

PLUM CREEK NORTH NEWS



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS YOU CAN USE

March 2015

WELCOME... SPRING?



The Easter Egg Hunt is just around the corner!

Although many of us would like to find that groundhog and have a few words with him... we cannot deny that spring will be here soon and that means that Tricky Rabbit will be out hiding eggs in the green space of Prairie Meadow Park.

Bring the kids out on:

Saturday April 4th

1pm*

Prairie Meadow Park on Ivy Hill

They will search for hidden eggs, win prizes and just generally get the wiggles out from such a long winter!

(*please note, we made the time later than in years past)

Annual Dues

If you have not yet paid your annual dues—please do not hesitate to contact Kirkpatrick Management and payment plan arrangements can be made.

Vic Muller: 317-558-5335

We Need Your Help!

It takes a village to run a neighborhood and we are very grateful for our volunteers that help us throughout the year.... We are able to keep our dues lower because the work our volunteers perform does not have to be done by a company that will charge us.

But our volunteer numbers are down and we still are in need of help! The following activities represent our current needs:

Community Garage Sale

We need one person willing to organize the garage sale—advertising, distributing balloons to participants—we will be contacting our neighboring communities to try to time the sale to our best advantage.

Newsletter

We need people willing to write articles for the newsletter. It is produced on a monthly to bimonthly basis and good articles are hard to come by! If you want to try your hand at writing—please let us know!

If you are willing to help with either of these or in any other way—please contact us at plumcreeknorthhoa@gmail.com

Board Meeting Calendar

8 pm at Subway Restaurant
Hazel Dell and Main St.
2015 Calendar

March 19th

April 16

May 21

June 18

Community Calendar

April 4—Easter Egg Hunt
1pm

May/June—community
garage sale

If you have an idea for a fun or productive community activity—please contact us!

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SPRING SALE!
FREE ESTIMATES!

Call your neighbor for a free estimate on your garage door needs. Overhead Door is currently running a promotion on insulated garage doors and operators. Free Estimates! Call Tim Bailey, 317-430-7212.

Duties of Our Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors is charged with maintaining, preserving and enhancing the common assets of our association. In order to perform those duties our Board depends upon the advice and counsel of experts in various fields of community association management: our management company, attorneys, landscapers, insurance specialists, etc.

When making decisions regarding our community, the Board is expected to consider all the facts and factors involved in the issue and make the best business decision possible. Sometimes those decisions may not appear to be in the best interests of all of the owners, however if each owner understood all of the underlying issues that go into making the decision, they would understand that the board's choice of action is usually the most practical and well thought out.

In addition to dealing with insurance, maintenance, financial and contractual decisions, the board must also balance their positions on the board with their role as a homeowner. If assessments are increased that means they are increased for them also. If rules are enacted, that means they have to obey them, too. Being a board member does not grant one immunity from the responsibilities of living in an association. In fact, serving on the board reflects just how seriously they take that responsibility.

So, please keep in mind that our board members are actually doing "double-duty" for our community: they serve as board member and neighbor...and they deserve a heartfelt "thank you" for all of their contributions to our community!

Property Updates

At our last Board Meeting, the Board discussed several property improvement opportunities.

- The mailboxes are looking wonderful—but there are several that were not replaced last year that will need replacing. Please look for a letter soon if yours is one of those.
- We will be asking Hittle Landscaping for some suggestions and bids on improving the look of our entryways on Main St. and Hazel Dell—our goal is to add color and variety at a reasonable price.
- We will be looking into finding a solid A-frame sign board(s) that can be placed, when needed, at the entryways for announcing important and timely neighborhood news.

The Indianapolis Flower and Patio show is an amazing place to get new spring ideas!
March 14-22, 2015
Indiana State Fairgrounds



March Is A Great Month To...

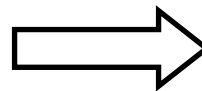
- Get a jump-start on your spring garden by starting seeds in your garden window so that you'll have seedlings ready to plant as soon as the ground is ready. Garden supply stores and seed catalogs stock treated soil mixtures that are especially conducive to starting seeds, as well as biodegradable cardboard containers to plant them in. Once you've sown the seeds, set them in a bright south window and think spring.
- Start planning for your summer vacation. Check out the Sunday travel section of the newspaper. Send for brochures of faraway places with strange sounding names. Maybe you're willing to save up for an extra special vacation next year, and make this the year you visit interesting places in your own hometown. Visitors to California get excited about the places we see everyday and sometimes take for granted.
- Go on a money diet. Self-made, wealthy Americans have a few self-imposed rules in common; namely, they live below their means, they budget their spending, they have a disciplined investment plan, they take on debt very sparingly, they participate in serious tax-sheltering, they get help from a professional financial advisor, and they own their own business. None of these things are possible without adhering to the first rule: live below your means. That will make possible the investing, avoidance of debt, sheltering of funds, the need for a financial advisor, and the ability to own a business. Make this your motto for the year: "Use it up, wear it out, make do, or do without."

Spring Cleaning

Time to dust out the brooms and mops and clean out the winter gloom! Here are a few tips to start your spring cleaning off right:

- Walk around the whole house and look for any broken siding, damaged boards, or loose roof tiles.
- Clear your gutters and your flowerbeds of any leftover leaves from the fall.
- Cut back and clean out any dead foliage that did not make it through the winter.
- Mulch your beds early to protect those delicate new shoots.

And it is a great time of year to start thinking about whether home improvements may be needed—if you are considering sprucing up your patio or changing the look of any part of your home, please be sure to read this next article...



Making Changes?

Our governing documents require that the Association approve all proposed architectural changes before any work is started.

The importance of this requirement cannot be overstated when you consider the reason for such a restriction. Membership in a community association requires compliance to pre-existing conditions and regulations. One of the biggest advantages of these conditions is the protection of our property values. The value of your home is directly related to the condition, appearances and aesthetics of our community as a whole.

By regulating the kind and types of architectural changes that can be done, our Association is better able to maintain our property values. Getting our Association to approve all proposed architectural changes is not just a good idea to protect your investment, it is a requirement! If you have any questions, please do not hesi-