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A Quarterly Newsletter for Prairie Woods Residents

Prairie Woods HOA

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“We, humans, are social creatures and we are attracted to stories. Everyone has a story, and everyone loves a great story. It gives us a reason to communicate and engage.” - Pawan Kumar, Indian Film Director

Greetings all Prairie Woods Residents: I would like to extend my personal appreciation for everyone who came out to vote. The winning of our election is on our website. The elected board is Deena Krieger, Sam Duggan, Scott Kochaney, Rich Aguilar, and Jason Geist. One of the many mandates in each HOAs governing documents is the requirement to have at minimum, yearly annual meeting of the owners. It is usually at this meeting that HOA members elect the board of directors for the upcoming year. Each year the board will have elections for open positions. The 2023 election was for two board positions, next year will have three positions. This election cadence alternates year over year. This duly elected board becomes the governing body for the entire HOA, so having a fair election where all owners votes count is of utmost importance. Considering the number of HOAs across the US is growing (over 50% of the households in the US are now in an HOA), it's important that the HOA board election process be clear and concise. Proxy appointment means that a homeowner/unit authorizes another party to vote on their behalf in board elections. All votes cast are final, whether it be: in-person, absentee ballot, or cast by a proxy delegate.

The HOA Board is looking for engagement with our community members. Please join us at our next meeting where a resident will share some ideas about forming a committee for engagement, building relationships, events, and more. We have many new residents that are settling in. We would like to encourage more attendance during our board meetings. As we are looking forward to warmer weather, we are planning the next couple meetings to be held outside by the park. Our next meeting is May 10, 2023, at the Park at 6:30 P.M. If the weather becomes inclement, Our board treasurer has graciously offered his garage space for the meeting (adjacent to the park). Please remember to submit your agenda topics to the board following our resolution process. In order to engage the community, your questions are valuable and I'm sure if one resident has a question, that many more may have the same. The goal of the board is to hear everyone's voice in a diplomatic and respectful manner. The expectation is to treat one another as you would like to be treated. At no time will there be any allowances for any disrespect towards one another moving forward. Let's embrace our community efforts to have a sense of belonging regardless of difference of opinion. We can foster a climate in which disagreements are respected; disrespect of any means will have zero tolerance.

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Some construction projects may require HOA approval before a Village permit can be obtained. In those cases, please allow at minimum 48-72 hours for return correspondence from the HOA board. Please send your plans for review to the board via email at: board@prairiewoodshoa.com or US mail. All board members are copied on the email, making the review of your request more efficient and allowing us to respond more expediently.

I look forward to mingling with all our new neighbors as the summer months arrive. Please save the date for an August weekend event. More information to be shared.

Sincerely, Deena Krieger, PWHOA President

Village Parking Regulations

Village ordinance prohibits parking any vehicle on village streets between the hours of 2 am and 6am. Any resident who needs to park a vehicle on the street due to driveway repairs etc. should visit the Village of Island Lake website at <https://voislk.com> . There is an Overnight Parking link in the lower left of the site. Residents can complete an online request to legally park their vehicle(s) on the street overnight.

Going on Vacation?

You can have peace of mind while you're gone. The Island Lake Police Department will make frequent checks of your residence. Residents should visit the Village of Island Lake website at <https://voislk.com> . There is a Vacation Watch link in the lower left of the site. Complete the online form with as much information as possible and you're all set.

Trash and Storage

Per the HOA Rules and Regulations: No trash, lumber, metals, bulk materials or refuse shall be kept, stored or allowed to accumulate on any Lot or on the Common Area. Building materials and dumpsters may be stored on a Lot during the course of construction.

Trash and yard waste containers shall be stored in a manner so that they are not visible from the front of the house.

HOA Board Members

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

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Upcoming HOA Meetings

May 10, 2023 @ 6:30
HOA Elections
Prairie Woods Park

Signs will be posted.

