

PLUM CREEK NORTH NEWS



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS YOU CAN USE

January 2015

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



State of the Neighborhood

The 2014 was a good year for PCN. This is our 3rd year with Kirkpatrick management company and they were instrumental in helping us achieve an improvement in dues recovery as well as successfully implementing and completing a mailbox replacement project to help maintain the beautiful neighborhood that we have. We have solid contracts in place to help with both maintaining and improving our common areas such as the pond and green-spaces.

The Annual Meeting was held in December—this date change was made to encourage better attendance, as well allow for approval of the 2015 budget before the start of the new year. A quorum was not achieved; however, the agenda was followed. No new board candidates came forward; therefore, the current board of Bob Finkbeiner and Ryan Marshall appointed Mark Willman to the voting open board position in compliance with the bylaws. Minutes from the Annual Meeting are posted on the PCN website.

2015—it's gonna be a good year..

The Board has the following projects in mind for 2015:

*We would like to take a hard look at the by-laws this year and consider whether revisions are necessary.

*We would like to encourage more participation in community activities from the whole neighborhood

*We would like to investigate with the City of Carmel where our neighborhood stands on the list for street improvements

There have been some instances of break-ins to cars left outside in driveways and on the street this last year. We will continue to put notices in the newsletter when we know it has occurred—but we encourage all our neighbors to do the following:

*Remain Vigilant

Keep an outdoor light on at night, keep a sharp eye out when you are out at night

* Minimize Opportunity

Keep your cars in the garage whenever possible, keep valuable items out of your cars when not supervised

* Report suspicious activity to the Carmel Police Department immediately

If a crime is in process: call 911

Otherwise: 317-571-2500

Finally, we are excited about this upcoming year and hope to have lots of fantastic activities and opportunities to spend time with our neighbors. Please do not hesitate to contact us through email or Facebook, contact Vic at Kirkpatrick or speak to one of the Board Members if you have any suggestions or would like to help out!

Board Meeting Calendar

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

*January 19th

*note date change

February 19th

March 19th

Community Calendar

2015

Activities to be announced

If you have an idea for a fun or productive community activity—please contact us!
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ANNUAL DUES are due by January 31st!

Join the crowd....

Pay on time...

Just do it!!



It's Diversity That Makes Our Community Special!

As we conclude a busy holiday season, we are often reminded of the diversity that makes up our world. People celebrate the holidays according to their separate heritage, traditions, and beliefs.

But one of the common denominators that bring people of different race, religion and custom together is a desire to live in peace, harmony and happiness. It is a desire shared by all and it is best achieved through cooperation, compliance and respect.

Our community is sort of like a microcosm of the world. We are made up of people of varying differences, but we are all connected by the fact that we share a community together. And, although we have our differences in opinions, perceptions and desires, we too can benefit through cooperation, compliance and respect for our neighbors.

The start of a New Year is a great time for us to reflect on our differences and initiate plans to understand and respect all our neighbors. Let's try to hold onto that spirit of unity, harmony and peace that all traditions embrace and apply it to all of our community neighbors....all year long. If we can, we will all benefit.



TAX SEASON

A special program is in place at the Carmel Clay library:

Wednesdays at 12:30p, Fridays at 12:30p and Saturdays at 9:30am through February—This free tax assistance and counseling program is for taxpayers with middle or low income. Special attention will be given to those age 60 or older. Pick up a flyer at the reference desk for more information.

Congratulations!

We agonized and agonized over all the wonderful houses this holiday season! There were lights galore, great themes—from cute and entertaining, to lovely and elegant.



- 1st place: 13168 Dunwoody
- 2nd place: 13245 Stagg Hill
- 3rd Place 13274 Stagg Hill

A big thank you to all the homes that helped make our community such a beautiful site this winter. We'd also like to extend an honorable mention to: 13141 Players Circle for another wonderful display this year—they were one of our great winners last year too!

Health Update

Things To Know About HEAD COLDS

- Colds can last from five to ten days, but it's normal for a cough to last for a month.
- The average adult gets 2-4 colds a year. The average kid gets up to 8 colds; teens get 2-4 colds.
- Home care: Drink at least one quart of liquids a day. Use aspirin (or aspirin substitutes, if you are 18 or younger) to treat fever and discomfort. Get enough rest. Ask your pharmacist to recommend over-the-counter medications. Do not rely on TV commercials for advice.
- Call your doctor if you have: - A temperature over 102 degrees - Difficult/painful breathing - Chest pain - Green, brown, or red mucous from nose or from cough - stiff neck - Diarrhea or vomiting that lasts more than eight hours - Earache - Eye discharge
- Prevention - Wash your hands frequently; keep them away from your face - Eat well; get enough exercise and rest.



Pet Health too!

Winter can be a tough time for pets as well. Although they do not often get the same viruses as humans—the more time they spend at doggie daycares or visiting pet stores, the higher the chance of picking up other viruses. Make sure your dogs are up to date on their vaccines!

The cold weather is really hard on both dogs and cats if they are allowed to be outside. Please remember that by Carmel ordinance, cats are not allowed to roam free—please do not allow them to be outdoors in this cold weather. There is not adequate shelter for them out there!

Additionally, the cold, ice, and salt can be very hard on dog paws when they are walking—be aware of how they are faring during those long walks and clean their paws as soon as they come inside so they do not lick off the salt.

It is equally important to clean up all messes this time of year immediately after they have been left. Spring surprises of that type are NO FUN at all!

Police Department Warns of Telephone Scam

Monday, December 22, 2014, the Carmel Police Department received several fraud reports regarding a previously circulating telephone scam. The scammer would call potential victims and represent himself as a police officer or sheriff's deputy advising the victim they failed to show up for jury duty. Subsequently, the victim was advised that they would be required to pay a fine or a warrant would be issued for their arrest. These victims were also told to purchase a Green Dot MoneyPak card for several hundred dollars to rectify the issue. The Carmel Police would like to warn citizens not to give out personal information or send money to unknown or unreliable sources. Scammers tend to prey upon the elderly but these crimes can impact all ages.

Here are a few common sense rules to follow to avoid being a victim:

DEAL LOCALLY WITH PEOPLE YOU CAN MEET IN PERSON - follow this one simple rule and you will avoid 99% of the scam attempts.

NEVER WIRE FUNDS VIA WESTERN UNION, MONEYGRAM to unknown sources - anyone who asks you to do so is a scammer.

NEVER PURCHASE PRE-PAID CREDIT CARDS for unknown subjects.

FAKE CASHIER CHECKS & MONEY ORDERS ARE COMMON and BANKS WILL CASH THEM AND THEN HOLD YOU RESPONSIBLE when the fake is discovered weeks later.

NEVER GIVE OUT PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION (bank account numbers, social security numbers, eBay/PayPal info, etc.)

AVOID DEALS INVOLVING SHIPPING OR ESCROW SERVICES and know that ONLY A SCAMMER WILL "GUARANTEE" YOUR TRANSACTION.

Please take a few extra minutes to talk with family members and friends about how to avoid being a victim. Ultimately, the best way to avoid scams is to educate yourself about what to look out for and to be cautious in every situation. Scammers will utilize technology to provide false or misleading caller ID services during the fraud attempt. If you have any doubt, disconnect from the call and look up the appropriate telephone number to verify the caller's information. If you need to speak to an officer or report a possible scam, you may call 317-571-2580

<http://www.carmel.in.gov/index.aspx?page=25&recordid=1007&returnURL=%2findex.aspx>