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A Quarterly Newsletter for Prairie Woods Residents

Prairie Woods HOA

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President's Message

I've taken to circling the neighborhood. During the day, it's to count all the sold signs on lots. At night, it's to see how beautiful our neighborhood looks all decorated for the holidays.

In October, after many calls, the mayor came to see the park. The Village of Island Lake now acknowledges the park as theirs. The park is insured, will be inspected for safety as the other parks are, and the Village will take over the mowing of the park.

I visited the Pulte office and they told me that they are selling more than expected, averaging a house a week. They've already applied to the Village for building permits and should be starting in January.

I have been attending some of the Village of Island Lake Board Meetings. They are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. I felt it was important to learn about the Villages plan for growth. Island Lake has many businesses that have closed and the Grocery Store will be closing soon. The Village is working on bringing new businesses into town and would welcome ideas and feedback.

I hope you are all enjoying a safe holiday season.
Renee

Winter is Coming

Recently, we have had several days of unusually warm weather, but don't let that fool you. It appears winter weather is just around the corner and with that weather comes the cold, ice, and snow we are all accustomed to.

Those residents who have sidewalks in front of their homes are responsible for keeping the walkways clear of ice and snow. One thing that residents should consider when using deicing products is to attempt to use products that are environmentally friendly as we live in a community which is located on top of several different water tables. Anything that is placed on the ground will eventually wind up in those water tables and possibly end up in our drinking water.

Your pets will appreciate it too.

2022 HOA Board Meetings

The PWHOA Board Meetings for 2022 will continue to be virtual at this time. The meetings begin at 6:30 pm and generally last for about an hour. The meetings are scheduled for the following Wednesdays: 2/9/22, 5/11/22, 8/10/22, 11/9/22

An Election Meeting will be held on April 13, 2022. There will be 3 board positions up for election. Information will be available at our website or you can speak to a board member.

We encourage all residents to consider running for a position on the board.

Golf Balls Belong on the Golf Course

Last winter and now recently again several golf balls have appeared on the frozen pond near the Dowell Road entrance to our subdivision. While the golf balls themselves are harmless to the pond and the wildlife within, they do potentially create a hazardous situation for anyone who may attempt to retrieve them from the pond

We don't want to see anyone, especially small children or pets, fall through thin ice on the pond while attempting to retrieve a ball. We ask that you refrain from putting any more golf balls on any of the ponds in the Prairie Woods subdivision.

Pulte Homes Updates

As Renee mentioned in her President's Message, Pulte Homes has already sold several lots. Many of those lots have been prepped for construction with the installation of silt screens around the future construction sites. Pulte has indicated that construction will likely begin in January 2022. Construction crews are normally allowed to work between 7 am and 7 pm unless a special permit has been obtained.

Naturally, there may be some issues for current residents during the construction of these new homes. Should you have any issue with any of Pulte's construction crew(s) or any future SR Jacobsen issues please address your concern(s) with the Board. We will reach out to Pulte or SR Jacobsen to attempt to resolve your issue.

You should contact the Island Lake Police Department for assistance with parking problems, construction start times, or any other issue which requires immediate assistance.

Friendly Neighborhood Reminders

- ❖ The posted speed limit throughout Prairie Woods is 20 MPH. With potential ice and snow on the roadways that speed may be too fast. Please adjust your speed as needed.
- ❖ As mentioned earlier, snow removal from the sidewalks is a resident's responsibility. Please consider giving your elderly neighbors a helping hand with this task.
- ❖ All Island Lake residents should have received a "friendly" reminder that they will see a 50% increase on their water bills as the price for water has increased from \$5.00 per thousand gallons to \$7.50 per thousand gallons. This new rate is effective January 1, 2022. Now is the time to start planning your conservation strategy.

HOA Board Members

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Upcoming HOA Board Meetings

February 9, 2022 @ 6:30 pm
Google Meet

<https://meet.google.com/wdi-zvxu-pgb>

April 13, 2022 @ 6:30
Board Election Meeting
TBD

Signs will be posted.

