



MEADOWMIX

AUGUST 2026

AN ASSORTMENT OF PRAIRIE CROSSING NEWS & INFORMATION

Quick Picks

EVERY WEEK – MONDAY

Walk & Talk

Where: The Beach

Time: 12:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

PCHOA Board Meeting

Where: Ranney Environmental Library
at PCCS

Time: 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

PC Fitness Center Open House

Where: Fitness Center

Time: 1:00–3:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Burn School

Where: Byron Colby Barn

Time: 1:00–2:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

EPA Burn Permit Assistance

Where: Byron Colby Barn

Time: 2:30–4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

ARC Meeting

Where: Ranney Environmental Library
at PCCS

Time: 7:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Cooperation of the Bands

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Fright Fest

More details to follow.

Contact Douglas Nerge, scare team,
at 773-426-0730 or Gwen Ricchio,
front end, at gwen.ricchio@gmail.com

Greetings Neighbors,

Summer is looking and feeling great in Prairie Crossing! The Annual 4th of July celebration was a success and continues the combination of new and well-loved events this summer. The ESC and our vendor partners are doing a great job keeping our land and lakes looking good. Swimmers are enjoying the beach and the prairies are blooming! New this year, we are trying Harley raking and compacting to virtually eliminate the need for herbicides on our trails—so far the results are very encouraging.

Thank you to everyone who planned, staffed, and attended our community forum on Environmental Management on June 28th! It was a warm, engaged gathering of homeowners from across the community, with some resident and guest experts on topics ranging from managing invasive species in your yard, to common area tree planning, lake health, and native wildlife. We look forward to continuing the discussion and gathering your input on these important topics.

Later in the newsletter, please take time to read the **update about lake testing** and reminders about the importance of **ARC review and approval**. Here are a few important updates from the Board:

Environmental Management Survey: We are seeking homeowner input to our environmental management approach and priorities with a survey launched at our community forum on June 28th. If you've already replied, thank you! If not, please use the QR code in this MeadowMix or the link sent in the email from the property manager, to give your input. *We will close the survey on August 8.*

Homeowner Prairie Burns: There's a real change coming to the fall burn season. The HOA has been informed that going forward, if you wish to burn the prairie on your lot, you will need to get an individual permit from the Illinois EPA—you will no longer be covered by the PCHOA burn permit. Common area burns will continue unchanged. To adjust to this change, in addition to burn school, there will be a help session to apply for your individual permit. Please see details in the article in this newsletter.

Playground Inspections, Repairs, and Replacements

We recently commissioned an inspection of our neighborhood playgrounds to ensure they remain safe and enjoyable for everyone in our community. There are some concerns that need to be addressed right away. *We are removing some equipment from use until repairs are completed.* Access will be restricted with snow fencing and warning signs will be posted. Please see the article later in the MeadowMix about planned repairs and upcoming replacements.

Village Green Flagstones

We have selected a contractor to repair the ring of flagstones this summer. Specific dates will be announced once they have been

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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 or 608-239-8640. See pchoa.com for more information.

Welcome New Neighbors!

Tracy Erski

The following residents are either new to Prairie Crossing or have relocated to a different address in the community. Please welcome them all!

Alan & Alouise Gredell, 1369 Calamus Ln.

Cheryl Roge, 1570 Penstemon Ct.

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.

FYI The second installment of property taxes is due September 4.

Details are available at <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/3522/Real-Estate-Tax-Calendar>

Safety Audit and Improvements Coming to Several Playgrounds

A recent thorough safety audit of our playgrounds has led the board of directors to take some actions on equipment that is no longer safe to use. That means some work over the next couple of months, and some temporary restrictions on the pieces of equipment that Green Up identified as no longer being safe.

Foster Premier has sent an email to the community regarding these restrictions:

Items no longer safe:

- North of Thimbleweed Playground "spider climb"
- Lupine Playground: carousel/whirl platform and stairs too close to a lamp post
- Wild Indigo Playground: cracked slide (warranty item)
- Tennis Court Playground: Whale Spring Rocker: incorrectly installed, loose parts

Foster Premier has been instructed to use temporary snow fencing to keep children off of these items while the community takes the next steps to fix these problems. Each of these playgrounds is due for a refresh. The Playground Committee will soon meet to plan out that work. In the meantime, these areas will be off-limits.

The above items weren't the only items noted by the audit, but they are the most serious.

The report noted that homeowners have put toys and larger pieces in our playgrounds which constitute a safety risk. If any of these belong to you, please remove them as soon as possible. They may soon be removed by contractors.

We all want our amenities to be safe and fun to use. We appreciate your patience as these improvements are made.

From the Board continued

finalized. While this work is being completed, access to the the area will be restricted for everyone's safety.

Beach Reminders

- Wristbands—wear your neon green wristband to the beach
- Watercraft—must be secured in the designated area west of the beach. Watercraft may not be left on the sand in front of the flagstones.
- Dogs—dogs are not allowed at the beach
- Fishing—absolutely no fishing at the beach or in the water near the beach

We look forward to seeing you at community events, at the beach, and on our beautiful trails throughout the summer.

On behalf of the Board,

Persephone Nerge, HOA President

The Call to Adventure

One of the first novels I ever read that left an indelible impression was *Treasure Island*, by Robert Louis Stevenson. Lamp-lit summer evenings slipped away into the small-houred silences of a house settled into sleep, while I followed pirates across moon-washed seas toward Skeleton Island, where life perched precariously on the blood-crusted blade of a brigand's cutlass. Jim Hawkins was a boy, and so was I; and like any boy dangling his legs over the abyss into adolescence, the clarion call of adventure rising from its mysterious depths was irresistible.

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland followed, and then—like a massive timbered ship creaking at harbor, waiting only for me to clamber aboard before it set sail to imaginary lands—*Lord of the Rings* rang its captain's bell. So I left what I knew for faraway places, to discover who it was I wished to become.

All these works—and others that cast a spell, like the seafaring rat in *The Wind in the Willows* ("lastly, in his waking dream it seemed to him that the Adventurer had risen to his feet, but was still speaking, was still holding him fast with his sea-grey eyes")—share a common theme: the power of journey and how a trail of tantalizing breadcrumbs can lead to self-discovery.

Hardly surprising then that eventually my own wanderings found a north-west passage to a small community college outside Chicago, where I found myself teaching Homer's *The Odyssey*. "Much have I travell'd in the realms of gold,/And many goodly states and kingdoms seen," John Keats wrote in his sonnet, "On First Looking into Chapman's Homer." That is the gift of profound literature—we transcend the soundless space between a reader and writer by simply allowing the absorption of ourselves into something completely outside of the moment we presently occupy—and so we may wrestle our skiff in the salt spray between Charybdis and Scylla or step a heavy boot into the red dust of Mars.

But *The Odyssey* is rarer still; through countless recitations and reiterations on the written page across millennia it resonates still with the same lucid candor as its inception under a hot Mediterranean sun 2300 years ago. And now a new film captures our hearts and minds like hummingbirds in a cage of bronze. How does such an ancient work endure?

The Odyssey is more than an epic of journey literature; it is Joseph Campbell's *Hero with a Thousand Faces*, the eternal stone from which all subsequent story is chiseled into meaning. It becomes, then, the motif which imbues any endeavor that involves beginning from one place and ending in another—such as, for instance, this essay I am currently writing. To perceive all action directed toward a goal as journey is to breathe a mythic, grand quality into the everyday transactions of human striving.

"... go, go, after all you've suffered—rove your miles of sea—till you fall in the arms of people loved by Zeus," Poseidon grumbles at Odysseus, whose raft he has caused to smash under the weight of churning waves. But Odysseus was just visited by a sea nymph, who gifted her immortal scarf to tie around his waist and told him, "nothing to fear now, neither pain nor death."

Those lines rise from the pages of book five like Poseidon's trident cresting the blue Aegean. Strive, strive... rove. And seek comfort with those you love. And give yourself over to a faith of your own choosing. Nothing to fear now.

Cooperation of the Bands 2026

Eric Foote

On Saturday, September 5 the Cooperation of the Bands 2026 will be taking place on the Village Green. Talent of any type at any stage of readiness is welcome to perform. We'd love to have you. Wonderful talent from prior years as well as new talent are planning to be there including Rad Dad and the Radicles, Jack Latta, The Nameless, Old Riders of the Purple Sage, The Footnotes, Time and Material, and Skulls of Men. Reach out to Eric Foote with any questions or to get your spot reserved. He can be emailed at egg775@hotmail.com or called at 708-439-8094.

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>)

Every Kid Outdoors

Do you have a fourth grader? Your child can take you amazing places! With the free pass, fourth graders can bring family and friends on adventures to public lands for free for a full year. (https://everykidoutdoors.gov/fourth_graders.htm)

Senior Homestead Property Exemption

The Senior Homestead Exemption is available for any person 65 years of age or older who owns and occupies their home as their primary residence. There is no income limit for this exemption. Anyone 65 years of age or older may apply. Contact the Fremont or Avon Township assessor for how to apply.

Helping Your Home Age Gracefully

Andrew Shuman

As last year's 30th anniversary celebrations indicate, Prairie Crossing has moved out of the rebellious teenage years and carefree twenties and is heading towards middle-age. What this means to you is maybe that you may need to turn a critical eye towards some of the critical systems and components in your house that may be coming up on their replacement age. Since our neighborhood was built over the course of 10 years (roughly 1995 to 2004), we are going to experience a lot of these issues together. Since we are neighborhood that talks with each other, we will be able to share information with what we are experiencing, what our options are, and how we are solving it. In fact, we already are doing this (whether we know it or not) when we reach out through our (unofficial) email list. I've perused the past couple years of conversations, reached out to neighbors, and sprinkled in some personal experiences to compile a list of things that all of us may eventually face, or have already encountered.

Roofs—roof life span varies depending on style, but I have not seen one source saying that a roof lasts much more than 30 years. Anecdotally, I have seen many roofing trucks and men on roofs in the past couple years and my time on the Architectural Review Committee has confirmed as well that many of you have already completed this. This is a big one, and one that you won't want to ignore, so if you haven't had a roof inspection in a while, it may be wise.

HVAC Systems—if your furnace and AC Unit haven't been replaced yet, be on guard. 15–20 years is considered the maximum lifespan for most of these components. A wise investment would be scheduling a yearly or bi-annual inspection, just to make sure you aren't caught unaware or unprepared. Remember, if your AC goes out during a heat wave, so do many others and you don't want to be caught at the back of the line for labor or parts. Many local companies offer a service plan that offers inspections and discounts on

parts, systems, and labor. I found that helpful when having my furnace and AC replaced at the same time.

Foundations—According to most experts, homes stop settling after 20 years. Time to get those foundation cracks sealed (especially if they are weeping) and get an expert to look at the grading around the outside. The grading helps the rain flow away from your house, always a good idea, especially with the torrential rains that we sometimes experience.

Soffit, Fascia, and Window Framing—This is an easy one to overlook. Take a walk around your house and make sure your exposed wood areas are in good condition. Use binoculars to peer up into the corners of your roof eaves. Take your fingers and press on your window frames to find soft spots. Our houses take a constant beating from the sun, wind, and dripping rainwater. And remember, paint doesn't just look good, it provides an additional layer of rot resistance. I know I have experienced this issue recently and have talked with other neighbors who have as well.

And many more! Many of you are on your second **water heater**, and should be coming up on your third. I have heard of more than one instance of an **ejector pump** failure. Make sure you are cleaning out your **window well drains** as those have had many years to have debris swept into them. After 20 years **bathroom fans** and **garbage disposals** begin to struggle. And finally, make sure you are routinely exercising your **water shutoff**.

As a reminder, you are not alone! Reach out to the email list with questions, even with help about identifying an issue you think you may be having. Utilize the PC Home Services Guide, which is a list of contractors (good and bad) our neighbors have used for various issues, and as always, when in doubt—YouTube it. There is lots of good information online that gets recorded, and it's pretty easy to find an expert explaining all the intricacies or a project for you to do yourself.

Environmental Management Survey

Please give us your input



On the Prairie Wind, a New Leaf Turns

Mark Peterson

If you spend enough time watching the tallgrass rustle out here in Prairie Crossing, you come to appreciate that change is just about the only thing that stays the same. For years, when the time came to give our native landscapes a necessary, rejuvenating fire, we all huddled comfortably under the umbrella of the HOA's EPA burn permit. It was simple, like an old neighbor lending you a lawnmower.

But as the bureaucratic winds are prone to do, they've shifted.

The Illinois EPA has decided that from here on out, the responsibility of the torch belongs to the individual. The state will no longer allow the homeowner's association to hold a single permit for everyone. In the future, if you want to bring a healthy burn to your property, you'll need to apply for your own personal Illinois EPA permit.

Now, the good news is the permit won't cost you a dime. The bad news is that bureaucracy moves a whole lot slower than a prairie fire. It takes anywhere from 30 to 90 days for the state to process an application, though once it's in your hands, it's good for a full calendar year.

To help us all navigate these unfamiliar waters, there is a plan in place:

- **August Burn School:** We will be hosting our annual Burn School August 22 from 1:00–2:30 p.m. at the Barn.

- **Application Assistance:** Right after burn school adjourns, we'll provide step-by-step instructions and hands-on assistance to help you file your IL EPA application electronically from 2:30–4:00 p.m.

If you get your applications in then, the timing should work out just about right. Your permits ought to arrive in time for a crisp fall burn. And if the unpredictable autumn weather or a busy schedule gets in the way, you'll still be locked in and ready for the spring thaw.

There are a couple of new housekeeping rules to keep in mind, too. Our community website forms are being updated. On the day you intend to burn, you'll need to submit your online notification by **9:00 a.m.**, explicitly confirming that your individual EPA permit has been approved.

There is no denying that this is a bit more inconvenient than the old way of doing things. It's a little more paperwork, a little more planning, and a little more patience. But it's the path we have to walk to keep our prairies healthy and our community in step with the law.

Keep an eye on your mailbox and your inbox. A formal letter and email announcements with all the finer details will be arriving soon if it hasn't already.

Progress, I suppose, always requires a little extra clearing of the brush. But the prairie has a way of blooming all the brighter for it.

Understanding E. coli Risk and Testing: Use the 48-Hour Rule

Peak swimming season means it's a good time to discuss the risk of E. coli and how to mitigate it. E. coli is a bacteria commonly found in the intestines of animals. During a significant rainfall event—more than one inch in 24 hours—animal feces can wash into the lake, spiking E. coli levels. Kids are more at risk, since they tend to spend more time in the water and have less resistance built up. For healthy adults, brief contact carries lower risk. The risk naturally subsides within 24–48 hours as sunlight and time break down the bacteria.

To reduce E. coli risk, follow the 48-Hour Rule: Avoid swimming in Lake Leopold for 48 hours after over an inch of rainfall in a 24-hour period.

The Lake County Health Department (LCHD) tests for E. coli bi-weekly and publishes results here: <https://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/ilbeaches/public/BeachDetail.aspx?BeachID=285>

Several residents have asked why the board sends E. coli advisories, but not test results or a subsequent "all clear." In short, testing process limitations prevent us from getting results while they are still relevant. We can only test if volunteers are available. If we can, LCHD doesn't accept samples Friday through Sunday, and testing takes about 24 hours, so results from a Thursday sample may not be known until Monday. Due to these limitations, any elevated level will typically subside naturally before we receive results and an "all clear" can be given. After 48 hours, residents should assume the risk has passed unless the board updates the advisory, which happens only if a test indicates dangerous E. coli levels.

Homeowners' Website

The official website of the Prairie Crossing Homeowners Association is 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.

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.

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From the Editor

MeadowMix is a monthly newsletter published for Prairie Crossing residents.

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Any submission to MeadowMix must be made by 11:00 p.m. on the 15th 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.

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Requests and Reviews

Please carefully review our Association Guidelines before beginning any additions or changes to your landscaping or exterior house elements, since many require ARC review and approval. Failure to do so can result in additional time and expense. Some recent examples of problematic work completed without ARC review, include:

- Painting a chimney—Any changes in color to an exterior element of a house must be approved and chimney painting in particular is not allowed in PC.
- Installing boulders in the Right of Way—All hardscape elements need to be reviewed by ARC; in this case it's also against Village code as the boulders create a safety hazard for others.
- **NEW—One Issue Sign Per Lot Allowed.** In response to a homeowner request to the ARC, the Board has granted pre-approval for one "Issue" sign per lot.

The ARC usually meets the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the library at the charter school unless otherwise posted. Submit your requests online or by email 48 hours in advance.

Local Summer Fun

Maryanne Natarajan

The 97th Lake County Fair at the Lake County Fairgrounds, July 29–August 2. From sky-high ferris wheels and classic fair food to monster trucks, demolition derby, bull riding, pig races, and livestock competitions, excitement pops around every corner. (<https://lcfair.com/2026>)

Nanny Nikki Show, a Grammy nominated, interactive children's entertainer and teaching artist who loves sharing her love of music with young children and their loved ones. Free at Grayslake's Central Park Pavilion on August 7. (<https://www.glpd.com/event/childrens-performances-free-2/2026-08-07/>)

Line Dancing with Carol at Grayslake's Central Park Pavilion, August 9 at 6:00 p.m.. Free. (<https://www.glpd.com/event/kickin-it-with-carol-free/>)

Grayslake Summerfest, downtown Grayslake, August 15. Starts at 2:00 p.m. with a parade, followed by live music, food trucks, a beer tent, Glunz Family Winery, food and drinks from College of Lake County, BINGO, carnival games, a giant slide, and more! (<https://grayslakevillagecenter.com/event-calendar/grayslake-summer-fest-august-2026>)

Revolutionary War Reenactment Weekend featuring The Northwest Territory Alliance at Gelatin Park (Grayslake), August 15–16. Featuring an authentic military encampment, living history demonstrations, and Revolutionary War battle reenactments. (<https://grayslakevillagecenter.com/event-calendar/revolutionary-war-reenactment-featuring-the-northwest-territory-alliance>)

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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 jennyriwer@yahoo.com

Pet Lover/Sitter. Pets feel very safe and comfortable around me. Great at feeding, walking, entertaining and caring for your pets while you are away. PC resident. Great references. Jonah Sattler. 224-242-4487 or jonahsattler25@gmail.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

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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>

New Tenant and Office Space for Rent – Station Square

McCarthy Counseling and Consulting, a group therapy practice, is offering two quiet, professional offices available for rent in our Station Square suite. Ideal for therapists, wellness practitioners, or other professionals seeking a calm, private environment. Features include: quiet, private offices; shared waiting area with refreshments; professional, welcoming atmosphere. Rent: \$800 per month, all utilities and WiFi incl. Contact: julie@mcccounseling.com. Learn more about our practice at www.mcccounseling.com

Liberty Prairie Farm Store

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

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Sat.–Sun.,
10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

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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 or call Carol Niec if you have any questions at 847-732-3663.

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PC Fitness Center Open House

Come See What the PC Fitness Center Has to Offer!

Whether you're new to the fitness center or a regular visitor, we'd love to have you join us for our PC Fitness Center Open House!

This is a great opportunity to:

- Learn how to safely and effectively use our cardio and strength equipment.
- Ask questions about specific machines, exercises, and proper techniques.
- Tour the facility and become familiar with everything the fitness center has to offer.
- Meet members of the Fitness Committee and learn more about this valuable community resource.

Our goal is to provide a clean, safe, functional, and welcoming environment where Prairie Crossing residents can enjoy a great workout.

Date: Sunday, August 16
Time: 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Whether you're just getting started or looking to get more out of your workouts, stop by—we're happy to help!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Prairie Crossing Fitness Committee: Rick Cummisford, John Breen, Hank Dennis, and Lizzy Paternel

Questions? fitness@pchoa.com