



**PRESTWICK  
HOMEOWNERS  
ASSOCIATION**

Frankfort, Illinois 60423

# Membership Newsletter

**PHA Meeting Summary: July 2022**



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## ENTRANCES:

All Prestwick entrances have once again won Beautification Awards. Brandon Palmer thanked Marc Steinman for his work on the entrances to continue to keep them looking beautiful year-round.

Irrigation at all entrances is now functional. Marc discussed the current state of the entrances with Tom Barz and Tim White from PCC, to ensure the entrance irrigation stays functional.

We are in the final year of our contract with Beary Landscape. Marc has had a discussion with Jim Saunoris of Saunoris Garden Center regarding the possibility of procuring flowers at wholesale for the entrances next year, depending on the new situation with Beary. The Village of Frankfort currently cuts the grass at the entrances.

The Board is also looking into the Village of Frankfort's current practice of a single rate for water and sewer versus a separate breakout for each. Other HOAs in the Village have expressed similar concerns. The Board will discuss next steps on the matter at the August meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP:** PHA residential membership is up an additional 2 members this month, for a total of 303 residential members.

**ARC:** The Board is seeking a new Architectural Review Chair. Ideal candidates should have a strong knowledge of construction, have attention to detail, be willing to adhere to the HOA's building/permitting requirements, provide prompt responses to residents with inquiries/approvals, be willing to work with the Village's Building Department, and work with our third party architecture firm for larger projects (additions or new home construction). Anyone interested in applying should contact Brandon Palmer at [bap80@aol.com](mailto:bap80@aol.com)

The committee received a request for a home addition and landscaping update, as well as a request for solar panels. The HOA has

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## Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Please help PHA welcome our

newest neighbor:

**Diane Hicks—854 Drummore Ln**



90 days to implement a solar panel policy. State legislation does currently exist, which the policy will have to follow. The Board decided to reach out to the Village to understand how other subdivisions are handling solar panel requests.

The committee addressed an issue involving a request to update/expand a residence, and reviewed requests for driveway replacements, reroofs and gutter replacements.



The Board also reviewed two homeowner requests for solar panels. The PHA Board had 90 days to write and implement a policy concerning solar panels once the first request was made. Illinois legislation currently exists for new HOA policies to follow. Joe Calasare reviewed other HOA solar policies as well as the Illinois Solar Rights Act to draft a PHA policy. The Board discussed the draft policy as well as the accompanying checklist (for homeowners to ensure all requirements are met). The PHA Board will take a vote on the draft, once all have had ample time to review.



Brandon thanked Joe for all of his work on developing and drafting the policy.

**FINANCIAL:** The Board reviewed the Monthly Financial Report.

**SOCIAL:** Block party reminder! PHA will provide up to \$100 to support a block party in each section (Aberdeen, Prestwick Dr., Shetland, Highland/St. Andrews Way). Everyone in the section must be invited (including all cul de sac and condos).

PCC was very appreciative of the HOA's continued support of the July 3rd fireworks show at PCC.



**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** The Board discussed current homeowner issues, the majority of which have been addressed. A couple of new issues were also brought forward.

The Police Dept. encourages residents to report issues that need to be addressed and have established an email address to streamline the process. [Traffic@frankfortpolice.org](mailto:Traffic@frankfortpolice.org)

**GOVERNMENTAL:** Joe Carlasare shared the Police Department will install a speed trailer on Aberdeen Rd. in mid August. The police have also indicated they are continuing regular patrol rounds throughout the neighborhood. The Board also discussed the street sign options. Brandon had a conversation with Terry Kestel with the Village, on current sign options for Prestwick. There are three options:

1. Keep and maintain the current street signs
2. Opt for the new Village standard street sign, which would come at no additional cost to PHA and would be phased in gradually. These signs have a metal post.
3. Custom ornate signs with a metal post, Village would contribute \$400/sign, and PHA would need to cover the remaining cost.

Per the Village, we could not keep the wooden sign posts and investigate only new signs. Any custom signs looked at by PHA would be maintained by the Village and replaced accordingly. The Board also discussed vendors other HOAs have used for custom ornate street signs.

Terry said the Village has no issue maintaining the existing signs for another year or two while the PHA Board is able to see and further the discuss the new standard Village street signs as they are installed around neighboring subdivisions. The PHA Board agreed to this option, to have the Village of Frankfort continue with maintenance of the existing signs for the next two years, while reviewing the new standard signs as they are installed in subdivisions without HOAs across Frankfort.

**BEAUTIFICATION:** Recognize your neighbors for their hard work! From gorgeous landscaping to improvements that breathe new life into a fixer upper, we commend these homeowners for their commitment to excellence. Simply send an email to Brandon Palmer at [bap80@aol.com](mailto:bap80@aol.com) with the subject line "Beautification" and the address you feel deserves a mention.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, August 18 at 7 p.m. via conference call and at PCC

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## *Security*

Remember your 9 p.m. routine....Lock it, or Lose it!

The Board discussed the recent reports of attempted break-ins, and agreed they are a resident/police matter. That said, there is a suggestion to look at pulling together a list of Prestwick residents who may have home cameras, to compile a voluntary database to assist with providing footage, if there is an incident in the neighborhood. There was also a suggestion for entrance cameras. That suggestion was tabled for now, until information is gathered on the cost of cameras and a new landscape entrance contract is in

### **HOME SECURITY TIPS:**

- **Lock your doors and windows**
- **Install motion detector lighting**
- **Don't overshare on social media (on vacation/out of town)**
- **Keep landscaping tidy, so as not to create hiding spots for would-be intruders**
- **Get to know your neighbors, and ask them to watch your home too**