
October

PRAIRIE WOODS

2023

HOA Quarterly Newsletter

President's Message

Deena Krieger

The Board would like to thank the event planners for all of their hard work for such a wonderful 2023 Picnic. We had a wonderful time; the resident turnout was successful, and the weather was awesome. If any community members are interested in assisting for future endeavors, please email the board and we can forward your information to them.



I always enjoy the shift from summer to fall as we cozy up with a good sweater, jeans, and some hot apple cider. As we fall into a new season, we have many local community events to participate in; check out happenings in Island Lake and surrounding areas. Halloween will be on a Tuesday this year. Typically, trick-or-treating is from 4-8 PM. Top tips for Halloween safety include: Carry glow sticks, flashlights, reflective tape, or stickers on costumes to help kids see and be seen by drivers. Please join kids 12 or younger when they're trick or treating. Teach your children not to enter a stranger's home or car. Remind your kiddos to wait until they return home before eating any treats.

Projects:

As fall approaches, please make sure that all leaves, branches, and other items that get into the gutter are removed and cleaned. This will help with any flooding issues which may occur during the winter season. I think about homeowner and community safety. Please take the time to check your smoke detectors and look around the house for any hazards such as broken wires, leaning fences, and any outdoor electrical that was used during the summer. Additionally, please remember that trash cans need to be inside your garage or behind your home. Let's continue to keep our community free of animal waste and continue to pick up after our pets. And finally, if you would like to talk to me or any other board member, please reach out, as we are here to serve you and our community.

Your HOA Digital Transformation

Much of our digital transformation has been things that have been done in the background; things like a new email platform, updated accounting software, file management systems and storage, and a new virtual meeting platform which is still in its testing stage.

In the not-too-distant future you will likely notice changes to our website which will include updated communication methods and updated payment methods. There has even been discussion about an app to supplement or replace our website.

With communication being a key component now would be a great time to update your contact information. The board would appreciate it if you would send an email to secretary@prairiewoodshoa.com . Please include your name(s), address, cell phone number(s), and any email address(es) you would like to receive information at. Your information will not be shared with anyone outside of the HOA Board.

Food Drive

The Food Drive was a success due to all of our generous neighbors who donated during the three-day event. The Wauconda/ Island Lake Food Pantry received much needed items. This event was organized and run by Jacob Mullen, Grace Geist, Cole Couture, Mya Couture, Lexie Galuszka and Rick Cowart. Thank you all for your hard work.

Block Party

The Prairie Woods Block Party was attended by 54 residents. We owe thanks to all those who came and participated in making it a good time: Mellie, Brianna, Jason, Sandy, Scott, Stephanie, Bill, Rick, Sam, Maggie, Steven, Amy, Holly, Jamison with a special thanks to Lexie, Grace, and Jacob for planning and facilitating all the games.

HOA Board Members

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

Upcoming HOA Meetings

October 9, 2023 @ 6:30 pm (Virtual)
November 14, 2023 @ 6:30 pm (Virtual)

Links will be posted on the HOA Website.

PRAIRIE WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

October 1, 2023

To: Owners

From: Board of Directors

Re: Mailbox Project

Dear Unit Owners:

Owners previously received notice from the Board dated May 31, 2023, indicating that the Board intended to proceed with a mailbox replacement project.

During its August meeting, the Board determined that only mailbox posts will be addressed at this time and no further action will be taken with respect to the Board replacing mailboxes as a common expense at this time.

The Board intends to schedule the mailbox post installation by the end of October.

Board of Directors

Prairie Woods Homeowners Association, Inc.