
April

PRAIRIE WOODS

HOA Quarterly Newsletter

2024

President's Message

Deena Krieger

I began the January newsletter with the statement, "A new year always brings hope for fresh starts, new experiences and wishes for a year filled with health, prosperity, and happiness." That statement could not be any more appropriate for my current situation.

You may not be aware, but I have chosen not to seek reelection to the Board so I can focus on other personal political endeavors. I am serving my last few days as your PWHOA president as my term ends on April 30, 2024. I wish nothing but the best for my successor. Serving as your president was an experience that I will never forget.



I truly believe that the PWHOA made some great strides during my term, and I am proud of the accomplishments made by the current Board. We may not have always seen eye to eye on every issue, but we were always able to work through our differences to best serve the residents of our community. I thank all the board members for their efforts.

I thank all the residents for their support.

Message to the President

Deena, we sincerely thank you for your efforts in performing your duties to the best of your abilities. We understand that as president many times you had to bear the brunt of criticism for the actions of the Board as a whole. You always kept your head up and conducted yourself professionally. You always acted in the best interests of the Prairie Woods community.

You will be missed,

Sam Duggan, Scott Kochany, Rich Aguilar, and Jason Geist

2024 PWHOA Election Information

The 2024 PWHOA Election will take place on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 2405 Fen View Circle. The polls will open at 6:30 pm and close at 7:30 pm. Anyone who is waiting in line at 7:30 pm will be allowed to cast a ballot.

This year there are three board positions up for election. Three candidates contacted the PWHOA Board prior to the February 15th deadline and declared their intention to run for one of the three vacancies on the Board. The three candidates are Sam Duggan (incumbent), Jason Geist (incumbent), and Jen Pope. A brief bio of each candidate has been included with this newsletter.

Homeowners have two options to cast a ballot. They can vote in person on the day of the election, or they can submit an Absentee Ballot which is included with this newsletter. Homeowners need to ensure that they follow the instructions listed on the Absentee Ballot so that their ballot will be counted.

Homeowners can also forfeit their right to vote by signing a Proxy Ballot which would allow another homeowner to cast a ballot for the candidate(s) of the proxy holder's choice.

Absentee and Proxy Ballots were discussed in the January 2024 PWHOA Newsletter.

We encourage all homeowners to come out and vote in-person. It's a great way to put a name to a face. We look forward to seeing you.

Prairie Woods Community Food Drive

Most, if not all, of our residents have the luxury of sitting down to three meals every day. Not everyone in our surrounding communities is that fortunate.

The Prairie Woods teens will be conducting a community food drive April 2nd through April 4th. The drive will benefit the Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry. Non-perishable items like canned foods and dry goods are welcome. The Food Pantry will gladly accept a donation by check if you would prefer to donate that way.

This is the First Annual Prairie Woods Community Food Drive. Please do all you can to support our teens in this worthy endeavor.

Please contact Renee Shopp at 847-650-9121 if you need more information or have any questions.

Prairie Woods Community Garage Sale

This is an event that all residents can participate in. You can make a few bucks and get rid of some of the treasures that have been hiding in the nooks and crannies of your attic and/or basement. You might even be able to get that car out of the driveway and into the garage.

The Prairie Woods Community Garage Sale will take place during the second weekend in June on June 7, 8 & 9. Please watch for a flyer and posting on the Prairie Woods website.

It is worth noting that the PW Teens will be selling from 2517 Fen View Circle. All of the proceeds from their sale will benefit Save A Pet.

If you have any questions about the sale, please contact Renee at 847-650-9121.

Trash Talk. Again?

We would like to thank all of the residents who have complied with the request to place their trash cans in places that are not visible to the public on non-pickup days.

That being said, on pickup days trash cans should be left in your driveway and not placed in the roadway. Happy trash truck drivers perform their jobs better. Thanks in advance for everyone's cooperation.

Comments? Questions? Suggestions?

Any resident who has any comments, questions, or suggestions should contact the PWHOA Board of Directors at board@prairiewoodshoa.com

HOA Board Members

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

Upcoming HOA Meetings

May 14, 2024 @ 6:30 pm (Virtual)
Links will be posted on the HOA Website.
www.prairiewoodshoa.com

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2024 PRAIRIE WOODS HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

Name: **Sam Duggan**

Address: **2364 Fen View Circle**

Occupation: **Firefighter/Paramedic/Business Owner**

What relevant qualifications and /or experience do you have?

My wife and I have been living in Prairie Woods for the past 13 years and have been fortunate enough to start a family and raise our son in this subdivision. I have been serving our community as a career firefighter/paramedic with the McHenry Township Fire Protection District for the past 7 years. I started as a green probationary firefighter and have worked diligently over the last few years to get EMT licensed and paramedic licensed. I am also a self-employed business owner with over 17 years of experience managing and expanding a business. In recent years, I have been able to step away from the daily business tasks, and focus on managing at a higher level, which has given me the flexibility to pursue my firefighter dream and take on new challenges.

What are your objectives for the Prairie Woods Homeowners Association?

My objective is to focus on what would make our subdivision the best community. We have grown tremendously in the last few years, with many new families joining our community. We need to continue our efforts to make this the cleanest, safest, friendliest, and overall best subdivision to live in. We can continue to make our neighborhood look great and beautiful and set the standards for ourselves and our future neighbors.

Name: **Jason Geist**

Address: **2504 Fen View Circle**

Occupation: **Laborer / Foreman**

What relevant qualifications and /or experience do you have?

I have been a member of the PWHOA Board for seven years. I am currently handling Special Projects. My family has resided in the Prairie Woods Subdivision for 17 years. I have worked in construction for over 30 years. I have great communication skills and work well with others.

What are your objectives for the Prairie Woods Homeowners Association?

I would appreciate the opportunity to continue my work as a Prairie Woods Board member and serve our community. I will continue to work together, as a group, with my fellow Board members and provide all residents with a community we can all enjoy and be proud of.

Candidate: **Jen Pope**

Address: **2425 Fen View Cir**

Occupation: **Teacher**

What relevant qualifications and /or experience do you have?

I am currently the Secretary for the GEA, the teacher's union, for the school district that I work in. I attend our Executive Board and regular Union meetings, recording all necessary information that is related to the agenda and any open items.

What are your objectives for the Prairie Woods Homeowners Association?

My objective would be to help the neighborhood become a close-knit community again. Five years ago, when we first moved in, you could really tell it was a close-knit neighborhood, and I hope the HOA can try to help foster this with the growth of our neighborhood.

THE PRAIRIE WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL ELECTION

April 30, 2024

ABSENTEE BALLOT

Members unable to attend the election can submit their vote in advance to a board member or by mail. Votes received will apply toward the quorum.

Place your ballot in an unmarked sealed envelope. Place the unmarked envelope in a second envelope that is labeled with your name, address and/or lot number.

Deliver your ballot to one of the listed board members prior to the April 30th election meeting.

Rich Aguilar	2405 Fen View Circle
Scott Kochaney	107 Fen View Circle
Deena Krieger	2514 Fen View Circle

Mail your ballot to: PRAIRIE WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 948
ISLAND LAKE, IL 60042

Mailed ballots must arrive at the PO Box by April 30, 2024. Any ballot received after that date will not be counted.

2024 PWHOA CANDIDATES

Select no more than 3. Place an X in front of the candidate(s) of your choice.

_____ **SAM DUGGAN**

_____ **JASON GEIST**

_____ **JEN POPE**