



HOA Board Meetings

Third Thursdays

7 p.m. – 8 p.m. – **New, earlier time**
@ Subway (at Hazel Dell & Main)

Upcoming dates

- ~~Thursday, May 19~~ due to conflicts
Email concerns (address below)
- Thursday, June 16
- Thursday, July 21

All residents are invited to all meetings

- Meet more neighbors
- Learn, share, question, contribute

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
- Facebook – Plum Creek North
- NextDoor – Plum Creek North

Send newsletter ideas, feedback, ads

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Kirkpatrick Management

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Heavy trash? Call your provider (Republic or Ray's) to arrange for pick-up of yard waste, heavy trash, etc. Call at least by the Thursday before pick-up day. \$10 per item for Republic.

Your Board in Action

Sell Your Stuff – Or Buy Mine?

Several neighborhoods, including PCN, will have **Garage Sales Thursday May, 19 through Saturday, May 21**. Each day, “garages” will be **open from 9 to noon**. The HOA board coordinates this with other neighborhoods, and newspaper advertisements announce this to try to bring more customers to your driveway.

This year board member Ryan Marshall has arranged with **Goodwill to bring out a big storage bin** and park it in front of Prairie Meadow park on Ivy Hill Dr. on **Saturday the 21st from Noon to 3 p.m.** Anyone who has things left over from the garage sale can make donations and save themselves the trip. You do not have to participate in the garage sale to use the bin. Check what Goodwill can and cannot accept: No cribs, no large appliances, no mattresses or box springs, no building materials. For more information, check <http://www.amazinggoodwill.com/donating/donor-guidelines>.

For building materials, fixtures, doors, cupboards, and other materials, **consider contacting Hamilton County ReStore**, which offers free pickups. Items are resold to benefit Habitat for Humanity. See <http://www.habitahamiltoncounty.org/donate/>

What Lives in Our Pond?

Or around it, near it, on it?

PCN's retention pond along Main Street collects run-off from our neighborhood streets. It is lined with clay to prevent seepage of street stuff such as leaked gasoline, oil, and other crud into the water table that supplies Carmel water. Still, even with yucky water, **plenty of life** lives in our pond. Residents report seeing up to 11 **turtles** of various sizes, **bullfrogs** (can you hear them singing at night?), **carp**, and crappie in the water. Around the pond you might see **great blue herons**, which hunt for fish by holding still at the water's edge, or **purple martins**, a bird species that swoops over the water to eat mosquito larvae and other bugs, or **box turtles** (which live on land, not in water). There are **mallard ducks** and **Canada geese** along with **dragon flies** and much more. What do you see when you take a slow walk along the pond's edge?

Fishing (catch and release) is fine from the Main Street edge. **No boating please**, and ew-yew, who would want to swim? I wouldn't let my dogs in there! **If you see a person in the water, call 911 immediately!**

Home Values in PCN

Plum Creek North opened in 1994. PCN appeared on April 10, 1994 in the *Indianapolis Star* in a full-page ad for Ryland Homes. Starting prices were in the \$140s. That is equivalent to about \$225,000 today. Is your home worth at least that much?

If you pay a mortgage, the property tax bill goes through your bank, so you might not think much about **your home value** unless you are working to sell. Current sales **prices are in the range of \$66 to about \$75 a square foot**, depending on recent updates and overall condition and appeal.

A well-kept yard helps a seller get a **higher price. And all of our own property values get a boost.** Plus, a lovely garden is a thing of beauty we all can enjoy as we stroll our streets this spring. **Keep your lawn mowed, trim overgrown shrubs, maybe plant some flowers.** Several neighbors at NextDoor.com offer professional lawn services or are teens wanting summer work, so you don't have to go it alone if you'd prefer to have helping hands (or knees).

Check **your mailbox.** If it is rusting, tilting, or fading, find the colors and a source for a replacement at www.plumcreeknorth.net, "Homeowner Resources." If the HOA sends a letter, you'll know for sure that you need to do this. Oh, **one more thing.** Any day but Monday, stash **trash and recycling bins in the garage or behind a fence.** This helps keep raccoons away, it looks better, and is part of keeping up property.

While we do our own lots, we can also help all of PCN. Do you enjoy being outside and are willing to do a little planning or digging to **help beautify our PCN?** Contact Melissa_at_msbrown@att.net to be part of the team to develop a budget and plan for the HOA board for an **all-season "garden" at our entryways.** Ideally, we'll use **perennials and native species to create mostly self-sustaining bright spots** suited to the sites. All are welcome, even if you think you have "brown thumbs." We'll start in May.

More houses along Main Street ?

To be kept in the know about plans from Plum Creek Golf Club to build homes along Main Street, email Laura Klee at lauracklee@gmail.com.

Cool Options for Hot Days

May 2016

Tiffany Schutt, Ivy Hill

About a month ago, I would have laughed out loud at the thought of creating this list but here we are - and summer is truly getting closer! Here are some local spots to help cool you and your family down during those hot days when they do arrive.

1. **Plum Creek Pool** (12401 Lynnwood Blvd, Carmel) - membership is \$400 for a family after May 1. A Z-shaped pool, with four 25-meter swim lanes, newly installed pool heating unit, diving well and separate baby pool. Certified lifeguards are on duty during all pool hours. They also have a competitive swim team!
2. **Lawrence W. Inlow Park** (6310 E. Main Street, Carmel) - neighbors LOVE this great little park for its convenience and fun splash pad! They also have a 9-hole disc golf course, playground area, and rentable shelter.
3. **The Waterpark @ The Monon Center** (1195 Central Park Drive Wes, Carmel) - amenities include two adventure slides, a plunge slide, lazy river, kiddie pool and tot slide, lap pool, and activity pool. Day passes for non-members: \$10 for adults and \$7 for kiddos.
4. **Billericay Park** (12690 Promise Road, Fishers) - A great splash pad and playground for toddlers and older kids in addition to picnic areas. I've seen sno-cone shacks set up in the parking lot on occasion as well!
5. **Dillon Park** (6001 Edenshall Lane, Noblesville) - located right behind the Kroger at 146th and Hazel Dell, this park has a HUGE splash pad and great playground equipment in addition to a skate park and picnic areas.
6. **Quaker Park** (17501 Dartown Road, Westfield) - Westfield's only splash park also has a playground and shelters for rent.
7. **West Park** (2700 West 116th Street, Carmel) - this park is AMAZING and full of fun things to do. There is a little splash pad, fabulous playground and climbing equipment, nature trails, and a creek with shallow, flowing water that is absolutely perfect for little ones.