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# PRESTONWOOD

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

### Letter from our PHA President:

Friends and Neighbors,

If you are like me, I look forward to seeing all the kids go back to school as the 100 degree days slowly recede. You can smell football in the air and the recent rains are a godsend. Fall in Texas is just around the corner!

I want to welcome our new neighbors to Prestonwood HOA. We are thrilled to have a number of young families, empty nesters and retirees. All of us appreciate what a wonderful neighborhood we have as we do our part to keep it up.

The Prestonwood HOA Board continues to look for ways to improve landscaping and lighting in our common areas. Day to day maintenance of these areas is of the highest priority.

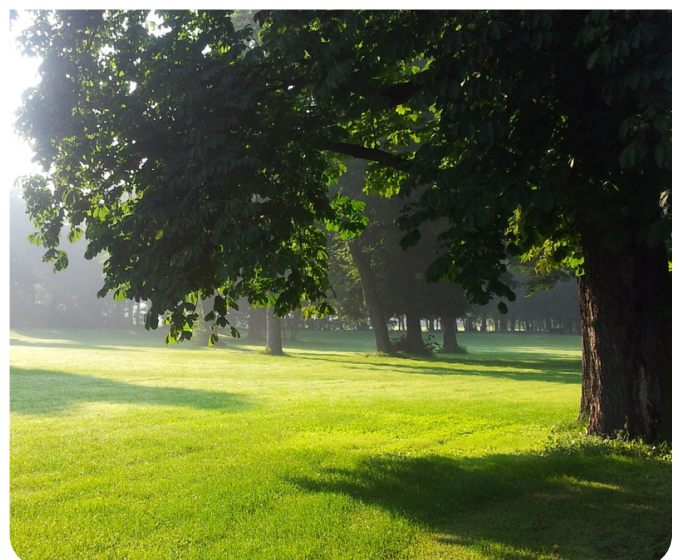
Many thanks to the 142 members who responded to our email survey. When it came to our social events, Music in the Park was the most popular. So, I am pleased to say that on **October 15, 2022** we will have an afternoon/early evening of Music in the Park at Sandy Dale Park. Details will be sent out at a later date.

We continue to work with the City of Dallas in its code enforcement of basic violations including bulky trash pickup, high weeds, improperly parked vehicles, etc. Please remember that if you have a code violation concern that you can always call 311 or use the City of Dallas' app to make a complaint.

I personally want to thank the HOA Board members for the countless volunteer hours they provide. The various issues that the Board faces today have become more numerous and complex. Each one has unique challenges that must be responded to in a responsible manner. Our Board works diligently on behalf of our members

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any questions that you may have regarding the HOA.

**Jim Mills,**  
President, Prestonwood Homeowners Association  
(214) 369-7800



# TAX LEVY NOTICE

## BY BARRY KLEIN VP PID TREASURER

The Prestonwood Homeowners Association (PHA) has had another highly successful year managing your Prestonwood Public Improvement District (PID) 24-hour security service.

Crime has been nearly non-existent due to our police security patrol with the presence of an armed Dallas police officer in uniform in a Dallas police car 24/7. This has proven to be a terrific crime deterrent and is a continuation of a long-term trend for our neighborhood.

Due to the rapidly increasing property values in the 2021 tax year and tight fiscal management and supervisory overview by the PHA, the PHA Board is pleased to announce a **reduction in the PID assessment rate for 2022 from \$0.07 per \$100 of assessed value levied in 2021 to \$0.065 per \$100**. As the active management of the PID, the PHA Board will continue to monitor assessed home values and set the PID assessment rate at a fair level to continue to provide the safety and security of our 24/7 police patrols.



## PHA Poll Survey Results 2022

This past summer, we sent out a survey to our current PHA members via email, capturing how best our HOA can serve our homeowners. Based on the 142 household responses, here are some of the highlights:

- **35%** have lived in Prestonwood less than 10 yrs whereas **25%** over 31 years!
- **58%** of members are either retired or have no kids living at home while **41%** have college, school or preschool aged children at home
- **Maintenance** ranked the highest for areas to focus efforts & resources
- **73%** of respondents felt that the current \$85 annual fee was just right
- **Music in the Park** is the most preferred event to attend and on weekend evenings (*coming this October!*)

## DALLAS 311

Dallas 311 is a simple, non-emergency phone number that connects residents with City of Dallas services 24 hours a day.

311 allows residents to submit a request for over 250 types of service requests, such as:



**Code Violations**  
(high weeds, litter,  
junk motor vehicles)



**Sanitation Issues**  
(missed garbage/recycling,  
roll cart requests)



**Animal Issues**  
(loose, aggressive,  
lack of care)



**Potholes**



**Traffic Signal/  
Sign Problems**



**Illegal Parking**



311 can also assist with the following City of Dallas utility accounts and payment information:

- Dallas Water Utilities
- Court and Detention Services
- Dallas Police Auto Pound



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- **Mobile App**
  - OurDallas
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# Around the *Neighborhood*



We'd like to spotlight our neighbors on **Barkwood Lane** who have hosted multiple block parties this year. They recently congregated in the circle drive of Sandy and Gary Akright where they co-hosted alongside Joan and Burton French and Kim and Kyle Messerschmidt. They invited their street neighbors for a potluck dinner where everyone brought their own chairs and drinks. A special guest, our very own PID officer on duty, joined the festivities as well for his dinner break.

Sandy and her neighbors have the ultimate setup and highly recommend their friendly get togethers for neighboring streets alike.

Thank you, Barkwood Lane, for being exemplary PHA members!

## **D.I.Y.** **Block Party**

- Send out a Save-the-Date via email or flyer to your fellow neighbors
- Figure out the best pedestrian-friendly yard to host (be sure and set out street signs to remind drivers of kids-at-play)
- Have everyone BYOB and/or food item OR order pizza for the attendees!
- Bring your own chair or picnic blanket and include yard games for the kids to keep busy
- Add nametags so your new neighbors can better remember everyone's names



# July 4th RECAP





# SAVE THE DATE 10-15-22



## Music in the Park

**Saturday, October 15 | 4-6PM**

Back by popular demand, we will be hosting our annual Music in the Park event on Saturday, October 15 from 4-6PM. Join us at Sandydale Park (corner of Golden Creek & Sandydale) for a night of music, food and social gathering. This event is open to all PHA members and will feature musical entertainment by Burning Hour Band.

Bring a picnic blanket, chairs, and your own beverages as we enjoy the cool fall weather!

Incident Type	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Valid Burglar Alarm	0	0	0	0	0
False Burglar Alarm	13	12	10	12	10
Traffic Stops	4	6	7	5	5
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	12	14	12	15	17
Disturbance	0	1	0	1	1
Curfew Violations	0	0	0	0	0
Truancy Violations	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic Accidents	0	1	0	1	0
Solicitors	6	5	4	6	5
Burglary of Homes	0	0	0	0	0
Lost Animal Calls	2	2	3	2	2
Burglary of Motor Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0
Open Garage	10	11	14	16	12
Out of Town House Checks	30	29	28	32	29
Attempted Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	6	8	6	10	8
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>89</b>



**Planning to travel  
this fall? Let our PID  
officers know so they  
can keep an eye on  
your home!**

**(972) 333-3441**

### Solicitor Info:

Door-to-door solicitation during daylight hours and voluntarily giving them money is not against the law. Not providing services paid for and not leaving private property when asked to is.





# Our Neighborhood Winners!

## 2022 YARD OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to our fellow neighbors who both received a \$50 gift card to Home Depot!  
We look forward to our upcoming **Holiday Lights Competition** – stay tuned!!



Jenny & Bob Jarcik  
Pineview Rd.



The Murdter Family  
Meadowcreek Dr.



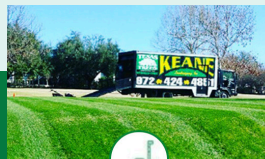
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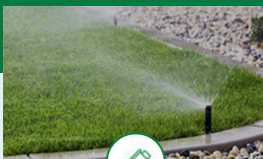
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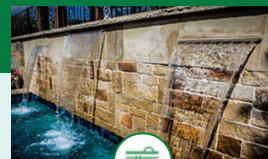
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