

PETIQUETTE



Please remember there is a leash law in Frankfort, and since Prestwick is part of the Village, the law applies to our residents, too. For the safety of children, walkers, joggers, yourself and your dog, please remember that dogs need to be kept on a leash at all times.

We are sad to report that there was a recent incident this spring where a child in Prestwick was bitten after getting off of her school bus by a Prestwick resident's dog. Fortunately, the child will be okay, but these frightening experiences remind us that we all need to be a little more careful

and keep control of our pets. In addition please be a considerate neighbor and pick up after your dog!

EXOTIC PET BIRD FOUND IN PRESTWICK

Neighbor Denise Bockwoldt recently found a beautiful, red and purple, parrot-type bird at the Shetland entrance to Prestwick. She took it to Frankfort Animal Hospital on Laraway Road. They have not been able to find an owner and are caring for it. The vet said it is a very expensive exotic bird. If you own this bird or know its owner, please contact Frankfort Animal Hospital at 815-469-9300. Thank you!



THANK YOU TO FORMER PRESIDENT DAN SMITH

The PHA Board would like to thank Board member Dan Smith, who served as President of the Board for 3 years. His tenure was marked by improved communication between the residents and the Association, many upgrades in entrance landscaping and more positive and open communication and cooperation between the Village of Frankfort and the PHA Board.

The Board positions are volunteer, and the Board officers frequently give time over and above the norm. We appreciate Dan's efforts to serve our neighborhood and keep Prestwick the beautiful community that we know and love. If you see him out and about in Frankfort, be sure to give him your thanks, too!

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ENTRANCE LANDSCAPING PHASE II PLANS

By Janice Werner, Board Secretary

"He who plants trees is blessed by generations who will never know him."
~ Van Dyke

Last year, Paul Koreman was commissioned to beautify the entrances of our neighborhood. His intuition led him to select native species from our Illinois prairie roots. A season's passing of time has proved his intuition correct. The colors provided at the Aberdeen and Sauk Trail entrances add continuity and beauty to the four landscape beds.

In addition, a remarkable feature of his design is its harmony with the surrounding fauna, rendering an air of timelessness. Indeed Prestwick developer MacIntosh first

instilled this sense of timelessness when he preserved the 100-150 year old trees which we all enjoy.

This year the PHA Board commissioned Marikay Witlock to further enhance our landscape. Ms. Witlock, a professional artist and landscape designer, has been asked to incorporate "hardscape" aspects such as lighting and stone into Koreman's design.

In June the PHA Board will review Witlock's plans so as to implement her ideas next season.

The Board would like to thank Mr. Koreman and Ms. Witlock for their efforts.

EXPANDED 2007 PHA DIRECTORY AD SECTION

In our effort to increase advertising revenues from the 2007 PHA Directory, we greatly increased the number and variety of businesses and organizations represented. When you receive your new edition, you will find a range of resources from a professional pet sitter to a south suburban art gallery. Landscaping businesses, insurance companies, and numerous other useful services

are all included. We would encourage you to familiarize yourself with the ad section so when a need arises, you are aware of local services that may be exactly what you are looking for. Many of the business owners are residents of our neighborhood or our Village and most have, at some point, provided services to Prestwick residents.

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BEAUTIFICATION OF PRESTWICK
By President Jim Nolting

As the weather gets nicer and spring turns to summer, people turn their attention to the outdoors. We are working in our yards and cleaning up after a long winter and spring, all to add to the beauty of our scenic neighborhood. It is also the time that we notice what is not being taken care of in our area. As you drive down your street, I am sure you take note of who keeps up their property and who does not. The beautiful homes, well-maintained lawns, plantings and landscaping all catch your eye. Then there are the properties where things are not maintained – tall grass full of weeds and dandelions, trees full of dead limbs, debris and broken structures, aging homes in need of a little TLC – all impact everyone. This is not just about property values (and yes, this does seriously impact your property value) but the overall environment where we live, as well.

As members of the Prestwick

Homeowners Board, we are committed to trying to address the concerns of neighbors, along with improving and maintaining a level of excellence in our neighborhood. Over the past month, Board members have received several phone calls and emails from neighbors reporting concerns about unkempt properties. Along with encouraging these individuals to report their concerns to the Village, the PHA has also decided to go one step further. As concerns are reported, the Board will send a letter to the homeowner addressing the concern. The reporter will not be identified, but the specific complaint will be outlined. This will be done in as positive a manner as possible, taking into consideration special circumstances facing the homeowner. The emphasis must be on our responsibility as neighbors who are sensitive to our role in maintaining the quality of our Prestwick area. Please consider that a "complaint" is actually a step toward quality improvement!

TURN IN A NEIGHBOR (for a Beautification Award)

The PHA Board has created a new program which encourages residents to "TURN IN A NEIGHBOR" for a PHA Beautification Award. You can nominate your neighbor(s) for either the "Most Beautiful Yard/Garden" or the "Most Improved Yard/Garden". Winners will be listed in the next published newsletter, along with photos of the winning gardens/ yards being posted on our PHA

web site (with winner permission, of course).

Please help us kick off these awards with a bang and TURN IN A NEIGHBOR today!! You can either email Jim Nolting (janolting@aol.com) with the category, nominated resident name/address and your contact info OR cut out the small form to the right and mail it to the PHA, c/o Tom Barz, 900 Prestwick Dr., Frankfort, IL 60423.

HOME RENOVATIONS

The Prestwick Homeowners Board (PHA) welcomes improvements to homes in our community. We all know that continued maintenance and renovation keeps all of our property values up. In order to maintain the high standards we all expect in Prestwick, the Board needs to approve all outside building projects valued at over \$1,000.

Please notify the Board of any outside building project valued at over \$1,000. As the Village of Frankfort and the Board maintain a close working relationship regarding the issuance of permits, involving the Board before you start your project will ensure that we can help smooth the way for your permit approval.

It's easy to contact the Board if you are working on an outside renovation. Just call Tom Barz at 815-469-5100 or Bill Matevich at 815-464-6464. Thank you!

TURN IN A NEIGHBOR

(For a Beautification Award)

Nominee _____

Nominee Address _____

Your Name _____

Your Phone/Email _____

Category (circle one):

MOST BEAUTIFUL YARD/GARDEN

MOST IMPROVED YARD/GARDEN

Email info to janolting@aol.com or clip and mail to PHA, 900 Prestwick Dr., Frankfort, IL.

FOR COMPLAINTS ABOUT NON-MAINTENANCE of RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, PLEASE CONTACT ANY BOARD MEMBER. SEE PAGE 1 for BOARD CONTACT #s.

SUMMER CARE FOR YOUR ROSES by Resident Rich Misiorowski



After the worst winter in the last 4 to 5 decades as far as perennial garden plants are concerned, we Prestwick gardeners need to get our perennials back into shape in order for them to "show-off" their blossoms and be an integral part of our gardens. As president of the Sauk Trail Rose Society, I know that all types of roses were severely impacted by the past horrendous winter forcing rose growers to "Shovel Prune" a high percentage of their rose collection. Even the hardy "shrub" roses had an exceptionally high mortality rate. Those roses that did come back and their recently purchased replacements need to get good summer care from all of us so that these plants will provide us with continuous blooms and fragrance over this upcoming summer and early fall.

So here are a few tips that you might consider for your roses:

1. The three most important things for rose care is water, then water and then
2. Roses love food. Organic based fertilizers break down slowly and add porosity to the hard clay-based soils we have in Prestwick. Slow release chemical fertilizers are used successfully in many rose gardens, with many products available at our local garden centers. Follow the instructions as to amounts and re-application frequency. Many rosarians follow up their solid fertilization program with periodic application of water soluble fertilizer feedings using a Miracle Grow type product.
3. Disease prevention is a must for those rose varieties that are prone to getting black spot, mildew

lastly water. Roses need to get watered about every 2-3 days depending on ambient temperature, humidity and wind. Water deeply but do not over water, as roses do not like wet feet! Mulch (2"-3") will help retain soil moisture and keep weeds in check.

and other fungal-type rose diseases. For the gardener that has only a few rose plants, pre-mixed aerosol sprays are available to prevent the problem. For those of us having a larger rose collection, acquisition of a sprayer and a good fungicide application regimen will be the route to follow. It is imperative that you read all directions and then follow them. The key is that you must prevent these diseases from occurring while the rose is in perfect shape. Treating the rose after the leaves turn yellow with black spot is too late!

Insecticides should only be applied when needed. You need to know what insect is doing damage to your rose and then use the proper insecticide to combat the "bad guys". Again read all directions and then follow them.

If you are interested in learning more about roses, you are invited to become a member of the Sauk Trail Rose Society. Contact me (Rich Misiorowski) at 469-1815 to learn more. Happy gardening!

PRESTWICK HISTORY...STORIES WANTED!

Have you been a Prestwick resident for a while? We want to hear your stories about the "good old days" here in Prestwick...about how this beautiful community was built and what it was like to

live here back then. Please call or email PHA Neighbor News editor Rachel Gilmore to set up a time to be interviewed (you tell your story...she'll write it all down). Then we'll be publishing bits of

Prestwick history in upcoming newsletters. Please help us make this project a success and contact Rachel today...815-464-5870 or rachel@writerrae.com.