

PRESTON COMMONS ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS MEETING

April 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome and introduction of Board Members and Trustees

CRIME UPDATE

Columbus Police Officer Liaison Barbeau of Precinct 6, District 64 gave an area crime update. Little crime in our area. There was a domestic dispute call on Latrobe Street about 3 months ago. Several Hyundai and Kia thefts in Fairway Lakes. One recent crime in District 64, and 3 recent crimes in District 63. Catalytic convertor thefts have been cut in half after a ringleader was arrested.

New texting and driving law in effect for Ohio. You cannot have a phone in your hand and actively use it.

Four new recruiting classes in Columbus. Numbers still down but better.

Email is lbarbeau@columbuspolice.org.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Negative 2022 balance of \$2,299 due to outstanding dues. About 2/3 of homeowners have paid 2023 dues. Reminders will be sent soon.

Next year dues will be able to be paid online (with a convenience fee) for those homeowners in which we have email addresses.

Electricity fees mostly for Christmas lights in commons area.

We try to keep a year's worth of dues in bank for reserve.

LANDSCAPING UPDATE

TNT Landscaping bought out the company that we have used for years. The new owners are reluctantly honoring the pricing we received from Rick, but our cost will go up next year.

Kids playing in commons area repeatedly breaking fence boards. The boards are in bad shape, but the posts are good. Jeff fixed the boards recently broken. We will need to look at replacing the boards in the future. Maybe put up a sign in entryway and email the neighborhood to have kids stay off of the fragile fence.

A resident suggested mulching every other year to save money and because so much mulch falls down the hill onto the sidewalk. The new board will discuss the possibility of not mulching next year.

Several of our wooden street signs are in need of replacement. We have three options for the incoming board to vote upon: 1) The City can install new 2" green poles and signs (green and white) for free. 2) We can have the City install the 2" green poles for free and we can paint them black and attach our own custom signs on the poles. 3) We can install our own 4" custom poles and custom signs. Our original quote for 4" poles and custom signs without installation was around \$20,000 Jeff will get another quote.

NORTHLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

Several old hotels near 161 and 71 have been turned into affordable housing. Those with interior entry doors allow for better safety control.

Land on Uly Road across from the park will be developed into a small church. Plan is held up until a water source is negotiated between municipalities. Metro Parks is looking into buying some of the adjacent land.

NCC meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. NCC represents about 25 communities on the NE side and about 250,000 residents.

STATE ROUTE 161 NOISE WALL UPDATE

Residents eligible to vote for a noise wall voted in favor of it. A grey wall with stone texture will be built at the conclusion of freeway expansion in 2025. State Route 161 will be widened to four lanes in each direction from 270 to Route 62. Construction will begin July 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Preston Commons utilizes a web site, Facebook and email to update residents on neighborhood news. The web site is www.prestoncommons.org.

SOCIAL EVENT UPDATE

The Easter Egg Hunt was a success. The community garage sale is Saturday, June 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The first ever Halloween Bash was well attended and received. We will do this event again this year in lieu of the August picnic.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers resulted in the following:

The HOA board members for 2023-2024 are:

President – Jeff Duffield

Vice President – Bruce Burnett

Treasurer – Lauren Fowler

Secretary & Communications – Terri Tucker

The following are the 2023-2024 trustees:

Kelsey Douthitt

Ed Glinski

Christine LaCommare

Bryan Marburger

Henry Tucker

The next monthly HOA meeting is Thursday, May 18 at 7 p.m. in the commons area (or Panera New Albany in case of inclement weather).

Meeting adjourned.