

THE PEPPER POT

SUMMER 2017

Circulating Pepper Tree Farms for over 40 years!

Pepper Tree Farms Improvement Association

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PTF H.O.A. Update

Hope you're enjoying your summer in Pepper Tree! The pool is another splashing hit, there are cookouts galore and the animals are thriving in our picturesque neighborhood.

Just a reminder, the association board members created plans to divide and conquer some of the responsibilities of running our Association.

The four sub-committees include:

1. Common Grounds
2. Communications
3. Social
4. Pool

Please jump on board and volunteer some of your time to help! In addition, new board members are always welcome to step up.

Sincerely,

PTF H.O.A.

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."
Mahatma Ghandi*

Stay Connected

The Pepper Pot is just one of the ways to stay connected with neighborhood news.



You can:

- Join the "Pepper Tree Farms" Facebook Group – Daily Individual posts from neighbors from home improvement questions to event reminders. Read, submit, comment...
- Share your email address – Only news you can use, no spam. Contact Jill Newman, jillsnewman@yahoo.com, to add or change and email address.
- Visit our Web site at www.peppertreefarms.com – Historical info, images, by-laws, guidelines and more!
- Other – Yard signs, Pool white boards and walking around the neighborhood.



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**Add your name to the list.
Join a committee today!**

POOL NEWS



Reduced Summer Hours

With kids back to school this month, the pool adjusts its working hours. Please check Facebook or stop by the pool for an updated end of season schedule coming soon.

Puppy Paddle

Please check Facebook or stop by the pool for upcoming news on the Puppy Paddle in September.

Make Your Next Party a Splash!

Peppertree Pool is the perfect place for your next gathering! Graduation parties, birthdays, showers, girls night, sports teams - a great location for a good time! Contact kim@swimwithsplash.com for availability. <http://www.swimwithsplash.com/>

Neighborhood Watch

Like any neighborhood, we can be prone to pesky troubles to real perils. Below are a few items that popped up this summer:

- **Vehicle contents theft** - Please be sure to lock your doors every night. Don't leave anything valuable in it. Keep your garage door clicker safely stored as well to avoid interior theft.
- **Vandalism** - Recent "egging" of cars in the neighborhood is not only annoying, but can do serious damage to your car's paint. Take a picture of the damage and report any issues to the police. Spray off the vehicle immediately to avoid further damage.
- **Lost Pets** - We had a few furry friends wandering around the neighborhood. Consider getting your pet micro-chipped. That way, if they are found, the police can quickly identify and return your pet.
- **Suspicious Behavior** - See a vehicle or person that looks out of place or shouldn't be there? Be sure to report it to the Police. Pay attention to details such as physical characteristics and make/model/license plate. The Palatine Police can increase surveillance in the neighborhood.

If you have any updates, or if you're a neighbor interested in helping watch your street, please advise your neighborhood watch captain, Laura Lazicki @ llazicki1@yahoo.com or 847-934-6499.

Heavy Rains

Special thank you to Kathy and Chris Butler who went well over their duties of being great neighbors. Kathy and Chris stepped up to remove the dead fish from the pathway near Dundee after our recent floods. Thank you to all the neighbors who take so many extra steps without being asked.

A few quick tips to help when heavy rains are in the forecast:

- Keep storm drains clear from leaves and debris.
- Keep sediment and debris from driveways. They can also clog drains and cause flooding.
- Keep debris and leaves from gutters and downspouts so the water flows away from your property.
- Watch for items such as grass clippings, wood or rocks in streams or drainage ditches which can stop the flow of water. If you see a flooding issue, please report it to the village.
- Make sure your sump pump is in good working order.
- Don't drive through standing water, you don't know how deep it is.
- Don't walk through flooded areas, you could lose your balance or trip on what's below.

Fundraiser Recap

As many of you know, our beloved Pepper Tree resident, Cherie Bott, is battling ALS disease. The Bott Family would like to express their sincere thanks to all Pepper Tree friends for the support in their "Cherie's Beat ALS Summer Bash" fundraiser. They had 155 people attend and raised over \$4k for others and Cherie. "You made us feel so loved," shared Cherie, George and Family. Special thank you to all of the Pepper Tree residents who have donated their time, money, food and efforts in helping Cherie with her battle.

If you know of a resident in need of meals or other support, please contact one of the board members or take it upon yourself to set up a meal schedule. (<http://www.takethemameal.com/>)

It's easy and so appreciated.



Volunteer Needed

We're looking for a volunteer to look into walkway replacement from Garden Avenue to the pool. Please contact Scott Elzer if you're able to help out getting estimates, permit, approval etc. No long term commitment required.



Pooch Pick Up

It seems we have solved some of the dog remnant issues. We are fortunately no longer seeing any doggy poop bags being tossed into the pool picnic area, but we are seeing lots of dog remains along the path from Oak to the pool. It's unclear if this is caused by Pepper Tree members, so please keep an eye out for violators. Please pick up after your dog so we don't have to write about poop. :-)

New Resident?

Welcome to our wonderful, friendly, active neighborhood! We would love to meet you and help you get connected so you don't miss out on any of the fun PTF events.

1. Join the Peppertree Farms Facebook Group. This is a private group for residents of Pepper Tree Farms only. Search "Pepper Tree Farms" and request to be added to the group.
2. Contact Lyndsey Menning (menningspt@gmail.com) to arrange a meeting with the welcoming committee. We can let you know about all of the upcoming PTF events, introduce you to neighbors, help with community info, and bring a few goodies your way.



NEW EVENTS

Ladies Night – 10/19

Sharon Kelly is looking for a volunteer to host the next Ladies' Night on 10/19. Please contact her at 847-963-8661 if you're interested in hosting. Then, watch for an email and Facebook communication on the final location. C'mon guys, when is your next Guys' Night?



Progressive Dinner – September 16, 6pm-12am

Please see the enclosed flyer to sign up for the biggest and longest running event in Pepper Tree. (Adults only). Jan Zaleski, Sandy Downer and Nancy Geary are planning a night to remember. Please offering your home to host appetizers, dinner or dessert. We make it very easy, and your house doesn't need a remodel, just a welcome mat! Drop off your form to 101 East Pepper Tree by 8/21 for the special Early Bird rate!

EVENT RECAP

PTF Block Party

Oh wasn't that a party? Special thanks to Block Party coordinators: Sarah Mikulski, Aqeela Kidder and Natalie Sahinoglu for a wonderful event for the whole family. We enjoyed a gorgeous day with pool, pizza, ice cream sundae bar, multiple games, bounce house, visit from the Fire Department and even had a movie night for the kiddos. And who can forget the adult and kid's limbo and splash contest. Congratulations to all the winners! Thanks to the Smith Family as well for the use of their flat screen and the many volunteers who helped set up and take down.



Ladies' Night

Thank you to Mary Dalton for hosting the summer Ladies' Night at your home! Many of the ladies commented on the wonderful hostess, home, conversation and food. Mostly, they commented on the adorable new Pepper Tree lady, Charlotte Kidder (Seth and Aqeela's new baby) who came to visit.



Help Wanted

There are plenty of other events to plan. Grab a partner and get involved! Please see a Board Member to volunteer! Example ideas you can plan: Bags night, Bingo, Bunco, Chalk Art Contest, Play Group, Walking Group, Fitness Challenge, Brew Club, House Walk etc.



Resource Corner

Village Highlights

Citizen Police Academy

The Palatine Police Department is now accepting applications for the fall session of the Citizen Police Academy that will run from September 6th through October 25th on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. The Citizen Police Academy is a unique opportunity for participants to gain insight into the world of law enforcement as well as foster positive relationships with the officers who serve in their community.

Numerous members of the department will be instructing during the eight week academy with classroom lectures and hands on experience.

The goal of the Citizen Police Academy is to educate citizens regarding the law enforcement profession and to strive to work cooperatively with the residents of Palatine to make our community a safe place to live and work.

For more information:

<https://www.palatine.il.us/771/Citizen-Police-Academy>

Palatine Street Fest

The Village of Palatine will host the annual Palatine Street Fest on Friday, August 25 through Sunday, August 27, 2017. Join us for live entertainment, food and family fun! Headlining bands will include Sister Hazel, Wedding Banned, and 7th Heaven. Check out our Street Fest website and Facebook page for a full line-up of bands, participating food vendors, and non-profit organizations, and schedule activities for kids and family.

For more information: <https://www.palatine.il.us/>

Leaf Collection Time and Guidelines

In preparation for fall leaves. Please mark your calendar for the following leaf pick up dates and guidelines for what, where and when to rake them:

10/19

11/2

11/13

For more information:

<https://www.palatine.il.us/236/Leaf-Collection-Guidelines>

PHS Varsity Football Schedule (As of 8/2)

Courtesy of <http://www.maxpreps.com/>

Date	Opponent
8/25 7:30p	Stevenson (Lincolnshire, IL) Location: Palatine High School
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9/1 7:30p	@ Wheeling (Wheeling, IL) Location: Wheeling High School
9/8 7:30p	@ Evanston (Evanston, IL) Game Details: @ EVANSTON
9/15 7:30p	Maine South (Park Ridge, IL) Location: Palatine High School
9/22 7:30p	@ Schaumburg (Schaumburg, IL) * Location: Schaumburg High School
9/28 6:00p	Barrington (Barrington, IL) * Location: Palatine High School
10/6 7:30p	@ Fremd (Palatine, IL) * Location: Fremd High School Rivalry Game
10/13 7:30p	Conant (Hoffman Estates, IL) * Location: Palatine High School
10/20 7:30p	Hoffman Estates (Hoffman Estates, IL) * Location: Palatine High School



It's time for PTF's *biggest* event of the season...

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, September 16, 2017, 6:00 PM

We'll meet as a group for appetizers, split up into small groups for dinner, and get back together for desserts and fun. We'll bring our own adult beverages to the dessert house. Come and enjoy a great night with Pepper Tree Farms friends and neighbors!

To secure your spot at this annual event, please drop your completed form and payment (checks payable to Pepper Tree Farms) to Sandy Downer, 101 East Pepper Tree Drive. *Early Bird Special! \$30 per person, if paid by 8/21/17.* \$35 per person if paid between 8/22/17—9/5/17. Final counts will be completed on 9/6/17. Details about host homes will be distributed a week before the event.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Please indicate if you can:

- Host an Appetizer House (Quick 90 minutes of FUN! May only need 1-2)
- Be a dinner house (It's easy! We prep and deliver to you! Please consider, we usually need 8-10)
- Host the Dessert House (Will randomly select if you indicate YES)
- Help with food prep and/or distribution (On 9/15, Jan's house!)

Please indicate your contribution preference:

- Appetizer
- Dessert

2017 Coordinators:

- ❖ Jan Zaleski 847-308-2810
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- ❖ Nancy Geary 847-867-5171