



HOA Annual Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, December 7

Room 100, Carmel Lutheran (now Cornerstone) Church, NE corner of Gray Rd at E. Main. Enter via the north door, closest to Gray

All homeowners have a voice. See packet for agenda and voting items.

Stay Connected

Officers/Voting Board Members

- President: Bob Finkbeiner
- Vice President: Ryan Marshall
- Secretary/Treasurer: Mark Willman

Non-voting Board Members

At-large: Peter Stewart
Newsletter: Melissa Brown

Reach PCN HOA

PlumCreekNorthHOA@gmail.com
Contact the HOA first with concerns.

Follow PCN HOA for news

- Website - PlumCreekNorth.net
- Newsletters at "Homeowner Resources"
- Facebook - Plum Creek North
- NextDoor - Plum Creek North

Send newsletter ideas, feedback, ads

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New Year's Celebrations can be great fun. We know our neighbors will drink responsibly and drive safely. Be respectful if you plan loud noises to ring in 2017. Advise your neighbors, especially if they have young children or pets.

YOUR BOARD IN ACTION

Bob Finkbeiner, Breakers Way

At November board meeting, we reviewed the budget and financial statements. We unanimously **approved a dues increase to \$200**, from \$180. The board set aside a reserve account for capital needs that have been identified, such as repairing masonry on the entry signs. **In the by-laws, the board sets the dues amount.**

The **Annual Meeting packet arrived in our homes on November 25**. The meeting will be held at **7 p.m.** on Wednesday, **December 7** in Room 100 of Cornerstone Lutheran Church (formerly Carmel Lutheran). Enter via the north door, closest to Gray Road. Please attend.

We will elect of board members and officers. **Any Plum Creek North resident is eligible.** Contact plumcreeknorthhoa@gmail.com if you are willing to serve. A monthly meeting and a few social events a year are fun and easy to do.

Filling that Week from Christmas to New Year's

Some will have out-of-town visitors, others will have children in the house. Some might just want something new and different. Here are some ideas to help you and yours during that long week between the two holidays. (Links will work from online version.)

Check the Hamilton County Calendar. Beauty & The Beast; Conner Prairie, and special holiday light displays running through Jan 1. http://www.visithamiltoncounty.com/things-to-do/events/?e_ViewBy=week&e_sDate=12-25-2016&e_sortBy=eventDate

Cool Creek Nature Center and Park. Free. Entrance on 151st across from the Greyhound Pass Wal-Mart. Dress for the weather for hikes on 4 miles of trails. Nature center open Mon-Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun. 1- 5 p.m. except on holidays. From inside the center, you can watch birds at the feeders. Beginning bird walk Dec. 28, 9-10 a.m. <http://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/calendar.aspx?CID=23>

Monon Center at Central Park, Carmel. Day passes available for access to swimming pool, gym, and more. \$10 per adult/\$7 per youth or senior. Track is free to Carmel residents. <http://carmelclayparks.com/monon-community-center/fitness-center/>

Carmel Clay Public Library, Main Street across from High School. Free. Scheduled activities include crafts, robot or Lego play, genealogy workshops, and family films, Dec 26 to 30. Use library card for access to movies, music, ebooks and printed books. <http://www.carmel.lib.in.us/attend/calendar.cfm?year=2016&month=12&ept=All>

A blog with ideas for crafts, outings, making a movie, having a treasure hunt and others. <http://www.netmums.com/new-year/9-ideas-to-occupy-the-kids-in-that-week-between-christmas>

Hoosier Family of Readers: Free books online service through the Indiana Department of Education. Titles in English and Spanish. Requires internet connection to read. (See library above for access to downloadable titles). <http://www.doe.in.gov/hoosierreaders>

Getting Ready for Winter on the Road

Snow, ice, bad roads, dead batteries, and more can make winter commutes or holiday travel a real hassle. The National Safety Council advises:

Prepare your car for the winter by checking the brakes, headlights, spark plugs, battery, and tires. Get needed repairs or replacements before disaster strikes.

Be prepared for emergency situations on the road by having a winter “survival kit” in the vehicle. Include items such as, a working flashlight, extra batteries, reflective triangles, compass, first aid kit, exterior windshield cleaner, ice scraper, snow brush, wooden stick matches in a waterproof container, water, and non-perishable, high energy foods like unsalted canned nuts, dried fruits, and hard candy.

Side note: Your editor has dug herself and others out of drifts more than once because she has a collapsible Army-style shovel in the trunk.



Winterize at Home, Too

Homeowners usually are up on ways to reduce energy usage by cutting drafts, sealing windows, etc. Did you know about these tips?

Wrap hot water pipes that run through unheated areas of the house.

Install a timer on the hot water heater so it isn't heating a tank of water when you don't need it.

Install foam insulators behind the face plates of light switches and electrical outlets

Reverse the direction of ceiling fans to push hot air downward and delay it from escaping the house.

If you spend most of your time in one room in a large house, consider setting your thermostat low and using a small heater to heat where you are going to be. A circulating oil heater is safe.



HOLIDAY OUTDOOR DÉCOR

Putting out lights and other joyful sights make the winter holiday especially magical during these darkest days of the year. If this brings you happiness, **your home could be selected as one of the neighborhood's "best on show" in December.**

Two families have volunteered to be judges - if you'd like to join in as a judge, let us know at plumcreeknorthhoa@gmail.com.

Any type of décor is appropriate. Do you bleed blue for the Colts? Or are you more of a traditionalist with Santa's sleigh? Is your winter festival focused on the return of the sun or on the joys of snow and beauty of icicles? Do you like the classical Nativity or a Menorah? Whichever style means winter wonderland to you, let your lights shine.

Judges will tour at dusk or later sometime between **Friday, December 16 and Tuesday, December 20.** The judges will confer and decide prizes, which will include gift certificates to nearby merchants. **We will do our best to deliver prizes by December 22.**

Live Christmas Tree Disposal

Republic

Each household is allotted 1 Christmas tree pick-up in the regular trash fee. Please have Christmas trees cut in 3' to 4' lengths and laid next to the trash cart for pick-up. <http://www.carmelutilities.com/carmel-trash-recycle-program.html>

Ray's

Will pick up trees placed with trash on January 2 or January 9. A tree needs to be cut in half. 1-800-531-6752, Claire helped us.

Weather Delays in Trash Pick-up

Ice or deep snow will delay trash pick up by a day. Watch the Facebook page of your provider for announcements.