

Preston Trails HOA Neighborhood News – Oct 2015

Annual Meeting:

Mark your calendars for the annual Preston Trails Homeowner Meeting. This is a time to meet your neighbors, but also provide feedback to the board.

Date: Thursday, November 19th

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

**Place: Holy Cross Lutheran Church/School
Common's Area, 600 N Greenwich**

If you have any suggestions, please forward to the board@prestontrails.com for consideration. If you would like to serve on the board, please submit your name to the board.

Agenda Items:

- Review of 2015
- Review securing HOA Management Company
- Budget
- Election of officers

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

Neighborhood Watch Program:

We have lost several of our neighborhood watch block focals – if you would be interested in being the focal for your block – please send a note to board@prestontrails.com

Update on Pond:

The fountain and two aerators have been installed and are already helping with the health of the pond. We have been told that it may take up to two years for full impact of the fountains to take effect.

NextDoor.com:

NextDoor.com appears to be a legitimate neighborhood social network site and not a scam. It is cost free and only requires an address and email address to register. It allows you to connect and communicate with neighbors who have voluntarily registered. It is not a part of the Preston Trails Homeowners Association nor does the Board necessarily endorse it, but homeowners are free to evaluate it and join as they wish. Several of our neighbors have already done so and some have found it beneficial.

HOA Management Company:

The board is investigating the hiring of a management company for day to day activities required of the homeowner's association. As a volunteer board for the past 12 years, we have relied on the uncompensated time contributions of neighborhood homeowners to serve the needs of the Association. Preston Trails is now moving into its teen years and our homes and their improvements are beginning to age and require more upkeep. We are seeing a growing need for covenant enforcement in order to maintain the quality of our neighborhood and the value of our properties. This need is surpassing the amount of time our handful of full-time-employed members and bookkeeper have available to devote to it. The benefits of an HOA management company will allow us to do that effectively and allow board members to serve more in decision making and representative advisory roles. It will also allow our record keeper the option to enjoy his recent retirement without feeling the obligation of continuing to handle the financial collection, payment and billing needs of the HOA.

Options will be reviewed at the annual meeting.

Neighborhood Notes:

Dumpsters will not be provided this fall.

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

Vehicles & Parking: Reminder that **NO** vehicles should be permanently parked on any street or in the driveway.

Homeowner's Dues:

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

A reminder that our newsletter is electronic – please send any newsletter corrections or changes to email addresses to newsletter@prestontrails.com