



Poplar Estates Homeowners Association

"A Community within a Community"

Neighborhood News

December 2015 Edition

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND HOLIDAY PARTY

Our Holiday party and membership meeting is Saturday December 12th at 6:00 P.M. at the Pickering Center. There will be family fun entertainment plus a great meal. Our planned menu will consist of traditional holiday fare including rolls, salad, smoked turkey breast, smoked pork loin, two vegetables, dessert and beverages.

Happy Holidays!



This will be a fun evening for everyone, especially the kids. Santa Claus will be there with a bag of treats for each child. We will have an encore performance by the wonderful group of young musicians, The Suzuki Music Makers. Come and enjoy these programs, food, and fellowship with your neighbors. All this is at no cost to you.

FRONT GATE

We will set up the holiday decorations at the front gate on Saturday, November 28. Please come to the front gate at 9 AM and help put up another great display. If you can plug in a string of lights, come take part in this neighborhood tradition. Spending a couple of hours decorating your neighborhood is a fun way to work off some turkey!

Also mark your calendars for January 2 to help take down and store the front gate decorations.

POPLAR ESTATES GARDEN CLUB

The garden club will meet Monday, December 14 at the home of Waynette Besser for our annual pot-luck holiday dinner. We will begin at 7 PM and would love to welcome any new members interested in joining our informative garden club.

In January, our meeting will be at the home of Joy Nichols and the speaker is Linda Phillips, Extension Master Garden and her subject will be "Recycle

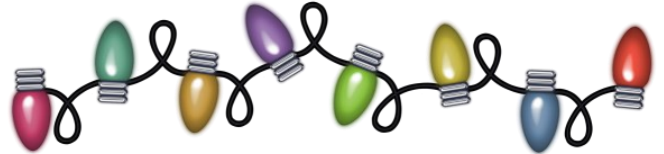


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For more information about this meeting and our club, please contact Chris Kelyman, 901-755-4708, for details.



HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST



Judging for our Holiday lighting contest will be December 15 and 16 from 6 PM to 9 PM. Be sure to turn on your display by at least 6 PM on these two dates. 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

Prizes of \$50.00 in each category will be presented to the winners. Our neighborhood does a great job with their holiday lighting each year, let's make this year the best.

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Our chili cook-off will be at the Pickering Center on Monday, February 22, beginning at 6:00 PM. Mark this date on your calendar as this is always a fun event and will be even better this year. Our program will be a presentation by our Germantown Fire Department. They have some very interesting and useful information that can help us prevent fires and save lives. Get out your best chili recipe because firemen are well known for great chili.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The City of Germantown's Neighborhood Preservation Commission was established to promote and preserve the integrity of residential neighborhoods and bring the community together. Each year the Neighborhood Preservation Commission holds an annual event called the "Neighborhood Summit". The event is to help neighborhoods and other community individuals work together to keep Germantown a desirable place to live. Last month, Billy Brown and I attended the Summit at the Great Hall. PEHA was a sponsor and we had a display table with information on our neighborhood. The summit had two great speakers, Mike Palazzolo & Jason Manuel. Be sure to attend next year's Neighborhood Summit.

Gary Smith



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SAVE THESE DATES:

- ◆ **December Meeting & Holiday Party**
December 12
- ◆ **Garden Club**
December 14
- ◆ **Chili Cook-off**
February 22
- ◆ **Fish Fry**
April 12

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RECIPE CORNER

Peppermint Fudge



- 1 - 14 ounce can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 tablespoon butter + extra for buttering the dish
- 1 pound dark chocolate chips/chunks
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup Andes Peppermint Chunks

Grease an 8 X 8 or 8 X 11 baking dish. Sprinkle half the peppermint chunks in the bottom of the dish and set aside.

Place a medium sauce pot over medium heat with 2 inches of water. Place a glass bowl over the top--making sure the glass doesn't touch the water. Pour the condensed milk and butter in the bowl and heat. Add the chocolate chips and salt in the bowl. Stir the chocolate and watch as it melts and thickens--about 5 minutes. The mixture should thicken to a THICK cake batter consistency--almost too thick to pour. Add both extracts and mix well.

Pour the mixture into the dish. Gently tap the dish on the counter for at least a minute to allow air bubbles to rise to the surface and to smooth the surface. Sprinkle the remaining peppermint chips over the top and refrigerate for at least 3 hours, maybe longer, to set.

To cut, dip a sharp knife in hot tap water, wipe and cut quickly. Dip and wipe the knife between cuts. Cut into 1 inch squares.

Send your recipes to recipecorner@poplarestates.net

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