

# Preston Trails HOA Neighborhood News – Feb 2013

## Neighborhood Watch

### Neighborhood Alert!

During January – our neighborhood has been hit with break-ins at two homes and a potential attempt at another.

We believe there are people that are knocking on doors looking for information and if no one is home – attempting to break in.

The Board is working with our Wichita Community Police Officer on things we can do to better protect our homes. We have requested additional patrols through the neighborhood, and the beat officers are aware of our current concerns.

### How you can help:

- Make sure you keep your doors locked and garage door closed when not in use.
- Keep outdoor lights on in the evening and keep your home as well lit as possible.
- If you have someone knock and ask for a wrong address/person or random information – **contact 911** immediately to report the incident.
- If you have “pushy” salespeople come to the door – do not let them in your home, you are encouraged to call 911 immediately.
- Lock your cars if they are not in the garage – take out any valuables.
- Watch out for your neighbors – **WE** are our best defense!
- If you have a reason to contact the police because of an incident - please send a note to [board@prestontrails.com](mailto:board@prestontrails.com) as well.

**Eric Noack** is our Community Police Officer – to contact:

**Phone:** 316 688-9545

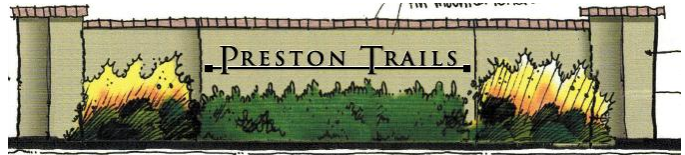
**Email:** ENOACK@wichita.gov

- To report an incident (after the fact) – you can contact the Police Case desk 268-4221 to make a report over the phone OR contact our Community Police officer and he will make arrangements to meet with you to gather the information.
- The police department offers a service called Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPED) – a free service to ANY homeowner. A police officer will come to your home and provide suggestions on how to make your home more secure. Contact Officer Noack to schedule.

**Kyle Krshka** is the new Neighborhood Watch Captain and we are working on some information and training for Watch Focals. We have some areas that could still use a focal – if you are interested, please contact us at [board@prestontrails.com](mailto:board@prestontrails.com)

### New Monuments:

At the annual meeting, the repair and update of the four Preston Trails Monuments was approved. Work started last week and will continue for the next few weeks. New landscaping will be planted later in the spring.



### Neighborhood Notes:

A reminder if you plan to do any updates to the exterior of your home – please send an email to [board@prestontrails.com](mailto:board@prestontrails.com). Any changes to paint, roofing or additions (fence, gazebos) should be approved by the board prior to starting the project.

### Neighborhood Directory:

A flyer will be sent with the April dues statements asking for information to be included in the 2013 Preston Trails directory. The flyer can be returned directly Sunflower Directories OR with your HOA dues. **PLEASE make sure your email address is UP TO DATE** – as we use email as our primary vehicle to inform you of upcoming events or items of concern.

### Homeowner's Dues

#### Reminder:

HOA Dues were increased at the last meeting to \$297.00 per year (or \$148.50 per six months). This is the first increase since incorporation (10 years ago).

Due statements are mailed out April 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. Dues should be paid within 30 days. Please contact the board at [board@prestontrails.com](mailto:board@prestontrails.com) if you have any questions or circumstances that may cause you to be late on payment.

Access to the pool will require dues to be paid in full.

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