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A Quarterly Newsletter for Prairie Woods Residents

Prairie Woods HOA

April 2022



President's Message

Dear Neighbor,

I hope this finds you and your families well and that you all are enjoying the Spring weather.

My name is Deena Krieger, and I am the President of the Board of Directors of the Prairie Woods Homeowner's Association. I look forward to meeting you all in person soon if I have not done so already. Prairie Woods is a peaceful and beautiful place and every resident of our community will continue to play their part in making it the same.

We have dedicated ourselves to the best possible financial management, providing growth of houses' investment value in the HOA, and providing various social and recreational opportunities to our members. In our efforts to maintain and enhance our neighborhood, respond to concerns, and respect the governing documents we have sought and made progress on many fronts. I hope to continue to prosper, enhance and maintain our outstanding neighborhood as a safe place to reside. I am open to continued collaboration and welcome any and all feedback. We are a community which prospers by working together.

I wish to recognize the many ways in which our 100% volunteer Board has invested significant time and energy to improve the lives of residents in our wonderful community. I want to thank Renee Shopp for her dedication and consistent diligence in her role as President of our HOA. Additionally, I would want to formally welcome Sam Duggan to the Board.

Sincerely, Deena

Congrats to the Elected Board Members!

The annual Prairie Woods HOA Board election took place on Wednesday, April 13th with thirty-three residences casting ballots. Sam Duggan, Jason Geist, and Deena Kreiger were elected to a two-year term on the HOA Board. We look forward to working with Sam.

The Board has determined that the Board positions will be filled as follows:

President:	Deena Krieger
Vice President:	Sam Duggan
Treasurer:	Scott Kochany
Secretary:	Rich Aguilar
Projects/At Large:	Jason Geist

Farewell to Our Outgoing President

To say that outgoing President Renee Shopp will be missed is an understatement. Renee did an outstanding job while fulfilling her role as our HOA President. Renee was responsible for dealing with the Village regarding ownership of the Prairie Woods Park. She was instrumental in getting the Village to accept its ownership of the park property and maintenance going forward.

Renee also accepted the frontline position of working with Pulte Homes during the sales and construction phases of new homes.

Renee, the residents of Prairie Woods sincerely thank you for all of your hard work. We wish you the best.

Respect Our Wildlife

Prairie Woods is home to many species of wildlife. The land is home to birds, coyote, deer, fox, opossum, and raccoon. The water is home to cormorants, ducks, egrets, fish, frogs, geese, heron, kingfishers, muskrat, and turtles.

While many of these animals are interesting to watch, most are best viewed from a distance. They should be left alone with minimal human interference. Too many times a well-meaning human actually interferes with what is best for the animal. A turtle crossing the road, heading away from water may seem as though the turtle is confused, but the turtle is likely heading away to lay its eggs. If you feel the need to move the turtle off of the roadway, put the turtle on the side of the road that it was headed to.

We frequently hear owls during summer nights and many residents anxious to see the owl turn a flashlight on the owl. While you might catch a brief glimpse of the owl, it is likely will take flight and leave the area for good.

Beaver can be destructive and can take down several trees in a short amount of time. Please notify the HOA if you see one or observe tree damage from one. We will make every attempt to relocate it.

Calling All Golfers

Aside from the occasional hello, goodbye, or wave between neighbors, there doesn't seem to be a whole lot of interaction between our residents. We would like to see more interaction and maybe an Annual Prairie Woods Golf Outing is one way to get to know each other better.

As this event is still in the planning stages, neither a golf course nor a restaurant has been selected. The Prairie Woods HOA will not sponsor this event. All costs will be the responsibility of the golfers themselves.

I would like to have a minimum of four foursomes in order to move forward. This event would be open to all male and female residents 16 years and older. All skill levels are welcome.

Please contact Rich Aguilar at secretary@prairiewoodshoa.com if you are interested along with any recommendation of a golf course in our area. Chapel Hill in McHenry isn't the nicest course around, but a foursome there would cost about \$100 with cart included. Any after golf restaurant suggestions would also be appreciated. We could also barbeque in the neighborhood if anyone can accommodate.

Friendly Neighborhood Reminders

June is an important month, as the Primary Election has been moved from March to June. Don't forget to cast your ballot on June 28, 2022.

Election Day Polling Place:

St Johns Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
405 W State Rd
Island Lake, IL60042

HOA Board Members

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Email us at: board@prairiewoodshoa.com Visit us at: www.prairiewoodshoa.com

Upcoming HOA Meetings

May 18, 2022 @ 6:30 pm
Google Meet

<https://meet.google.com/qiq-uznk-txg>

August 10, 2022 @ 6:30 pm
Google Meet

<https://meet.google.com/izc-woqa-sye>

November 9, 2022 @ 6:30
Google Meet

<https://meet.google.com/ega-aqjm-npg>

Signs will be posted.

