

## Jingle Bell Jog

I know some of you are saying, Jingle Bells? That's right; Christmas is just around the corner. I'm sure you have noticed the Christmas decorations at the Mall, and the advertising for all kinds of Christmas traditions such as the Fantasy of Trees and Christmas at Dollywood. The Powell Community, however, has its own traditions every year. This includes the Powell Lions Parade, and the Community Club's, Lighting of the Greenway. This week I want to talk about an event that the Powell Business and Professional Association, (PBPA) sponsors.

The 3ed Annual Jingle Bell Jog is scheduled for Saturday December 2ed. This is a 5K certified run that is scheduled to start at 5:30 just before the annual parade. This 5K run was organized by the PBPA as a way to fund the Teen Driver Awareness Program. This program has several purposes including, increasing awareness of the number of teen fatalities that the Powell Community has experienced in the past and have a positive impact on teen drivers in Powell. All monies raised from this 5K run will benefit Teen Driver Awareness Month.

Teen driver awareness month currently takes place in March just before spring break. The program is designed to encourage teen drivers to be more responsible when they get behind the wheel of a car. In addition, teen drivers learn that the actions they choose affect not only themselves but also have far reaching consequences on others inside and outside of their vehicle.

This program generally runs four weeks. During this time the teens listen to presenters such as Rusty Wallace, Emergency Room Trauma Doctors, and survivors that were involved in teen accidents. In addition, a real life mock wreck is set up in the parking lot that takes students from the extraction of the victims to the arrest of the responsible party.

Although, this program was originally started by the PBPA to benefit Powell High School and its community, their goal is to script a program that can be duplicated in other communities by other community groups. This program only works when the community gets behind it. I encourage you to show your support by running in the 5K or just get a group of friends together to walk the 1-mile course. Either way, participation only costs \$15 when you register by the 24<sup>th</sup> or \$20 the day of the race. Registration forms can be downloaded from [www.PowellBandP.com](http://www.PowellBandP.com) or you may pick up a registration form from area sponsors. Registration starts at 4pm at Grounds and Sounds located at the corner of Brickyard and Emory Rd. Parking is available in the parking lot behind Powell High School. This race will run rain or shine and all participates will receive a free t-shirt and goody bag.

This program could not have been possible without the support of key sponsors. Special thanks go to Platinum sponsors; Emory Family Practice, Heritage Pools, Vaughn Pharmacy, and Rusty Wallace Honda.

The Computer Depot believes that community involvement is an important part of any local business. This is why we are proud members of the PBPA. If you have any questions concerning this program or other PBPA program email [PBPA@comcast.net](mailto:PBPA@comcast.net) or call me at 947-0749. Check back for a computer related article next week!