



# MEADOW MIX

AUGUST 2025

AN ASSORTMENT OF PRAIRIE CROSSING NEWS & INFORMATION

## Quick Picks

EVERY TUESDAY

**Environmental Stewardship Workday**

Where: TBA

Time: 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

**PCHOA Board Meeting**

Where: Ranney Environmental Library  
at PCCS

Time: 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

**Prairie Crossing Playgroup**

Where: Beach

Time: 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

**Environmental Stewardship Workday**

Where: TBA

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

**Prairie Crossing Playgroup**

Where: Tennis Court Playground

Time: 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

**ARC Meeting**

Where: Ranney Environmental Library  
at PCCS

Time: 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

**Ladies' Night In**

Where: 1352 Wild Indigo

Time: 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

**Cooperation Of The Bands 2025**

Where: Village Green

Time: TBD

## SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

**Community Center Workshop**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

**Fright Fest**

Where: Station Square

## From the Board

Greetings Neighbors!

What a wonderful first half of the summer! We've had some great community events including our time-honored Fourth of July Bike Parade and a newer tradition with the Native Garden Walk and Party—thank you to all the organizers. This summer we've enjoyed better conditions and many fewer beach closures, due to the thoughtful planning and hard work of John Schuster and the Lake Committee. Many more of you are contributing through ESC workdays, committee volunteering, and pitching in when you see a need. Your care and effort really shows—thank you!

**New signs**—we have new signs created to warn residents about beach conditions and the loose flagstones; please pay attention to all signs and take appropriate precautions.

### Non-resident use of amenities

Summer tends to be a time when we face more challenges related to non-resident use of our amenities. Only residents and their accompanied guests may use these resources. We need your help! Please review the points below and do what you can to protect the quality of our community.

- Beach and watercraft: wear your neon green wristband to the beach, store and lock your watercraft, dogs are not allowed at the beach
- Fishing: absolutely no fishing at the beach or in the water near the beach
- Village Green Flagstones: many of these are loose or missing, and some of it appears intentional. We are requesting proposals for repairs, which we expect to be very expensive.

**How you can help:** if you see something, say something. Ideally, you can step in to stop non-resident use of amenities or inappropriate behavior, including vandalism, by anyone. We do not have security guards or cameras (except at the fitness center). The increased wear and tear, not to mention intentional damage, will divert our assessment funds to unplanned repairs instead of improvements and expansions. Thanks in advance for helping keep Prairie Crossing in good shape.

Please see the articles on subsequent pages of the newsletter regarding two other important announcements:

- We hired a new Environmental Manager
- An upcoming workshop hosted by the Community Center committee

Though we are at the height of summer, the shorter days hint at the end of the season. We hope you take advantage of every opportunity to enjoy this precious time.

On behalf of the Board,  
Persephone Nerge, HOA President

## Prairie Crossing Volunteer Corps

Cathy Frey

*The Prairie Crossing Volunteer Corps (PCVC) is a call list of Prairie Crossing resident volunteers who are willing to help a neighbor in need with short-term help in the event of a family emergency, illness, health need or disability. If you need help, or wish to volunteer contact Cathy Frey at [cannfrey@gmail.com](mailto:cannfrey@gmail.com) or 608-239-8640. See [pchoa.com](http://pchoa.com) for more information.*

## Prairie Crossing Playgroup

Mary Peble and Nicole Weber

*Enjoy summer with us! All are welcome in this casual, fun group. Participants range from birth to about nine years old.*

Wednesday, August 13 at 3:30 p.m.  
at the Beach

Sunday, August 24 at 12:30 p.m. at  
the Tennis Court Playground.

## Ladies' Night In August

Nicole Deschane

*Ladies, please join Susan Malloy & Erin Cummisford for Ladies' Night In on Thursday, August 28, 7:00 p.m., at 1352 Wild Indigo.*

*Bring your drink/snack of choice—share your favorites. Looking forward to seeing everyone!*

*There are new neighbors who have moved into PC—PLEASE invite them to join.*

## Community Center Committee Update—July 2025

### Where we are now

The Community Center Committee remains hard at work and is currently in the Listening and Discovery phase. At this time, no financial estimate is available, as we are still identifying the community's wants and needs. Per Section 5.02 of our By-Laws, any new amenity over \$25,000 must receive approval from two-thirds of the community.

We've shared preliminary building requirements—based on your survey responses—with Rick Phillips, a founding architect of Prairie Crossing. The committee is currently focused on:

- Engaging with the community
- Exploring possible building layouts
- Assessing potential financial implications and funding options

### Upcoming community center workshop

Saturday, September 14, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Byron Colby Barn.

Join us for an interactive afternoon where you can:

- Share your thoughts during roundtable discussions
- View preliminary architectural plans and volume studies
- See 3D models of proposed layouts
- Review survey results
- Learn about potential financial impacts

### What we've heard so far

Thank you to the 179 residents who responded to our recent survey! Here's what you told us:

- **73%** support continued exploration of a community center
- **73%** are open to increasing assessments at some level to help fund the project

These responses guided the committee in creating a set of initial building requirements now under review by our architect.

We hope to see you on **September 14**—your input is vital as we move forward!

Warm regards,

Douglas Nerge

On behalf of the Community Center Committee

## Be There, or be Somewhere Else...

Eric Foote

...but we'd prefer if you were there. On Saturday, August 30 the Cooperation of the Bands 2025 will take place on the Village Green. This event will feature neighborhood talent, a food truck, and activities for kids. Talent of any type at any stage of readiness is welcome to perform. We'd love to have you. Poetry, dancing, singing, dad band—come on down. Reach out to Eric Foote with any questions or to get your spot reserved. He can be emailed at [egg775@hotmail.com](mailto:egg775@hotmail.com) or called at 708-439-8094.

# Counterpoint: Do NOT hang your laundry to dry in the sun!

M. Littlerock

## It's August! Time to Wash the Snowpants!

Mary Peble

These long, hot summer days are perfect for enjoying the beach, admiring colorful prairie blooms, harvesting summer produce, and washing your snowpants. (And mittens, knit hats, scarves, coats, wool socks, and thick gloves).

Summer is the best time to wash your winter gear and hang it outside to dry. What normally requires at least an hour of heat and tumbling in your dryer is accom-

I am writing in response to Mary Peble's MeadowMix article (August 2024) in which she encouraged people to hang their clothes to dry outside. I've not seen an increase in households hanging their laundry to dry in the sun, and I am here to explain why. There are many good reasons NOT to air dry your laundry.

First, I do not have time to carry the laundry basket the short distance between my laundry room and a clothesline on my porch. I am very busy! I

must go to the gym where I pay a personal trainer an exorbitant price to help me lift weights and stretch my arms.

Besides, I do not have the necessary equipment. So much equipment! A rope, and clothespins, and a few more clothespins! How and where would I ever acquire these? And where would I store them? I simply have no space in my laundry room, where I keep a very large metal dryer which cost several hundred dollars and which adds to my utility bill each time I run it. (This is often, since I do not hang my clothes to dry in the sun, which is free.)

Mary claims everyone in PC can hang laundry outside. She says a clothesline can be strung up between two trees (where would I find those?), or easily installed with a small, unobtrusive hook attached to a porch post. Install a piece of hardware? What? Where would I find someone, anyone, who could handle such a complicated and laborious task? I am a college-educated homeowner, but I am also certain this is beyond my ability.

Mary suggests laundry drying on a line looks wholesome or otherwise attractive. Foolishness! The porches in PC are deep and accommodating, but not for the sake of families who live here. Our porches are designed for fashionable outdoor furniture from catalogs. People shouldn't actually use their porches! Because that would ruin the aesthetic!

Mary also claims hanging laundry outside is an easy way to enjoy the outdoors. Nonsense. Sure, you might accidentally hear birdsong or enjoy flowers when you pop out to see if your towels are dry. But this doesn't count. To enjoy nature, you must block out an entire afternoon to walk the trails, row a kayak, or mow your lawn with kitchen shears.

Mary claims clothes smell better after drying in the fresh air. I have five words for that: Summer Breeze scented dryer sheets. My clothes already smell good from synthetic fragrances. It says so right on the box!

Energy savings. Well, I have already done my part for the environment. I decided to live in this conservation community, and I am indeed living here. I have clearly done all there is to be done for the betterment of our planet. I have checked the box. There's no need to change even one single habit. It's a slippery slope, this earth-mindedness. What's next? Reusable shopping bags? Organic farming? Native plant landscaping? Installing solar panels on our roofs? Where does it end?

Keep running those noisy, energy sucking dryers, folks! Dry your clothes the way nature intended: by using a big machine that costs both energy and money every time, especially when you're running your AC. Keep yourself and your clothes inside!

## Things to do in July

Maryanne Natarajan

**National Night Out**, Grayslake's Central Park, August 5. Enjoy police vehicle tours, K-9 demos, fun games, and more! FREE (<https://www.glpd.com/event/national-night-out/>)

**Grayslake Summerfest**, August 15-16. Enjoy live music, food trucks, drinks, BINGO, parade, and more! (<https://grayslakevillagecenter.com/event-calendar/grayslake-summer-days-aug16-2025>)

**Rooted in the Shadow of Coal exhibit** at the Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods in Riverwoods, through August 31. The exhibit embraces the tradition of botanical art while expanding to include a wider range of artists and media, all focused on the resilient plants of the Waukegan Dunes. (<https://brushwoodcenter.org/event/rooted-in-the-shadow-of-coal-botanical-treasures-of-the-waukegan-dunes/>)

**Alex Ross: Heroes & Villains** at the Dunn Museum in Libertyville, through February 2026. Using gouache paints, Ross brings heroes and villains from the Marvel and DC universes to life with striking realism. The 100 portraits featured in the exhibition capture each character's individual attitude, naturally influencing their poses. (<https://www.lcfdp.org/museum>)

**Destino Ristorante**, a casual fine dining Italian restaurant in Gurnee. (<https://www.destino-ristorante.com/>)

**Fine Arts Building in Chicago: Second Friday**. Open studios, architectural tours, Studebaker theater, and more. (<https://www.fineartsbuilding.com>)

**FYI** Second installment of property taxes is due by September 4, 2025.

Details are available at <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/199/Property-Taxes>

# About the lake...August 2025

The Lake Management Committee

Hey and Associates completed the data analysis and submitted a report on the bathymetric (depth) and sediment mapping that was recently done for Lake Leopold. Some areas of minor soft sediment accumulation were noted ("muck" from decaying plants), but no indication that there is a major issue with sediment removal that needs to be addressed. There may be more appropriate and cost-effective methods to lake management than dredging, particularly with respect to our time scale.

The lake is at the top of the watershed with no source of inflow to bring in sediment, there is heavy filtration from the surrounding prairie, and most of the shoreline is stabilized with plant growth. We may be better served by focusing on the internal loading of nutrients, which is probably the key driver of our lake's aquatic life cycle. Our sediment is primarily organic matter; nutrient deactivation, mechanical removal, and selective treatment of plant growth may provide a more optimum cost/benefit.

This will significantly reduce the cost impact on our reserves and reduce the requirement that we draw down the large amount of money that has been set aside for sediment removal in the reserve account. Some smaller projects such as targeted aeration/oxygenation or nutrient management may be useful in future years, but the need does not exist for a major dredging project.

Lake water clarity has been quite good up until the end of June. Secchi disk readings (how far down you can see through water) were 7–8 feet but have degraded to 3–4 feet at the beginning of July. Warm weather, sunshine, and sufficient nutrients have caused the lake to "bloom" a bit. Much of that is positive; ILM confirmed with an aquatic plant survey in June that we have good plant cover for fish and other creatures. Some invasive plant growth was noted, and that will be on our list for some targeted pre-emergent treatment in the spring.

Adina and Andy Ott continue with monthly water quality measurements using the multiparameter unit and photometer equipment, and have measured a significant increase in chlorophyll, in addition to shifting dissolved oxygen profiles and temperature

stratification. So, nature is taking its course and algae is starting to bloom; enough of the right kind is good—it's food for the creatures in the lake and generates oxygen. However, as conditions progress, we will be on the lookout for harmful algae blooms (actually cyanobacteria), both visually and through testing.

As an early screen, we will be using the BlueGreen Test by 5Strands to rapidly detect the presence of potential cyanotoxins; probably each Friday, to get results before the weekend. This is a new product introduced to us by some of our colleagues in the local lake coordination group. This same-day test reduces the need to send samples out to a lab and wait for almost a week to get results.

Similarly, the Lake County Health Department tests Lake Leopold water conditions at the beach for bacteria contamination every other Monday. Their testing on July 7 was the day after the heavy rains, the results exceeded the EPA limit, and LCHD called and advised the HOA to close the beach until their subsequent testing was within limits. Their advisory was based on a measurement of 461 cfu/100 mL and the limit is 235. We had been running about 10–20 so far this season. Actual data and beach condition status can be found on the Illinois Department of Public Health Beach Guard website (listed as Leopold Lake, tab 4, in the Private Beaches section.)

Following a similar practice by our colleagues at other lakes, we will try and take water samples after heavy rainfall and send them to the LCHD laboratory for testing, and not wait for the bimonthly visit. This will take about a day, so homeowners should still use caution before enjoying the beach and entering the water. IDPH advises: "The water quality at many Illinois beaches can be influenced by heavy rainfall. If a recent heavy rainfall makes the water look cloudy, the beach may not be safe even if the most recent sample results were satisfactory. Use common sense and good judgment anytime you swim in natural waters. If the water does not look inviting, don't swim." After heavy rain, waiting a day or two before swimming may be considered good practice.

Questions, comments, or volunteer inquiries can be directed to [lake@pchoa.com](mailto:lake@pchoa.com).







# EcoNotes

From the Prairie Crossing Environmental Stewardship Committee

## Prairie Almanac

Jim O'Connor

### The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

*"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."*  
~Aldo Leopold

#### How to treat the bad and the ugly, while making room for the good.

We all have some of these bad guys in our home prairies or prairies near our home. But you can reduce them by following the practices mentioned below. Some need chemical treatment, but many can be removed mechanically by hand. This will make room for more desirable plants. Especially if you add native seed late in the fall.

**Nodding or Musk thistle:** This is a biennial. Remove the nodding, red/purple flowers, cut the stem below the soil, or wear heavy gloves and pull the whole plant out and discard. If you recognize the first-year rosette, pull it out like a dandelion or treat with 1% Transline or Stinger.

**Curly dock:** Cut the seed head and/or pull the plant out by the roots and remove from the site. It likes to grow in wet swales.

**Giant ragweed, and lesser ragweed:** Pull and remove. These plants are annuals that like to fill bare ground and can shade or crowd out desirable plants. They also tell us to add native seed in these spots.

**Canada thistle:** This is a perennial. Cut and remove multiple times, or use an easier, more permanent approach—spray with Transline 1% or Stinger. This species usually needs these specific herbicides to be controlled because it forms a clone.

**Queen Anne's lace:** This is a biennial. Pull it once or cut it a thousand times, take your pick. It shows us a place to sow native seeds in the fall.

**Yellow Sweet clover:** Pull it when in full flower and remove. Best done after a good soaking rain. Or tease it out of the ground with a soil knife.

**White sweet clover:** Can be pulled out at any time, or you can cut it at soil level when the bottom twelve inches of the stem are spotted with brown splotches and are branchless. If you cut this plant before the stems turn brownish on the bottom you may have to cut again and again and still you may get viable seed to develop.

**Bull thistle:** This is a biennial. Remove the flower heads, cut stem below soil level, or pull out with sturdy gloves. Treat rosettes like dandelions or dig out with soil knife.

**Reed canary grass:** Cut the seed heads and discard in the garbage. Tie it in a bunch and treat it with 5% glyphosate that is approved for use in wet areas. Use the hand of death method—a cotton glove worn over a rubber glove. Spray the product into the cotton glove and wipe the plant.

**Purple loosestrife:** Don't wait until it becomes a monoculture and pray that the *Galerucella* beetles prevent them from flowering! Instead, take action by cutting and removing the flower heads, treat leaves and stems with glyphosate approved for use in wet areas; or treat with the hand of death method and 5% solution of glyphosate.

**Teasel:** Spray the rosettes with Weed B Gon or Transline 1% before they bolt and flower. Too late? Then cut all the flower heads and remove from site then cut the stem at an angle below ground level.

**Bird's-foot trefoil:** (yellow flowers), and **Crown vetch** (pinkish flowers): Spray in spring or fall with Transline or Stinger or Weed B Gon. These are tough ones to get rid of so do not delay. A small population may be dug out by hand, but early treatment seems best. This species is being spread by mowers shattering and spreading the seed. We are seeing more of it spread in PC and in the lawns as well as along the roads near us. At least remove the mature seed and discard. They look like three fingers that are brownish in color with bumps showing the seed.

**Tall goldenrod:** This is a native that gets aggressive. It is also allelopathic, which makes it difficult for other species to germinate and grow in the area. Pull it after a good rain. There are many good native goldenrods so make sure you are pulling the tall or Canadian goldenrod. When you pull it, you will notice it forms a shallow root that leads to other plants. The root shows a little reddish/purple color on the root. The leaves are only saw-toothed halfway down the leaf.

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**Environmental Stewardship Workdays:** Every month on the third Saturday.

**Next workday:** August 16, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

**Summer workdays:** Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Watch pchocat for notices of changes in dates due to weather or other circumstances.

## Homeowners' Website

The official website of the Prairie Crossing Homeowners Association is [www.pchoa.com](http://www.pchoa.com). This is a secured site requiring a login. The site includes the Governing Documents, Homeowner Guidelines, meeting minutes, Budgets, Financial Reports, and more. It is open to all current homeowners and condo owners. If you are a new homeowner and are interested in gaining access, or you are a current homeowner who may need to update your email address or have your password reset, please click the link for "Login Request Form" on the Home page.

## pchochat.com

This website is a communications site maintained by homeowners in Prairie Crossing and is not connected to or maintained by the PCHOA Board or Property Management. If you would like to join the new listserv, please visit the following link: <https://mailman.pchochat.com>. You can also send an email to: [pcho-subscribe@pchochat.com](mailto:pcho-subscribe@pchochat.com).

## Prairie Crossing Home Services Guide

Visit <https://www.prairiecrossingguide.com> for local home service recommendations from neighborhood residents along with explanations and tips for homeowners.

## Odor Reporting

To report odors from Countryside Landfill, please call the Lake County Health Department Hotline at 847-377-8096, or file online complaints to the EPA at <http://www.epa.gov/tips/> and <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/pollution-complaint/Pages/submit-a-complaint.aspx>.

## Fitness Center

Please send any requests or comments about the Fitness Center to [fitness@pchoa.com](mailto:fitness@pchoa.com).

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## From the Editor

MeadowMix is a monthly newsletter published for Prairie Crossing residents.

Submissions to MeadowMix may be made to [newsletter@pchoa.com](mailto:newsletter@pchoa.com).

Any submission to MeadowMix must be made by 11:00 p.m. on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to be considered for the following month's publication. A submission does not guarantee placement. The editor reserves the right to further edit submissions for clarity and/or space considerations.

# Announcing Prairie Crossing's Environmental Manager: Dave Neu

The Board of Directors is excited to announce the appointment of Dave Neu as Prairie Crossing's Environmental Manager. Dave comes to us with a career's worth of knowledge and experience in the natural world, in both lakes and prairies.

He has spent his life in the service of nature through government, non-profit, and corporate stewardship of the land and water. His work includes native prairie and wetland restorations, wildlife surveys and population management, public outreach and education, strategic partnerships, and planning. He has led the management of tens of thousands of acres of public and private land. Dave will apply those skills to Prairie Crossing's wild-and-waterscapes, managing burn crews, organizing teams to fight back invasives, and overseeing and updating the Land Management Plan.

A special thanks to Jim O'Connor, who has led the management and care of our prairie, as he prepares to take a well-earned step back at the end of this year from those responsibilities and works with Dave to share as much as he can about our special wildscape. Another big thank you to John Schuster and the Lake Committee, who will also get Dave up to speed on everything we've learned about Lake Aldo Leopold and the environmental challenges it poses.

Dave will be starting in August. If you see him out on the trails, please welcome him to Prairie Crossing!

**Join the ESC workday on Tuesday, August 19 to meet Dave.** Plan to join the ESC for a volunteer work day on Tuesday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m., location TBD. Dave will be there along with Jim O'Connor and our regular ESC volunteers. All residents are welcome to come volunteer and stay after for refreshments and socializing.

## Grayslake Emergency Notification Alerts

The Village of Grayslake is launching Everbridge, a communication tool that sends out timely updates, emergency alerts, and important notifications directly to your phone, email, or the Everbridge mobile app. Sign up at <https://member.everbridge.net/398164943175878/new>.

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## EcoNotes continued

Want more information? Check out the Prairie Crossing Environmental Handbook pages 25 through 32. It's on [pchoa.com](http://pchoa.com).

For hands-on experience, come out to an ESC workday. Workdays are every Tuesday night from May through August, starting at 6:30 p.m. Or join us monthly for a Saturday morning workday from 9:00–11:00 a.m. We all have fun and learn about the good, the bad, and the truly ugly.

Want to add more species to your home prairie? Native plants that bloom before June have viable seeds that can be planted when the seed is readily harvested. It usually has a brownish color when ready for collection and planting. Rake it into the ground and step on the loosened soil to give good seed to soil contact.

Questions? [joc3@comcast.net](mailto:joc3@comcast.net)

## ARTS, CRAFTS, DESIGN

**Abstract Artwork/Commissions**  
Gallery-represented artist working in encaustic, acrylic & mixed-media. Originals avail. in all sizes. Commissions/home consultations/studio visits. Rebecca Stahr, rebeccastahr.com or 847-867-7943

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## BABYSITTING

**Kayla Brady**, 16 years old, 847-471-5338.

**Evelyn White**, Red Cross certified babysitter. Junior in high school. Available on weekends. 847-309-4818

\***Allison Barhorst**, Red Cross Certified, Junior at Auburn University will be available for evening babysitting in June and July 847-507-9184

\***James Coyne**, Red Cross certified. Legos! Sports! Games! Fun! References too. 847-223-2653

\***Lauren Suvanich**, Red Cross Certified. References available. Also avail. for pet care. 773-318-6044, [ksuvanich@yahoo.com](mailto:ksuvanich@yahoo.com)

\*Available during college breaks

## BUSINESS SERVICES

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Take your career to the next level: resume, social branding, networking, interviewing; a proven strategy, purposeful approach to helping you find your next career and true calling. Michelle Chiodi, [mtchiodi@yahoo.com](mailto:mtchiodi@yahoo.com)

## BUSINESS SERVICES

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#### Pedal to Power Events

Looking for unique event ideas for your next birthday, wedding, corporate event, or party? Rent interactive bikes that blend smoothies, power sound systems, and spin art! Delight your guests through bike-powered experiences that combine fun, health, and sustainability. Contact Hanh at [hanh@pedaltopowerevents.com](mailto:hanh@pedaltopowerevents.com), 773-930-5947, [pedaltopowerevents.com](http://pedaltopowerevents.com)

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine:

Solutions for anxiety, depression, insomnia, pain, and autoimmune. Vel Natarajan LAc., DACM, 34121 N US Hwy 45, Ste. 227, Grayslake, [info@easternhealingtraditions.com](mailto:info@easternhealingtraditions.com), 224-541-0022

### Aromatherapy for People & Pets

100% organic, therapeutic-grade oils, blends, oil enhanced nutritional and cosmetics. Barbara Klipp, 847-903-3565, [magicflute@earthlink.net](mailto:magicflute@earthlink.net)

### Physician/Practice in Internal Med.

Robert Romanelli, M.D., Physician of Internal Medicine. SE of the corner of Route 45 and Winchester: 900 Technology Way, Suite 230. In practice since 1997. For appointments: 847-548-8269

### Podiatric Physician

Daniel C. Surowiec, DPM, 1641 1870 Winchester Rd, Suite 246 Libertyville, 60048. 847-816-3156, [libertyvillepodiatry.com](http://libertyvillepodiatry.com) For all your foot and ankle needs.

### Pediatric Physical Therapist

(in home). Questions about your infant or toddler's gross motor development? No MD referral needed. Lic. PT, 17 yrs exp., 14 yrs at Children's Mem. Hospital. Deborah Sattler, PT. 773-551-1908, [debwpt@yahoo.com](mailto:debwpt@yahoo.com)

### Child Counseling & Family Mediation

20 years exp., including as a School Social Worker in Lake Co. Offices in Grayslake and Libertyville; flexible hours. Specialties in anxiety and blended families. Call for free Consult. Linda Sheehan, LCSW. 224-430-9804. [LindaSheehan.net](mailto:LindaSheehan.net)

### Shaklee

Nutrition, Air Purification, & Earth-friendly Cleaning Products. Kelly Huber, 859 Harris Rd. 847-477-9984, [bestvitamins@email.com](mailto:bestvitamins@email.com), [www.shaklee.net/bestvitamins](http://www.shaklee.net/bestvitamins)

## HOUSEHOLD SERVICES

**Mason Busch**: 4 yrs. exp. Mowing, weeding, edging, blowing during summer. Leaf vacuuming w/option to leave chopped leaves for your garden or to compost. Sidewalk & driveway shoveling. 224-944-3224 call/text

### Pinnacle Handyman Services:

Reliable, experienced, insured handyman for small-med. projects incl. but not limited to fixture & lighting installations, furniture assembly, drywall, trim repairs & small painting projects, garbage disposal replacement. Avail. weekdays & weekends by appt. Jacob Roberts, (954) 740-9571 (call or txt), [pinnacle-handymanservices@yahoo.com](mailto:pinnacle-handymanservices@yahoo.com), <http://pinnaclehandymansvcs.com>

## INSURANCE & FINANCIAL SVCS.

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### Financial Planning

Comprehensive Fee based planning. Call for consult. Julie Hupp 847-231-0990, [julie.hupp@aspireplanninggroup.com](mailto:julie.hupp@aspireplanninggroup.com), [www.aspireplanninggroup.com](http://www.aspireplanninggroup.com)

## INTERIOR/EXTERIOR DESIGN

### Interior Design

Malene Windfeld Interior Decorating and Design, Inc. Space planning and Color Scheme. Custom Drapery. Furniture and Fabrics. Home Staging and Re-Design. 1 Hour Free Consultation. 847-714-2382, [windfeld72@aol.com](mailto:windfeld72@aol.com)

### Morph Spaces Home Design Ilc

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### Creations by Celeste

Custom home decor, pillows, valances, cushions, etc. Call Celeste Breen at 847-543-7907 or email to [celeste@creationsbyceleste.biz](mailto:celeste@creationsbyceleste.biz)

## INTERIOR/EXTERIOR DESIGN

### Cont.

**Prairie Construction Co.** For 30 years our family has run a construction business in Oak Park. In 2022 we achieved our dream of moving to Prairie Crossing and we would like to begin providing our expertise and services to our new neighbors. We specialize in residential remodeling, additions, repair/replacement. Contact: [mac@pccgc.com](mailto:mac@pccgc.com) 708-445-9271

## LEGAL SERVICES

Do you have a legal question or issue that you would like to discuss with a local attorney? Offering general legal advice on a range of issues. Please contact Dan Fedor, Esq. [dfedor73@gmail.com](mailto:dfedor73@gmail.com), (312) 330-4291

## REAL ESTATE SERVICES

### Real Estate Services

Jill Kosikowski, 25 yr PC res., Realtor, Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Star Homes Grayslake. Part of the 2022 top 1.5% nat'l producing Star Home Team. Top producing agent 2020. Top notch svc. & communication. My team keeps you in the loop throughout the home buying/selling process. Listings incl. free professional market preparation. [jillkos@bhgrestarhomes.com](mailto:jillkos@bhgrestarhomes.com)

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## MUSICAL SERVICES

### Chicago Classical Musicians & Music Lessons

For hire for special occasions. All instruments available. Currently enrolling students for piano or flute. All ages & levels. Barbara 847-903-3565, [magicflute@earthlink.net](mailto:magicflute@earthlink.net)

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## PET SERVICES

**Pet Sitter.** Responsible, ADULT pet-sitter/dog walker for any pets, big or small. Very flexible; available any time of day or evening for care in your home. Daily, short notice or long-term vacations all OK. 15+yr experienced PC resident with many references. Jenny Krill (cell): 847-487-7493 or [jennykrivver@yahoo.com](mailto:jennykrivver@yahoo.com)

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**Tutoring K-5.** Challenges are met everyday in classrooms with kids all performing at different levels. I can assist with 1:1 intervention to help your child succeed. \$30/hr. 847-347-9467. Corri Kolb

### High School Math Tutoring

20 years local teaching and tutoring experience in all courses up through and including AP Calculus BC. Russ Gates: [russgates10@gmail.com](mailto:russgates10@gmail.com)

## VACATION & MISC. RENTALS

### Upper Mich. Wakefield Getaway!

House sleeps up to 8! 10 min drive to 3 ski resorts, close to the Porkies, ABR for x-country skiing, waterfalls, snowmobiling, UTV trails, fishing, Lake Superior! Nina Busch, 920-450-8860, <https://tinyurl.com/2u7mutzf>

### Condo at Jackson Creek Summit

Upper Mich. Condo with ski in/ski out hill access. Modern comfort to sleep up to 6! Close to waterfalls, hiking, hunting, UTV trails, and more! Nina Busch, 920-450-8860, <https://tinyurl.com/2s436v7e>

### Liberty Prairie Farm Store

Featuring organically grown vegetables from the farm and products from over 40 local farmers.

#### Store Hours:

Wed-Sat., 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Sun., 1:00-6:00 p.m.

[libertyprairie.org/farm-store](http://libertyprairie.org/farm-store)

### Unitarian Services

*Prairie Circle Unitarian Universalist Congregation is dedicated to nurturing the environment. Sunday Services are held at 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. in Byron Colby Barn. Liberal Religious Education classes for youth are concurrent with the adult programs. There is no enrollment fee, and infant care is provided. Visit our website: [www.prairiecircleuuc.org](http://www.prairiecircleuuc.org) or call Carol Niec if you have any questions at 847-732-3663.*

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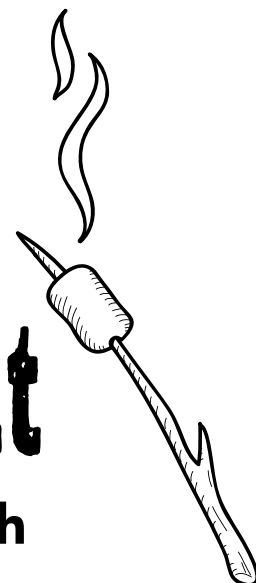
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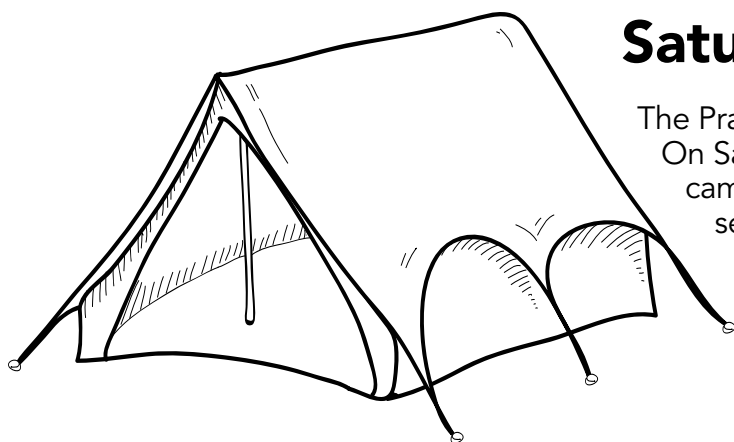
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# Annual Prairie Crossing Family Beach Campout



**Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**



The Prairie Crossing Beach Campout is coming back this year! On Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a neighborhood campout at Lake Aldo Leopold. We will start to allow setup after dinner at 6:30 p.m. and have s'mores and songs around the campfire at dusk—between 8:00 and 8:30 p.m. In the morning, we will have donuts, coffee and orange juice. This should be a great way close the summer before school starts up again. Looking forward to seeing you all there!



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Celebrating our neighborhood by fostering connections  
between the community, the land, and each other