



NEWSLETTER

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POPLAR ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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10th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF AND POTLUCK SUPPER

Thursday, February 10th @ 6:00 p.m.
Pickering Center
Everyone is invited!



Pull out your favorite chili recipe and make plans to enter a pot of chili in our 10th Annual Chili Cook-Off. However, you don't have to cook a pot of chili to attend - just bring a salad or dessert

according to your last name. Here are the rules:

1. Call Patty Nelius, 755-5393, Billy Brown, 755-4961, or email poplarestates@comcast.net or bbrown6319@aol.com to register your chili.
2. Cook a large crock pot of your favorite chili and don't forget your ladle.
3. Be in place by 6:15 - appearance and presentation are important!
4. Judging is at 6:30 promptly.

Dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m. If your last name begins with A-M, bring a salad; if your last name begins with N-Z, bring a dessert. The association will supply beverages, crackers, onions, Fritos, cheese and sour cream.

As a special treat, we have asked our neighborhood security specialist, Jonathan Frase, to speak to us about personal and home security.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

LAST CALL!! To have your name included in the published neighborhood directory, we must receive your membership dues of \$25 by February 25th (coupon on back page of newsletter). Our goal is to have the directory published and in the homes of our membership by April 1st. Please support your neighborhood association with your dues. This is how we exist and how we continue to make our neighborhood a better place to live.

FOR \$25 HERE ARE THE REASONS TO JOIN POPLAR ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION:

INFORMATION: Keep informed on what is happening nearby that can affect the value of your home (neighboring developments, local schools, updates on neighborhood crime, park updates, street changes, zoning changes, etc.).

NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENTS: Beautiful landscaped front gate entrance from Poplar Avenue, front gate holiday displays, holiday lighting contest, yard of the month recognition, and decorative street signs throughout the entire neighborhood.

CONTACT WITH CITY GOVERNMENT: Poplar Estates Homeowners Association is a well known and respected voice in our city. We have numerous members on Commissions and we are an active part of the Council of Neighborhood Associations. One of our members is a government representative who keeps us informed on happenings in city government.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS: We publish a membership directory (available only to members) of those who wish to be listed, publish five newsletters each year, offer an email hotline for up to moment information on concerns of residents, maintain an outstanding website with a craftsman's guide, and five parties per year which offer fun, food, information and an opportunity for you to get to know your neighbors.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Schools!!!! They are in the news everywhere. Whether it's "Waiting for Superman" (the movie about the failure of our public schools) or Memphis School Board talking about revoking their charter, schools are in the news. What's more, none of it seems to be about how good our schools are or how well they are doing.

Here in Poplar Estates we have a lot of folks who no longer have children in school. It's still very important to us. The two things that made Germantown a great community were public safety and quality schools. If Memphis votes to turn in its charter, things are going to be chaotic. If it does not, folks are still going to be paying a lot of attention to school issues. Our property values and our taxes are going to be seriously impacted by whatever happens, even if no big change comes.

What does it mean to us? First and foremost, it means we need to pay attention to this issue whether or not we have children in school. Second, it means we need to do whatever



we can do to encourage top quality education at Riverdale and in Germantown secondary schools. With change comes opportunity but the way to take advantage

of opportunity is to be prepared. Watch the issue develop, consider how you think we can best support our schools and then make your voice known. Right now I am seriously considering how we could make this change work for us by creating our own Germantown school district. I have no doubt that Germantown runs most everything better than any other local government and I certainly think we could run our own schools better as well.

Jim Dodge, President

FRONT GATE NEWS

Our holiday display was again beautiful and in keeping with the festive mood of the season. We want to thank everyone who came out on Saturday, November 27th to help put up the display and those who came out on Saturday, January 8th to take the decorations down and prepare them for storage.

LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS

Our neighborhood had many beautiful lighting displays again this year. After reviewing the entire neighborhood, the judges chose the following winners:

First Place - Overall: Kelly Shepherd
1384 Corsica Cove

First Place - Entry: Dick & Sandy Powers
1299 Winterberry Cove

THANK YOU SANTA!!

Many thanks to Santa, Bob Levins of 1377 Brookside Drive for all he does in December. Santa was out front on his sleigh for two weeks before Christmas taking requests from the kids and then made his deliveries on Christmas Eve. Thanks to the greatest Santa ever!

ITALIAN POTLUCK DINNER

April 18th at 6 p.m. is the time and the Pickering Center is the place for the PEHA Italian Potluck Dinner. Mark your calendar, dust off your recipes and plan to bring your favorite Italian dish. More details to follow in the March/April newsletter.



SPIRAL HAMS FOR EASTER

Master Cooker Chris Vanelli has again agreed to use his magic touch to smoke and/or glaze those delicious spiral sliced hams for Easter. The projected cost will be \$30 and the hams will be available for pickup at 6965 Wynterhall on Saturday, April 23rd from 1-4 p.m. Orders must be received by 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19th. For information or to order, call or email Billy Brown (755-4961 - bbrown6319@aol.com), Chris Vanelli (756-3875 - chris@vanelli.net) or poplarestates@comcast.net. When ordering please remember to specify smoked or smoked and glazed.

LOST DOG OR CAT???

If your pet is lost in the neighborhood or you know someone who has lost a pet in a surrounding neighborhood, send an email to poplarestates@comcast.net and an email blast will be sent out to our email list. Many pets have been safely returned to their owners because of this service offered by our neighborhood association.

PEHA EMAIL NETWORK

If you wish to receive periodic email updates from the Poplar Estates Homeowners Association, please send your email address to poplarestates@comcast.net. You will be added to our master list. Please be assured that this information will not be given out to others but used as a method for us to keep you informed about neighborhood events and happenings. If you have information that you feel is important and needs to be distributed to your fellow neighbors, please email us at the same address.

PEHA and GARDEN CLUB SPONSOR 2011 PRINCESS FOR THE GERMANTOWN CHARITY HORSE SHOW

This year the Germantown Charity Horse Show will be held June 7th - 11th at the Germantown Charity Horse Show grounds.

Representing our Homeowners Association is Shelby Allen Glass, granddaughter of Margaret Owens, PEHA member.

Shelby is a Senior at Houston High School and is the daughter of Forrest Owens and Teresa Glass Owens.

The Poplar Estates Garden Club's princess is Paige Allen, daughter of Steven Allen and Jaci & Lance Glidden. Paige is a Senior at Germantown High School.

Congratulations Shelby and Paige! We all know you will represent us well!



POPLAR ESTATES GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club meets the second Monday of each month (September - May) at member homes. Our December meeting was a Holiday Party carry-in with a short meeting between dinner and dessert. At the January 10th meeting, Evelyn Talada, Master Gardener, talked about plant propagation.



On February 14th Kay McAdams, Master Gardener, will give her presentation "How I Garden, Practical Advice on Organic Gardening" at the home of Katie Garino, 2036 Glenbuck Cove.

The March meeting is when we have our Installation of Officers and this year we will dine at Brooklyn Bridge. April's meeting will be presented by Caroline Nave, Master Gardener, and her topic is about the Iris. In May our very own Master Gardener, Susan Threlkeld, will give a hands on presentation about container herb gardening.

If you are interested in joining or just checking out the Poplar Estates Garden Club, please call Joy Nichols at 737-7444 (h) or 831-9143 (c).

DECORATIVE STREET SIGNS

Please do not tape signs for lost pets or for any other reason to our decorative street signs. These signs are very expensive and tape will ruin the finish. If your pet is lost, please email poplarestates@comcast.net and we will send out an email to the entire neighborhood about your missing pet. If this defacing of our signs continues, we will turn these notices with phone numbers over to code enforcement.



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Please Support Poplar Estates!

Membership renewal coupon for those who cannot attend our meeting.

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P.O. Box 382572, Germantown, TN 38183-2572

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$25 for 2011 PEHA dues.

Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____ to the Neighborhood Improvement Fund.

Last Name: _____

First Name(s): _____
(Include husband's and wife's names for directory)

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

List my name in the membership directory Yes ___ No ___

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JOIN TODAY!!!