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HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## SPRING 2021 NEWSLETTER

### Letter from our PHA President:

Friends and Neighbors,

There is exciting news as the PHA Board has worked diligently in the midst of a global pandemic to develop a new normal in Prestonwood! As we move into 2021, be on the lookout for various events that will give all of us an opportunity to reconnect and enjoy this great neighborhood. Social Chairman Julie Smith has upcoming events that will be posted to our website **[www.Prestonwood.net](http://www.Prestonwood.net)**.

PHA is a voluntary association which serves about 1,032 homes. Our yearly dues are only \$85.00 and ensures the police presence in our neighborhood. Currently we have only 550 members. We encourage you all to reach out to those who are not already members and get them involved in our PHA.

Even though we were unable to have an in-person General Membership Meeting in January, Steve Monserrate was able to help us facilitate a successful Zoom meeting.

The bridge at Kiowa Creek is now complete and we are looking forward to the City of Dallas' additions of new landscaping features, including trees. Kudos to Colin Pierce for interfacing with the City regarding these plans.

We are always looking for volunteers and encourage you to reach out to us if you have an interest in working to make our neighborhood a better place to live.

2020 was a trying year for many of us. Happily, it is in our review mirror. We are excited about 2021 and PHA is a great place to start!

P.S. A special thanks to Brittany McNally. Without her artistic design talent, this Newsletter would not be possible.

**Jim Mills,**

President,

Prestonwood Homeowners Association





# Spring Gardening Tips

## Courtesy of Prestonwood Homeowners Association

Spring is the time to assess damage from winter, repair lawn tools, fill voids in the landscape, pamper your lawn, perform shrub pruning, fertilize everything, begin composting, be kind to birds, and finish with a nice layer of mulch.

Check things off the list, and your landscape will be the envy of the neighborhood just in time for the Prestonwood Homeowners Association "Yard of the Month" award! Now is the time to enhance your yard and prepare to relax with friends and family at safe-distance gatherings.



### ✿ SURVEY YOUR YARD

Make note of tree limbs that should be removed or cabled, especially those that overhang structures. Hire an arborist to maintain large trees. Cut down last year's perennial foliage. Check fences, steps, and pathways for disrepair caused by freezing and thawing.

### ✿ TUNE UP YOUR TOOLS

Give your lawn tools some TLC so they're in good shape when it's time to work.

### ✿ FILL IN YOUR BEDS

Choose new plants for any parts of the garden that feel bare. Order trees and shrubs for spring planting.

### ✿ REFRESH YOUR LAWN

If you've got grass, spring is an important time to turn your attention to your turf. Clear the lawn of winter debris and look for areas that need attention before mowing.

### ✿ PRUNE YOUR SHRUBS

Remove dead, damaged branches from woody plants. Thin and trim blooming shrubs such as hydrangea, and most roses. Prune cold-damaged summer blooming plants after plants resume spring growth. Prune spring-blooming shrubs and trees after flowering.

### ✿ PLANT YOUR CONTAINER-GROWN PLANTS

You probably have container plants from last year if they survived "snowmageddon" 2021. Now is the time to transplant them. You can do this anytime during the growing season except during the heat of midsummer. Be sure to water them thoroughly before and after they go in the ground.

### ✿ FERTILIZE YOUR EVERYTHING

Apply fertilizer around trees and shrubs when new growth appears. Spread high-acid fertilizer and pine-needle mulch around acid-loving shrubs like azaleas, camellias, or citrus. Begin fertilizing perennials when active growth resumes.

### ✿ CLEAN YOUR BIRD FEEDERS AND BIRD BATHS

Now is a great time to give bird feeders a refresh. Disinfect by scrubbing with weak bleach solution (1/4 cup bleach: 2 gallons warm water). Rinse and dry the feeders before refilling them. Scrub birdbaths with bleach solution, then rinse them thoroughly and refill, changing water weekly.

### ✿ MULCH YOUR BEDS

A thick layer of mulch gives everything a clean look while thwarting weeds and retaining moisture.

*Enjoy Your Yard!*

Just add family, friends, food & beverages!



# Volunteers in Patrol (“VIP”)

**The Volunteers-In-Patrol (VIP)** have not been conducting regular neighborhood patrols due to the social distancing need, however they were busy replacing over 300 missing and severely faded alley address signs. The alley address signs greatly assist emergency services, utility companies and contractors with finding our homes. Please save and reinstall your sign after replacing or refinishing your fence.

In lieu of traditional patrols some VIPs have taken to walking. If you received a knock on your door during the big chill informing you about broken sprinklers thank a VIP, better yet become a VIP. Senior Corporal Lyndsey Allen of Dallas Police Department is conducting monthly VIP training sessions. Just one 4-hour class, clean driving record and background check is all it takes to become a VIP and help keep our neighborhood safe. Please email [PrestonwoodVIP@gmail.com](mailto:PrestonwoodVIP@gmail.com) if interested.

The directory used during VIP patrols to contact you if anything unusual is seen around your

home will be updated soon. **Please confirm that the phone numbers you have in the PHA online membership directory are accurate.**



**Planning to travel this summer? Let our PID officers know so they can keep an eye on your home! Call 972-333-3441.**

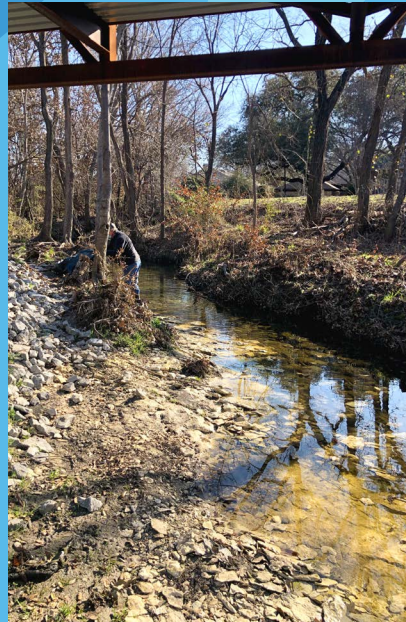
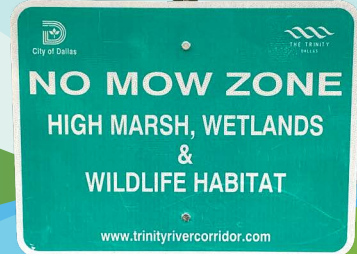
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Traffic Stops	5	4	6	4	4	2	4
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	12	14	12	5	4	10	9
Disturbance	2	0	0	1	1	0	2
Curfew Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Truancy Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Traffic Accidents	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Solicitors	6	7	0	0	0	4	6
Burglary of Homes	0	0	6	2	0	0	0
Lost Animal Calls	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Burglary of Motor Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Open Garage	12	14	16	6	5	6	8
Out of Town House Checks	26	26	22	20	11	12	12
Attempted Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	7	8	9	4	4	8	10
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>62</b>



# Kiowa Creek CLEANUP RECAP:

The PHA had perfect weather to work with our dedicated volunteers at the Annual Kiowa Creek cleanup. We filled 30 bags with trash and debris that was removed from the creek bed and surrounding greenbelt. PHA board members also planted a blackberry patch (opposite page) near the new bridge and painted our wildflower posts to blend in with the greenery.

Our volunteers' dedication of working toward a cleaner, greener community and environment is very much appreciated. Thanks to everyone who volunteered with us!







*Thank you, neighbors!*



On behalf of the PHA, Steve Monserrate and his son, Alex, planted six blackberry canes in a bed near the new pedestrian bridge. The patch will mature and be ready for picking in a year or two so please be patient as we tend to this new community feature. Once established, these hardy plants will need minimal care while providing a nice treat each summer.

# *Nominate your neighbor today!*

## **2021 YARD OF THE MONTH COMPETITION IS HERE!**

**WIN A  
\$50  
GIFT  
CARD!**



Neighbors: join us for our first ever Yard of the Month friendly competition!

Please email your nominations (either your home or your neighbor's) to [julsmith@netzero.net](mailto:julsmith@netzero.net). We will have monthly winners in April, May and June this spring.

Each monthly household winner will receive the following:

**\$50 Home Depot gift card, award winning yard sign,  
and photos featured on our social channels!**



# Spring & Summer **EVENTS**

For volunteer opportunities, email [julsmith@netzero.net](mailto:julsmith@netzero.net)



## Yard of the Month

**April, May & June** | Submit your nominations to [julsmith@netzero.net](mailto:julsmith@netzero.net) for a chance to win a \$50 Home Depot gift card!



## Kite Fest & Field Day

**May 1st • 1-3pm** | Parkhill JHS track  
Bring a kite, football, ball and glove, frisbee, and/or blanket and lawn chairs to hang out and enjoy the afternoon.



## 4th of July Parade

**July 4th • 9am** | Sandydale Park  
More fun details coming soon. Join our Facebook Group for more info!

# Hospitality **NEWS**

For neighborhood questions, email [sandy@sandyakright.com](mailto:sandy@sandyakright.com).



Our real estate market is in the perfect storm today. With really low interest rates and historically low inventory, the market is the hottest that I have ever seen it in my 35 years in real estate. Regardless of the condition as long as its priced correctly, it will sell usually within the first few days for list price or over list price. Our neighborhood is still highly sought after and in great demand due to our schools and location.

If you are one of the lucky ones that recently bought a home in Prestonwood and have any questions about our neighborhood, please feel free to reach out to me at 972-672-5024 or [sandy@sandyakright.com](mailto:sandy@sandyakright.com).



# Brush Up **ON BULKY PICKUP**

We love our neighborhood and appreciate how each of us takes responsibility for our own property. Jeff Kort has served as the Bulky Trash representative for Prestonwood HOA over the last four years. As you hopefully know, bulky trash is collected during the week of the first Monday of the month. Bulky items may be placed out on our sidewalks as early as the Thursday before the first Monday. Part of Jeff's role is to reach out and remind neighbors who may not have realized that their bulky items are out prior to that Thursday before the first Monday, and/or when bulky trash is put out AFTER the first Monday of the month. Jeff has helped many neighbors reset their bulky trash behind their homes until it is time to bring it out. He similarly offers to return to the neighbor when the time is right to put the bulk trash back out, if they need help. While

code compliance is not the fun part of serving the neighborhood, Jeff makes it as pleasant and comfortable as possible. Of course, with a neighborhood of >1,000 homes, Jeff doesn't see everything every day. Therefore, he welcomes neighbors to let him know so that he can provide a friendly reminder about the rules and see if he can help them move their bulky trash out of sight in the short term.

You may reach out to Jeff regarding our HOA bulky trash initiatives by emailing [jkort@munnmorris.com](mailto:jkort@munnmorris.com). For more info from the City of Dallas, see below:



Call **311** for more information  
or Download the **OurDallas** app






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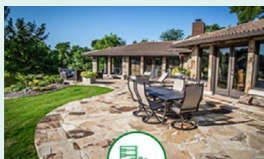


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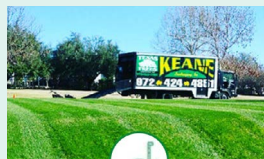
**Call 972-210-0743**

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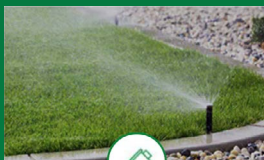
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