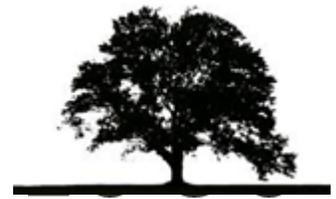


# PRESTONWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



Spring 2014

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings PHA members,

The winter of 2014 began with another successful Kiowa Creek Clean-up with more than 50 registered volunteers, including some from outside the neighborhood. A special thanks to Fred Armijo who has attended the clean-up every year for over 20 years. Thanks for your dedication Fred!

In March, about 150 people attended the first annual kite fest at the Parkhill Jr High football field. It turned out to be a perfect day to fly a kite, toss a Frisbee, or just people watch. We'll definitely schedule this one for next year's event calendar.

This spring we hosted a recycling event on April 26th and Music in the Park on May 17th. "The Wonderfuls" played cover tunes for the event, which was for adults only. This fall we'll host more child-friendly events including more Music in the Park events for families and our annual Fourth of July celebration. Stay tuned for more details!

At the recent board meeting, we reviewed a presentation regarding feasibility and development of a mini park along the creek at Shadybank just South of LaManga. While we're still in the feasibility stage, we hope to have a better idea later this year of how we can best develop that space into an attractive, small park. Log into the website at [www.prestonwood.net](http://www.prestonwood.net) to read more details under Active Members Only - PHA Information - 03-2014 BOD meeting minutes.

Best Regards,  
Steven Monserrate, PHA President

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## ELECTRONICS RE-CYCLE DAY IN APRIL

"This picture was taken about half way through the day. When we were finished, there were enough items to fill the entire truck."

Neighbors were very happy we were there and some said they were saving these items for 5 years, without knowing what to do with them. "  
Elise Greenberg



# BOBCAT UPDATE



A bobcat sighting occurred in mid-March along La Manga and has reoccurred in late April. For safety sake, neighbor Richard Kincheloe noted that the best course is to keep most pets (especially small dogs and cats) indoors. For more information, he can be reached at richardkincheloe@yahoo.com

## PROTECT YOUR PACKAGES

In April there were several thefts of packages from the front doors of homes. Thieves follow delivery trucks to monitor drop-offs and if no one answers the door, they know that no one is home. Some tips to consider:

- Request for a signature to be required for delivery. The carrier can drop a package with a neighbor or come back.
- Have packages delivered to a family member, friend or neighbor who is home during the day.
- Have packages delivered to your work.
- Should you have a package stolen, please call your PID officer at 972-333-3441 and file a report.

## Prestonwood Social Groups

### Mom's Group / Mom's Night Out

Susan Davis: 214-704-9892 susan.m.davis@accenture.com or Katie Pierce: 214-934-1188 katherine.ann.pierce@gmail.com

A wonderful opportunity for mothers in our neighborhood to meet, regardless of the school your child(ren) attend(s) or will attend. Monthly mom's night out occurs either at someone's home or a restaurant. Open to any person who fills the role of "Mom" – open to men and women. Join the Facebook group Prestonwood HOA Moms.

### Chick Flick Tuesdays

Call Danna Dunn: 972-233-0561

Fun night out for the girls, the 4th Tuesday of each month.

### The Restaurant Group

Call Diane Klein: 972-386-3828

New places, old favorites, it's dinner out! 3rd Friday each month.

### Prestonwood Cycling Club

Call Bill Parker: 972-381-9963 or Jan DeMeulder: 972-866-0586

Dust off those gears and get moving!

### Prestonwood Wine Tasters

Call Karen Yocum at 972-386-8036. With this large, diverse group you are sure to connect and have fun! It's not just about wine. First Friday of the month.

### Prestonwood Book Club

Call Liz Haberman: 972-239-0077 or emailhabermanliz@gmail.com

Fine reading, good conversation, new friends.

### Future Panthers Parent Group

Craig Kesler 972-239-9234 or futurepanthers@pwepta.org

Preschoolers who will be attending Prestonwood Elementary.

### Brentfield WeeCats

Register at <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/weecats/>

Preschoolers who will be attending Brentfield Elementary.

*Interested in forming a neighborhood social group? Submit your idea and contact information to phanewsletter@gmail.com for inclusion.*



A group called The Felony Lane Gang has been targeting schools and day care centers in the Far North Dallas area. Please hide or take all valuables when dropping off or picking up your child at all area schools. More information on the criminals can be found at [http://www.texanscu.org/home/member/education/inthenews\\_felony\\_lane](http://www.texanscu.org/home/member/education/inthenews_felony_lane) This group is very bold and are not easily deterred. Report any incidents to 911 or the PID officer at 972-333-3441.



## Prestonwood Pet Services

[www.PrestonwoodPetServices.com](http://www.PrestonwoodPetServices.com)

214-505-9523

### SERVICES:

**DROP-IN CARE: \$16**

- Potty break in the backyard
- Change water/feed
- Playtime
- Scoop litter box
- Lots of TLC & sealed with a treat!

Approximately 15 minutes per visit 1-2 pets;  
add \$3 for each additional pet



## 2014 Social Events Chairperson

Hello fellow Prestonwood neighbors,

We started off our social events for 2014 with a Kiowa Creek Clean Up Event. Despite cool temperatures that day, we had a great turnout and the creek is much cleaner. Thanks to all of the neighbors who participated in this event.

We followed up that event with our first Prestonwood Kite Fest which was on March 29th. We could not have asked for better weather and over 100 children and adults showed up for the event. Everyone had a lot of fun and it was great to see families enjoying some time together. The event was such a success that we will definitely be repeating it next year.

Music in the Park - Hosted on May 17th, The Wonderfuls played and fun was had by all! The Music in the Park event in October will be designed for adults as well as children.

Here is a list of the remaining events for the year:

June - NEW Beginning of Summer Party (help needed- volunteers to plan and host- If you are interested, please email me at [gmsahl@gmail.com](mailto:gmsahl@gmail.com))

July - July 4th Celebration

September -National Night Out

October -Music in the Park

November - Thanks Giving Hope Run

## Curb Signs

I realized while driving through our neighborhood looking for a neighbor's house, that our house numbers are in dire need of repainting. Not only are the numbers needed to find your friend's homes, emergency and security services need them as well. The next day I asked Michelle Renault-Rutt to come up with a solution. She soon presented the following design which we plan to offer to members for a negotiated price with a local curb painting service. Look for more information in the coming weeks!

Steven Monserrate PHA President

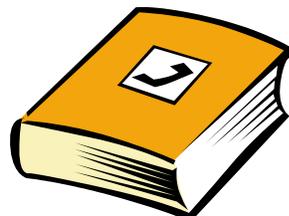
EXAMPLES:



## 2014 Directory Chairperson

You should have received your directory in the mail in April which was created by Margaret Filingeri.

**IMPORTANT:** The information in your profile on the website will be used for the printed directory so be sure to logon and review it for accuracy.



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## Good Neighbor Moment...

Brad who lives on Brook Lake Drive replaced his mailbox but in addition, he replaced three of his neighbors' mailboxes as well.

**“Now that’s what I can call a great neighbor!”~ Anna**



## Congratulations to Prestonwood HOA member and new City of Dallas City Manager A.C. Gonzalez!

We're proud to be neighbors with Prestonwood HOA members A.C. Gonzalez and Melinda Marcus. A.C. was voted unanimously by the Dallas City Council to be the new City Manager of Dallas. A.C. has built a strong record in municipal management for more than 28 years. He has served 14 of those years at the City of Dallas as Assistant City Manager and, most recently, as the Interim City Manager.

During his tenure, he has spearheaded projects that have changed the face of Dallas, including the development of the Omni Dallas Convention Center Hotel, the make-over of Love Field and renegotiating to bring the Dallas Stars professional sports franchise to Dallas. You may be interested to learn that back in the 90's, A.C. initiated a program that become Volunteers in Patrol (VIP). He also negotiated trail easements to create biking and walking trails throughout our city.

As City Manager, A.C. works closely with the City Council on their shared vision to improve the quality of life for residents of Dallas. He is responsible for the daily operations of the municipal organization, managing a staff of approximately 13,000 employees and a budget of \$3.8 billion dollars.

## 2014 OFFICERS

### Board Positions:

President Steven Monserrate

VP Crime Watch Dave Houghton

VP Neighborhood Concerns  
Joan Bronstad

VP Landscaping & Improvements Michelle  
Renault-Rutt

VP Treasurer Kelly Vinton

VP Secretary Beth Lavercombe

### Committee Chairs:

PID Treasurer -Barry & Diane Klein

Directory -Margaret Filingeri

Social Events - Gayla Sahl

Newsletter -Kristine Schwopce

Bulky Trash -Elise Greenberg

VIP -Bernie Crotty

Website -OPEN

Membership -Myra Gingold

### PID 24-Hr. Patrol:

**972-333-3441**

Report suspicious persons/activities, vandalism, solicitors, or if you require out-of-town house check service.

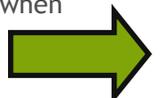
PHA Website [www.prestonwood.net](http://www.prestonwood.net)

### PHA Directory

Please refer to your membership directory and the PHA website for additional numbers and valuable information.

### ***Please consider employing the following crime reduction tactics throughout the summer:***

- Please keep garage doors closed (Yes, even when you are doing yard work)
- Please do not leave landscaping equipment in the yard unattended
- Bicycles should be secured in the garage and not left in the front yard
- Keep vehicles garaged when possible and **Lock, Take and Hide** for the other vehicles



## Prestonwood PID Monthly Incident Report through March 2014

Incident Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	YTD
Valid Burglar Alarm	0	0	0	0	0
False Burglar Alarm	15	12	12	13	52
Traffic Stops	1	2	1	2	6
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	13	5	3	11	32
Disturbance	3	2	3	2	10
Curfew Violations	0	0	0	0	0
Truancy Violations	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Parking Violations	1	0	0	0	1
Solicitors	1	3	4	7	15
Lost Animal Calls	1	0	1	2	4
Open Garage	40	25	30	31	126
Out of Town House Checks	43	28	36	36	143
Theft Offenses	0	0	1	0	1
Burglary of Homes	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary of Motor Vehicles	1	0	3	0	4
Attempted Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	1	0	2	0	3
Miscellaneous	4	5	8	9	26
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>423</b>

### April:

- Open front door was found on Amberwood. There was no sign of any offense,
- A package was reported missing on Embers, the complainant did not want a report.
- There was a report of 6 tires dumped behind the house on Nedra Way on 4/26/14.

### March:

- The 2 vandalism offenses were to windows that were shot out by either a BB gun or sling shot. One occurred on Oakleaf and the other on Warm Mist.
- BMV reported on Calm Meadow that occurred between March 10-13. There was no sign of forced entry, the complainant states a \$10 bill was taken.
- 2 BMV's reported on March 11. One on Laurel Valley where there was no sign of forced entry and \$3 in change was taken. The other was on Red Cedar where a cell phone was taken which had been left laying on the back seat, also no sign of forced entry.
- There was a report of vandalism to a vehicle that occurred on Pineview on March 12. Several food products were spread on the vehicle and also some spray paint. However, the owner was able to clean everything off. As a result, this offense was unfounded by the detective investigating the case.
- The back door to a mini van was found open over night on Red Cedar.

### February:

- On 2/17/14, Officer Kelley located 2 juveniles vandalizing a vehicle on Red Cedar. The children were taken home and their parents agreed to make restitution for the damage. As a result, the complainant did not want a police report to be made.
- Open front door was found on Barkwood on 2/1/14. No offenses committed.
- There was a report of a burglary on Red Pine on 2/3/14. The investigation showed this to be a civil matter. The suspect used to live at the location and did not take any of the complainants property, therefore no offense occurred.

### January:

- The BMV occurred on Robin Willow. Items were taken from the trunk, there was no sign of forced entry to the vehicle. The vandalism occurred on Nedra Way. A rear window was damaged, possibly by a BB gun.
- Aggravated Assault was reported on Nedra Way. The investigation revealed this to be a mutual fray between 2 high school students. Therefore no offense occurred. There was an aggravated assault reported at 6319 Pineview that was family violence related, the suspect was arrested.
- There was a report of a white male in a white car who asked an 11 yr old girl to come over to his car while she was walking home from school on Shadybank. The girl was with another girl at the time and they both ran home. The incident was not reported until a day later.

## DRIVING FRIENDLY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

In a perfect world, there would be no cars on neighborhood streets. But this is not a perfect world and we do have cars on the streets of our neighborhood. Lots of them. When you are driving through the neighborhood streets and alleys, you should lower your speed limit just in case a child or a pet runs out in front of your vehicle. Also, if you are traveling on a street with cars parked out front and you meet an oncoming car, please yield and let the car by and then proceed with caution.

Please remember to come to a FULL STOP at the STOP sign. Hey, if you get a chance this spring, clean out your garage and park your car there. It just may cut down on crime in the neighborhood and we could see how beautiful your home is without a car out front.



## RISE AND SHINE



No one likes to be abruptly awakened, especially by a lawnmower at 7am on a Sunday. While the City of Dallas noise ordinance does not address lawn mowing, as a courtesy to our neighbors, please consider limiting

mowing between 8am and 6pm. To start mowing and blowing before 8:00 am seems a bit early, even for early risers. While mowing after 6:00 pm seems a bit late, since neighbors may be out in their back yards enjoying their pool, relaxing after a long day or having company over to visit. The noise and the dust can be a little aggravating. Let's all see if we can improve on this! Thanks.

## OAK WILT

As summer approaches many residents are trimming their oak trees, unfortunately, now is not the best time for pruning. If at all possible, pruning of oak trees should be AVOIDED between Feb 1 through June 30 as this is the period during which the trees are most prone to oak wilt. More information can be found at <http://www.texasoakwilt.org/>.



## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Why does my online profile show member since Dec 2012 when I've been a member since 1981?**

**A:** The Member Since information in your profile defaults to the date that the profile was established on the website. Since the website itself was put into place Dec 2012, most profiles show this date as the default member since date.

**Q: How can I automatically receive notices of postings to the website?**

**A:** After logging in at the Prestonwood.net website, members can Edit their Email Settings to receive automatic emails when new topics are posted to the forums on the PHA website. This will ensure that members receive the latest postings.

**Q: Why can't I view my friends Home Phone number in the online directory?**

**A:** Each member can set the privacy level of each of their items of contact information as either Anybody (anyone can view), Members only (only Active Members can view) or No Access (no one can view). So if a member selected No Access for their Home Phone, it will not appear on the Directory results.

**Q: I do not have a Paypal account but I want to pay online. How can I do this?**

**A:** Paypal will allow you to Checkout as a Guest using your personal credit card.

**Q: Is my credit card information secure?**

**A:** Paypal is a reputable third-party transaction vendor used by people worldwide.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: I've heard of other neighborhood organizing websites that are 100% free. Why doesn't the PHA use one of those sites?**

**A:** While the other neighborhood organizing website may appear free, like other social media sites, they gain their revenues from advertising and sharing member information to marketing agencies. The PHA's paid website is 100% private and does not share information with outside parties. Furthermore, members can select what information is shared with others within our association.

**Q: What exactly is a Bundle?**

**A:** On the website, a Bundle represents a single household with up to two members available. Each household designates one member as the Bundle Administrator to receive renewal notices and pay for memberships. This allows for two persons in each household to receive emails, register for events, etc, for the cost of a membership. The Bundle Administrator can add or delete members as desired.

**Q: Can I advertise my Garage or Estate sale on the website?**

**A:** Yes, Active members can post their garage sale on the website themselves and may also request distribution of an email to all residents notifying them of the dates, times and items available for sale. Because of the City Regulations limiting the posting garage/estate sale signs to the property only, use of the website is encouraged to avoid fines and eliminate the illegal signage at intersections in our neighborhood.

# KIOWA CREEK CLEAN UP- FEBRUARY



## KITE FEST- MARCH



## PRESTONWOOD VIP DATA TOTALS

Month	Shifts	Coverage Hours	People Hours	Miles	# Events	Garage Open	Other	Talked to Phone Resident	Left Message	No Answer	No Number
Jan-14	11	17:32	35:04	156	35	35	0	16	10	1	8
Feb-14	10	15:11	30:22	135	31	29	2	11	2	1	7
Mar-14	8	12:51	25:42	110	22	21	1	5	14	0	2
<b>Apr-14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11:48</b>	<b>23:36</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>
May-14	0	0:00	0:00	0	0	0	0				
Jun-14	0	0:00	0:00	0	0	0	0				
Jul-14	0	0:00	0:00	0	0	0	0				
Aug-14	0	0:00	0:00	0	0	0	0				
Sep-14	0	0:00	0:00	0	0	0	0				
Oct-14	0	0:00	0:00	0	0	0	0				
Nov-14	0	0:00	0:00	0	0	0	0				
Dec-14	0	0:00	0:00	0	0	0	0				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>57:22</b>	<b>114:44</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25</b>
						<b>95.7%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>37.4%</b>	<b>27.0%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>21.7%</b>

<b>Apr-14</b>	
7.00 Shifts	11:48 Coverage hours
23:36 People hours	97.20 Miles driven
7 People Patrolled	
<b>2014 YTD</b>	
36.00 Shifts	57:22 Coverage Hours
114:44 People Hours	498.00 Miles driven
10 People Patrolled	
<b>2008-2013 - PHA VIP Program started 6/18/08</b>	
<b>798 Shifts</b>	<b>1336 Coverage Hours = 56 Days</b>
<b>2673 People Hours</b>	<b>= 111 Days</b>
<b>10397 Miles driven</b>	<b>3388 Events</b>

Dear Longtime Prestonwood Neighbors,

Do you have "old" photos of Prestonwood to share with newcomers? If you do, please send them to the President at [monserrate@sbcglobal.net](mailto:monserrate@sbcglobal.net) for publication in an incoming newsletter. Include the date of the photo, where it was taken and who, if anyone, is in the photo. We'll try to do a recent shot for a "Prestonwood Then and Now" article.

