

# Plum Creek North News

Neighborhood News You Can Use



March 2014

## Board Meeting Calendar

8 pm at Subway Restaurant  
Hazel Dell and Main St

3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of each month  
unless otherwise noted

Thursday, March 20

Thursday, April 17

Thursday, May 15



## Community Calendar

Easter Egg Hunt – SAT April 19!

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## Neighborhood Happenings.....

Pond Clean-up Initial Phase  
completed.

Hittle landscaping, the company that keeps our common areas well groomed, recently completed some work around the pond to help control the overgrown vegetation. This was done in a minimally invasive manner with no chemical assistance so our pond life would be unaffected.

As part of the 2014 contract, Hittle will take over maintaining these areas through the different seasons.

PCN Goal: Mailbox Improvement  
Initiative

All neighborhood mailboxes will be in good repair by the summer of 2014. Several opportunities will be provided to homeowners to help meet this goal:

1. A spring clean-up weekend with assistance from PCN in providing paint
2. A “Buy in Bulk” week(s) with our main mailbox company to help create a way to buy a new mailbox at a discount

Mailboxes will be evaluated in May in preparation to send final notices about mailboxes not in compliance.

## SAVE THE WEEKEND: April 18-20

This Easter weekend will be a busy one for all of us neighbors here in Plum Creek North!

FIRST – for the kids...  
It's an EASTER EGG HUNT!

On Saturday April 19 – bring the kids to find all the eggs left behind by that tricky rabbit. He will leave them scattered around the Prairie Meadow green space along Ivy Hill Dr.

The hunt begins – 10am!

SECOND – for the adults...  
Let us help you clean up!

will purchase bulk quantities of the appropriate paint for our neighborhood mailbox posts (remember – the paint is required to match all other mailbox posts in the neighborhood). Many of the posts need a touch up or are not the proper color and the HOA would like to help you keep them looking nice.

**Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity!**

If you have a budding entrepreneur (i.e.teen) wishing to paint some posts, please email us and we'll make sure that we include them in the next newsletter in case there are homeowners wishing to hire hard workers to complete this project.

Please note – we will only publish the contact information for the adult in charge of the

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## Need a Date Night Idea?

**Northside Nights Indy is currently in full swing! Over 30 restaurants here on the North Side are providing 3 course value priced menus..., all styles of food from casual to upscale are represented among these restaurants. Check out the website to learn more and see the menus:**

[Northsidenightsindy.com](http://Northsidenightsindy.com)

## *Have a Young Chef in the house?*

The opportunity for a trip of a lifetime has opened up again!

The Healthy Lunchtime Challenge recipe contest has begun for children ages 8-12 years. One winning recipe from each state will be chosen and the winner and an adult caretaker will win a trip to Washington D.C. to attend a Kid's State Dinner hosted by the First Lady. The 2013 Indiana winner lives right here in PCN and wants to spread the word that it was the most amazing experience of her life! She encourages all kids to try their hand at creating a recipe and enter the contest – you never know!

The contest ends at midnight on April 5!

Check out:

[www.recipechallenge.epicurious.com](http://www.recipechallenge.epicurious.com)

If you'd like to learn a little more – feel free to contact Kristi Graham – [kgdvm@yahoo.com](mailto:kgdvm@yahoo.com)

## Daydreaming about Spring?

Whatever will we do when there is no snow on the ground? It certainly opens up all sorts of opportunities... and yard work! Here are a few hints for getting ready for the flowers and green grass!

- \* once you've located all the objects hidden by the snow (lost boot, tennis ball etc) – it's time to get out your rake and rake up all the leftover leaves and debris so your grass can start awakening from it's hibernation.

- \* time to cut back any perennials that were missed last fall and start trimming

your winter decorative grasses.

- \* spring aeration of your lawn can help the grass spread it root system making it stronger to survive the hot summer.

- \* check your lawnmower and make sure it is tuned up and the blades have been sharpened

- \* don't forget to plant your early veggies like peas as soon as the ground is workable! But hold off on the tomatoes for awhile – even if it seems warm, a spring snowstorm is always possible in Indiana!

## Need ideas? Check out this Flower and Patio Show Opportunity!

After a long Winter, many of us are dreaming of Spring. Well the Indiana Flower & Patio Show would like to help your Spring dreams become a reality!

The first 5 PCN residents to either email [plumcreeknorthhoa@gmail.com](mailto:plumcreeknorthhoa@gmail.com) or go onto the Plum Creek North facebook page and let us know you want the tickets will get them. The Indiana Flower & Patio Show can be your resource to help you get ready for all your Spring projects. You will be able to get ideas from the 40+ showcase & exhibitor gardens, learn sustainable living via their

Urban Homestead Exhibit, sample Indiana craft beer in their Backyard Brewfest Garden, find out what to do with that small concrete slab outside your patio doors in the Suburban Living Idea Center and so much more!

With over 400 exhibitors there is help around every corner! Even if you don't win the free tickets, there are \$3 off coupons available at [IndianaFlowerAndPatioShow.com](http://IndianaFlowerAndPatioShow.com) The Indiana Flower & Patio Show takes place March 8-16 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

## Carmel Named America's No. 1 Safest Suburb

**CARMEL, IN** – A real estate blog's survey of 120 suburban cities across America has resulted in Carmel being named the Safest Suburb in America. The survey, based in part on FBI crime statistics, based the honor on actual crimes reported and the low odds of being a victim of a crime in Carmel. Fishers was ranked No. 2.

The survey was released this week by the Movoto Blog, a real-estate centered website based in California and known for conducting a variety of surveys comparing cities.

“When it comes to the reasons people relocate from big cities to the suburbs, crime is right up there with housing costs, traffic, and overcrowding as major motivators,” the blog reported. “After poring over crime data for more than 100 suburbs, we concluded that the absolute safest is Carmel, IN.”

The survey can be found here: <http://www.movoto.com/blog/top-ten/safest-suburbs/>

“Our police department works hard to keep our neighborhoods safe so that our residents feel comfortably safe when they take an evening stroll or walk their dogs in the morning,” said Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard. “But our citizens also play a major role through neighborhood watch programs and by getting to know and looking after those who live nearby.”

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