



# MEADOW MIX

JUNE 2025

AN ASSORTMENT OF PRAIRIE CROSSING NEWS & INFORMATION

## Quick Picks

EVERY TUESDAY

**Environmental Stewardship Workday**

Where: TBA

Time: 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

**PCHOA Board Meeting**

Where: Grayslake Public Library

Time: 7:00–9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

**Father's Day Picnic**

Where: George's Beach

Time: 12:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

**Ladies' Night In**

Where: 1465 Colbee Benton

Time: 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

**Environmental Stewardship Workday**

Where: TBA

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

**ARC Meeting**

Where: Ranney Environmental Library  
at PCCS

Time: 7:00 p.m.

## SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, JULY 12

**PC Native Garden Walk & Party**

See flyer for details

## From the Board

Greetings Neighbors,

Spring has been long and slow, with bright sunny days and calm cool evenings. We hope you are enjoying our refreshed common spaces and the increasing frequency of community events including the Father's Day Pig Roast, July 4th Parade, Native Garden Walk to name a few.

### Planning for a Sustainable Future

Now that we are in year two with our Property Management company Foster Premier, our landscaping company Manfredini, and conducting an in depth assessment of Lake Leopold, we are better positioned to plan for the future. This year the Board is building on this foundation including following our five-year budget plan, continuing to grow relationships with our neighbors in the extended community, and identifying the other expert help we need to nurture, improve, and evolve Prairie Crossing.

One big step is recruiting a part-time, contract **Environmental Manager**. This role will oversee the stewardship of our natural assets—including prairies, wetlands, woodlands, and lakes—to ensure ecological sustainability and continuity over time. The job description was sent to the community by email from Foster Premier and is posted on [pchoa.com](http://pchoa.com). Please share with potential candidates inside or outside our community. We will be interviewing in the coming weeks and hope to make the hire during the summer. Thanks in advance for your assistance in filling this important role.

The Communications Committee is evaluating options to update [pchoa.com](http://pchoa.com) this summer. In the meantime, there is an interim solution for residents who want to keep up with the latest on the lake. <https://pclimatecommittee.wordpress.com/>

Lake safety concerns and vendor work will continue to be shared by Foster Premier by email.

A few friendly reminders as we transition from spring to summer:

- The **PCHOA Board** meets the first Thursday of each month in the Ranney Environmental Library at PCCS unless otherwise posted—homeowners are always welcome and have the opportunity to share comments and ideas during the homeowner forum at the beginning of each meeting.
- The **Architectural Review Committee (ARC)** meets the last Thursday of each month in the Ranney Environmental Library at PCCS unless otherwise posted—homeowners making a project request are encouraged to attend the meeting to present their plans and answer ARC member questions.

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## Welcome New Neighbors!

Tracy Erski

*Please welcome the following new residents to our community:*

*Thomas and Linda Paulus, 1230  
Prairie Orchid Ln., as of April 2*

*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 June

Nicole Deschane

*Ladies, please join Jill Kosikowski &  
Peggy Wingo for Ladies' Night In  
on Wednesday, June 18, 7:00 p.m.,  
at 1465 Colbee Benton.*

*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.*

## Prairie Crossing Playgroup

Mary Peble and Nicole Weber

*Summer is here! Spend more time  
outside in our beautiful neigh-  
borhood. All are welcome in this  
casual, fun group. Participants  
range from birth to about nine  
years old.*

*9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June  
18 at the new big slide park play-  
ground (behind the condos).*

*3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 22 at  
the Lupine Ct. playground.*

## Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Linda Wiens

It is with a heavy heart that we share the news of the passing of our beloved neighbor and the dedicated caretaker of the Orchard, Linda Wiens. Linda's unwavering commitment and passion for our community have left an indelible mark on all our lives.

As many of you know, Linda was not only a wonderful neighbor but a true steward of our community. She dedicated countless hours and personal resources to maintaining the Orchard, creating a dream landscape that many, including my own family, cherish deeply. My family chose our home across the street, inspired by the breathtaking beauty of the Orchard. It has been a place where our children have grown up playing and enjoying the delightful fruits that Linda so lovingly nurtured.

Linda's devotion extended beyond her personal care of the Orchard. She cultivated a space where young families could explore, play, and thrive amidst the natural beauty and bountiful harvests. Though the Orchard was established many years ago, it was under Linda's meticulous care that it flourished into the beloved treasure it is today.

In honor of her immense contributions, my wife, Karen Rader, and I are humbled to step into the role of managers of the Orchard. We are committed to carrying on Linda's legacy and ensuring that this special place continues to thrive for future generations. Together with the Board, we will work to memorialize the Orchard in Linda's name, so her memory can forever live on within our community.

Linda's spirit will always be with us, not only in the beauty of the Orchard but in the hearts of all those who knew her. We are eternally grateful for her dedication and are honored to continue her work.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Tim Copeland & Karen Rader

### From the Board continued

- The **lake and beach** are open for swimming and non-motorized boating to PC and condo residents and their guests. There is no fishing at or near the beach. Dogs are not allowed on the beach.
- **Please pay attention to emails from Foster Premier** regarding vendor and volunteer maintenance and treatments on the trails, lake, beach, prairie, and other common spaces. These rarely impact homeowner use of amenities, but may contain important safety information.

We look forward to seeing you throughout Prairie Crossing and at our many community events.

On behalf of the Board,

Persephone Nerge, HOA President

# About the Lake

*The Lake Management Committee*

The treatment plan for the beach area as described last month was executed. Chara ("weeds") around the beach were treated with Cutrine and Hydrothol (May 5). ILM followed up with a nutrient deactivation product, Eutro-SORB, to neutralize the phosphorus from the decaying algae to minimize future growth that is enhanced by that nutrient (May 9). At that time, extensive growth of filamentous algae around the shoreline began to bloom with the warmer weather and ILM recommended a follow up treatment around much of the perimeter of the lake, limited to near the shoreline, with a subsequent treatment of Cutrine and Hydrothol (May 15). The combination of these two products targets multiple species of algae on the surface, in the water, and bottom-growing; as well as some species of aquatic plants. ILM informs us that none of the products are used in a way that would prohibit use of the lake by homeowners.

Adina and Andy Ott continue with monthly water quality measurements using the multiparameter unit and photometer equipment that we get on loan from the pilot measurement program for the 12 lakes in the county that are sponsored by Lake Lovers. When the lake reaches temperature stratification, probably in July, Hey's technical staff will return to do a more extensive on-site and laboratory sample evaluation of water quality and basic sediment chemistry. We are also trying to extend some of this work to Sanctuary Pond, which feeds Lake Leopold.

Hey and Associates are also completing the data analysis and preparing a report on the bathymetric (depth) and sediment mapping that was done for Lake Leopold last month.

Over the past year the lake committee has developed a better vision of the things that need to be done as part of the stewardship of the lake and we could use some help. Please consider participating in a lake committee activity. Our team would appreciate your assistance during the busy summer season. Your commitment would be limited to some specific tasks as defined below. It's not a long-term commitment to be

on a committee, although new members are certainly welcome. You can reply with your interest or questions at: [lake@pchoa.com](mailto:lake@pchoa.com).

**Mechanical removal of aquatic plants near the beach:** Assemble and lead a team (or participate as a team member) to remove Chara and other nuisance plants using hand rakes and throw rakes. Identify a disposal location; facilitate transport to that location of removed material. Timing (TBD) is based on the development of lake conditions but will require coordination with lake application and environmental engineering partners to ensure activity is completed without spreading remnants to re-seed growth. This could be implemented as a lake "workday."

**Observation and data collection:** Monitor the lake levels by reading the staff gauge on a weekly basis or after significant rainfall events. Record local rainfall data from on-line or local weather station. Update using an appropriate charting/graphing tool, to be provided. (Bonus: record daily air temperatures: high, low, average.)

**Monitor beach (water) conditions:** Observe water conditions (e.g. clarity, algae, detritus), check bacteria levels measured by county on the public health website, perform bi-weekly (or weekly in peak season) easy-to-use rapid-result tests for potential toxins resulting from harmful algae blooms. Initiate the basic first steps in a defined, timely communication process.

**Assist with basic lake measurements:** Measure water clarity and temperature to increase frequency of data collection at multiple sites on Lake Leopold (Bonus: Sanctuary Pond). Lake access to watercraft is required. Support more technically complex water chemistry measurements if interested and able to learn.

**Sport fishery assessment:** Informally gather information from fellow anglers about the results of sport fishing in Lake Leopold. Collect, summarize and report information on sport fishing conditions to the Lake Committee and/or Board at end of season. Provide input on whether a sport fishery survey is indicated or desired by resident anglers, with relevance to stocking or cultivating the fish population.

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## Local Summer Fun

*Maryanne Natarajan*

**National Geographic, Greatest Wildlife Photographs exhibit** at the Dunn Museum in Libertyville, May 24–September 21. The museum is free Thursday evenings. (<https://www.lcfpd.org/museum/plan-your-visit/>)

**Visit the Waukegan History Museum**, which is now located in the newly restored Carnegie Library that was built in 1903! (<https://www.waukeganhistorical.org>)

**Fremont Library Summer Kickoff Party**, June 1, 2:00–4:00 p.m. Photos with Bluey, Bingo, cotton candy, more!

**Children's Health & Safety Fair** at Northwestern Medicine Grayslake Outpatient Center on Route 120, June 7, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. For more info. call 847.535.8800

**Summer concerts at Independence Grove**, Tuesday evenings, June 10–August 15, 7:00 p.m. Entrance fee is \$10 per car. (<https://www.lcfpd.org/2025-concerts>)

**Recycle #6 styrofoam** in the Byron Colby Barn parking lot, June 21–22, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Prairie Circle Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

**Taste of Grayslake and Fireworks!!** June 28. (<https://www.glpd.com/event/taste-of-grayslake-2>)



# EcoNotes

From the Prairie Crossing Environmental Stewardship Committee

## Prairie Almanac

Jim O'Connor

*"Well, there is time left—fields everywhere invite you into them." ~Mary Oliver*

### Plant Sale Purchases Need Our Help the First Year

So, you added new shrubs, trees or plugs to your landscape from recent plant sales. Now is the time to care for your investment.

Hopefully you made the holes twice as large as the containers they came in. Trees should always be planted a bit higher than the root flare to be safe, and the hole should be saucer shaped and not cuplike. Shrubs about the same height as they are growing in the container, and prairie plugs can go just a bit deeper in the ground. That way, the loose soil they came planted in can be covered by about a half inch of the soil they are to be planted in (this will prevent wash-out from heavy rains and watering).

If the container is root bound and circling inside the pot, the roots should be gently pulled apart by hand and spread outward and downward. If pulling apart by hand is impossible, try making a shallow cut with a knife from top to bottom three or four times to loosen them. Build a soil cone in the center of the hole and spread the roots. Back fill with the soil they are to grow in. Do not enrich it with fertilizer or compost. Compost or fertilizer could make it more difficult for the establishment to overcome transplant shock in the first year and the prairie plugs may grow leggy and fall over. Prairie plants almost never need fertilization.

### Know how to water the right way

When and how often to water plants during these hot and dry months can take a little thought and investigation. For recently planted prairie plants and most newly transplanted trees and shrubs, an inch of rain per week is the ideal. We almost never average that during July and August so it is best to test the soil before deciding to water. Watering lightly every day dampens the soil but does not let water penetrate deep into the soil, which is how to encourage good deep root growth. It is far better to water long and deep infrequently than often and lightly. A good general rule for newly planted trees, shrubs and perennials is an inch a week. That is about 10 gallons a week per tree or shrub from a hose. Most watering cans hold about two gallons.

If it rains you may think you do not need to worry about watering, but remember the inch-a-week rule. Use a rain gauge or look to see how much the closest weather station claims your area received. Another good method is to check for moisture in the soil by lightly digging with a trowel or soil knife. If the soil feels dry two to six inches below the surface it is time to water. One can also look at the plants themselves. Are the leaves curling inward or drooping? If they are, it is time to water.

The best time to water is early in the day or very early evening when the sun is not as strong. More water will go down into the root zone rather than evaporate into the atmosphere. Let your garden hose run slowly at the base of trees or shrubs and move the hose around to ensure all the roots get water. Soaker hoses also work well.

When watering individual plants, water them around the base with a watering can. There is no need to water the leaves but make sure a strong stream of water is not washing the soil away from the stem. It's a good idea to check that the loose soil they came in is not washed away. Try to incorporate the plugs with the surrounding soil by using both hands to push and pat the surrounding soil in place just like you did when planting originally.

### How to mulch

It is always a good idea to mulch the soil around the root zone of any new planting. Wood chips are good mulch for trees, but leave a hand-width clear near the trunk. For plugs, dry leaves, straw, and dried grass clippings all can work as good mulch. This will not only help keep the soil moist but will also moderate soil temperature. An inch or two of mulch will do, but do not pile it up next to the stems. Do not use freshly cut green grass—it will heat up the soil and damage your new plants. For prairie plugs, I like to use the tall prairie grasses that were not burned. Cut it up into four-inch strips and pile it around the plant. Mark the spot with a painted wood shim or a piece of thin wall painted orange. As the prairie gets taller it will remind you to water.

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

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

**Next workday:** June 21, 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.



# From the Archives...

## The components of a new kind of community.

Steve Sennott and the Liberty Prairie Reserve History Group

Among the early planners figuring out how the 677 acres of battered farmland might be laid out as a conservation community, the Prairie Holdings Corporation hired the nationally acclaimed and award-winning landscape architect William "Bill" Johnson (1931-2024). Known for his environmentally-attuned community planning ideas, Bill Johnson drew the first broad sketches of how to blend streets, nature, homes, and open green areas with the site's surrounding watershed. Following his death last year, numerous tributes celebrated Johnson's career as an award-winning landscape architect, an influential professor of landscape architecture, and a college dean at the University of Michigan.

Knowing in high school that he wanted to be a landscape architect, Johnson graduated from Michigan

Prairie Holdings Corporation purchased the 577-acre parcel of farmland in 1987 and then immediately hired Bill Johnson as the founding landscape architect for Prairie Crossing. Alongside his sketching and teaching skills, Johnson combined his abilities in regional environmental analysis with his understanding of ecological, historical, social, and economic issues while he proposed numerous plans for an innovative new type of residential development known as a conservation community. His first sketches for Prairie Crossing are dated 1988, five years prior to the 1993 ground breaking ceremony.

In a 2017 tribute to Bill Johnson for the Cultural Landscape Foundation's Pioneers of American Landscape Architecture, George and Vicky Ranney mentioned why they hired William J. Johnson Associates to create the broad layout for Prairie Crossing: *"Bill was chosen especially for his knowledge and love of the historic Midwest landscape, his commitment to the environment, and his marvelous ability to sketch freehand the components of a new kind of community... With an eye sensitive to both history and community, he arranged the 359 single-family house sites in farmstead-like clusters, along a century-old hedgerow, and in villages centered around greens."*



Path Along Hedgerow from Harris Rd, Looking West W/Lots on Right and Cluster on Hilltop Ahead (William J. Johnson, ink and watercolor rendering and detail, dated 1988)

State College's School of Agriculture with a Bachelor of Science degree in Landscape Architecture (B.L.A.) in 1954 (MSC Commencement Program 1954). Soon after, Johnson earned his Master of Landscape Architecture (M.L.A.) from the Harvard Graduate School of Design in 1957. In 1961, Bill Johnson formed Johnson, Johnson and Roy, Inc (JJR) with his landscape architect and brother Carl Johnson and their friend and landscape architect, Clarence Roy, a 1951 graduate from the University of Michigan. Their first commission was a master plan for the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where Bill Johnson was working as an associate professor of landscape architecture. JJR quickly established a national reputation for innovative campus, resort, public parks, and community planning.

After he retired from the University of Michigan in 1988, Johnson established William J. Johnson Associates from 1980 to 1992, the period of time when



Ebenezer Harris lived. This symbolic gesture, linking Prairie Crossing's conservation community to its homestead farm predecessor, captures the philosophy of landscape architect Bill Johnson. Have a look.

century federal survey's rigid rectilinear land grid that underlies the Midwest. Why so? Alert to the significance of long views and meaningful markers of the land's historical and ecological past, Johnson reportedly adjusted the Village Green's linear east-west axis to create a long view from the Turnbull Gazebo across Lake Leopold to the then standing very tall and old spruce tree that marked the location of an early homestead and farm where the family of

## 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.

# Sustaining Community

John Frey

Vivek Murthy, MD, MPH was twice U.S. Surgeon General, most recently during the COVID epidemic, and left office in January 2025. Dr. Murthy, a general internist trained in public health, is best known as a leader who understood research on how society and the environment affect health. He advocated more active lives and livable cities, highlighted the growing opioid epidemic, identified gun violence as a public health issue, and, in the past few years, has been writing and speaking about the growing loneliness and social isolation, amplified by the pandemic, as a significant public health issue.

On leaving his position, he did a remarkable thing by publicly recommending what he called his "parting prescription" for the future health of the country. (Read at <https://www.vivekmurthy.com/partingprescription>.) Dr. Murthy, the grandson of a poor village farmer and son of parents who immigrated from India, called for "Community as the Formula for Fulfillment" and used his personal and professional history to identify the loss of community as the biggest threat to the future health of the country. He writes, "The loss of community has become one of the defining challenges of our time. In response, we need a fundamental shift in how we build and prioritize community." He summarizes decades of what physicians and researchers understand—that our families, neighborhoods, and communities are bigger drivers of our health and illness than the exclusively biomedical models of illness. The person with diabetes, their resilience, their education, their resources and their community, will determine a successful life as much as the medications used to treat them.

Dr. Murthy has three core elements that he considers essential to rebuilding and sustaining community: relationships, service and purpose, with an underlying core value of love. Each of these elements are critical—and each can be found in a community that works to stay vital and connected. Prairie Crossing has been and remains a vital and connected community for over 30 years. But "community is not easy and takes work," as Parker Palmer wrote, and the tendency toward isolation rather than engagement can be strong. The founders of Prairie Crossing understood that well and designed and built a model that supports Dr. Murthy's elements of relationships, service, and purpose. It is written in the founding principles. Help each other. Listen to each other and focus on the purpose of the conservation community we live in.

We have lots of those activities in Prairie Crossing but we need more. The volunteer corps burning the prairie, cleaning up the beach, gatherings for potlucks or music, Monday walks around the lake, book clubs, cleanups, and events like our 30th Anniversary celebration all are examples of what we should treasure and grow. We need to connect with each other regularly and with the local resources—schools, libraries, places of worship and general civic life where we live. And, as Dr. Murthy writes, we also need to be motivated by love: "Love as generosity and kindness. Love as hope and grace. Love as courage."

Like the new growth in the prairies, the flowers in our gardens, and the vegetables on the farm, Spring is a time of renewal, regrowth, and surprise. Attending to the human connections and behaviors that nourish community will be important as well.



## 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

### Matilda Strong

Red Cross Certified, PC References available, 224-415-5425 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

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

**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

\***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

\*Available during college breaks

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## BUSINESS SERVICES

### Cont.

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## 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, 224-541-0022

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### 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 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

### 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

### Tai Chi Instruction

Tai chi practice offers benefits for wellness and prevention. Improve functional mobility and balance as well as develop calmness of mind and body. Ind. and group instruction. Cert. instructor since 2011. Mayumi Aaberg, txt 224-433-9592 or Taichitherapeutics@gmail.com.

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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

### 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, <http://pinnaclehandymansvc.com>

## INSURANCE & FINANCIAL SVCS.

### Independent Agent

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## INTERIOR/EXTERIOR DESIGN

### Interior Design

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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.

## 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 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, (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

### 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, JillMSchwartzatKW@gmail.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

### Classical Double Bass Lessons

Patrick Aubryn, 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.aubryn@gmail.com

## 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 jennykrill@yahoo.com

## 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

## 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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## SAVE THE DATE: Prairie Crossing July 4th festivities!

Laura Truax

WHAT: Prairie Crossing's July 4th parade, popsicles, and games

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

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

We will need someone to play patriotic music during the event and to sing the National Anthem. Please email Laura Truax at [laura.hodge@gmail.com](mailto:laura.hodge@gmail.com) if you can help out!

## Environmental Book Club Summer Reading

Kathleen Wasik

In honor of Prairie Crossing's thirtieth anniversary, the environmental book club would like to suggest for June reading, *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World* by Robin Wall Kimmerer (author of *Braiding SweetGrass*). We're inviting every household to read the book and share their thoughts about it with their neighbors, which will make an excellent excuse for gathering on our lovely porches. The book club will suggest books for July and August, culminating in a fall gathering to share thoughts on the three books; we'll keep you updated on that. If you have questions, contact Kathleen at [kathleenrosecw@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenrosecw@gmail.com)



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

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# 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)**





We're *hog-wild* for Pig, Chicken (NEW) & Veggies!  
Join us for Father's Day 2025 — where the smoke  
is sweet, the vibes are savory, and the belly laughs  
are free. Bring your appetite and your wit — it's  
gonna be a sizzlin' good time!

## 2025 Father's Day Picnic - June 15<sup>th</sup> - Noon – George's Beach

The 206<sup>th</sup> (actually 22<sup>nd</sup>) annual Father's Day Picnic is fast approaching and the Braunschweiger Bunch is crafting this year's event. The repeated theme is **Phenomenal! Totally Phenomenal!**

- Phenomenal new **logo** (being designed by World Class Artist, Francine Lee)
- Phenomenal **pig** and **pulled chicken** (did you ever see a pig chase a chicken?)
- Phenomenal **beer** (Tighthead's best...**AND** maybe "Chilly Water"!)
- Phenomenal **T-Shirts** (keep an eye out to preorder)
- Phenomenal **fun** (each year we get better at this party)
- Phenomenal tasty **homemade side dishes** to share (much tastier than store-bought, and made with **LOVE**)
- Phenomenal **GaGa** Ball pit for the kiddies (We need some help setting it up)
- Phenomenal **sauce (Zip's secret recipe)** – **Made from scratch** and all bottled and ready for eating!

**Admission is \$15 per person** - Kids 12 and under eat free. We also take silver bars!

### New this year – *Pulled Chicken!*

And...a modest cupping donation on beer will also help defray expenses on this (hopefully) break-even event.

For those new to PC...this is undoubtedly PC's **most excellent** social event. As June 15 dawns; the tents go up at the PC beach (*no earlier than 10 am*) and the pigs and chicken arrive at Noon.



#### What to bring:

- Side dishes to share. Homemade is **ENCOURAGED!** (with serving spoons...serves about 8)
- Bring your own picnicware and beverages (if you don't like beer)
- Chairs, sunscreen, kites, beach stuff, games, PFD's for kids in water
- PC Community Spirit!

Contact any of the **Braunschweiger Bunch** and stay tuned for more details via emails and other announcements. Send an email to the Braunschweiger Bunch,  
**bbpigroast@pchoa.com**