



Poplar Estates Homeowners Association

"A Community within a Community"

Neighborhood News

August 2015 Edition

COME ONE, COME ALL

ANNUAL BBQ IN THE PARK POPLAR ESTATES PARK SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2015 @ 4 PM

This year's August Picnic will include; BBQ, beans, slaw, desert, and drinks. We will also have whole BBQ pork butts for sale to be picked up at the park. See below and RESERVE YOURS NOW!

We will also be voting in new officers. Come and get to know your new PEHA board members.

Are you new to Poplar Estates or just haven't joined the homeowners association yet? Then current members want to see you at the park because **this meeting is for you**. It's a chance to meet new neighbors and say hi to friends over great food and fellowship for the whole family. It's also the beginning of the PEHA fiscal year and a perfect time to bring your \$25 to begin or renew your membership. If you receive this newsletter – **you're invited**.

The meeting begins at 4 PM and the Bar-B-Que will be served immediately following the meeting.

BBQ PORK BUTTS FOR SALE

Chris Vanelli has agreed to barbeque those delicious pork butts again this year for sale at our August picnic. These must be ordered in advance and picked up at the picnic at Poplar Estates Park on Saturday, August 22 beginning at 4 PM. Prices this year are \$30 for the whole bone in butt wrapped in foil OR \$35 for a whole boneless butt pulled and in a foil pan. To order please see the order coupon on the back page of this newsletter.

DECORATIVE STREET SIGNS

A friendly reminder from your Homeowners Association to please refrain from posting signs announcing yard sales, lost pets, etc. on our street signs. Tape will remove the finish from the posts making them unattractive once rust has started to set in. If you would like to find your lost pet or let someone know you have someone's lost pet, please send an email to poplarestates@comcast.net and an email blast will be sent to the entire neighborhood. If you are having a yard sale, please post your sign on a stick and not the street or stop signs.



FRONT GATE

Our front gate looks great, the shrubs are plush and green and the grass is healthy and neat. Some of our annuals are suffering from the intense heat; hopefully we will get some relief soon. We did experience a problem with our irrigation system. Lightning struck the timer and the water ran for an extended period before it was discovered, however, it has been repaired and is working once again.

Frank Monahan has agreed to be the new chair for the front gate committee. He will be calling or sending out requests for volunteers from time to time especially as time draws near to set up our holiday decorations. We will set up the display on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and take it down on the Saturday after New Year's Day. Please mark these dates and help us put up a great display.

As always, we want to express thanks to Lance Hause of Jones Brothers Nursery who furnishes and plants annuals twice each year at our front entrance.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Treasurer John Sander
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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I don't need to tell you what a great neighborhood we live in. With over 900 homes in our Poplar Estates Neighborhood, we are “a community within a community”. Our homeowners association has won many awards, including “Neighborhood of the Year”.

In order to keep our neighborhood as *one of the best*, we ask that you each of you join the Homeowners Association. Our fiscal year runs from September 1 through August 31 and dues are only \$25. These dues help pay for the upkeep of our front entrance at Poplar and Polar Estates Parkway, five social events each year, newsletters, a directory of association members, the neighborhood annual garage sale, email communications, website and so much more. A coupon for membership is on the bank of this newsletter for your convenience in joining.

The slate has been set for our upcoming board elections to be held at our annual summer picnic and there are so many ways to become involved in this neighborhood from helping out with social events to being a part of our neighborhood watch.

I look forward to seeing everybody at the annual August BBQ in the Park.

Gary Smith

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

Our chairperson for the PEHA annual yard sale will be Toni Summers. Toni is new to our neighborhood and to our yard sale program but is eager to help and willing to work. The date for the yard sale is Saturday, October 3. The association will advertise the sale and publish a map with locations of yard sales in the neighborhood. This map will be made available at the Poplar Estates entrance on Poplar Avenue so shoppers can identify all the published sales locations. As usual we will have a truck come by later that afternoon to pick up any unsold merchandise you may want to donate. This is a great opportunity to clean out your closets and storage areas and make a few dollars.

We ask anyone who plans to have a yard sale on that day to call or send an email with your name, address, phone number, email address and what your sale primarily consists of, i.e. children's items, furniture, etc. so we can include that information and your address on the map and so that the committee will have a way to contact you. For information and to register your sale, please contact one of the following:



Toni Summers, Chair	318-489-7499	tssummers1277@gmail.com
Gary Smith	901-754-7963	1webcrzn1@bellsouth.net
Billy Brown	901-755-4961	bbrown6319@aol.com

It is our intent to make this the best Yard Sale ever for our neighborhood.

SAVE THESE DATES

October 24—Our Fall Festival will be held at Poplar Estates Park beginning at 4:30 PM. We will serve hot dogs, chips, beverages, and dessert. In addition, we will have a fire to roast marshmallows for S'mores and steamy hot cocoa to drink plus live entertainment.
December 12—We have reserved the Pickering Center for our December holiday party beginning at 6:00 PM.

BE A PART OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

BOARD ELECTIONS 2015-2016

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: Gary Smith	Billy Brown
Vice President: Ed Nichols	Brian Crenshaw
Treasurer: John Sander	Andrew Inglis
Secretary: Cheryl Smart	John Paul Koch
	Chris Schmidt
	Joanna Young

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRS
Communications: Greg Marcom
Front Gate: Frank Monahan Lance Hause
Garage Sale: Toni Summers
Government: TBD
Lighting Contest: Joy Nichols
Membership: Gary Smith
Neighborhood Watch: Waynette Besser Ed Nichols
Newsletter: Waynette Besser
Social: Chris Vanelli
Website: Gary Smith
Yard of the Month: Doug King

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

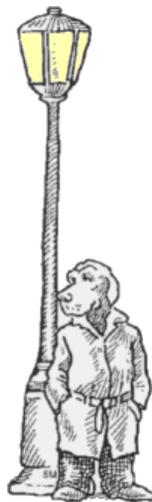
Crime prevention is not, as many would believe, a new topic. However, police departments across the country have come to realize that preventing crime in specific neighborhoods is only one solution to the increasing burdens placed upon their shrinking resources.

Many people are starting to believe that crimes are just a way of life and accept that there is little to be done about the problem. The truth is, however, that neighborhoods and individual citizens can make a difference.

Neighborhoods with active crime resistance programs have experienced great success in reducing crime in their area. These anti-crime programs include friendly "neighbor watching

neighbor" programs in urban areas to roving citizen patrols in high crime neighborhoods.

Crime resistance is not a topic that needs to be taught. We all know what it is that we should do to prevent crime in our neighborhoods; we have heard it all before a hundred times: *lock your doors; keep your garage door closed; use timers on your lights when you leave; don't give information out over the phone and on and on and on.* However, few people actually practice these time proven techniques.



Where are your children at this very moment? Who are they with? What do you know about their friends? Is your garage door closed? Is your house locked? Do your windows and sliding glass doors have pins in them to keep them from being jimmied open? Do you lock your car doors every night? Do you place your belongings inside each night?

Few people could answer the questions above truthfully and still say that they are doing everything that they could do to prevent themselves and their families from becoming a victim of crime. Look around your neighborhood tonight and count the number of garage doors that are left open and the number of bikes left laying in front yards and then imagine what a burglar or vandal would see.

Crime prevention is not a matter of attending a meeting, locking a door or calling the police. It is a way of life that must become second nature. It is an attitude; a way of thinking and behaving that is passed on to other neighbors and to your children. It is an understanding of the problem and a commitment to do something about it. It is healthy, civic involvement in the neighborhood where you have chosen to live and to raise your family. It is the understanding that while the police department is concerned about the problem, they can't do it alone.

Recently an email was sent out to 55 homeowners who said they were interested in forming a neighborhood watch with only one response. So my challenge to all of you is to get to know your neighbors, call them if you see something unusual going on, and please call the GPD when you see any suspicious activity and don't be embarrassed if your suspicions prove unfounded—think instead about what could have happened if you didn't call.

POPLAR ESTATES GARDEN CLUB



Poplar Estates Garden Club's opening meeting will be held on Monday, September 14. Dues are \$20/year and the gardening education is presented by local gardeners. If you would like more information about becoming a member of the Garden Club, please contact President Chris Kelyman at 901-755-4708.

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- ◆ **Annual Summer Picnic**
August 22
- ◆ **Garden Club Opening Meeting**
September 14
- ◆ **Garage Sale**
October 3
- ◆ **October Fall Festival**
October 24

Please mail your check to:

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT FUND

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For more information, please call
or email:

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

BBQ Pork Butt Order Form

- _____ Whole bone-in butt wrapped in foil @ \$30 each
- _____ Whole boneless butt pulled and in a foil pay @ \$35 each
- Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

For only \$25 a year, **your neighborhood association** sponsors multiple opportunities for us to join together as a community. If you would like to become more involved in any of these activities, please contact any member of the association board.

Please mail your dues to:

PLEASE SUPPORT POPLAR ESTATES!

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

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- \$25 Dues
- Neighborhood Improvement Fund \$ _____

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Last Name _____
First Name(s) _____
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List my name in the membership directory: Yes No