

## President's Message

by Ray Goss

### Prestbury Sub Associations

The Townes is one of eight Sub associations tied to a single Master Association; PCA (Prestbury Citizen's Association). This structure is designed to create a relationship between the Master and the Sub associations that will benefit everyone involved. Simply said, the Master shares with the Subs the use of amenities such as a swimming pool, tennis courts, club house, etc. and in return each sub agrees to pay an assessment to help defray the operational costs of the master. Because the Subs are paying part of the bill, the Master can offer to their residents bigger and better amenities at a lower cost. A win-win.

One area that has been overlooked for many years is the potential buying power of the Subs. The eight Sub associations are comprised of approximately 365 families, each having a common need: grass cutting, snow removal, bushes trimmed, etc., but each manages things differently according to their needs. Even our makeup is common with seven of the Subs managing townhouse environments while one manages a condo.

### Townes of Prestbury Board

President	<b>Ray Goss</b>
Vice President	<b>Jay Lehnen</b>
Secretary	<b>Judy Strohschein</b>
Treasurer	<b>Jim Bluemle</b>
Landscape Director	<b>Ray Gross</b>

We are moving forward, trying to meet monthly and have already started trying to learn about each other's needs and problems. At the end of the day, the operating environments of each Sub must be made common and only then will it be possible to leverage the buying power of the 365+ families and provide the muscle to negotiate higher levels of service at a lower cost. There is power in numbers but it will only work if all eight subs can find a way to work together.

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### Quarry Ridge

Block Party

September 2013



We'd love to get a Social Committee together if there is any interest. Possible ideas would be to have block parties (like the one above!), Holiday progressive dinners, etc. Please contact Laurie Brandt at lab201816@gmail.com if interested



## Landscaping News

The Board and LCM Landscaping have had discussions on possible ideas for landscaping the strips between driveways.

These areas have traditionally been difficult to maintain and beautify. The pictures at right are a few suggestions submitted by LCM. Cost of landscaping would be paid by homeowners but LCM will install and provide the plants.

**Costs below are ESTIMATES based on plants shown in pictures.** Actual cost will depend on factors such as length of area, total square footage, shrubs vs. perennials, and existing day lilies being and transplanted to driveway strips

**1A \$375-\$425**

**1B \$450-\$500**

**1C \$475-\$550**

**1D \$500-\$600**



## Dates to Remember

### October

31st	Sugar Grove Trick-or-Treating	4:00-7:00pm
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### November

6th	Game Night—PCA Office	7:00pm
12th	PCA Board Mtg—PCA Office	6:30pm
14th	Townes Board Mtg—PCA Office	7:00pm

## Notes from The Townes Board Meetings September and October 2013

- ◆ Changes to the Declarations and Bylaws were approved by homeowner vote
- ◆ LCM gave brief presentation on future landscaping activities, and answered questions on trees and shrubs
- ◆ The Board ratified the proposed 2014 Budget, which will be distributed to homeowners for review
- ◆ During the first week of November the Board will conduct the Fall walkthrough with LCM to address any landscape issues and prepare for the upcoming winter