

## FRONT GATE

Our shrubs are healthy and look great. Our flowering plants are in full bloom, our irrigation system is on and working so we anticipate a great summer display. Thanks to Lance Hause for replacing the flowers and thanks to Patrick Nelius for maintaining and mowing the grass. Our goal is to create a beautiful front entrance for all to see.

We will decorate our entrance for the holidays on Saturday November 29 and take the display down on Saturday January 3. Mark these dates as we need volunteers.



## OCTOBER FALL FESTIVAL

This event will be at Polar Estates Park on Saturday October 18 at 4:30 P.M. We will again grill and serve those great beef hotdogs plus chips, cookies, and cold beverages. We will serve hot cocoa, have a bonfire and offer fixings for s'more's. We will again ask the Minor Street Blue-Grass Band to entertain. Mark your calendar now because this is always one of our best events.

## HOLIDAY PARTY

Our Holiday Party will be at the Pickering Center on Saturday December 13 at 6:00 P.M. We will have a great meal, a program for the kids and a separate program for the adults. More information will follow in the October Newsletter .



Recently, the president of our neighborhood association sent out an email with a link for Nextdoor, Facebook for neighborhoods. I signed up and invited a few neighbors to sign up and now there are already 42 neighbors signed up in our neighborhood or surrounding neighborhoods. The great thing about this website is an email is sent to you when something is posted in our neighborhood. This could be a message about a stray cat, neighbor seeking a recommendations for car repairs, find a babysitter, pet sitter, or just announcing a neighborhood social event.

The web address for our neighborhood is: [poplarestates.nextdoor.com](http://poplarestates.nextdoor.com). For more information about Nextdoor—check them out at [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com).

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**SAVE THESE DATES:**

◆ *Annual Membership Picnic*  
*August 23*

◆ *Garden Club*  
*October 13*

◆ *Garden Club*  
*September 8*

◆ *Fall Festival*  
*October 18*

◆ *Garage Sale*  
*October 11*

◆ *Holiday Party*  
*December 13*

**Please mail your dues to:**

**PLEASE SUPPORT POPLAR ESTATES!**

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**Please make your check payable to PEHA in the amount of \$25 for 2014/15.**

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

\$25 Dues    Neighborhood Improvement Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

List my name in the membership directory:    Yes    No