



PCHOA

Prairie Crossing
Homeowners
Association

New Resident Information

PCHOA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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- **PCHOA Website**

Current owners have access to the official website of the Homeowners Association (www.pchoa.com). The site contains useful information, including Governing Documents, Association Guidelines, Guiding Principles of the community, maps, an address book, Board Meeting minutes, and copies of the newsletter, *MeadowMix*. To obtain a login and password, go to the public page of the site and click on "Login Request Form". Renters may also have access if a copy of their rental agreement is on file with the management company.

- **Architectural Review Committee**

Homeowners wishing to make modifications to the exterior of their homes or their landscaping must submit a Modification Request Form along with plans or sketches of proposed changes and neighbor comments.

- **Fitness Center**

The Fitness Center is located in the Station Square Retail Spaces, 960 Harris Road, Suite 1B. Contact the management company to receive a key fob.

- **Beach**

The beach is for use of Prairie Crossing residents and their invited guests, and is open from dawn to sunset. One member of each party must have a Prairie Crossing wrist band, available from the management company. There are no lifeguards, and parents or guardians should accompany children under the age of 16. It is recommended that no one swim alone. Dogs are not allowed at the beach, either in the water or on the sand. Watercraft may be kept at the beach during the summer months and must be registered with the management company. Please keep the beach clean and take all personal items with you when you leave. See also **Lake Aldo Leopold** below.

- **MeadowMix Newsletter**

The Prairie Crossing newsletter, *MeadowMix*, is sent monthly to homeowners. Current and back issues are also available on the PCHOA website. Articles and ads must be submitted to the editor at newsletter@pchoa.com by 11:00pm on the 15th of the month.

- **PC Neighborhood E-mail List**

Prairie Crossing volunteer homeowners maintain an email group for the sharing of news and information. This group is a privately run email communications list for members of the Prairie Crossing community. It is not formally associated with the Prairie Crossing Homeowners Association and is not supported by the Association. Send an email to pcho-subscribe@pchochat.com to subscribe.

- **Trails**

Prairie Crossing has approximately 10 miles of trails for walking, biking, cross-country skiing and horseback riding. There are additional trails in Oak Openings, accessed via the trail along, and the underpass beneath, Route 45. A map of the trails is available on the PCHOA website.

- **Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC)**

The Environmental Stewardship Committee is a volunteer organization of Prairie Crossing residents who wish, through their efforts, to improve and to conserve nature in our common areas by promoting biodiversity of native plants and fostering a healthy environment. Led by Prairie Crossing's Environmental Consultant, members meet at least once a month (weekly in summer) to perform seasonal restoration activities in support of that goal. Some hands-on activities include helping with controlled burns, planting native plugs, removing invasive plants, and collecting seeds. You'll also find "EcoNotes" in the *MeadowMix* newsletter to help educate homeowners about improving our common natural areas and their own yards.

- **Pets**

Dogs are to be leashed at all times when they are outside your own property. Dog owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs. Note that dogs are not allowed on the beach or in the water at the beach. Cats must be kept within the bounds of the owner's property, according to Village of Grayslake Ordinance and Prairie Crossing rules.

- **Landscaping**

Because Prairie Crossing is founded on principles of environmental conservation, homeowners are encouraged to minimize the use of harmful chemicals as they manage their landscaping. Refer to the Homeowner Guidelines for information on landscaping changes that require ARC approval.

- **Lake Aldo Leopold**

The 20-acre lake, 12-14 feet at its deepest, features a beach, boating (non-motorized only), fishing and a protected nesting island. Residents may bring guests to the lake, but we ask that you accompany them when they are there. There are yellow rescue ladders and life buoys around the lake in case of an accident. The small "nesting island" is a protected area for birds to nest on; residents are requested not to boat or swim over to it. In the winter, ice skating and ice fishing are available. Please note, however, that the lake does not freeze equally; while ice 4 inches thick may be safe to walk on, there may be unsafe patches of thin ice.

- **Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)**

The Prairie Crossing Conservation Farm CSA program offers vegetable, fruit, and egg shares. Products grown at the farm as well as products from Midwestern farms committed to sustainability are available for purchase at the Liberty Prairie Farm Store located at 970 Harris Road, Unit 1B in Station Square. Visit libertyprairie.org for more information.

- **Stable**

The stable is owned and managed by the Prairie Crossing Agricultural Association and has room to board up to 12 horses. It has a tack room, is adjacent to a large outdoor arena, has 16 acres of pasture and dry lots for non-grazers.

- **Prairie Crossing Charter School (PCCS)**

The Prairie Crossing Charter School, K-8, is an innovative public school offering an academic curriculum centered on the environment. Any student enrolled in Fremont (#79) or Woodland (#50) School Districts is eligible for admission, which is determined by application followed by a lottery. Visit prairiecrossingcharterschool.org for more information.

- **Byron Colby Barn**

This century-old dairy barn was restored in 1996 to serve as a community center for Prairie Crossing. Several neighborhood events are held there. The barn is owned and managed by PCCS.