

PHA FALL NEIGHBOR SOCIAL: OKTOBERFESTE



PROST! That's German for "cheers!" – so come on out to the Prestwick Country Club's Oktoberfeste on Friday, October 20, and toast your fellow neighbors while enjoying great German food and beer.

Although this is a Club event, PHA will have a room set aside just for us, along with a reduced ticket rate of \$10/person, which includes admission and the food buffet only. Please note it is a CASH BAR.

In order to attend Oktoberfeste with PHA, you must RSVP to Sue Bloomfield by October 13 and pay the \$10/person social event ticket fee to Prestwick Homeowners Association. Ticket money can be dropped off at the Century 21 Lincolnway Office at 1000 Prestwick Drive or with Sue at 518 Durham by October 13.

The PHA will NOT be able to pay for any walk-ins the night of the event. All PHA Social attendees MUST RSVP in advance to Sue by...
Email: travis_w_bloomfield@yahoo.com
Phone: 469-1974
Hope to see you on the 20th!

PRESTWICK VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

THE PHA BOARD IS CURRENTLY RESEARCHING THE VIABILITY OF VIDEO MONITORING OF PRESTWICK ENTRANCES AS A SECURITY MEASURE AND IS CONDUCTING A QUICK AND EASY RESIDENT SURVEY REGARDING THE FOLLOWING:

☛ Would you be interested in paying a small, special assessment fee to provide for video monitoring of all Prestwick entrances?

Please email your response to janolting@aol.com OR call Jim Nolting at 464-0341. NO RESPONSE WILL BE TAKEN AS NO INTEREST. For more information or questions, please call Jim or Dan Smith.

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PRESTWICK TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN

The Prestwick Homeowners Board is pleased to sponsor an outstanding opportunity to beautify our neighborhood with a unique reforestation project. This is a special offer for Prestwick homeowners only. Any of the following trees will be planted, in any quantity, by Koreman Greenhouse for a cost of \$85.00 each. Installation includes delivery, removal of sod as needed and a 3' diameter mulch circle. Orders must be received by September 15, 2006 for installation in late September or early October of this year. Call Paul at 464-5643 to order your trees today!

Name	sun/shade	wet/dry	mature height	mature width	installed size
Bald Cypress Taxodium distichum	sun	wet	60	40	2'
Catalpa Catalpa speciosa	sun	some moisture	65	40	6'
Chinquapin Oak Quercus muehlenbergii	sun	dry-moist	80	65	2-3'
Juneberry Amelanchier arboria	pt. sun-sun	moist	25	15	2-3'
Pagoda Dogwood Cornus alternifolia	shade	moist-wet	15	15	2-3'
River Birch Betula nigra	sun	wet	40	30	3-5'
Sour Gum Nyssa sylvatica	sun-pt. sun	moist	40	35	2-3'
Swamp Oak Quercus bicolor	sun	wet	85	85	2-3'
Yellow Birch Betula lutea	shade	wet	40	30	2-3'

NO-FEE APPROVALS FOR PHA MEMBERS

In an effort to encourage Prestwick residents to seek the required PHA and Village approval BEFORE beginning home improvements, the PHA Board has made a policy change. Effective 8/23/06, for Prestwick residents who are PHA members and are planning a routine home improvement project under

\$10,000 such as:

- ☛ replacement roof
- ☛ a new deck/sun room/patio
- ☛ driveway repaving
- ☛ new windows/siding

NO FEE WILL BE CHARGED TO PHA MEMBERS FOR BOARD

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PHA Web site:
www.prestwickhomeowners.com

Please send us your email address for our database! Email us at janolting@aol.com.

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APPROVAL OF THESE PROJECTS

Non-members will be charged a \$75 approval fee, which will also automatically make them members of the Prestwick Homeowners Association.

Please know that the Village of Frankfort also requires permits for seemingly routine home improvement projects such as roof replacements or deck construction. According to Prestwick by-laws/CC&R's, the Village is not allowed to approve a permit at their level if approval has not first been given by the PHA Board. This procedure is in place for homeowner protection to make sure that the contractor is legitimate and has appropriate insurance should any accidents occur.

Your PHA Board has been working diligently with the Village to ensure that the dual approval system is followed. Please help us keep our neighborhood standards up to par by seeking approval from the PHA Board and Village before beginning any home improvement projects.

PRESTWICK WATER

PHA President Dan Smith has been in contact with Village Administrator Jerry Ducay about the new iron filtration plant that will be built in Prestwick. The Village is still awaiting EPA approval for the plant, a process that took longer than expected for the new Jackson Creek well/filtration plant earlier in the summer. If government approval does not come soon, construction will not begin until 2007. 

A GOOD NEIGHBOR "TO DO" LIST

Everybody has a "TO DO" list... whether it's a set of projects from your boss or a honey-do list from your spouse. But did you know even the PHA Board has a "TO DO" list in place, and we'd like your help in taking care of these neighborhood jobs.

Board members are constantly on-the-job, talking to residents who have code violations and requesting that they address the problems and help keep our neighborhood beautiful. The Board is also persistent in contacting the Village as needed to address repeat offenders, but all residents are asked to have a friendly chat with your fellow neighbor if you notice one of the following violations and/or call the Village and speak to Code Enforcement Officers about the problem, 469-2177, x 235 (Paul) or x236 (Joe).

PHA "TO DO" LIST

1. Make sure there are no satellite dishes located on Prestwick properties
2. Make sure there are no

signs of any kind posted outside in yards/parkways/driveways

3. Make sure there are no RV's/campers/boats/non-running cars in driveways or yards
4. Make sure there are no sheds or outbuildings in yards
5. Make sure all home improvement projects have appropriate approval/Village permits before work begins
6. Make sure there are no yards with grass higher than 6" or overgrown vegetation
7. Make sure there are no fences unless required for a pool
8. Make sure there are no above ground/inflatable pools
9. Remember that Golf View Lane along Harlem Ave. is a private drive



NEW BIKE TRAIL COMING

Thanks to the hard work of PHA President Dan Smith, a new bike trail will connect Prestwick with Commissioners Park and other bike paths throughout Frankfort, making our neighborhood safer and more accessible for riders. In a joint agreement between the Village of Frankfort and the Will County Forest Preserve, a bike trail will be built that will start at the sidewalk to be installed along the west side of Harlem during the

Harlem Ave. reconstruction. This new trail will then run through the south side of the forest preserve property west of Harlem between Sauk Trail and Laraway Road. It will connect with the path at Commissioners Park, which is linked to the Frankfort bike trail system. The north end of the Harlem Ave. sidewalk will meet up with the Old Plank Trail. The Village will be applying for a state grant to fund this project.

FALL GARDEN TIPS by Paul Koreman/Koreman Greenhouse

Something's changed...the air is drier, and the nights are cooler. Summer has peaked, and Fall is on the way. Now is the time to cut back on your watering. "Over watering" is the single biggest reason I replace plants in landscape jobs. Established shrubs and perennials that have been in the same location for 2 seasons do not need extra water unless it is unusually dry. Most, established, lawns will do quite well, & look great, with as little as 5 minutes of water/day.

Many plants have a flush of growth in autumn. Clean out dead or unsightly branches from your shrubs now. This way the plant still has

some time to fill in before winter. Some plants like Magnolia, Forsythia and Lilac bloom on old wood. This means that the flower buds exist on the plants now. If you shear plants that bloom on old wood now you will remove next year's flowers. Wait until after these plants bloom to shape them.

Pre-emergent herbicide is a powerful tool. Please be careful and follow the label. Risk using too little rather than too much. I am often called to consult on gardens where the annuals won't grow and the shrubs are yellow. More often than not there is a thick

layer of weed-preventer granules everywhere. Pre-emergent herbicide works by killing roots. A seed sprouts and sends out a root. The young root comes in contact with the herbicide and dies. The herbicide is designed to stay on the surface of the soil, but apply too much and some will move down and damage your plants.

Too many tomatoes? Try picking some flowers off the plant next time you are outside. Rather than dispose of buckets of rotten fruit you can simply remove a few flowers before they become tomatoes.

Have a great season -Paul



Good friends
Good health
Good times

Opening in the Fall of 2006...with your help.

Frankfort's Bark Park will be one of the best dog parks around, but we need your help to make it happen. As a dog lover, we hope you'll consider participating in this special project by becoming a sponsor. Honor your pet—and help us build a very special dog-friendly park.

What is a dog park?

A dog park is any area where you and your best four-legged pal can play, exercise and meet new friends—all in a safe, healthy, off-leash environment. Welcome to Frankfort Bark Park.

Where will Frankfort Bark Park be located?

It will be located on 2.5 acres of land in the northwest corner of Commissioners Park (located at 80th and Laraway) between the tennis courts and the skate park, backing up to Sauk Trail.

When will the park be ready?

The plan is to have the park completed and open by the end of October 2006.

Why will Frankfort Bark Park be so special?

A tremendous amount of time and effort has been spent researching dog parks and consulting dog experts across the country. We have incorporated their best features into our park, including a state-of-the-art electronic gate system and access card used to enter the park and track vaccination records, a double-gated entry, dog-friendly landscaping, all serenely situated within a beautiful community park where the entire family can have fun and enjoy the outdoors.

How can I help?

Become a sponsor and show your support today! Pay tribute to your past or present "best friend" by purchasing a plaque to be displayed in the park. Your pet's plaque will be inscribed with their name and your own commemorative message. Better yet, sponsor a bench or tree in one of the play areas for an extra special tribute to that special friend.

See the sponsorship form for all the details on how to donate and order a commemorative plaque.



Frankfort Bark Park Sponsorship Form

Your donation is tax deductible and your canceled check is your receipt. Make your check out to Operation Playground and mail this form and your check to: Operation Playground, PO Box 1044, Frankfort, IL 60423.

Your Name: _____

Your Phone: _____

_____ \$25	Best Friend	_____ \$75	Alpha Dog
_____ \$50	Pack Dog	_____ \$100	Pack Leader <small>(Qualifies for a plaque; be sure to fill out info below.)</small>

Our park will feature a commemorative board filled with plaques honoring our pets. Do you have a past or present dog who deserves a special memorial? This is the perfect place to honor him or her.

_____ \$100	Commemorative Display Board Plaque
_____ \$350	Bench with your Commemorative Plaque
_____ \$500	Tree with your Commemorative Plaque

Please inscribe my plaque with the following words (max. 4 lines, 20 characters/line):
Be sure to include your phone number, our engraver will contact you to confirm the inscription before it's completed.

Mail this form and your check to Operation Playground, PO Box 1044, Frankfort, IL 60423. Thank you.
Questions? Call the Frankfort Park District, 815-469-9400.