

## THANK YOU, KAY MACNEIL!

Thanks to Prestwick resident Kay MacNeil, the Harlem Avenue expansion project has changed course and will not affect Prestwick homeowners as severely as first anticipated. Over the past year, Kay worked tirelessly to research and refuse Cook County's initial plans for relocating Harlem. Her expertise and leadership were key in the PHA Board being able to successfully advocate on behalf of our membership and alter the County's plans.

The PHA Board could not

have done this work without Kay's help, and for that we are extremely grateful for her time and talent. If you see your neighbor, Kay MacNeil, out in the community, be sure to stop and thank her. Prestwick's natural beauty will be preserved thanks to her dedication.



## SEND US YOUR EMAIL

The PHA Board would like to create an email database so that we can update our members on current events that concern our neighborhood, as well as email reminders about due dates/RSVP deadlines/etc.

Please help us by emailing your email contact information to [janolting@aol.com](mailto:janolting@aol.com). Thank you!



# PHA Neighbor News

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## PRESERVING YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE

The PHA Board has been diligently working in recent months to keep our Prestwick community beautiful. From the newly redesigned entrances to going to bat for our residents with the Harlem widening project, the Board has been careful to keep Prestwick's standards up to snuff. That said, the Board is requesting help from our residents in this ongoing mission to preserve our quality of life. Did you know, for instance, that...

- Signs of any kind are not allowed outdoors in Prestwick. This includes real

estate signs, "For Sale" signs and political signs, among others.

- Sheds and satellite dishes are not permitted on your property, even if located in your back yard.
- Boats and trailers or non-working cars may not be stored on your property.
- Fences are not permitted except as a pool enclosure as required by the Village.
- Garbage and other yard debris needs to be picked up and put out for collection.

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## HARLEM WIDENING UPDATE

Representatives from your PHA Board had the opportunity to review the proposed Harlem widening plans in April. Overall, these plans look satisfactory. Prestwick will receive 250 2" caliper trees that will be replanted along Harlem, ideally when construction is finished.



Trail plus 1,000 feet north and south on Harlem

**2009** – work done on Harlem from the rail road tracks to Route 30

**2010** – work done on Harlem from the rail road tracks to Steger Rd.

The time table for work is as follows:

**2008** – work to start on Sauk

Your Board has been actively working on your behalf in regard to this project and will continue to keep you updated.

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**QUALITY OF LIFE cont.**

Please be a good neighbor and get your property into compliance. Or, if you see any code violations, you can take action by calling the Village Code Enforcement officer and asking him to come out and review the situation. Your efforts will support the increased vigilance of the PHA Board in ensuring that all code violations are reported to the Village and dealt with appropriately.

By working together, the Board's job will be so much easier, and our neighborhood will look so much nicer. The Village phone number is 469-2177. Thank you in advance for your help!



**WALKER SAFETY**

FORE!!! The PHA Board is asking all residents to be alert when using the golf course as a walking path or cut-through to other sections of our neighborhood. There is increasing concern that someone will be hit unintentionally by a golfer whose ball is in play, especially a child.

Often golfers cannot see walkers until after their ball has been driven down the fairway. Walkers, especially young ones, perhaps don't know to listen for "FORE" or can't figure out where the ball is coming from. Please stay safe this summer!



**PRESTWICK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION –  
COMMUNITY SPIRIT + INVOLVEMENT**

The Prestwick Homeowners Association (PHA), through its members and their financial support, provide the Prestwick community and its homeowners the following...

**Maintenance of the Landscaping for Eight Entrances**

This includes planting, irrigation, weeding, clean up, etc. The cost of this service was \$10,000 in 2005. The entrances to each area of our neighborhood MATTER – this is the first thing one sees and it positively impacts YOUR housing value.

**Monitoring New Building Construction and Existing Building Remodeling**

Plans are reviewed to insure adherence to established Prestwick covenants and standards. The cost of this activity was \$5,000, offset by \$1,300 in fees, for a total cost of \$3,700.

Monitoring building and housing remodeling helps maintain an established LOOK to our neighborhood, a significant reason why you moved here AND why you stay.

**Liaison-Spokesperson for Prestwick in Governmental Matters**

Your PHA Board works with various governmental officials to protect Prestwick's interests. These activities range from the issue of security in our area to the Harlem Avenue widening project.

**Providing Representation and Planning Community Activities**

Members of the PHA represent our community at larger Frankfort activities (i.e. Frankfort Fest and Village governance meetings).

Some of the social activities that have been held in the past were softball games and, more recently, a bowling party. Planning community activities encourages neighborhood socialization and cohesion. The activities provide an old-time neighborhood feel and an opportunity to meet your neighbors in a casual, fun setting.

The PHA Directory, published by your homeowners Board, provides you with the names and phone numbers of YOUR neighbors – encouraging outreach and connection.

**COMMUNITY SPIRIT + INVOLVEMENT cont.**

**WHY WOULD THIS INTEREST YOU?**

People move to the Prestwick community for similar reasons. This is a beautiful neighborhood – the trees, the homes, the landscaping – AND there is a feeling of friendliness and belonging. Not all subdivisions feel, nor look, like ours. There IS something different and unique about this area, and it does not just happen by itself. It takes people living in the community to take responsibility and pride in maintaining this quality of life.

Our PHA organization and Board are volunteers who contribute significant amounts of time and energy to effectively represent you by making decisions and allocating resources to our common goals. Our priorities are protecting and improving our property values and quality of life. Effort is needed from all to positively support our community. YOUR homeowners Board is conspicuously present to constructively and expediently accomplish goals.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

There are 330 family residences and potential members in the Prestwick community. Of this number, only 250 are active PHA members or 75% of the total community. If membership was increased to 100%, the cost of services detailed above would be fairly reduced per the following table:

CURRENT VS. POTENTIAL MEMBERSHIP DOLLARS		
	Potential 100% Membership	Current 75% Membership
Entrances.....	\$17	\$23
Construction Monitoring .....	\$ 7	\$10
Funding for Future Projects....	\$23	\$30
Printing/Postage/Misc. ....	\$ 9	\$12
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$56</b>	<b>\$75</b>

The PHA directory lists every family in Prestwick. Members who pay dues are highlighted in BOLD; those who do not choose to support the PHA are not highlighted. Many people may not have thought of how the annual \$75 dues are used or why they should take the time to join. Now you know. Please help us in our mission to promote and maintain the quality of life we all enjoy here in Prestwick.

To non-members who receive this letter, please consider joining the PHA. If you continue to feel that you do not wish to become a member, please consider donating your fair share of any of the costs detailed above. To those of you who are members and pay for the services enjoyed by all, please note the neighbors in the Directory who are not participating and consider encouraging them to be part of this effort – to offset the cost for all AND to help reach the goal of 100% participation in our community organization.

We welcome participation and questions from all, especially paid members. The current Board is committed to addressing your concerns in a constructive, timely manner. Please join us in our continuing effort to maintain the high standards and quality of life in our Prestwick community.

Thank you,

Your Prestwick Homeowners Association Board

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