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PRAIRIE WOODS

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President's Message

Rich Aguilar

PWHA Board Election – April 14, 2026

Weather permitting, the annual PWHA election will take place on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Prairie Woods Park. In the event of inclement weather, an alternate site adjacent to the park will be used. Signs will be posted at the park to direct residents to the appropriate location.



Voting Options

The Board encourages all Prairie Woods residents to cast their votes in person. We would love to see you there. The poll will open at 6:30 p.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Any resident who is in line before 7:30 p.m. will be permitted to vote.

Residents may also vote by using the Absentee Ballot included with this mailing. Please follow the instructions provided on the Absentee Ballot form to ensure that all votes remain confidential. Absentee Ballots may be delivered to any of the listed Board members or mailed to the Board. All Absentee Ballots must be received no later than April 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Residents may also choose to transfer their voting authority by completing a proxy form, which allows another individual to cast a ballot on their behalf. Please be aware that the designated proxy holder may vote in any manner they choose, regardless of the preferences of the resident granting the proxy. It is important to note that a proxy becomes invalid if the resident who issued it later votes in person or submits an Absentee Ballot.

Board Openings

This year there are three Board positions up for election. Unfortunately, only two incumbent Board members submitted requests to be included on the ballot. All Board members were disappointed to learn that Jen Pope, our current Secretary, decided to retire from the Board because of family commitments. Jen, we thank you for your service and your presence will be missed. We wish you success in all of your future endeavors.

2026 PRAIRIE WOODS HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

Name: **Sam Duggan (Incumbent)**

Address: **2364 Fen View Circle**

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

My wife and I have called Prairie Woods home for the past 15 years, and it's where we've had the joy of starting our family and raising our son. This neighborhood has been such an important part of our lives, and it's one of the reasons I care so much about keeping our community strong.

For the last nine years, I've served as a career firefighter/paramedic with the McHenry Township Fire Protection District. I started out as a brand-new probationary firefighter and worked my way through EMT and paramedic licensing. It's been a challenging and incredibly rewarding path. Alongside that, I've run my own business for more than 19 years. Over time, I've been able to step back from the day-to-day work and focus more on higher-level management, which has given me the flexibility to pursue my firefighting career and take on new challenges.

I'm running again because I want Prairie Woods to continue being the kind of place we're all proud to call home. Our subdivision has grown a lot in recent years, with many new families joining us, and that growth brings both opportunity and responsibility. I believe we can keep Prairie Woods clean, safe, friendly, and welcoming by working together and setting strong standards for ourselves and for the neighbors who will join us in the future.

At the end of the day, my goal is simple: to help make Prairie Woods the best community it can be.

Name: **Jason Geist (Incumbent)**

Address: **2504 Fen View Circle**

Occupation: **Laborer / Foreman**

My family and I have been part of the Prairie Woods community for 19 years, and this neighborhood truly feels like home. For the past nine years, I've had the privilege of serving on the PWHOA Board, where I currently handle Special Projects. It's been important to me to stay involved, stay accessible, and do my part to help keep our subdivision running smoothly.

I've worked in construction for more than 30 years, and that experience has given me a practical, hands-on understanding of how to solve problems, manage projects, and communicate clearly with a wide range of people. I take pride in working well with others, and I believe that strong communication and teamwork are the foundation of any successful community effort.

I would appreciate the opportunity to continue serving as a Prairie Woods Board member. My goal is to keep working together—with my fellow Board members and with all of you—to maintain a neighborhood we can enjoy, feel proud of, and continue to improve for the families who will join us in the years ahead.
