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A PHA SOCIAL: BOWL OVER THE WINTER BLUES!

Are you suffering from midwinter blahs? Then mark your calendar for a PHA-sponsored party where you can bowl a strike and send your winter blues packing.



This members-only, adult event will be held at Frankfort Bowling and Billiards, located at the corner of Ash and Kansas Streets (2nd floor). Food will be catered in by Cafe Milan and pop will be provided. A cash bar will be available. Guests can bowl or play billiards throughout the night while catching up with friends and neighbors.

This is an adults-only social.

**BOWLING & BILLIARDS
A PHA ADULTS-ONLY EVENT
Friday, February 24
7 p.m. to 12 midnight
Frankfort Bowling & Billiards
Kansas & Ash Streets
2nd Floor
RSVP to Sue Bloomfield by
Feb. 17, 469-1974 or
travis_w_bloomfield@yahoo.com**

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Calling all college students, snowbirds and spring travellers...the Lincoln-Way 210 Referendum Committee would like you to know the following about the upcoming election:

- **The next election will be held March 21, 2006.**
- **Voter registration is allowed up to 22 days prior to the election.**
- **Early voting for residents who will not be here for the election is 5-22 days prior to the election at the Frankfort Village Hall.**
- **Absentee voting forms may be requested at http://www.willclrk.com/images/webnsv/Absentee_Request_Primary.htm**

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TOWN HALL MEETING – MARCH 7

Do you feel like you're on a "need to know" basis but you don't know anything? Do you have Frankfort homeowner questions like...

- when is my water quality going to improve?
- is my neighborhood becoming a target for home invasions and how can we stop that?
- what's happening with the Harlem Ave. road improvement project?
- what happens if the Lincoln-Way 210 referendum does/doesn't pass?

Questions like these will be addressed at a Town Hall meeting sponsored by the Prestwick Homeowners Association on March 7. Superintendent Dr. Larry Wyllie, Mayor Jim Holland, Police Chief Rob Piscia, your Village trustees and other key Village staff have been invited to update you on life in Frankfort and answer your "need to know" questions.

**Tuesday, March 7
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
in the Prestwick
Country Club
banquet room**

SAFETY TIPS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The PHA Board has been working directly with Frankfort Police Chief Rob Piscia to improve neighborhood safety issues. Please join our efforts to keep Prestwick a safe community where residents look out for one another.

» Speeding has become a problem in our winding streets. Please be advised that radar is being set up on Aberdeen Road and Prestwick Drive. and tickets

will be issued.
» After several break-ins over the summer, another home invasion took place over the winter holidays. Please look out for your neighbors and call police if you notice suspicious individuals or activity.
» Nighttime runners/walkers need to wear reflective clothing. With no street lights and no sidewalks, fitness buffs endanger them-

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PHA at WORK for YOU

The PHA board has organized initial meetings of all Frankfort homeowners associations with the intent of forming an umbrella group to represent our common interests. Two meetings have occurred with apparent success in defining a very limited agenda and earning commitment from other home-owner associations.

The priority issue of this umbrella group is improving code and covenant enforcement practices in Frankfort. We have common issues in preventing, detecting, documenting and removing conspicuous violations and poor maintenance/construction behavior. This group is proposing the initiation of a Village-sponsored working committee that will recommend changes in rules/enforcement practices. Your input is invited. Call or email Mack at 464-5921 or jmack85@comcast.net.

SAFETY TIPS cont.

selves and others when they don't wear light clothing with reflective strips that are easily seen by drivers.



If you have questions about these or other neighborhood safety concerns, please contact PHA President Dan Smith at 954-4183 or djsmith19@comcast.net or talk with any board member listed on the front page of our newsletter.

STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT L-WAY By Supt. Dr. Larry Wyllie

I want to thank Dan Smith, president of the Prestwick homeowners, for giving me the opportunity to share with you some important information about the Lincoln-Way High School District 210 Building Project. The building of two new high schools and the renovations for East and Central are crucial to the future of the Lincoln-Way 210 District. I have listed some key facts about the Lincoln-Way Building Bond Referendum for your review.

- Lincoln-Way East High School enrollment is at capacity today with 3,700 students. We project 4,300 students in two years.
- Central's enrollment is 3,000 students, with 4,100 students projected in three years.
- The voters will be asked on March 21, 2006 to approve

the building of two four-year high schools, each with a capacity of 2,500 students.

- We will build 100 classrooms at each school. Each school will also have science facilities, a pool, a field house, and an auditorium.
- There will be additional improvements and life safety work done to East and Central.
- The new buildings and improvements to East and Central can be built with no increase in new money beyond what citizens are currently paying in the bond and interest fund.
- Lincoln-Way will be able to staff and operate the buildings with no tax rate increase in the educational fund or the building fund.
- This revenue-neutral project will provide needed classrooms and more opportunities for our students.

I look forward to seeing you March 7.

GOOD NEIGHBORS WORK TOGETHER

The Prestwick Homeowners Association Board (PHA) welcomes improvements to homes in our community. We all know that continued maintenance and renovation keeps everyone's property values up. However, 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. The Board works hard to maintain the look and feel of Prestwick and enjoys



a close working relationship with the Village regarding the issuance of permits in our community. 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 Architectural Review Committee Chairman Tom Barz at 464-5100 or Board Vice President John Mackowiak at 464-5921.

DON'T GIVE UP ON YOUR GARDEN By Paul Koreman, PHA Board Member

Frozen gardens have a certain sparse beauty that is most often best enjoyed from the inside looking out. This is a season of high contrast...stark black and dazzling white...which really lets you appreciate the bones of your garden. Despite the comfort of your home, you might find yourself longing to go outside and get some fresh air for a change. Here are a few excuses to get out there and take in our pale mid-western light and crisp winter air. The garden really does need your attention now.

- Keep watering those new plants. Maintain a regular irrigation schedule until the ground has frozen hard. Consider watering your most valuable plants during a thaw. Anything planted

within the last three years is especially susceptible to drought stress.

- Check your woody plants for signs of feeding by deer and rodents. If you spot sections of bark that have been recently stripped of bark, take action. Install a physical barrier like netting, fencing, or hardware cloth. Chemical repellents can work, but remember to apply them regularly.
- Mulch your new perennial beds after the ground freezes. Established perennial beds can be left as they are. Save your fall clean up until spring and let the leaves blow in to create a natural insulating layer.
- Holiday plants like Poinsettias and Cyclamen can thrive all

winter. Just keep them out of very cold or very warm drafts. They won't grow much now, so keep them evenly moist but never wet. Bright, indirect light is best at this time of year.

- Check your trees and shrubs for egg cases. Gypsy Moths and Tent Caterpillars are two pests that are easy to spot now. If you can reach them, remove the egg cases and dispose of them. Think of how little energy it will take to eliminate a whole colony when they are all together lying dormant.
- Make a note of this year's winners and losers. When spring comes again it will be easy to repeat, or improve, last year's best performers.

157-C SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE By Supt. Dr. Robert J. Madonia

Excitement is evident as the new Hickory Creek Middle School takes shape at 116th Ave. & Laraway Road. We are so appreciative of our community's overwhelming support of our referendum to build this new facility.

I have recently been serving as "tour guide" for small groups of school staff, Board of Education members and community members taking "walk-throughs." The school is progressing on time and under budget. Our staff has been having fun touring the areas where they will work in this beautiful new building.

The new school will open in August, 2006. All three of the

District's buildings will be re-figured, with Grand Prairie housing pre-kindergarten through second grade, Chelsea Intermediate School moving to Sauk Trail & 80th Ave. to house third through fifth grade and the new Hickory Creek Middle School to house sixth through eighth grade. The re-configuration will provide space for enrollment growth at all schools. In addition, here will be a change in starting/ending times at the schools to facilitate our transportation plan and allow for future enrollment growth.

A transition plan has been developed for all three schools that includes moving of equipment and supplies. Mandatory summer

school connected to our promotion/retention policy will be held at Grand Prairie School in July. No enrichment summer school will be held this year. Summer Band Camp will start later this summer and be confined to the band and lesson rooms only at the new Hickory Creek Middle School. Park District and other community programs will not be held in our schools this summer.

Watch for information in the next few months about our Dedication Ceremony and Open House for the new school. We look forward to a great turnout for this event that will highlight this wonderful asset to the community!