



## HOA Board Meetings

Third Thursdays

7 p.m. – 8 p.m. – New, earlier time

@ Subway (at Hazel Dell & Main)

### Upcoming dates

- Thursday, January 21
- Thursday, February 18
- Thursday, March 17

### 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 on any matter except dues payment.

### Follow PCN HOA for news

- Website – PlumCreekNorth.net
- Facebook – Plum Creek North
- Next Door – Plum Creek North

### Send newsletter ideas, feedback, ads

Melissa\_at\_msbrown@att.net

### Kirkpatrick Management

For dues issues please contact:  
JJ Maule, jmaule@ekirkpatrick.com  
(317) 558-5392 or Jeff Daywalt  
jdaywalt@ekirkpatrick.com  
(317) 558-5401

Other issues – Vic Muller  
vmuller@ekirkpatrick.com or  
(317) 570-4358

### Payment by January 31 avoids late charges

Each of the 158 homes in Plum Creek North is required to pay \$180 in annual dues. Homeowners agree to this as part of the purchase transaction. If you paid already, thank you! If you haven't, it is not too late. **Late fees begin on February 1.**

### How to pay

You can pay by check, enroll in an automatic bank transfer, use a credit card (3% additional fee, or \$5.40, when you pay before February 1), or use your bank's online bill payment. Mail payments to **Plum Creek North–17, P.O. Box 1165, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1165** or use your credit card at [www.ekirkpatrick.com](http://www.ekirkpatrick.com). For questions or to get another copy of your maintenance fee payment coupon, contact either JJ Maule or Jeff Daywalt at Kirkpatrick. Contact info is at left.

### Fees cover expenses that keep our neighborhood looking great

Maintenance fees cover expenses for common areas in neighborhood, which are part of keeping our home values stable. The fees collected pay for the fountain and mowing on the Main Street bank of the retention pond. They also cover landscaping and lighting at the entrances on Main Street and Hazel Dell Parkway, mowing of the open area by Prairie Meadow Park on Ivy Hill where kids (and grown-ups) play, and other costs.

### HOA board considers lighting, other ideas for 2016

Several neighbors met on December 7 to review the budget, discuss priorities for 2016, and consider plans for social activities. The neighborhood association budget funds: a) maintenance of public areas, including entrance landscaping, lighting, and signage; b) mowing in the common areas, including along the Main Street bank of the retention pond; and c) other activities focused on promoting home values and neighborhood camaraderie.

Voting board members for 2016 are Bob Finkbeiner (Breakers Way), Ryan Marshall (Ivy Hill), and Mark Willman (Breakers Way). Two nonvoting members join the board: Peter Stewart (Ivy Hill) and Melissa. Neighbors identified issues for the HOA board to consider for 2016. Our representative at Kirkpatrick Management, Vic Muller, will research what it might take to install street lights at the two entrances. The Haverstick neighborhood to our east did this recently.



Meeting participants also voiced hopes that the HOA facilitate social activities to help residents meet more neighbors. Ideas proposed include a Halloween costume parade for children and continuing the successful (and fun) egg hunt around Easter.

**To participate in decisions and introduce ideas for HOA consideration,** attend a board meeting (see information at left) or send an email to [PlumCreekNorthHOA@gmail.com](mailto:PlumCreekNorthHOA@gmail.com).

**Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> New Year of 2016**

It is not news that 2016 started on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Western calendar was introduced by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582. Catholic countries adopted it quickly. Other countries adopted the Gregorian calendar over time, with England switching in 1752.

The Pope wanted a new calendar because Easter fell at the “wrong time.” Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the Vernal (spring) Equinox. After nearly 16 centuries under the old calendar, dates were out of alignment with the lunar cycle. Easter sometimes fell in early March. To adopt the new calendar, countries dropped a number of days to make the spring equinox fall around March 20.

To keep from falling out of sync again, Leap Year calculations changed slightly under the Gregorian calendar. We will have Feb. 29 this year and again every 4 years until 2100, when there won’t be one.

Some PCN neighbors also celebrate New Year on other dates. Chinese New Year starts February 8, 2016. It will be the Year of the Monkey by the cycle used in China. Some Hindus will celebrate a new year on March 8, 2016. Jewish New Year will be marked on October 2, 2016. It will be year 5777.

**Updating your exterior look this year?**

If you plan exterior additions or changes this spring, please recall that you need to submit plans in advance. This includes fencing, decks or patios, pools, additions to your home, and major landscaping. Application and guidelines are at <http://plumcreeknorth.net/hoa/architectural-application/>



**My Carmel App gives you a hotline to City**

For issues that are city responsibilities, consider using the “My Carmel” app to send a photo with details about your concern. The city is responsible for street repair, plowing (see note at right), and lawn height ordinance enforcement (more than 6” is a municipal code violation). You can download My Carmel from Play Store at Google for Android or through iTunes for an Apple device. See <http://www.carmel.in.gov/index.aspx?page=677>

**Ash tree removal completed by City**

Ash tree stumps will be ground down with the mulch removed and the area soiled. As far as the HOA board is aware, there are no city plans to replace these trees (which were diseased) with other species.



**Just in case we get snow**

Homeowners/residents are responsible for clearing sidewalks (by city ordinance). The City of Carmel plows the PCN streets when accumulations are 3” or more. Note that our streets are plowed after major thoroughfares are completed, and the seven circles or courts in PCN are often among the last areas to be cleared. Please be sure to keep this in mind if we have heavy snowfall.

**Interested in a walking group?**

Many of us walk for fitness and fun. What if some of us walk together? **Meet at 1 p.m. Prairie Meadow Park on Ivy Hill on WEDNESDAY, January 13 for a walk around the park, then to Zeller Court and back.** This will occur at any temperature of 40 or higher and if no rain at that hour. Other groups could form on other days/times. Questions? Melissa Brown: (317) 506-5651 or [Melissa\\_at\\_msbrown@att.net](mailto:Melissa_at_msbrown@att.net).



**Clearing out cupboards or your garage?**

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center**

901 N. Range Line Road, Tu – Fri: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m. to Noon. Accepts paints, drain cleaner, oven cleaner, aerosol cans, and more. Get more info at [www.carmel.in.gov/index.aspx?page=231](http://www.carmel.in.gov/index.aspx?page=231)

**Heavy trash pick-up arrangements: Republic**

Bulky item pick-up \$10 per item: furniture, some appliances, bicycles, etc. Prior arrangements are required. **Call Republic Services by Thursday before our pick-up day (Monday) at 317-917-7300 ext. 0.**

**Heavy trash: Ray’s**

Contact the main office for questions about heavy trash: 800-531-6752.