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Virtual *Recreation*

While the Pleasant Ridge Community Center and play structures at Gainsboro and Community Center Park remain closed, you can visit the PR Facebook page for fun, creative, and educational content to help stay active and engaged while sheltering in place. *Remember that we may be isolated, but we aren't alone.*

For any recreation needs, **please contact 248-541-2902 or email Shawnie at [sstamper@cityofpleasantridge.org](mailto:ssstamper@cityofpleasantridge.org)**

Visit our Facebook link:

<https://www.facebook.com/pleasantridgerec>



Once every decade, the U.S. Census works to count every person living in the United States. Every Michigander needs to be counted, because census numbers affect everyone in Michigan - including seniors, students, kids, parents, businesses and communities.

If you have questions about how to fill out the information, **please contact Shawnie Stamper at [sstamper@cityofpleasantridge.org](mailto:ssstamper@cityofpleasantridge.org)**.

BE COUNTED! <https://2020census.gov>

For any recreation questions, please contact the **Pleasant Ridge Recreation Department** via phone 248-541-2902 or email: [sstamper@cityofpleasantridge.org](mailto:ssstamper@cityofpleasantridge.org)



Taking Care of Each Other

In the war against the coronavirus, Pleasant Ridge is on the front lines. Our community has many doctors, nurses and other first responders working nearly around the clock in difficult conditions, facing overcrowded hospitals, shortage of masks and other medical gear while watching the situation get more dire by the day.

These neighbors and friends are the warriors in this life-or-death battle and we have the opportunity to show them not only our appreciation but to lend them some much-needed support.

“Neighbors that Care” is a resident-driven initiative, conceived by Paul Eisenstein, and supported by The Pleasant Ridge Foundation. Our mission is to help take care of those who are caring for so many. One of the things we are planning to provide for first responders and their families with is food or food baskets, as it is likely difficult for them to find the time to shop or cook.

We will be asking the community to help us to identify all of our neighbors who should be recognized and supported. We also will be seeking donations to support this effort. You can chip in via the PayPal account on the pleasantridgefoundation.com website.

We will communicate much more about the “Neighbors that Care” program in the coming days and weeks through various channels including: pleasantridgefoundation.com, Facebook, our community groups and local press. In the interim, any questions or nominations can be directed to PRneighborsthatcare@gmail.com.

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“We only have what we give.” – Isabel Allende

Giving Back

The Pleasant Ridge Foundation is very thankful to the local businesses that have always supported our foundation and community. We feel now it is our turn to help them out in their time of need. The Pleasant Ridge Foundation will be buying \$3,000 worth of gift certificates from local businesses to support them. We will utilize these gift certificates at the Auction on October 3, 2020.

We are also asking all of our community to join us in this endeavor. If you can, please buy a gift certificate from a local business. If you want to donate it for the upcoming auction, that would be greatly appreciated. Let us continue to show why our city is such a wonderful community that supports each other. Thank you!

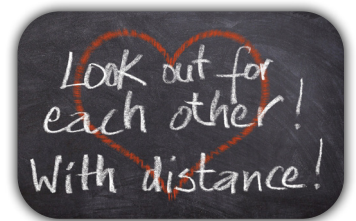


Be a Good Neighbor, Help the PR Community

If you need help, or are willing to help others, we have created a PR neighborhood volunteer hub on the website at www.cityofpleasantridge.org/volunteer

If you need help, you can fill out a request form on the website, email sstamper@cityofpleasantridge.org or gcalbeck@cityofpleasantridge.org, or call us at 248-541-2902. We anticipate that some residents may need help with shopping or yard work, but please reach out with anything that you need help with.

We will post volunteer opportunities on the website if you are looking to help your neighbors during this public health crisis.



www.cityofpleasantridge.org/volunteer

Social Distancing: Common Sense Guidelines

Until effective treatments or a vaccine is developed, the most important tool we have in the fight against COVID-19 is social distancing. The State has ordered all persons to shelter in place and to only leave the house to work if your job is essential and requires you to be in-person, or to perform an essential activity.

Essential activities include working at an essential service, shopping at the pharmacy or grocery stores, doctor visits, or outdoor recreation as long as you are maintaining proper social distancing. Refer to www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/ for guidance and State orders related to COVID-19.

If you are going outside, it is important that you maintain at least six feet of distance between yourself and others, preferably more. Our parks are open for use except for all play structures, the basketball courts, and the Gainsboro shelter. If you are using parks you must maintain proper separation from other people – we recommend at least 15 feet of separation from any other person if you are exercising because studies show you can spread the virus more than six feet while under exertion.