

PRESTWICK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEIGHBOR NEWS



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CN UPDATE

Several PHA board members met with Village officials the first week of September. They shared information which indicated polled Prestwick residents' opinions regarding noise mitigation strategies for CN's increased rail traffic. The surveyed residents were selected from a list of properties the Village had deemed the most "impacted" and eligible for "vegetation mitigation" per the current Village Mitigation Plan. The mayor and his administration continue to work with the PHA and agreed to forward PHA's request on to CN for consideration but did acknowledge they felt it would end up rejected.

As of this printing, no response has been received by those attending the information session, so a recommendation would be premature at this time. We have, however,



validated the fact that, as a part of accepting the Village's offer of "mitigating vegetation", residents will be required to sign a document that absolves the Village from any future action related to noise mitigation as it relates to the accepting resident's property. Therefore, the PHA would at least advise residents to understand the limits to future action on the issue should they accept funds via the current Village plan.

GOOD NEIGHBOR ALERT



Dear Neighbors,

PLEASE NOTE: Golf View Lane that runs parallel to Harlem Avenue, between Prestwick Drive and Aberdeen Road, is a Private Drive. The maintenance of Golf View Lane including resurfacing and snow plowing is the responsibility of the homeowners residing on the lane and not the Village of Frankfort. As you can imagine, the cost of this is great. With the increased train traffic, cars are using our drive to cut through to Aberdeen and often at aggressive speeds.

The residents of Golf View Lane are asking that you **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do NOT drive your cars on Golf View Lane unless you're coming to visit one of its residences.**

Thanks for your understanding.
The Homeowners of Golf View Lane



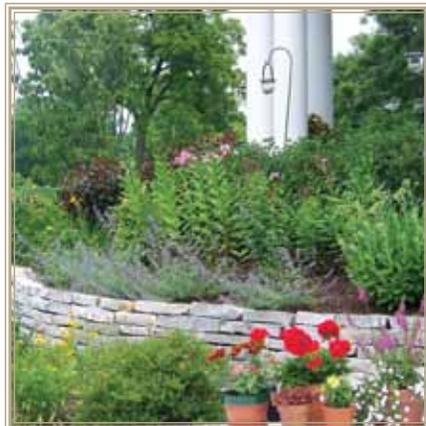
1ST ANNUAL PRESTWICK GARDEN WALK

*J*uly 12th proved to be a perfect day for the first Prestwick Garden Walk. Ten resident families from throughout the Prestwick area opened their gardens for neighbors to wander through and enjoy. Each was unique – shade gardens, perennial gardens, a Japanese garden, water features, statuary, secret gardens, and meandering paths with garden art and surprises at every turn. Over 100 visitors stopped by many or all of the gardens on the walk. As an added treat, the Prestwick Garden Club set up a table and provided gardening tips and information for visitors. This free neighborhood activity was organized by PHA Board members, Janice Werner and Sue Bloomfield, and was judged a great success by all who attended.



Board members, Janice Werner and Sue

To thank the homeowners for hosting, the PHA Board entered their names in a random drawing for a gift certificate. The drawing was held at the August meeting, and the winning homeowners were Ann and Leo Michuda and Tom and Jane Luscombe. However, the Board sends heartfelt thank you's to all host gardeners for a phenomenal event: Luscombes, Wexmans, MacNeils, Michudas, Steinmans, Gallahers, Gustawsons, Noltings, Stillman and Smith.



DEAR PRESSY

In this issue, we'd like to welcome back Pressy, the neighborly know-it-all of all know-it-alls and rumored to be related to advice-giving Abby. Pressy will provide Prestwick residents with all your need-to-know info regarding community concerns. Feel free to send Pressy your own questions at info@prestwickhomeowners.com.

Dear Pressy,

A friend came to pick me up for dinner last week, and she was 15 minutes late because she said she couldn't see anyone's address in the dark. Driving back through the neighborhood on our way to the clubhouse, I realized she was right. Very few of my neighbors have their addresses illuminated and without overhead streetlights, our streets are very dark. If my friend couldn't find my house, I'm wondering how the police, fire department or ambulances will be able to respond to emergencies in our neighborhood. I hope they have a flashlight handy!

Signed,
Let There Be Light Lucy



Dear Lucy,

You are right to be concerned. Emergency responders regularly try to get the message out to community residents that their addresses need to be clearly marked on both their homes and mailboxes and illuminated with light or reflective paint so they can be seen at night. Even if you don't have a power source down by your mailbox, solar lights are easy to install and usually will generate enough light to identify your address. However, as a Village of Frankfort resident, local ordinances actually require that you must have 5" or 6" numbers on your house that are visible from the right of way at the edge of your property. So whether that means buying new numbers or just shining a light on them, you and your neighbors may want to consider doing a little home improvement project this fall. And while you're at it, don't forget to replace the batteries in all your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in your home. It's that time of year!

Hoping you'll soon be seeing the light,
Pressy

3RD OF JULY FIREWORKS CELEBRATION

 On Friday night, July 3, the 2nd Annual Prestwick Fireworks Celebration was held at Prestwick Country Club. There were approximately 800 people in attendance for the family-friendly event which included an All American buffet, 20-25 minutes of amazing fireworks and a DJ spinning tunes (before, during and after the fireworks display).

Spectators young and old were seated in chairs and on blankets around the golf course and clubhouse patio, as well in the dining room, to witness the spectacular show. Feedback was fantastic, and the PHA is looking forward to co-sponsoring the 3rd Annual event in 2010!



If you have a story you would like to submit, please send to janolting@aol.com.



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PRESTWICK AUDIT REPORT SUMMARY



By: Tom Ryan, Audit Committee
Chairperson, and William R. Gary
White, Audit Committee Member

It is the opinion of the Audit Committee of the Prestwick Homeowners Association, that the financial systems, records, and statements are adequate to support the actions and the financial statements of the Prestwick Homeowners Association for the fifteen month period from January 1, 2008, through March 31, 2009.

The following are recommendations for the PHA Board regarding the PHA finances (note the status of these recommendations which have been put into practice since the audit was completed in March):

1. All purchases should be reviewed and approved by the responsible Board Member. **(done)**
2. Documentation for deposits must be provided so the source of those funds is known and the security of those funds is assured. If the Association can find another financial institution which will provide that documentation (copies of the checks would be best,) that would be ideal. **(done)**
3. Consideration by the Board should be given to having a Membership Committee or Membership Chairperson (possibly another Board Member) whose responsibilities include tracking all Members of the Association and maintaining a list of Members and their mailing addresses. **(in progress)**
4. As a public Association, which handles funds for its members and conducts business on their behalf, the Board should consider putting a policy in place to require that written estimates for work to be contracted by the Board should be obtained from multiple competent sources whenever the total estimated cost of doing that work exceeds some set amount (for example, \$1000.) **(in progress)**
5. In order to assure the Association is prompt in paying its obligations, the Board should consider taking action as indicated in Section 2 of Article VII of the Association By-Laws, to name additional members of the Board who are authorized to sign checks for the Association. **(done)**