

**The Sixth Annual  
Grayslake Cycling Classic  
at Prairie Crossing  
Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Dear Prairie Crossing Village Neighbor:

The Prairie Crossing Neighbors Bike Race Committee proudly announce the 6th Annual Grayslake Cycling Classic at Prairie Crossing, to be held Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Similar to previous years, the format will consist of a day-long series of USA Cycling-sanctioned bicycle races for professionals, amateurs and kids alike.

This year, we plan to continue with what has become our regular format.

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

Here is a list of some things you can expect on race day and during preparation the day before:

- Like last year, all streets that make up the Prairie Crossing Village will be closed to motor vehicle traffic from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup>. These include all of Indian Path, Portia, Colbee Benton, Amos Bennett, Potawatami, Levi Baxter, and all of Prairie Trail between Prairie Smoke and Jones Point Rd. If you have special access requirements, please contact us via email and we will do our best to address them.
- Village authorized, on-street, resident-only parking will be available Friday afternoon through Sunday morning for affected residents. We humbly ask for your indulgence as those of you who live on the course will need to walk to and from your cars on that day. Parking format will emulate that of last year, diagonally against the west side of Prairie Trail north of Prairie Smoke and south of Jones Point Rd. Note that the Byron Colby Barn parking lot will be closed, as there will be a private wedding event later that evening.
- Course setup will begin on the afternoon of Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> with clean up on Saturday evening after the race. Minor remnants (i.e., porta-potties, barricades, etc.) will be visible but clear of the road until Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>.
- We have coordinated with the post office again this year to ensure that there will be mail delivery during pre-designated breaks in the day's event schedule.
- Racers and their families & guests will be entering and leaving Prairie Crossing all day, and will be parking mostly on Prairie Trail and Osage Orange. Volume of traffic is expected to be similar to last year. Racers will also be riding their bikes on Prairie Trail as they warm up for their races throughout the day, and are expected to obey rules of the road. Note that all racers are governed by a code of conduct by USA Cycling for these types of events, and risk disqualification, or even suspension for any improper behavior.
- Also same as last year, the event will adhere to all requirements of the Village of Grayslake TEMPORARY EVENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT. This

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governs hours of operation, parking & traffic management, street closures, waste management, insurance requirements, and numerous other items called out in the permit. The event will also be permitted under USA Cycling, the professional and amateur cycling body that sanctions professional and amateur bicycle racing in the US. Many requirements on this permit also overlap the village permit, including those specific to having have a safe event for both participants and spectators.

**COMMUNICATION & FEEDBACK**

You may refer to our website for an event flyer with the full race schedule at [www.grayslakecyclingclassic.com](http://www.grayslakecyclingclassic.com). This site provides us a forum to receive and respond to feedback, as well as provide specific information to the community. Before directing any questions to myself or others via email, we ask that you visit the site, setup a login, and refer to the FAQs first. Also, please recognize that we do this in addition to our day jobs, not in replacement of, and all of it not-for-profit. We will strive to respond to your inquiries as quickly as we can, but we do ask for your patience.

We hope you'll share our mission to make this one of the preeminent annual community events in Prairie Crossing, as we work to promote the sport of bicycle racing in the Chicago area. If you have family members who would like to participate, please visit our website for registration instructions. All kids participating in the family event race for free.

We look forward to seeing you on race day!

Thank you,  
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