



# MEADOW MIX

JULY 2025

AN ASSORTMENT OF PRAIRIE CROSSING NEWS & INFORMATION

## Quick Picks

### EVERY TUESDAY Environmental Stewardship Workday

Where: TBA  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JULY 10 PCHOA Board Meeting

Where: Ranney Environmental Library  
at PCCS  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JULY 12 Prairie Crossing Native Garden Walk

Where: see flyer for details  
Time: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JULY 17 Ladies' Night In

Where: 1236 Hedgerow Dr  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JULY 19 Environmental Stewardship Workday

Where: TBA  
Time: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

### THURSDAY, JULY 31 ARC Meeting

Where: Ranney Environmental Library  
at PCCS  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

## SAVE THE DATE

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 Cooperation Of The Bands 2025

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 Fright Fest

## From the Board

Greetings Homeowners,

The Prairie Crossing social calendar continues to deliver! The Father's Day picnic reached new heights with pulled pork and chicken, plus the best selection of homemade side dishes and desserts we've seen in years—yum! Well done and thanks to everyone who made this event such a success.

Up next, be sure to come out and enjoy the Fourth of July Parade and Festivities and the Native Garden Walk (see the insert).

You've probably noticed a lot of sprucing up around PC the last couple of months. Many homeowners are painting, replacing their roof, or updating landscaping and the results are beautiful! If you are planning a home improvement project, please consult the Association Guidelines and the color palette if applicable. Many projects will require review and approval by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) before you begin, so please contact them in advance at [arc@pchoa.com](mailto:arc@pchoa.com) to submit requests and for guidance.

Common area improvements continue also. More trail repairs will begin soon north of Blazing Star and south of the horse pasture. And our beloved Village Green gazebo will be getting a facelift, including some repairs and fresh paint. If you notice something that needs attention or repairs, please contact our newly assigned property manager at Foster Premier, Dylan Gutt, at [dgutt@fosterpremier.com](mailto:dgutt@fosterpremier.com).

The beach is fully open and getting a lot of use. To ensure everyone has a safe, enjoyable experience please review these Beach and Watercraft reminders:

- Only homeowners and condo residents and their accompanied guests may use the beach and the lake—please wear your green wristband
- No fishing on the beach
- No dogs on the beach
- Boats and other watercraft are privately owned; do not use them unless you have permission
- The blue boat labeled ESC is for use by the Environmental Stewardship Committee only
- The emergency phone near the porta-potty has been repaired and upgraded to meet current standards

We look forward to seeing you on the trails, at the beach, or at one of our many warm weather events.

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.

## Welcome New Neighbors!

Tracy Erski

Please welcome the following new residents to our community:

Joan Griffin, 1423 Turks Cap, as of March.

Sara Jesser, 1214 Prairie Orchid Ln., as of April.

All homeowners, condo owners and renters are eligible to receive MeadowMix. If you know anyone who is not receiving it, please encourage them to contact Foster Premier at 847-459-1222.

## Ladies' Night In July

Nicole Deschane

Ladies, please join Ellyn Ruhlmann & Margaret Kulis for Ladies' Night In on Thursday, July 17, 7:00 p.m., at 1236 Hedgerow Dr.

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.

## Come out for Prairie Crossing's July 4th parade!

Laura Truax



WHERE: Meet in the school parking lot and follow the short parade route to the Village Green

DECORATE: Your bike, pet, specialty vehicle...you name it!

WHEN: Thursday, July 4th at 11:00 a.m.

STAY FOR: Popsicles, Tug-O-War, and Sponge Relay

Feel free to bring your own games as well!

## A Stage for all Stages

Eric Foote

On Saturday, August 30 the Cooperation of the Bands 2025 will be taking 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. Email Eric at [egg775@hotmail.com](mailto:egg775@hotmail.com) or call 708-439-8094.

## Environmental Book Club Summer Reading

Kathleen Wasik

In honor of Prairie Crossing's thirtieth anniversary, the environmental book club would like to suggest Joe Eck's *Elements of Garden Design* for our July community reading. It's a lovely little book that will have you dreaming about your garden. We're inviting every household to read the book and share their thoughts with their neighbors, which will make an excellent excuse for gathering on our lovely porches.

We suggest *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis's radical encyclical on environmental care for those seeking a deeper dive. It has been praised as "the most important piece of intellectual criticism in our time."

Enjoy reading together. If you have questions or would like to join the book club, contact Kathleen at [kathleenrosecw@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenrosecw@gmail.com)

# THAT Inscrutable Thing

Ted Hazelgrove

## March of the Blood Moon

It floated out from the dark drink of middle night and hovered like an immense ripe plum. Something a god might pluck with huge fingers from the constellated tree of Monoceros. A blood jewel dangling below Cassiopeia's massive throat, Andromeda's queenly mother, hung upside down for flaunting their beauty, a shining rope of barbed stars coiled around lovely ankles and lashed to the legs of her captive chair.

I am speaking of a blood moon. The hunter's moon. The worm moon.

It has risen and vanished, a notable phenomenon splashed across an infinitude of reflective screens and now sealed away in vast honeycombs of the What Was, dripping sticky nectar for a short while onto human consciousness. Then it is chronicled and catalogued, to be noted at the advent of the next lunar eclipse. Then it is forgotten.

But I want to conjure the red moon from memory. For I was there.

March. Our weather prophets reveal a full moon will roll like a wheel carved from bone across the night sky until earth's shadow covers its face like a painted Egyptian shroud. It blossoms crimson and wet above prairie grass when darkness shares its secrets with silence. I decide I must witness this wonder of the heavens.

A dream alarm wakes me at 2 a.m. When I emerge behind my house and look up I see stars burn like the ghosts of druidic priests. Above the gable, above the willow tree, the silo and the steeple, a Faustian moon has begun its slow exhale of light. I think of yellow desert, clawing vapor, a wrathful pharaoh. The air feels old and dry, like layers of parchment I might peel to glimpse the secret alphabet of gods and monsters.

Tonight I am the solitary worshipper in a becalmed suburbia. Not one neighbor steps away from all the certainties of measured time to raise their clasping hands in supplication below the luminous hallucination, disrobing for a hunger older than invented gods. I check to see if the lonely insomniac is standing in his backyard, hands in pockets, head tilted to the sky. But he is nowhere to be found. Perhaps they will scroll through newsfeeds tomorrow morning over coffee, gazing at the splendid pictures. But that is a parlor trick of invisible ink. The breath of time exhales in its moment of being.

When I look again the moon has reddened more deeply, polished like Verona marble, lustrous as a pomegranate seed. The ancient poet Sappho imagined it as a symbol for Persephone, separated by the eclipsing darkness from her mother, Demeter, the embodiment of Earth. In Mesopotamia the Sumerians worshipped Nanna, moon father, and his wife and daughter, Ningal and Inanna, the goddess of love. So it was across cultures and millennia. So it is for the disciple standing in Autumn leaves, gazing through binoculars at a harvest moon rising like the Great Pumpkin.

I wonder if all such worship carries its own cost of estrangement, like Thales of Miletus who, gazing at the stars, fell into a well. A servant girl rescued him but scolded the philosopher for expecting to comprehend the mysteries of the sky when he can't even see what's under his feet.

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## 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>.

## Sustainable Landscaping Consultations

Schedule an on-site, outdoor property visit with an Openlands staff Landscape Ecologist. Recommendations are tailored to each property owner's needs. Sign up at <http://openlands.org/beautiful>. The Village of Grayslake will reimburse residents for 50% (\$25) of an initial home visit with a Conservation@Home representative, as well as 50% (up to \$250) of eligible improvements recommended by Openlands. See <http://villageofgrayslake.com/489/conservehome> for details.

## Grayslake Village Sustainability Partnership Programs

Grayslake offers homeowners discounts for sustainable landscaping, rain barrels, planting of native trees, lawn mower and leaf blower replacement, and more! ([https://www.villageofgrayslake.com/753/sustainability-partnership-programs](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com/753/sustainability-partnership-programs))

### Call 211 to Get Connected to the Help You Need

If you need help finding food, shelter, rent or utility assistance, mental health or other essential services, call 211 or TEXT your zip code to 898211 to speak with someone who can help 24/7. For more information, visit [211lakecounty.org](http://211lakecounty.org).

# PCHOA Truck Borrowing Process

Effective April 8, 2024

- **Each** licensed driver in your home who wants to be able to use the truck must submit a hold harmless agreement **in advance** to the management company to be kept on file. The agreement was included as an insert in the April Meadow Mix, and is available on [pchoa.com](http://pchoa.com) and the Foster Premier portal.
- Foster Premier will keep a list of approved borrowers that is accessible to the board.
- **Please note**, the truck key has an Apple AirTag which will only be used if the keys are lost.
- **When you want to use the truck**, please contact a board member in advance at [board@pchoa.com](mailto:board@pchoa.com) or by text to arrange to pick up the key. Priority for using the truck will continue to be given to the Environmental Stewardship Committee and for PCHOA events.

◆ Dan Bader 646-261-7189 ◆ Persephone Nerge 773-426-6980 ◆ Chris Truax 847-338-9323

- **Record mileage in the User Log** binder on the seat of the truck

- **When you have finished using the truck:**

- ◆ Return it to the previous parking spot
- ◆ Lock both doors
- ◆ Return the key to the lockbox
- ◆ Text the board member who gave you access to let them know you have returned the key

## \*\*\* Please note the following rules for using the truck \*\*\*

- All drivers and passengers must have a hold harmless agreement on file with the management company
- Use is limited to 3 hours unless pre-approved by the Board
- Personal use only, the truck cannot be used for any sort of business
- Keep the distance of use limited to a 30 mile radius from Prairie Crossing
- Refill the gas used
- Clean up the truck after use
- If you go on the toll road, you are responsible for all charges
- If you get a ticket while using the truck, you are responsible
- If anything happens when using the truck, report this to the Board and the management company immediately (accident, damage, warning light) and provide photos
- If you notice damage prior to using the truck, report this immediately





# EcoNotes

From the Prairie Crossing Environmental Stewardship Committee

## Prairie Almanac

Jim O'Connor

### Are We Truly Independent?

*"If all mankind were to disappear, the world would regenerate back to the rich state of equilibrium that existed ten thousand years ago. If insects were to vanish, the environment would quickly collapse into chaos."* ~E. O. Wilson

We cannot live and thrive without "the little things that run the world"—insects. Yet we are waging an insane war against them. They offer us services through their ecological roles and yet we spray, zap, and fog the few we consider pests. But when we do that, we are killing all the beneficial ones we depend on to provide those same essential services in the process. Insects pollinate 82% of all plants. If all insects were destroyed, we would survive only for a matter of months on this earth. Plants turn the sun's energy into food for all life on earth. Insects are the primary means by which food created by plants is delivered to animals. This is how the complex food web of life works. Insects sustain the system. The natural system provides its own "pest" control. Birds eat the insects, especially when feeding their young the protein and fat the nestlings need for rapid growth. Many of us feed seeds and suet to the birds but think nothing of spraying, fogging, and zapping insects, which deprives birds of the protein and fat they need for the successful raising of the next generation.

### What else do insects do for us?

Insects sustain the ecosystem by providing pest control, decomposing dead plant and animal matter, maintaining a well-vegetated planet, maintaining a clean watershed, pollinating much of the food we eat, and sequestering carbon that would otherwise be in the atmosphere. So, we are not independent from these creatures which, in ignorance, our culture often despises. No one is advocating bringing them into our homes, but certainly they provide needed services in our yards, neighborhoods, prairies, savannas, forests, wetlands, farms, orchards, etc.

The ant species that build mounds in our prairies provide many beneficial services: they turn the soil and take seed coatings to their nest, remove the germination inhibitors, and then plant them. They are not at all interested in our kitchens (different species). The mosquitoes in our yard provide protein for the birds. They are truly only active at certain times of the day, and in a balanced system do not become a problem. In fact, there have been studies showing that more mosquitoes are found in a blue grass lawn than in a field of native plants.

The Chinese in the sixties had a program to kill the birds that were eating their stored grain. The program led to an ecological mess. Soon all the grasses holding soil vanished because birds were no longer eating grass root grubs. Winds removed topsoil, creating dust storms; and respiratory problems multiplied with the dust storms. Crops were not being pollinated. In fact, some pears grown in China still must be hand pollinated. The program had to be abandoned because it interfered with the natural system we all depend on.

We need all the creatures in the web of life. We will soon celebrate our Independence Day, as we should. We should also acknowledge and celebrate our dependency on the services the insects provide for the complex web of life the planet depends on and stop our insane self-destructive war on them. What we need is a cultural transformation: rather than acting as if we are independent of nature; we need to behave more reverently and respectfully toward nature.

### What can one individual do?

Awareness of this dependency is the first step to a solution. Take out some of your bluegrass lawn and plant native forbs, shrubs, and trees. Insects and birds evolved with native plants and get little or no benefit from European and Asian plants we have come to landscape our homes with. The Monarch butterfly decline is trying to tell us something. Monarchs need more than just milkweed to survive. They need a variety of native flowering plants to thrive, especially the asters and goldenrods that fuel their fall migration. When I used to take long bike rides in rural areas, native plants and milkweed that sustained Monarchs during migration still grew along the roads. Now, with Roundup ready corn and soybeans and "get big or get out of the way farming" the rural roads are depleted of most native species. This one cultural change has added to the decline of the Monarch and many other species we depend on. We can reverse this by treating our properties as places that sustain life; planting native species and putting up with the insects that we consider to be pests. That small cultural change will help feed the system that has given

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

***Next workday:*** July 19, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

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

Watch pchochat 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).

## **PCHOA Management Company**

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Buffalo Grove, IL 60089  
847-459-1222  
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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.

## **Things to do in July**

Maryanne Natarajan

**Mundelein Community Days**, July 3–6. Carnival, fireworks, parade, food, music, games, contests, lots of kids activities, and more. (<https://www.mundelein.org/200/Mundelein-Community-Days-2025>)

**Ravinia**, July 9 at 1:30 p.m. Open rehearsal with violinist and Piano & Strings Artistic Director Midori. Free general admission tickets. ([https://www.ravinia.org/events/detail/steans-open-rehearsal-violinist-midori#showing\\_91](https://www.ravinia.org/events/detail/steans-open-rehearsal-violinist-midori#showing_91))

**John Hughes: The Backstory** at The Patty Turner Center in Deerfield, July 10 at 6:30 p.m. Take a look at his life through three of his movies. Tickets required (\$20). (<https://deerfieldparks.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=842&month=7&year=2025&day=28&calType=0>)

Join the Grayslake Area Chamber of Commerce for the annual **Grayslake 5K Family Fun Run and Walk** on July 12. The race starts and ends on Center Street. Registration and fee to participate, free to watch. (<https://grayslakevillagecenter.com/event-calendar/grayslake-5k-2025>)

**The 96th Lake County Fair** at the fairgrounds in Grayslake, July 23–27. Funnel cakes, motorcross, bull riding, talent contest, all-you-can-ride wristband specials, and more! (<https://www.lcfairgrounds.com/events/lake-county-fair-2025>)

**Milwaukee Art Museum:** lakefront views and many exhibits, including works from the most significant collection of Hispanic art outside of Spain. The Brilliance of the Spanish World: El Greco, Velázquez, Zurbarán presents more than 50 paintings by renowned and influential Hispanic artists of the Renaissance and Baroque eras. (<https://mam.org/visit/>)

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## **EcoNotes continued**

us so much. We need to celebrate our dependence on native plants and insects as well as our country's Independence. Have a happy, safe Fourth of July.

To learn more ways to benefit the system:

Read Douglas W. Tallamy's, *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation in Your Yard, or How Can I Help? Saving Nature with Your Yard*.

And come to an Environmental Stewardship Committee workday on Tuesday nights in the summer from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. or our monthly workday, which will be Saturday, July 19, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Sites TBA. Watch pchochat.

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

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## **That Inscrutable Thing continued**

But perhaps that is the point: to forget what holds us tethered to hard reality. The moon above me will rinse itself of prophecies like a porcelain bowl, the spell diminishes; morning's plaintive urgency releases whatever pulled taut in darker hours. But what feels magically timeless and distant only beckons more seductively to find belief in what can't be believed.

## ARTS, CRAFTS, DESIGN

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

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## BABYSITTING

### Matilda Strong

Red Cross Certified, PC References available, 224-415-5425 [matildastrong@comcast.net](mailto:matildastrong@comcast.net)

**Finley Truax**, 224-808-0337

**Maddie Formica**, 847-643-6022  
13 years old. Will babysit together or separate, also as "Mother's Helpers." Both Red Cross Certified

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**Evelyn White**, Red Cross certified babysitter. Freshman 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

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**\*Available during college breaks**

## BUSINESS SERVICES

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## BUSINESS SERVICES

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## HEALTH & WELLNESS

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#### 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](http://LindaSheehan.net)

#### Tai Chi Instruction

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## 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

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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

### Independent 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)

### Real Estate Services

**Connie Barhorst**, Real Estate Broker, Baird & Warner. Customized and personal approach to helping you buy and sell real estate. All listings incl. my complementary home staging services. Top Producing Agent-Chairman's Club, Who's Who in Chicago Real Estate 2020-2025. Complimentary Market Analysis. **Connie.Barhorst@BairdWarner.com**, 847-736-1337. Your neighbor for 25 years!

### Residential Real Estate Broker

**Jill Schwartz**, Keller Williams North Shore West c.847-309-3026, [JillMSchwartz@KWL.com](mailto:JillMSchwartz@KWL.com), Providing Concierge Service to area buyers and sellers since 2007. Award Winning. Proud PC resident!

## 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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**Patrick Aubyn**, Dr. of Musical Arts; Assist. Principal Bass, Peoria Symphony Orchestra. New to Grayslake! Enrolling students of all ages and all levels. Lessons taught out of my home studio in Prairie Crossing. 608-609-8004, [patrick.aubyn@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.aubyn@gmail.com)

## PET SERVICES

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## TUTORING & EDUCATION

**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 Nierc** if you have any questions at 847-732-3663.

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## Ladies' Night In 2025 Events

Please check MeadowMix during the actual month in case of date changes

Thursday, July 17

7:00 p.m.

Hosts: Ellyn Ruhmann & Margaret Kulis  
1236 Hedgerow Dr

Thursday, August 28

7:00 p.m.

Hosts: Susan Malloy & Erin Cummisford  
1352 Wild Indigo

Thursday, September 18

7:00 p.m.

Hosts: Sallie Mehrtens & Michelle Groenke  
1393 Calamus Lane

Thursday, October 16

7:00 p.m.

Host: Jill Gruber  
1475 Wild Iris Lane

Thursday, November 6

7:00 p.m.

Hosts: Nicole Deschane &  
Meg Lavery  
1024 Harris

December

no meeting



PRAIRIE CROSSING 1995–2025  
Celebrating our neighborhood by fostering connections  
between the community, the land, and each other

# PRAIRIE CROSSING NATIVE GARDEN WALK



**SATURDAY, JULY 12TH  
10:00AM - 2:00PM**

Interested in growing native plants in your home garden? Mingle with neighbors and explore six spectacular Prairie Crossing gardens showcasing the benefits and beauty of native species.

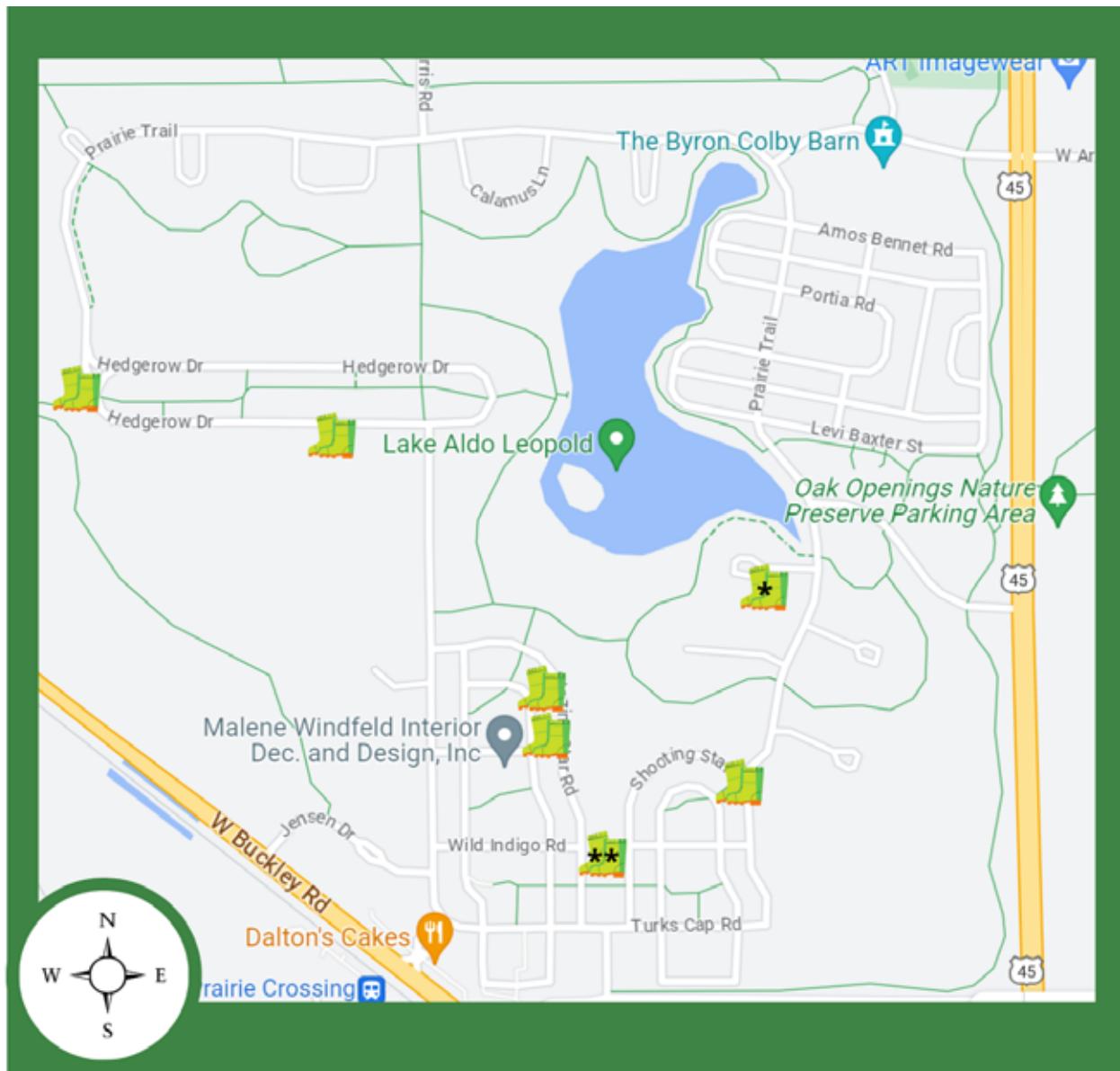
Don't miss opening remarks from Jim O'Connor and the Native Garden Party at the Station Village gazebo!

*Rain date is Sunday, July 13th from 1:00PM - 5:00PM. This event is free, open to the public, and family-friendly. See reverse for map and schedule.*



**Questions?**

Contact: [pcgardenwalk@gmail.com](mailto:pcgardenwalk@gmail.com)



## WALK SCHEDULE:

10:00AM	*Opening Remarks - Windflower cul-de-sac
10:15-1:00PM	Visit the gardens in any order: <b>1489 WINDFLOWER CT. 998 PRAIRIE TRL.</b> <b>1261 HEDGEROW DR. 916 SHOOTING STAR RD.</b> <b>896 BLAZING STAR RD. 920 BLAZING STAR RD.</b>
1:00 - 2:00PM	**Native Garden Party - Station Village gazebo

*Walkers, bikers, or drivers welcome! The Native Garden Party will include music, yard games, and native plants & treats for purchase. All residents (not just Garden Walk participants) can join the party!*