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A Quarterly Newsletter for Prairie Woods Residents

Prairie Woods HOA January 2023



President's Message

Greetings all Prairie Woods Residents: Where has the year gone? What a whirlwind of a year it has been. We have seen such flourishment within our community and welcome all of the new homeowners. Please welcome the following residents to the Prairie Woods Neighborhood: Thomas & Patty Bennet, Rachel & Connor Heisdingen, Adam Hill & Jillena Everest, Catherine & Stephen Meier, Stephen & Irina Moroney, Josh & Brittany Ramos, Michelle & Eddie Reyes, John & Karol Stevens, and Stephanie Vela & Keith Williams. Let's all be good neighbors and show our hospitality to these new residents within our community!

The HOA Board is looking forward to working with the members of our community. It is imperative that the community members and the HOA work together to maintain a safe and beautiful community. The board encourages all members of the community to attend the HOA meetings that are held quarterly. You can find the dates and times for meetings on our website at prairiewoodshoa.com. Our next board meeting, which will be held virtually, will be February 8. 2023 starting at 6:30 pm. Currently, the board is diligently working collaboratively on moving our current website platform towards a digital transformation. We are hopeful to have updates for the members of the community soon. A FYI-remember to purchase your vehicle sticker at the Village of Island Lake.

'Tis the season for... a neighborhood watch. As we watch the media, we know collectively that crime is on the rise. Please remember to keep all of your car doors locked and outside lights on throughout the night.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: Neighborhood Watch is one of the oldest and most effective crime prevention programs in the country, bringing citizens together with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities safer.

What does a Neighborhood Watch do? A Neighborhood Watch is neighbors helping neighbors. They are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors. Members meet their neighbors, learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activities that raise their suspicions to the appropriate authorities.

What are my responsibilities as a Watch Member? Be alert! Know your neighbors and watch out for each other. Report suspicious activities and crimes to the Island Lake Police Department.

Flock Safety Cameras

While many residents have Ring doorbell cameras and other safety devices, Flock Safety Cameras takes it to the next level. These cameras not only display and preserve real-time video; they are also equipped with license plate reader technology which will automatically alert the Island Lake Police Department should a wanted vehicle or driver pass by one of the cameras. These cameras will serve as a deterrent and make our community safer.

The HOA Board will be discussing the possible installation of these cameras to each entrance of our subdivision. We encourage residents to attend the next scheduled virtual meeting on February 8, 2023. The login link is listed below.

Mailboxes and Posts

Currently the Prairie Woods HOA Rules and Regulations state that the HOA is responsible for repair and replacement of the mailbox posts and support arms while residents are responsible repair and replacement of the individual mailboxes. At the next HOA Board Meeting, the HOA will discuss changing these rules and regulations to place the entire burden of the posts and mailboxes on the HOA. We encourage all residents to attend this virtual meeting.

Moving into the 21st Century

The HOA Board will discuss updating our technology and software at the next HOA Board meeting. We currently are using software that is outdated and no longer supported by the developers.

We anticipate updating our entire way of doing business by giving residents the opportunity to pay HOA fees online which also prompts a need for updated security measures for our website, databases, and emails.

Upcoming HOA Board Election

With the New Year comes our Board of Directors elections on April 26, 2023 with the location TBD. Two Board positions are up for election. Self-nomination forms will be available on the HOA website. We encourage all residents to consider throwing their hat in the ring.

Feel free to email any board member for more information. Email addresses are on our website.

HOA Board Members

President Deena Krieger

Vice-President Sam Duggan

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Secretary Rich Aguilar

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Upcoming HOA Meetings

February 8, 2023 @ 6:30 Google Meet Link Available of HOA Website

Signs will be posted.

