



# Poplar Estates Homeowners Association

*"A Community within a Community"*

## Neighborhood News

February 2014 Edition

### PEHA ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF AND POTLUCK SUPPER

Pull out your favorite chili recipe and make plans to make and enter a pot of chili in our Annual Chili Cook-off, which will be at the Pickering Center on Tuesday, February 11 beginning at 6 PM. Everyone is invited so bring the entire family. You do not have to enter a pot of chili to attend – just bring a salad or dessert according to your last name. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a salad or veggie; if your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert. The association will supply beverages, crackers, onions, Fritos, cheese and sour cream. Dinner will be served at 6:45 PM.



The rules are simple to enter your favorite chili:

- 1) Call Margaret Owens @ 754-6228 or Billy Brown @ 755-4961 or email [bbrown6319@aol.com](mailto:bbrown6319@aol.com) or [poplarestates@comcast.net](mailto: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 PM—appearance and presentation are important.
- 4) Judging begins at 6:30 PM.

The Association will award 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes.

Our speaker will be Mayor Goldsworthy, who will update us on what is happening in Germantown especially our new Municipal School System. Don't miss this great evening of food, fellowship and fun for the entire family.

### HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

The Poplar Estates Garden Club, led by President Connie Caplinger, judged the annual Holiday Lighting Contest this past December. Jim Dodge, was again our gracious driver for both nights of judging. The winners were David Talley, 1698 Brookside for "Overall", and Johnny and Bobbie Moore, 1201 Saddle Ridge for "Front Entrance". If you missed the annual Holiday Party, you missed a fantastic slide show of our neighborhood holiday lights. Thanks to all who decorated for everyone's enjoyment.



2013 Overall Winner—Talley Family



2013 Front Entrance Winner—Moore Family

# MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

## Officers:

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With every New Year we get an opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments. Some of us completed home renovations we had been putting off, some went to that class we had been dreading or completed a certificate to make a little more money. Some of us sent kids to college or hit our investment goals. Whatever it was be proud of the perseverance it took. What do you have planned for this year? PEHA plans on updating our bylaws to better reflect the growth of our membership and event schedule. We also plan on having a bunch of fun events to build on the awesome turnout we had in 2013. Perhaps we can all find the resolve to help out our neighbors a little more, spend more time reflecting on what we do right, and remember that time wasted but enjoyed is not wasted time. I wish everyone health, happiness, and a prosperous 2014.

*Joseph Vannucci*

## HOLIDAY PARTY

Our Holiday Party was a great success with a crowd of around seventy coming out on a very stormy night to enjoy good food, fellowship and a great video presentation of Poplar Estates Holiday lighting. Gary Smith took pictures of lighted homes in our neighborhood and did an excellent video of just how pretty our neighborhood actually is during the holidays. Anyone who would like a copy of the video can contact Gary and he will make a copy for you ( for a small fee to cover the costs). The President of Poplar Estates Garden Club, Connie Caplinger, talked about the beauty of the light displays this year. She talked about how judging is done and announced the winners of the Lighting contest.

## FRONT GATE

Thanks to all those who came out to help decorate the front gate for the holidays. Our display looked great again this year. A special "thank you" to those brave souls who volunteered, on a very cold Saturday in January to take down and store our holiday display. It was cold but the mission was accomplished.



## RECIPE CORNER

### Cheesy Cauliflower Patties

1 head cauliflower  
2 large eggs  
1/2 C cheddar cheese, grated  
1/2 C panko bread crumbs  
1/2 t cayenne pepper (more or less to taste)  
Salt (to taste)

Cut cauliflower into florets and cook in boiling water until tender - about 10 minutes. Drain. Mash the cauliflower while still warm. Stir in cheese, eggs, panko, cayenne and salt to taste. Coat the bottom of a griddle or skillet with olive oil over medium high heat. Form the cauliflower mixture into patties about 3 inches across. Cook until golden brown and set - about 3 minutes per side. Keep batch warm in the oven while you cook the rest.

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

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# BE A PART OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

## POPLAR ESTATES GARDEN CLUB



The February 10 meeting of the PEGC will be at Barbara Dodge's home and Paul Little from Little Hill Nursery will discuss "The Evolution of Ground Covers". The March meeting will be held at Millstone Market and Nursery and Tricia Hunt will demonstrate how to make your own Fairy Garden and Sedum Wreaths. All meetings begin

at 7 PM.

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

## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Did you know that the fiscal year for PEHA is from September 1 through August 31? Membership dues are only \$25 per year which includes five newsletters, email-blasts, five membership socials with door prizes, a voice with local government and government updates, opportunities to get to know your neighbors, a well-designed and maintained front entrance, neighborhood website, and contests to beautify our neighborhood.

To receive all of the 2014 PEHA newsletters during the coming year and to have your name included in the published neighborhood April 2014 PEHA Membership Directory, your dues must be paid by February 28. A membership form is included on the back page of this newsletter with information on where to mail your dues.



## CONTRACTORS AND WORKMAN



The updated 2014 list of contractors and workmen is on the PEHA website, [www.poplarestates.net](http://www.poplarestates.net). The list contains the names of the company or contractor, phone number, the submitting PEHA homeowner, Angie's List rating and BBB rating. Send us

your information on satisfied contractors or workmen that you have used to our email address: [poplarestatesmembership@gmail.com](mailto:poplarestatesmembership@gmail.com).

## SMOKED SPIRAL HAM SALES TO BENEFIT NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT FUND

Master cooker Chris Vanelli will again use his grill and magic touch to smoke and/or glaze those delicious spiral hams for Easter this year. The cost is \$30 per ham and they will be available for pickup at 6965 Wynterhall on Saturday, April 19 between 1 and 4 PM. All proceeds over cost will go to our neighborhood improvement fund.



To order, clip the coupon from the back page of this newsletter and mail to the address shown or call/email one of the following:

Billy Brown	755-4961	<a href="mailto:bbrown6319@aol.com">bbrown6319@aol.com</a>
Chris Vanelli	756-3875	<a href="mailto:chris@vanelli.net">chris@vanelli.net</a>
PEHA		<a href="mailto:poplarestates@comcast.net">poplarestates@comcast.net</a>

Orders must be received by 9 PM on Tuesday, April 15. When ordering, please be sure to specify either "smoked" or "smoked and glazed".

## ITALIAN POTLUCK DINNER

Our April membership meeting will be an Italian Potluck Dinner at 6 PM on Thursday, April 24 at the Pickering Center. We have many really good cooks in our neighborhood and most of them love Italian food. So dust off those recipes and plan on joining your Poplar Estates neighbors for an evening of great good, fellowship and fun. We will have more details in our April newsletter.





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**SAVE THESE DATES:**

- ◆ **Garden Club Meeting**  
**February 10**
- ◆ **Chili Cook-off**  
**February 11**
- ◆ **Italian Potluck Dinner**  
**April 24**

**Please mail your check to:**

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**NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT FUND**

**Smoked Spiral Ham Order Form**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Smoked Spiral Ham @ \$30 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ Smoked & Glazed Spiral Ham @ \$30 each
- Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE SUPPORT POPLAR ESTATES!**

**Please make your check payable to PEHA in the amount of \$25 for 2013/14.**

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