

## SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER

#### **Letter from our PHA President:**

Friends and Neighbors,

It is hard to believe that Summer 2021 is drawing to a close! So far this summer has been relatively pleasant. Most of all we have been able to get back to doing many of those activities that we missed last summer. From our Yard of the Month competition to our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival, our community has come together to celebrate our wonderful friends and neighbors.

Our HOA Social Chair, **Julie Smith**, did a wonderful job of coordinating vendors, setting up the space, and leading a team of volunteers to make the July 4<sup>th</sup> event the best one yet. As school begins this month, let's get together for the upcoming events mentioned on page 6. We know that with the Covid Delta variant, we have additional uncertainty regarding mask mandates, social distancing, etc. Safety and protocol based on the CDC guidelines will be our number one priority as we head into the fall. We will be in touch with you via our email list with regard to any upcoming events. Please make sure that we have your current contact information which you can review utilizing our HOA website (click on upper right icon and click view profile > edit profile).

A special thanks to **Michelle Renault-Rutt** who has spent an enormous amount of time helping us to address the broken wall facing Arapaho Road. We have undertaken Phase One by clearing the dead landscaping that was on both the north and south side of the wall. We are now in the process of getting bids to repair the broken wall sections. We could use your financial help and appreciate any contribution that you might be able to make. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly at the number below if I can answer any questions.

I also want to point out the hard work of HOA board member **Jeff Kort** who is responsible for making sure that we comply with the City of Dallas' rules for bulk pick-up. His efforts ensure that we don't have bulky trash items in front of our homes during the entire month.

Our Prestonwood HOA Board is always looking for volunteers. Please consider giving us a hand and make a new friend in the process!

#### Jim Mills.

President, Prestonwood Homeowners Association (214) 369-7800









#### **Original Homeowners of Prestonwood**

Our homeowners association is proud to honor those families who have been members of our neighborhood since our subdivision broke ground in the late 1970's. As part of our *Prestonwood Legacies* campaign, we took the opportunity to interview our original homeowners who have been loyal HOA members and shown their support over the last forty years.

Family: Street Name: Move-in date: Linda & John Prickette Shadybank Drive 1981

**How did you both meet?** John and I met in Jr. High School in Waco, Texas. We dated from high school to college and were married in Waco in 1963.

What brought you to North Dallas? John was transferred to Dallas in 1981 having served as Manager and District Manager in several cities. John in his last job as Director of Economic Director retired after 38 years with Texas Utilities (formerly Texas Power & Light). We started looking for homes specifically within the Richardson School District as our children were 12 & 8 years old at the time of our move to Dallas.

How did you select Prestonwood? A friend of John's mentioned that Randy Hughes of the Dallas Cowboys had ventured into the real estate market after his football injury and partnered with Gordon Todd in the development of our neighborhood. We were shown a house that had just been completed (before inspection) and the decorator had done a fabulous job with the interiors. Back then the interest rate was 17%! But we were lucky to hit the right house in the right neighborhood which was just perfect for our family. It was truly luck at the time with interest



rates being so high, that they were glad to have us as buyers! About half of the homes on our street were even completed at that point.

How has Prestonwood changed over the past 40 years? There were NO trees in our neighborhood and were newly planted at the time. Most every house built by our builder came with two trees (live oaks). When our daughter comes to visit she can't believe how big the trees have grown over the years! We planted monkey grass that we brought from Tyler, Texas back in the day because the landscape was very sparse. It flourishes everywhere in our yard today — we've even had to give it away to neighbors!

What have you enjoyed the most about Prestonwood? The neighboring families and friends we have made throughout our childrearing years and after. The schools have always been outstanding and provided us so many opportunities to get involved in our community. In the entire time we've lived in our home, we've had 3 sets of families move into each of our surrounding houses. Many new families moving in have had young children and we have watched them grow up over the years. We've been so fortunate with great neighbors which is very typical of our street.

How have you been involved in our HOA? We participated in many of the association activities including concerts and 4th of July parades.

How were you involved in the neighboring schools over the years? I substituted at Parkhill Jr. High for a couple of years in the mid-1980's which was very convenient as we lived close to the school. We were really involved in the PTA, the Booster Club, sports and cheerleading while our children were in school so we had a lot of opportunities to meet new people at the time.

How do y'all spend your time outside the home? We are very involved in our church, The Church of the Holy Communion as well as Gourmet Dinner Club that originally started out as a Prestonwood Newcomers Club. We are big sports fans, in particular the Dallas Cowboys, as we had season tickets for 20 years.

How did you both manage during the 2020 lockdown? Zoom saved us! Almost everything we are involved with was handled via Zoom, whether family or organizations we belong to. We really locked ourselves down at home and zoomed down to get our vaccines the second they became available.

It was the best decision we ever made for our family to move to Prestonwood."





PHA homeowners: have a legacy story to share with us? Please reach out to Brittany at (214) 796-4913 or <a href="mailto:brittanylmcnally@gmail.com">brittanylmcnally@gmail.com</a>.



2021 Spring & Summer Security Stats					
Incident Type	Mar	April	May	June	July
Valid Burglar Alarm	0	0	0	0	0
False Burglar Alarm	1	9	8	7	8
Traffic Stops	6	7	5	4	8
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	12	17	14	16	12
Disturbance	0	0	1	1	0
Curfew Violations	0	0	0	0	0
Truancy Violations	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Solicitors	4	6	7	7	6
Burglary of Homes	0	0	0	0	0
Lost Animal Calls	2	1	2	1	1
Burglary of Motor Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0
Open Garage	20	15	12	14	16
Out of Town House Checks	13	18	20	28	25
Attempted Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	6	9	6	6	8
Total Incidents	64	82	75	84	84



Prestonwood PID officers line: (972) 333-3441



# July 4th RECAP















# Outstanding Homeowner Award

Mr. William Frew has been a PHA homeowner for 38 years and has recently taken care of the repairs of the wall that borders on his property at his own expense. PHA supplemented this recent repair by almost 50% and he was delighted. He has meticulously maintained his wall even after multiple automobiles have damaged it. Mr. Frew is 90 years old and works as a consulting petroleum engineer. He and wife Madge are vital members of the Prestonwood Homeowners Association.





# Our Neighborhood Winners! \*\* 2021 YARD OF THE MONTH



Our Yard of the Month competition recognized 3 Prestonwood homeowners who contributed to the overall aesthetics and health of our community this past season. We had so many great nominations this spring and have listed our winners for each month below. Congratulations to everyone who participated!









## Spotlight: RESTAURANT GROUP



This group meets on the third Friday of each month. Each time one member selects a restaurant and makes all the necessary arrangements for accommodations. Separate checks are always the rule. Places where we have previously dined include casual favorites like Uncle Julio's and Liberty Burger and more upscale venues like Ruggari's and Lawry's. Attending each dinner is optional, but your RSVP on a timely basis is required.

We will have an organizational meeting in September and membership in PHA is expected. Because it is virtually impossible to wear a mask while eating, being fully vaccinated is required.

Please call or email if you are interested: Diane Klein 972-386-3828: or email barrviklein@tx.rr.com.

# Info ON THE PID

The Prestonwood Public Improvement District (PID) is a City of Dallas-regulated district assigned to provide additional safety in the form of 24 hour police services exclusive to our neighborhood. It is funded by a mandatory assessment on property values within Prestonwood.

Our Prestonwood Homeowners Association manages the PID. Our PID funds are earmarked for public safety and provide the money needed for our 24/7 Dallas police patrol cars and rapid response from uniformed Dallas police officers. This is unique to Prestonwood and has helped to keep our crime stats very low and made our neighborhood an attractive option with high values.



Thank you to our amazing VP of Crime Watch, Cindy Wentzel, for your efforts in replacing our alley PID signs on each street! These signs replaced our faded ones at most visible alley entry way points to remind onlookers of our added security in our neighborhood.

Interested in volunteering? Email us at PrestonwoodVIP@gmail.com.



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