

# VILLAGE VOICE

## THE PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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### A Message from the Board

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Is it really September already? Where did the time go? The kids are back in school, the pools are getting ready to close. Let's enjoy the last dog days of summer before fall is upon us!

We have had a great response in our continuing effort to get more residents involved in the Village. We are very excited about our newest committee the "Beautification Committee", more on that later. Our next open Board meeting is this month, so if you want to get involved, please plan to attend. Expect an email blast with more details. If you are not getting the neighborhood emails, you need to go to [www.PrestonVillage.com](http://www.PrestonVillage.com) and give us your updated email address.

In the Preston Village Board's ongoing commitment to keep you updated, the following is a behind the scenes look at what your Board has been doing for you lately. Please remember to sign up on the PV website & friend us on Facebook for the most recent news and events.

**Our New Look-** The new logo is popping up all over the neighborhood, we hope you like it! Many of the old signs have been replaced and in response to the overwhelming comments we received we have installed "No Soliciting" signs at each entrance.

**Pool** – Thanks to our Pool Committee we had another a great season! Swim team was a huge success & we had a great turnout at the early morning swims. Have you noticed the new pool gate? The original one had been patched and fixed so many times it was getting cost prohibitive to repair it any longer. As the entire pool must be closed immediately if the gate fails and cannot be reopened until it is fixed we felt it necessary to preemptively replace it. New lights have been installed, at a very conservative cost, these will help swim meets go a little longer but are still a far cry for what is needed for night time swimming. Some new pool toys have been added which the kids (and the adults) are enjoying quite a bit. Due to the unexpected expenses, such as the pool pumps and the gate, we were unable to make some of the other improvements we had hoped for this season, so they will be included in the budget for 2014.

The pool will be open until Sept. 22, so come out and enjoy your last chance to cool off and lounge by the pool in 2013

**Swim Team-**The Tiger Sharks had a great season. They had 5 meets, of which they won 4 and ended up Division Champs! Way to make us proud Tiger Sharks! The team had over 90 swimmers and they were amazing at all of the meets. Kids developed their swimming skills and made friends just as we had hoped. At the end of the year banquet, trophies were awarded to all our hardworking Tiger Sharks to recognize their improvement throughout the season. Check back in the early spring for information on signing up for our 2014 season. Thanks so much to everyone especially the parents and neighbors who helped make this a great experience for so many families in Preston Village. Go Tiger Sharks!

**Social Committee** – Great job Social Committee! They worked in conjunction with our generous sponsors to throw some terrific events. We have had many over the summer and a good time was had by all. One of the high points was the Game Truck / Movie Night which brought our teens out in force, not an easy task! Look forward to the big event of the year, the Oktoberfest on October 6<sup>th</sup> and the dog walk that will be held earlier that same day. Check your email for details.

**Security** – Several of our neighbors have experienced some scary situations lately. As a community we ask you to keep your eyes and ears open and notify the police and the Board when there is suspicious activity. In response to some of these concerns we have installed “No Solicitation” signs at each entrance. It is important to understand that these signs are not, by themselves enforceable, but they are the first line of defense. The police need 2 notifications before they can take action. You may have also noticed other new signs around the picnic shelter and pool warning of the area being under video surveillance. As we have caught sever perpetrators on “candid camera”, we wanted warn all residents and non residents alike that the cameras are in place and we will prosecute if necessary.

**The NEW Beautification Committee (previously referred to as the Landscaping Committee)** – Several “Green Thumbed” PV residents have stepped up to form the inaugural “Beautification Committee”. We are very excited as these dedicated residents have taken it upon themselves to walk the neighborhood on a weekly basis to point out areas in need of sprucing up, dead plants that need to be removed and ideas moving forward. Preston Village has always been a beautiful neighborhood and we want to keep it that way! Our landscaping company does a great job, but we feel the influx of new eyes and ideas can only make it better.

**Architectural Review Committee (ARC)** - First we would like to say thank you to our long time ARC head, John Norris. John & Cathy have moved to Charlotte and we will all miss them. Stepping in to fill the vacancy is Ron Clark, also a long time PV resident. Welcome Ron and thank you for offering your services! We continue to have record numbers of application for new projects, which is good for the whole neighborhood, as more 90’s kitchen and baths are replaced, porches added, extensions built, the value of our homes will continue to increase. As JFK said “a rising tide, lifts all boats”

**Traffic Task Force – Call to Action!** With the opening of Morrisville Parkway, our community has been experiencing increased traffic volume, speeding and other driving concerns. The Cary Police have responded to our residents complaints by increasing their patrol of our neighborhood but more permanent measures are needed.

A Traffic Summary report was prepared earlier this year analyzing the traffic on Preston Village Way from Circle on the Green to Morrisville Parkway. Here is a link to that report <http://www.prestonvillage.com/files/201307124534.pdf>. The Town of Cary has offered a staff engineer be available to our task force to discuss recommended traffic calming measures, costs, benefits and implementation.

As a concerned resident, would you be willing to utilize your skills and knowledge of our neighborhood to help us address these concerns by assisting your board members in determining a plan of action to improve the safety of Preston Village Way for our vehicle, cyclist and pedestrian traffic. Please reply only if you would be available to participate in this task force.

Remember your comments and suggestions are always welcome on the Preston Village Facebook page. Friend us today!

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