

PRESTWICK COMMONS

Quarterly Newsletter

Reminders:

- **Have Complaints?**
Refer to website and file through "Contact" link.

*Trustees will do everything within their rights to resolve each issue in a timely manner.

- **Want to receive Newsletters electronically?**
Send an email to:
pcent@yahoo.com

- **Annual Meeting**
Date: April 29th
Time: 7:00 PM
Oak Creek Elementary
*Pizza dinner provided

- **Easter Egg Hunt**
will be held at the park on April 3rd at 2pm. Sponsored by **HER: The Rudler Team**



***Reminder:**
Garbage cans are not allowed in public view longer than 24 hours before or after trash pick-up (in garage or behind house/foliage)

- **Garden Club – the Association is looking for volunteers to plant flowers around the neighborhood, contact a Trustee if interested.**

Prestwick Commons Assn.

PMB 197

8917 S. Old State Rd

Lewis Center, OH 43035

Neighborhood Update

The Winter Freeze of 2010 has finally thawed, only to leave us soggy. Fortunately we have seen a warm, dry spell that has dried up and melted the snow....Spring is here, FINALLY. As we get into the season where Prestwick Commons residents awaken from their winter hibernation, it is important to keep our kids safe while playing outside, to secure our homes as we begin to keep windows and doors open, and to ward off those pesky weeds that are waiting to surface. The information that follows shows some tips for each of these areas; please take the time to read the newsletter for good advice and helpful tips.

The Homeowner's Association has been working hard during the winter months to finalize a lot of long running projects and to set up new events and activities to get more residents involved. The Association hopes that you can use some of your free time to get involved in the continuous improvement of our neighborhood. Over the next couple of months, the Association will organize a Spring Cleanup, an Easter Egg Hunt, host an Annual Homeowner's Association Meeting, and complete the long-awaited entrance re-construction. Lastly, the Association and City of Columbus hope you take advantage of the new, free street tree program.

--Your Homeowner's Association

Spring Reminders

- Helmets – the City of Columbus passed an ordinance in 2008 that all children (under 18) must wear a helmet while riding bikes, scooters, skates, or skateboarding
- We recently set the clocks ahead...did you remember to test your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors?
- Spring is a good time to change your furnace filter after running the heat all Winter



Spring Cleanup

The Association will be organizing a Spring Cleanup event during April, date TBD, weather permitting. Stay tuned to the front entrance sign for more details.

****Below are a few refreshing Spring ideas for your own home****

- Pick up all newspaper and advertisement handouts
- Clean up Christmas lights & decorations – the air has finally warmed up enough for holiday cleanup without frostbite!
- Pressure-wash the siding of your home, more details on this on Page 3
- Painting soffit and trim of exterior
- Painting or replacing mailbox (**Remember, mailboxes must be in good condition per "Declaration of Covenants" for Prestwick Commons**)
- Pre-treat your lawn to prevent dandelions, and other weeds

Spring Lawn Tips

Remember, the whole reason for lawn mowing is to promote a healthy, flourishing yard that adds to the attractiveness and value of your property. Let's go over a few pointers to refresh things you'll want to know for maintaining an attractive lawn:

Good Idea: Keep grass length between 3" tall, or taller (up to 5") during drought season.

Bad Idea: Cutting the grass extremely short, so as to elongate the duration between mows; grass clipped too short will die.

Good Idea: Do not cut grass too often, once every 10-14 days during early spring wake-up; once per week during peak growth season.

Bad Idea: Not cutting grass often enough, if grass grows too tall between cuttings it becomes more susceptible to weed growth. Also, this can lead to clumping of grass clippings that will kill healthy, underlying grass and lead to deep thatching.

Good Idea: Pre-treating grass with a weed-control fertilizer ("Weed & Feed") will help prevent weed growth, especially dandelions which affect not only your lawn, but your neighbors in all directions.

Bad Idea: Not pre-treating your lawn...this will lead to an unhappy lawn and unhappy neighbors.

(www.hobbylawncare.com)



Flower Bulb Cultivation

Overview: Using flower bulbs in your landscaping or in containers provides years of blooms and makes a good investment.

Step 1: Select the largest, healthiest bulbs for your garden. The larger the bulb, the bigger the flower will be.

Step 2: Choose a location in your garden that is appropriate for the particular bulbs you are planting. Most bulbs prefer to be in sunlight, not shaded areas, with well draining soil.

Step 3: Dig a hole for your bulb two to three times deeper than the height of the bulb.

Step 4: Mix a handful of bonemeal or superphosphate into the soil at the bottom of the hole. The addition of bonemeal or superphosphate will encourage the root development of your bulb.

Step 5: Place your bulb in the bottom of the hole, fill the hole with soil, and water the bulb planting area to settle the soil and help the bulb begin to develop its roots. Be careful not to over-water, particularly immediately after planting, as this may result in bulb rot.



(www.gardenguides.com)

Prestwick Common's Real Estate Watch



BEEN THINKING ABOUT MAKING A MOVE!?

The new federal tax credit could give you a tax credit of up to **\$6,500!** Time is limited to take advantage of this opportunity! Call The Rudler Professional Group or visit our website to see if you qualify today!

Jill & The Rudler Professional Group

Jill Rudler, GRI, RRS, CLHMS

614-895-7400

Keep an eye out here for updated information about recently sold homes in your neighborhood! Recently sold properties include...

March Sales

- 9197 Turnhart Place - \$168,900
- 9144 Tahoma Street - \$195,000
- 9279 Misty Dawn Drive - \$192,000

Contact your local real estate expert
Jodi Beekman: 614-596-1906

March Sales Continued

- 9006 Tabernash Drive - \$195,000
- 9151 Misty Dawn Drive - \$201,000
- 8996 Barley Loft Drive - \$199,000
- 8983 Barley Loft Drive - \$199,000
- 9246 Windy Creek - \$207,500



www.allaboutcolumbusohio.com

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Prestwick Commons has been offered house power washing deals from the following companies:

Pro Xterior, Inc.

614.337.9474

www.proxterior.com

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- Lighting Installation
- Faucet Installation
- Carpentry
- Crown Molding Installation
- Power Washing
- Deck Cleaning and Repair
- Drywall and Painting

SECURITY UPDATE:

Our hired security patrolling company has offered several security and safety tips to keep in mind:



CURFEW FACTS FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBUS

- Children younger than 13 should be home one hour after sunset and until 4:30 a.m.
- Juveniles between 13 and 17 years old must be off the streets by midnight and until 4:30 a.m. If the teens are not in home by midnight, they will face charges, and parents may also be held legally responsible.
- A curfew violation is a third-degree misdemeanor with a maximum fine of \$500 and/or 60 days in jail.

At HOME? Protect Your Residence!

- Lock your doors and windows when leaving your residence. Most residential burglaries occur during the daytime.
- Know who is at your door before opening it. Screen doors and chain locks provide false security.
- Obtain identification. If they show you an ID for a service company (i.e. Cable, phone, etc.) call their employer and verify who they are and why they are at your door. Consider installing peepholes in all entryway doors.

Burglary Prevention Tips

- Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Do not allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers build up while you are away. If possible instead of putting these items on hold, arrange for a friend or neighbor to take them regularly.
- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended time.
- If you are going away for an extended time, arrange with a neighbor to park their vehicle in your driveway throughout the day or week so it appears as if someone is still home.

Other precautions you should take:

- Never leave keys under doormats, flowerpots, mailboxes or other "secret" hiding places -- burglars know where to look for hidden keys.
- Trim your shrubbery around your home to reduce cover for burglars.
- Consider leaving porch lights on at night. LIGHTING is one of the most INEXPENSIVE crime deterrents.



Dues Reminder:

2010 Homeowner's Dues will be sent out by April 15, please return payment ASAP to:

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8917 S. Old State Rd
Lewis Center, OH 43035

**Also payable via PayPal
www.PrestwickCommons.org*

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.prestwickcommons.org

Street Trees

The City of Columbus is providing all Columbus residents with a FREE street tree, through its Forestry Department's Beautification initiative. These trees will be planted along the easement next to the street, one per home. The Association hopes that all residents take advantage of this unique and great opportunity to help "spruce up" our neighborhood. Several residents have already had their trees planted, so you can drive around the neighborhood and see some newly planted trees staked down to the ground as they mature. Further, we are reaching the peak time to plant new foliage so now is a great time call the Forestry Department to schedule your planting.

To Schedule, please call: (614) 645-6640

If you have any other questions or suggestions for the Association, please feel free to contact directly.



Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste Services

Trash Collection:

As Columbus residents, our refuse collection is managed by the City of Columbus. Please review the collection schedule below or refer to <http://311.columbus.gov> for pickup dates.

Our neighborhood color is **NAVY**

Recycling Options:

- There are 2 options for recycling:
- 1) Curbside Pickup – this program is provided by Rumpke Waste of Ohio. Contact (888) 786-7531 to begin this program for less than \$10/month
 - 2) Self Drop-off – recyclable items can be dropped off in dumpsters behind Fire Station #33 on Lazelle Road

Yard Waste Collection:

Reminder: Beginning **Monday, April 19, 2010**, Columbus will partner with Rumpke to provide weekly collection of yard waste for Columbus households.

Columbus encourages you to recycle yard-waste. Returning grass clippings to your yard and composting other yard waste can keep your lawn and garden thriving and beautiful.



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**Rotating Calendar for Residents
with Color-Collection Schedules**

Questions? Call the 311 Service Center
at 311 or (614) 645-3111

Collection Color	New Year's Day 1/1/10	MLK Jr. Day 1/18/10	President's Day 2/15/10	Memorial Day 5/31/10	Independence Day 7/5/10	Labor Day 9/6/10	Columbus Day 10/11/10	Thanks-giving Day 11/25/10	Christmas Day 12/24/10
NAVY	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU
PINK	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	**
RUBY	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON
GOLD	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE
GRAY	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED

**For Pink collection areas, a collection will be made on Thursday 12/23/10 and again on Monday 1/3/11. Please note: Collection days are not affected by the Good Friday or Veteran's Day holidays.