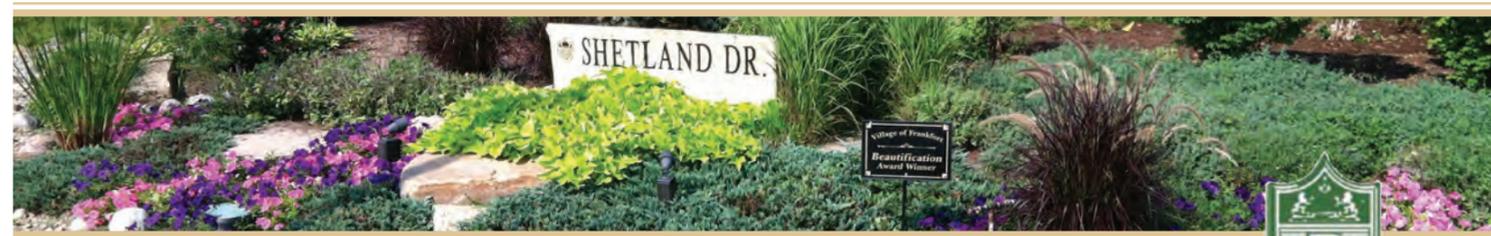




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WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS



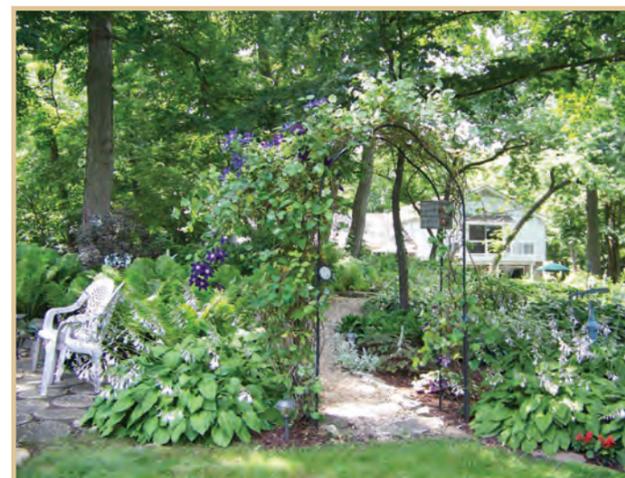
Daoran & Liya Alabin, 579 Aberdeen
 Michael & Teri Callahan, 588 Timber
 Joshua & Jennifer Diaz, 832 Highland
 Robbin & Krisztina Dommer, 584 Aberdeen
 David & Rebecca Harap, 905 Huntsmoor
 Doug & Kathy Johnson, 869 St. Andrews Way
 Michael & Lisa Kawa, 582 Aberdeen
 Nick & Kira Pistello, 706 Colony
 Blaine Saxton, 676 Fairway
 Roberto & Anjoli Siller, 948 Shetland
 Jonathan Williamson, 957 Milton Bridge

WHY JOIN PHA?

There is so much to love about living in Prestwick: the winding streets that reveal the diversity of our homes and properties, the green natural setting that most of us can enjoy just looking out our windows, and limited traffic because our streets do not provide passage to other neighborhoods or roadways. There is all that and so much more. Frankfort is a wonderful place to live and Prestwick is still a coveted address in the village.

With 500 homes and condominiums located in Prestwick, we are Frankfort's largest community. The Prestwick Homeowners Association represents all our residents and was formed to maintain the beauty of our neighborhoods and the values of our homes. In 2013, PHA took a leading role in preserving Prestwick through:

- Following up on the maintenance of the Sauk Trail Dam.
- Beginning a dialogue with the village about emergency evacuation plans for Prestwick, especially those living in the Aberdeen and Prestwick Dr. areas.
- Exploring the feasibility of security cameras at our entrances.
- Brightening our entrances with seasonal flowers and holiday decorations.
- Adding water tie-ins to entrances that had none.
- Holding construction and remodeling projects to established standards through the Architectural Review Committee.
- Promoting social opportunities like the Independence Day picnic and fireworks.
- Distributing to all members a Prestwick directory.
- Emailing immediately alerts concerning road closures/openings, suspicious solicitations, and other community concerns (for those who provided an email address). This in itself is an invaluable membership benefit.



Sales are up from previous years and 2013 has brought an influx of young families to Prestwick. They are remodeling and updating their homes and enhancing our neighborhoods. Even better, their young children fill the air with youthful exuberance.

All of this is possible and more with your membership. We are growing stronger and as a result have become more proactive on your behalf. Costs continue to rise, but our annual dues will remain the same and are far less than many area associations. Even better, this investment is visible

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PHA'S "BEHIND THE SCENES" ACTIVITIES

by Rich Misiorowski, PHA Board Member

Most of your PHA dues are spent on things that all Prestwick Homeowners see and enjoy throughout the year, namely the seasonal plantings and the decorating of our street entrances. But "Behind the Scenes" your Prestwick Homeowners Association is active on several fronts:

- Maintaining architectural standards for new or remodeling construction projects
- Encouraging homeowner adherence to Prestwick covenants, deed restrictions and village ordinances
- Acting as liaison with governmental agencies on issues that impact our community

Our recent liaison discussions with Village of Frankfort (VOF), Frankfort Fire Protection District (FFPD) and Forest Preserve District of Will County (FPDWC) personnel have concentrated on several items that have a very low potential of occurrence but potentially high negative impact.

We find that the Sauk Trail Dam's "Operations Manual and Emergency Action Plan" is in need of updating. In conjunction with VOF administration



personnel we are encouraging the FPDWC to revise and update these documents. We see a need for a more detailed Emergency Action Plan (EAP) that would be used in the very remote possibility of a dam failure (post-emergency event). To further minimize the remote potential of a dam failure (pre-event) we are requesting that periodic inspections be conducted by licensed engineers with timely rectification of any structural problems. During summer 2013, the FPDWC had a licensed engineer conduct such an inspection. Minor repairs have or are being made. Revised-updated manuals are to be completed in 2014.

Our perceived increase in hazardous rail cargo passing through our back yards was the catalyst for us to ask our emergency service providers (FFPD and the VOF) if they have a Train Derailment EAP (post event). In addition (pre-event) we asked if the VOF has conducted a repeat of their 2007-2008 track inspection to verify that the track deficiencies they found at that time have been addressed by Canadian National Railroad. We were informed by the FFPD that they recently conducted a daylong train derailment training session (using Texas A&M materials) and held a train derailment tabletop exercise which tested their EAP for this type of situation. We are still awaiting a response from the VOF regarding our query.

Another concern recently communicated to VOF-FFPD personnel is the ingress-egress to our community for various emergency situations especially for our dead-ended streets. High water, downed trees etc. could isolate portions of our community and impede the delivery of emergency services and/or inhibit the ingress-egress of our residents. The VOF and the FFPD recently held a meeting to review this issue for all dead-ended streets in the village. The VOF indicates that in the next several months they plan to define secondary emergency access for dead ended Prestwick streets (Aberdeen Road and Prestwick Drive).

Your PHA will continue to work "Behind the Scenes" on these activities on your behalf

ARBOR DAY TREE REPLACEMENT

by Greg Bird, PHA Board Member

Recent natural events have reminded us that we are the individual stewards of the appearance of our neighborhood. Our fall and winter windstorms and Emerald Ash Borer have continued to take a toll on the native tree population that makes Prestwick so unique, setting it apart from other neighborhoods in Frankfort. Additionally, with the neighborhood being 50+ years old, and most lots having been developed, nature is no longer able to re-populate the area with new seedlings and saplings to replace those trees lost for various reasons.

With that in mind, we would like to ask those homeowners who have lost trees on their property to consider planting new trees to replace those that have been lost. Spring is around the corner and Arbor Day is on Friday, April 25, 2014. Please consider planting hardwood trees—oaks, elms, hickories and others—as they grow larger and live longer than most softwood trees.

The PHA hopes to obtain special pricing from a local tree nursery in the near future. If that information becomes available, we will forward it on to you via our email distribution.

Your efforts in replacing these trees will ensure that Prestwick remains the heavily wooded neighborhood it is today for the next 50 years.

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in the improvements in our neighborhood. Please join when your renewal form for 2014 arrives in the mail. Talk to your neighbors about PHA. Our strength is in our numbers. Your home and your property value is protected and enhanced when we all work together to keep Prestwick a beautiful and prestigious area of Frankfort. For questions or concerns about PHA please contact Membership Chairpersons

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WE NEED YOUR HELP



Help us save money on postage and mail in your annual dues right away so we don't have to send you a reminder notice. Thank you!

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Thanking You in Advance,
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