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JULY 3RD FIREWORKS

The summer fireworks show is returning to Prestwick Country Club, co-sponsored by the Prestwick Homeowners Association. Please see the Club's flier to the right. You do NOT need to be a Club member to attend the BBQ. Just call the Club to RSVP for this event or watch from the comfort of your own backyard!



Prestwick Country Club Presents:

FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, JULY 3, 2010

ATTENTION PRESTWICK HOME OWNERS! JOIN US FOR OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION!

BBQ BUFFET
6 P.M. - 8 P.M.
FIREWORKS
9:00 P.M.

ADULTS: \$20
KIDS (4-12): \$12
PRICE INCLUDES TAX
AND GRATUITY

HOWARD AND THE WHITE BOYS



TO RSVP TO THIS EVENT,
PLEASE CALL:
(815) 469-5550

LIVE BAND ENTERTAINMENT!

"HOWARD AND THE WHITE BOYS"

CHECK THEM OUT ONLINE:

WWW.HOWARDANDTHEWHITEBOYS.NET/FR_BAND810.CFM

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NATURE NEWS BY KAY MACNEIL

*N*ative Hawthorns In Your Yard and Why You Should Consider Them GREAT Trees!!!

First, a bit of trivia- Illinois has lists of "Champion Trees." That means someone at the Department of Natural Resources keeps lists of where the biggest of each tree variety is located in the state. Would you believe we have a champion hawthorn in Prestwick at the east end of Colony Lane out toward the golf course? Well, it's true!

Many of us are "blessed" with native hawthorns in our yards. They are those stickery trees that drop their leaves early, bloom beautifully and profusely in the spring (although some varieties are a bit smelly- the better to lure pollinators, of course) and brandish thorns which somehow find every wandering kid's bicycle tire.

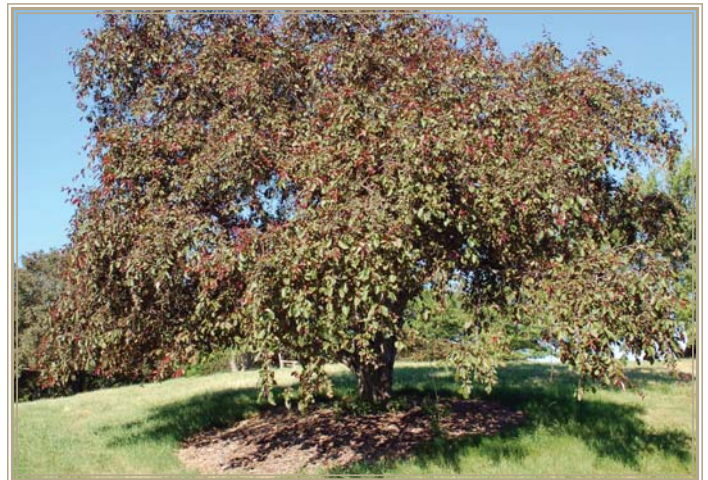
Illinois has several hundred varieties of hawthorns which are often difficult to tell apart. All are stout, many-branched trees reminiscent of bur oaks but smaller with striking winter silhouettes. All hawthorns are wonderful trees for birds and other wildlife, a good reason to leave them in your yard.

The wonderful spring blossoms of hawthorns draw many pollinating insects including honey bees, which attract both migrating and resident birds. The trees, thanks in part to their distinctive and protective thorns and thick foliage, make favorite nesting sites. Hawthorn fruit is not usually consumed in the fall but provides great food for birds and wildlife through winter and early spring. Hawthorn trees also seem to

host a variety of caterpillars which many birds prefer to feed their young. Caterpillars found in hawthorns often become some of our showiest butterflies- admirals and cecropia moths.

What a tree! Gorgeous flowers, dense foliage, bright fall fruit, and great branching structure. They obviously do well in Illinois clay and also will do well in gravel. There are many named varieties of hawthorns which can become specimen landscape trees, and many cultivars do not have thorns and are not affected by cedar-hawthorn rust. The one down side of our native hawthorns is that they do get cedar rust. However, I love the idea of getting a head start on my fall clean up which I can do under my hawthorns, and the truth is, rust does not kill the tree, it just makes it drop its leaves early.

So enjoy the Prestwick hawthorns that already exist in your yard and think about adding some new ones this spring.



ENJOY OUR GORGEOUS GARDENS!

Please mark your calendars for our Second Annual Prestwick Garden Walk, scheduled for Sunday, July 11, from 1-5 p.m. Building on the success of last year's event when over 100 neighbors visited ten beautiful gardens, we know you will be delighted by this year's neighborhood Edens. Although the list has not been finalized at this time, the walk will include both new garden gems, as well as several of last year's featured gardens, allowing you to see how they've evolved. This is a wonderful opportunity to discover new plants, flowers and landscaping ideas that could work in your yards, too. An invitation listing the gardens on the walk will be sent out in June.

Call Joey Buck (815-464-9217) or Rita Nolting (815-464-0341) for more information.



LIBERTY THANK YOU

The Prestwick Homeowners Association would like to thank Prestwick resident Bill Kiehl, Chairman of Liberty Creative Solutions, as well as Liberty's CEO Angela Hipelius, for donating staff time and materials for the printing of the PHA newsletter, PHA directory and annual dues mailings. The work is outstanding and the service is even better! Liberty Creative Solutions is a full-service integrated marketing and professional design firm with in-house print production, bindery, mailing and distribution capabilities. Find out more about Liberty on-line at www.libertycreativesolutions.com or call 708.633.7450.



DEAR PRESSY

Have you met Pressy? She's 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,
I know it was a long, hard winter, but spring has sprung, at least by my house. I don't understand why I'm still seeing snow sticks in yards (which tell the snow plow drivers where people's property lines are) or Christmas lights hanging from the eaves. Isn't it almost June?*

*Signed,
Seasonal Sam*



*Dear Sam,
It is most definitely NOT Christmas in July. Those decorated deer, cracked Christmas lights and spindly snow stakes have got to go! Maybe if you offer to lend a hand to your neighbor to get those things put back in his garage, it would speed the process along. Or you could always write a letter to Santa telling him who was naughty and didn't put his toys away. And FYI, those delinquent decorations should not be put in portable storage units on one's driveway. Those temporary sheds fall under the same type of ordinance as boats and RVs, which can only remain in a driveway for 48 hours or less.*

*Good tidings to you and all of your kin,
Pressy*

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

EARTH DAY CLEAN UP

*T*he PHA would like to thank Earth Day Clean Up volunteers Bill Matevich and Rod Campbell for donating time to clean up the open space areas in and around Prestwick as part of the Village of Frankfort's Earth Day celebration. We appreciate your efforts!