



Poplar Estates Homeowners Association

"A Community within a Community"

Neighborhood News

February 2016 Edition

PEHA ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF AND POTLUCK SUPPER

Pull out your favorite chili recipe and make plans to cook and enter a pot of chili in our Annual Chili Cook-off, which will be at the Pickering Center on Tuesday, February 22 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 dessert; if your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a salad or veggie. The association will supply beverages, crackers, onions, Fritos, cheese and sour cream. Dinner will be served at 6:45 PM.

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The rules are simple to enter your favorite chili:

- 1) Call or email one of the following:
- 2) Cook a large pot of your favorite chili (bring in a crock-pot so it will stay warm) 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.

Our judges will be Sherrye Clark plus special judges from the **Germantown Fire Department** and the Association will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes.

We have a special program presented by our Germantown fire Department on fire prevention and safety. This will be a great evening of food, fellowship and fun.

WHY SHOULD YOU PAY YOUR DUES BY FEBRUARY 29?

The answer is easy: you can get a year's subscription to the Poplar Estates Homeowner's Association newsletter, you are included in the membership directory, and you will have two chances to win a \$50 gift card (1 to Fresh Market and 1 to Saddle Creek). Most importantly, you will be a part of a homeowners association that greatly cares about each other. The winners will be contacted by phone the first week of March and listed in the next newsletter.



Don't snooze, pay your dues!!!

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 \$35 per ham and they will be available for pickup at 6965 Wynterhall on Saturday, March 26 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:

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Orders must be received by 9 PM on Tuesday, March 31.

GERMANTOWN FACTS AND FIGURES

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On December 8, 2015 the Germantown Planning Commission approved the final TraVure plan development on the 10 acre Kirby Farms property. The Smart Code Review Committee already approved the TraVure project on November 24, 2015.

Greg Marcom and I attended the December 8 Planning Commission meeting and spoke about the increase in unnecessary traffic through Poplar Estates from the TraVure Plan development. The original plan didn't include a traffic signal at their entrance and their study showed this would increase traffic in our neighborhood. In the meeting our Alderman, Forrest Owens, also spoke up about the increased traffic in Poplar Estates. It was suggested that a signal light be installed at the TraVure entrance and connected to the Forum Property. Under the agreement approved by the planning commission, infrastructure for the traffic signal will be built in Phase 3 and activated when 60 percent of the office building is complete instead of 80 percent. In the end, the commission agreed to activate the light earlier if the city engineer says traffic counts warrant it.

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RECIPE CORNER

Broccoli Casserole

1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup plain yogurt
1 1/4 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
1/3 cup blue cheese dressing
2 eggs
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
Flavor Pack from Ramen
6 cups broccoli heads, blanched in salted water for one minute and then into a bowl of ice water, drain when cooled
12 ounces sliced mushrooms, sauteed in 1 tablespoon butter for 5 minutes
1 package chicken flavored Ramen noodles, broken up

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

In a bowl combine mayonnaise, yogurt, 1 C cheddar cheese, blue cheese dressing, eggs, salt, pepper, and flavor pack from noodles.

In a separate bowl combine broccoli, mushrooms, and broken noodles then toss together wet mixture and vegetables to evenly coat.

Place in an 8 by 8-inch baking dish that has been sprayed with non-stick cooking spray, add remaining cheddar cheese and cook for 45 minutes covered. Then remove cover and bake for additional 15 minutes to brown. Cool for 15 minutes before serving. Serves: 6 to 8 servings.

Send your recipes to recipecorner@poplarestates.net



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POPLAR ESTATES GARDEN CLUB



The February 8 meeting of the PEGC will be at the home of Barbara Dodge, 14100 Tuscany Way. Our guest speaker will be Ginny Fletcher, Master Gardener, and she will educate us on container gardening. The March meeting will be at the home of Mary Ann Blain, 1563 Riverdale Road, and Brooks Brownlee of

Brownlee Farms will discuss growing strawberries to pumpkins. All meetings begin at 7 PM.

If you would like more information about becoming a member of the Garden Club, please contact President Chris Kelyman at 901-755-4708.

FEBRUARY IS.....

American Heart Month and Black History Month but it is also known as Youth Leadership Month, Friendship Month and Library Lovers Month. This year is a leap year so there are 29 days in February.

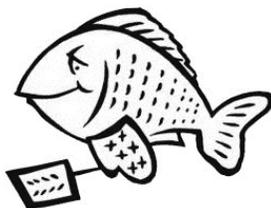


We all know that on February 2 we are anxious to see if the ground hog saw his shadow and also the month to celebrate those you love on Valentine's Day but did you know that February 7 is *Wave All Your Fingers at Your Neighbor Day*? On February 15 we will celebrate all of our

Presidents but on February 17 we should celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Day.

APRIL FISH FRY

Our April membership meeting will be a fish fry with all the trimmings at the Pickering center on Tuesday April 12 beginning at 6:00 PM. In the past, our fish fries always bring out a crowd so mark your calendar and plan to join your neighbors in an evening of food fellowship and fun for the entire family. Our program and further information will be published in our April newsletter.



POPLAR ESTATES BUNCO

Last summer just over a dozen women from the neighborhood got together to form a bunco group and meet in neighborhood homes on the last Tuesday of every month.

Bunco is a social dice game involving 100% luck and no skill but always includes lots of laughter. Everyone brings something to share—appetizers, desserts, and/or libations.



This group is chaired by Toni Summers and we communicate through our private Facebook page—Poplar Estates Bunco Group. If you are interested in becoming a sub for this group, please ask to be a member of this group or call Toni Summers.

FRONT GATE

Thanks to all those who came out to help decorate the front gate for the holidays. The display looked great again as usual. Thanks also to those who helped take down and store our holiday decorations.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Our holiday party was really great. Our food was good, attendance was great and to the delight of the many kids present Santa came by to visit with the kids and take pictures. Our entertainment was presented by a local music school. We want to thank the Suzuki Music Makers composed of kids from 7 to 16 years of age, led by Maryann Meers. The music was wonderful.

HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

Congratulations to John & Michele Cordera, 1391 Corsica Cove for winning first place in overall best lighting display and Rosie Weidamen, 1847 Woodridge Cove for the best front entry display. Each was awarded a \$50 check from the neighborhood association.

Thanks again to Poplar Estates Garden Club for judging the lighting contest again this year and thanks to everyone who participated in lighting up Poplar Estates in such a beautiful way.



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- ◆ **Garden Club Meeting**
February 8
March 14
- ◆ **Chili Cook-off**
February 22
- ◆ **Fish Fry**
April 12

Please mail your check to:

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NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT FUND

Smoked Spiral Ham Order Form

- _____ Smoked Spiral Ham @ \$35 each
- _____ Smoked & Glazed Spiral Ham @ \$35 each
- Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Please mail your dues to:

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PLEASE SUPPORT POPLAR ESTATES!

Please make your check payable to PEHA in the amount of \$25 for 2015/16.

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