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Plum Creek Homeowner Association

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## PLUM CREEK'S YEARLY EVENT SCHEDULE

*Come out for the fun in Plum Creek in 2016!*

Friday, April 1st:	Yard of the Month Season Begins, Runs through June
Saturday, March 5th:	Negley Races*- kicks off the Plum Creek Race Challenge Series <a href="http://www.plumcreekchallenge.com">www.plumcreekchallenge.com</a>
Saturday, March 19th:	Easter-Egg Hunt
Thursday, March 24th:	Annual HOA Meeting- 6:30 pm at the Plum Creek Golf Course
Saturday, May 7th:	Spring Community Wide Garage Sale, open to the public
Saturday, May 14th:	Plum Creek Garden Tour, Front Porch Days Golf Tournament, Races*- open to the public, <a href="http://www.frontporchdays.com">www.frontporchdays.com</a>
Sunday, May 15th:	Front Porch Days, Carnival, Family Fishing Day, open to the public
Monday, July 4th:	Popsicle Run* -- Annual 4th of July Parade & Picnic in Plum Creek – That evening enjoy fireworks and vendors on the Hill by the Community Center.
Saturday, October 1st:	Fall Community Wide Garage Sale, open to the public
Tuesday, October 4th:	National Night Out
Saturday October 8th:	Hootenanny on the Hill, (Scarecrow Contest, BBQ contest, Races*, Pet Fest & More), open to the public, <a href="http://www.hootenannyonthehill.com">www.hootenannyonthehill.com</a>
December	Pictures with Santa, includes Holiday Market TBD & Donations to the Local Food Bank
December	Holiday Lights Contest TBD

*Event websites linked on the Plum Creek HOA home page: [www.plumcreektxhoa.com](http://www.plumcreektxhoa.com)*

*Dates subject to change, so please check the PC Post & the Weekly eNews or the Plum Creek HOA website for updated information.*

*Community event reservations take precedence over individual reservations. If you make a reservation that falls during the event set up or event date, your reservation may be cancelled.*

*\*Races with \* marked by them are a part of the Plum Creek Challenge Race Series  
[www.plumcreekchallenge.com](http://www.plumcreekchallenge.com)*

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# Plum Creek Race Challenge Series



Plum Creek Challenge includes the following 4 events, please see each race page for event-specific information: [www.athleteguild.com](http://www.athleteguild.com) - Negley Races, Front Porch Days Races, Popsicle Races, Hootenanny on the Hill Races

You must register for the Challenge by March 1st to partake of these amazing prices! After March 1st, you must register for each event individually. All participants completing the 4 events will be part of the awards for challenge completion at the Hootenanny on the Hill in October. Registering specifically for the Challenge (outlined below) is a treat for your pocketbook!

## Plum Creek Challenge

\$65 - Long Track - Negley (3/5-5K), Front Porch Days (5/14-10K), Popsicle Run (7/4-4miler), and Hootenanny (10/8-10K)

\$50 - Short Track - Negley (3/5-5K), Front Porch Days (5/14-5K), Popsicle Run (7/4-4miler), and Hootenanny (10/8-5K)

\$35 - Mini Long Track - Negley (3/5-3K), Front Porch Days (5/14-3K), Popsicle Run (7/4-3K), and Hootenanny (10/8-3K)

\$30 - Mini Short Track - Negley (3/5-1K), Front Porch Days (5/14-1K), Popsicle Run (7/4-1K), and Hootenanny (10/8-1K)

Finisher medals and exclusive long-sleeve shirts awarded for each individual who completes all four races. Overall Male and Female Series Champion designations for 10 and Under, Adult, and Masters (60 and over) will be based on fastest times for Long Track or Short Track Divisions.

No team discounts are available for the Plum Creek Challenge because, really, where else can you find prices like THESE for FOUR races??

Race questions? Call or email Jennifer Crosby – 512-376-8089, [fortheLoveofgo@gmail.com](mailto:fortheLoveofgo@gmail.com)

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# Have a Dirt Circle Under Your Tree?

*PC Landscape Committee*

In some of our gardens, our trees have grown so big and full that our grass has thinned or just disappeared completely. If that's the case in your garden, here are a few ideas:

1. Just mulch it. Mulch introduces organic material into the soil, providing valuable nutrients to your tree's roots. It helps stabilize soil temperature during summer and winter, too. Spread it about two to four inches deep and don't let it touch the actual trunk.

2. Let there be light! Thin the canopy of your tree and let the sun shine! Grass and many plants need plenty of sun to survive and thrive, so some selective pruning of your tree limbs may be a simple solution to thicken your grass.

3. Get planting. One can always create a flowerbed or plant groundcover. Several groundcovers can be planted in shade, such as pigeonberry, purple heart, or monkey grass. Cedar Sage, heartleaf skullcap, or columbine (reseeds when happy) are some great shady perennials, and American beautyberry is a lovely, shade tolerant shrub. When planting anything under a tree, be very careful with the roots, as not to stress the tree or expose it to disease. If possible, consider using seeds.

4. Rocks rock. River rocks and other natural stones can create a lovely, non-traditional garden.

5. When all else fails, Google it! There are many creative solutions on the web about how to deal with bare spots under trees. So, hit that keyboard.



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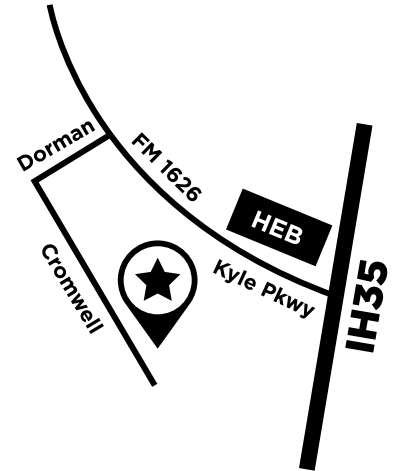
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## Garage Sale Signs: Plum Creek HOA Rules

Here's a quick overview of the neighborhood deed restrictions pertaining to signage.

The Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (DCCR's) are the neighborhood deed restrictions, which are designed to create a desired look in Plum Creek and maintain high property values.

Regarding garage sale signs or any other sign from lost pets to a found bike, one would refer to DCCR 3.12, which reads

3.12 Signs. No sign or emblem of any kind may be kept or placed upon any Lot or mounted, painted or attached to any residence, fence or other Improvement upon such Lot so as to be visible from public view except the following:

(i) For Sale or Lease Signs. An Owner may erect one (1) sign not exceeding 2' x 3' in area, fastened only to a stake in the ground and extending not more than three (3) feet above the surface of the ground advertising the property for sale or lease.

(ii) Declarant's and Builders' Signs. Signs or billboards may be erected by the Declarant without approval of the Architectural Review Committee. Builders may erect signs or billboards only with prior written approval of the Architectural Review Committee.

(iii) Political Signs. Political signs may be erected upon a Lot by the Owner, of such Lot advocating the election of one or more political candidates or the sponsorship of a political party, issue or proposal provided that such signs shall not be erected more than ninety (90) days in advance of the election to which they pertain and are removed within fifteen (15) days after the election. Such signs shall not exceed 2' x 3' in area, and must be fastened only to a stake in the ground and extending not more than three (3) feet above the surface of the ground.

Thus, garage sale signs and other signs (lost bike, etc.) are not allowed to be posted at the entrances, other common areas, or on other residents' property. For sale/lease and political signage must follow the rules above.

As with all DCCR's, they are subject to interpretation by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC), and pertaining to garage sales, the ARC will allow a sign to be placed on one's own lot for the duration of the garage sale only. If a sign of any sort is posted/placed/installed anywhere other than one's own Lot, it is in non compliance with the DCCR's and will be removed and discarded. Also, a deed restriction violation (DRV) may be issued.

During the Community Wide Garage Sale, the HOA will place approved signs created by the HOA announcing the upcoming event in the neighborhood.

Signage other than Garage Sales, such as community events, church activities, PTA, etc., is only permitted if the sponsoring party requests and receives approval from the ARC and HOA Board prior to the event and/or placing the signs.



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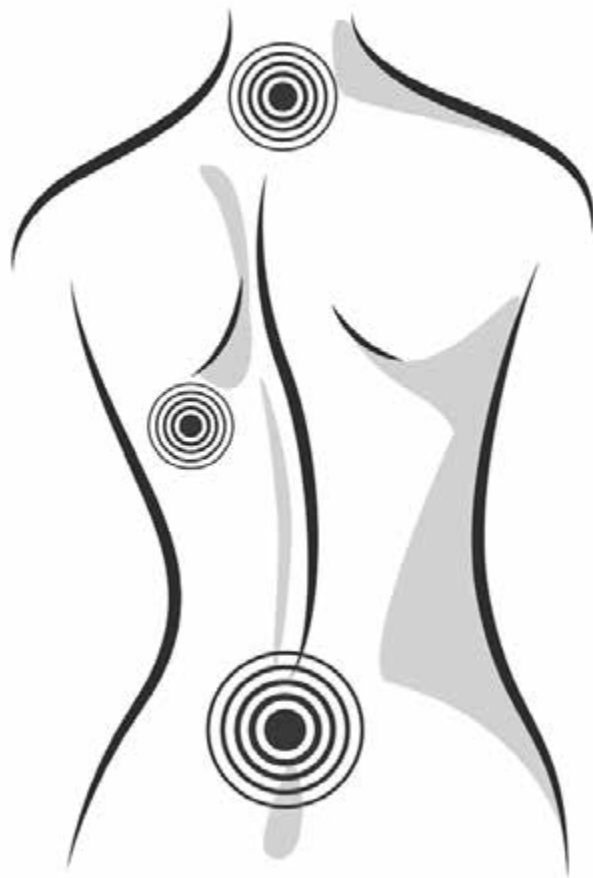
# What to do for my Aching Back?

Low back pain is the most expensive diagnosis in medicine. It costs more per year than diabetes, or cancer or heart disease. On top of the associated costs, it also results in significant loss of quality of life, along with inability to perform normal activities of daily living, if not treated appropriately.

From a physical therapy perspective, one of the most important questions is “When should I receive care for my low back pain?” The traditional practice pattern is to go to the primary care physician, receive pain medication or muscle relaxers, and then wait and see what happens. Although a large number of patients will have less pain with this approach, the underlying cause of the back pain may not be resolved, if it was related to weakness in muscles, or tightness in joints.

Research shows that seeing a physical therapist within 16 days of the onset of back pain will cut medical expenses in half over the course of a year. Back pain is often a recurrent issue, and seeking physical therapy care from a highly trained clinician can resolve the pain and address any underlying weakness or tightness that lead to the episode of pain. A good therapist will not only help you get out of pain, but will help prevent any further back pain from occurring.

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## Rock the Proxy: Let Your Voice be Heard

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A proxy is the written authorization that allows one person to appoint another (the proxy holder) to vote on his or her behalf. State law and the association's governing documents specify that the association can use proxy voting.

Why would you use a proxy? Maybe you're traveling during the election or have other obligations that prevent you from attending the meeting, but you still want your voice to be heard.

If you're interested in using a proxy, the manager or a board member for a proxy form. Cite the name and address of the individual you're appointing to cast your vote. Then list your name, address and telephone number, and sign and date the form.

The association can only accept one proxy form per person, so be sure to fill out your form accurately. By only accepting one official form, the association doesn't need to check each proxy to determine if it's legally sufficient. It also eliminates any potential problems if the vote is close.

Just be aware that by assigning your proxy to another person, you've authorized the proxy holder to vote for you as he or she sees fit. The proxy holder is responsible for voting or abstaining from a vote.

Essentially, a proxy is an act of trust—the proxy giver must trust the judgment of the proxy holder. The proxy giver may think the proxy holder will vote for a certain candidate or issue, but the proxy holder isn't legally bound by that assumption unless it's written on the proxy form.

Source: Community Associations Institute (CAI) [www.caionline.org](http://www.caionline.org)

2016 Annual Meeting Date: March 24, 2016

Sign-in at 6 pm. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm.

Plum Creek Golf Course Banquet Room

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**First Thursday of Each Month**  
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There are two requirements:

1. You must own your home on January 1 of the year in which you are applying.
2. You must use the home as your principal residence.

What you need:

- ◇ Application for Residential Homestead Exemption. This can be found at [www.hayscad.com](http://www.hayscad.com).
- ◇ Copy of Driver's License or ID card issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety. The address MUST MATCH the homestead address.

**GIVE US A CALL IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE! WE WOULD LOVE TO HELP YOU SAVE MONEY!**

### Portabella Mushroom Chicken

#### Ingredients:

- ◇ 1 Pint of Baby Bellas (or equivalent in sliced portabella mushrooms)
- ◇ 1.5 - 2lbs Boneless Chicken Tenderloins or Sliced Chicken Breast
- ◇ Can of Cream of Chicken Soup
- ◇ Salt and Pepper to Taste

#### Directions:

- ◇ Place chicken in the bottom of slow cooker
- ◇ Evenly dump the mushrooms on top
- ◇ Cover with the cream of chicken soup
- ◇ Sprinkle desired amount of salt and pepper on top
- ◇ Cook on high for 4 hours or low for 6 hours
- ◇ Do a taste test to determine if your dish could use a little more salt & pepper
- ◇ Enjoy!

**If you know or hear of a friend, relative, or coworker that is thinking of buying or selling a home, please share our contact information. We would love to provide them with excellent client care.**



## AT THE FENCE

### **Lakes and Parks Committee - Linda Campbell**

We are fortunate to live in a neighborhood that allows us to enjoy the outdoors with our families. We are refreshed and rejuvenated by spending time in nature. Runners, walkers and those of us with children and dogs know well the personal benefits of parks and trails. So as we begin the new year, I would like to ask each of you to do your part to take care of these natural amenities. Keep our parks and trails free from unsightly trash by using the trash cans. And I challenge you to pick up after others as well. Teach your children to take care of the environment and their neighborhood. We are blessed to have these natural places in our neighborhood, so let's vow to take good care of them in 2016.

### **Plum Creek Welcome Committee News**

The Plum Creek Welcome Committee will next meet Monday, February 15h at 6:30 PM at 1143 Sanders, (the home of Arcelia and Gary Gibbs). Any resident is welcome to attend. We are always looking for new volunteers.

The Plum Creek Welcome Committee greets new neighbors moving into Plum Creek. We give every new resident a Plum Creek tote bag, which contains a Plum Creek HOA Welcome Packet, a Kyle Chamber of Commerce Guidebook, and a variety of items from local area businesses. Some of our volunteers also solicit local businesses for the promotional items to be included in the tote bags.

### **Safety & Monitoring Committee**

The Plum Creek Safety/Neighborhood Watch committee will meet on Thursday, February 18, at 6:30 pm at 4224 Mather. We

are an adult social group who share a common interest in safety issues in our community. Everyone is welcome to stop by and meet some new people from Plum Creek, find out who is a Block Captain near you, and learn more about how you can help keep Plum Creek a family friendly and safe place to live.

Some items for discussion will be ways to protect your home, parks and street safety, how to access public records on vacant land around Plum Creek, how to report suspicious activities or behaviors near your home and street light outages/broken sidewalks, and safety gear for runners and walkers on local sidewalks and walking paths.

Bring your concerns for discussion. Pick up a magnet with important phone numbers, and meet a new friend. Call Carol at 512-268-2610 or email [safety@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:safety@plumcreektxhoa.com) for more information.

### **SIP and SEW:**

Many times I meet an individual that asks "What is Sip and Sew"? Sip and Sew is a group of individuals enjoying their hobby.....which includes needlepoint, crochet, knitting, punch needle, rug hooking, counted cross stitch, quilting and sewing. We have numerous individuals willing to share their talents. We meet the second Tuesday of the month, February 09th, 6:30 – 8:45 PM

Location- Plum Creek HOA Office: 4100 Everett, Suite 150. Come, ready to "do your own thing" or to get some instructions or just observe. Come, Sip and Sew. If you have questions: please contact, Iris Sandle 512-405-0054 or Sandra Sigler 512-405-0187

# Community Association Living

## *Know your homeowner rights and your responsibilities*

As someone who owns a unit or house in a common-interest community, you have certain rights. You also have certain responsibilities to the association and to other homeowners. These rights and responsibilities are described in the association's governing documents, which include covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Rs) and bylaws. And by virtue of your ownership, the association—your neighbors and fellow homeowners—presumes you know the governing documents exist and have an idea of what they contain.

As a homeowner, you have the right to:

- Participate in the association board's decision-making process
- Attend and participate in all membership meetings
- Vote in person or by proxy
- Access association records, financial statements and governing documents
- Use and enjoy common areas (This privilege can be suspended temporarily for unpaid assessments or rules' violations.)
- Sell or rent your individually owned unit or property

As a homeowner and member of this community, you are obligated to

- Pay your fair share—via regularly scheduled and special assessments—of the costs of operating the association and maintaining common areas. It costs money to pay common area utilities, collect the common area trash, maintain the common area landscaping, walking trails and alleys.
- Maintain your personal unit or home in accordance with the association's bylaws and architectural guidelines. Some associations' rules are more strict about paint colors, yard ornaments and landscaping than others. Be aware of and adhere to what this association's architectural guidelines prescribe.
- Be respectful of your neighbors and allow them the "quiet enjoyment" of their own individual units or homes. Loud parties, second-hand smoke or outdoor lighting can infringe on your neighbors' privacy.

Source: Community Associations Institute (CAI) [www.caionline.org](http://www.caionline.org)

Visit the Plum Creek resident website for access to association documents: [www.plumcreektxhoa.com](http://www.plumcreektxhoa.com)

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## Get Involved- Volunteer for a Committee

All residents—long-time homeowners, new residents and even renters—can contribute to making our community a great place to live by volunteering a few hours a month on any one of several association projects.

The next time you're looking for an activity or a way to meet your neighbors, consider participating on an association committee or task force or volunteering to plan a casual neighborhood social gathering. Your ideas, time and effort will be a valuable contribution to making a neighborhood event successful.

Your neighbors aren't the only ones who'll benefit from your volunteer endeavors. According to HELPGUIDE.org, volunteering can reveal untapped talents, teach new skills, introduce you to new activities and increase your self-confidence. Participating in a community activity also can provide networking opportunities that can benefit your career and your social life.

Contact an association board member soon to ask how you can get involved in our community. Who knows? There may even be a vacancy on the association board or a committee that should be filled by someone just like you.

Source: Community Associations Institute

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- The first violation notice will be considered a courtesy notice and will not result in a fine.
- The second violation notice of same or similar kind will also not result in a fine.
- The third violation notice of same or similar kind will result in a \$25 fine.
- Each repeat violation of same or similar kind thereafter will result in an additional \$25 fine.

This violation sequence will "reset" if a same or similar violation is not cited within a six month period.

For example: An owner is issued a courtesy notice for needed lawn maintenance on March 1. The owner cures the violation, and another notice for lawn maintenance is not issued until November 1. The November 1 notice will also be considered a courtesy notice because the owner was not cited for the same or similar violation within a six month period.

If you have questions regarding the new fine policy, please contact Kristi Morrison, property manager, at 512-262-1140 or [plumcreekmanager@goodwintx.com](mailto:plumcreekmanager@goodwintx.com).

The Board, management company, and your neighbors thank you for your compliance!

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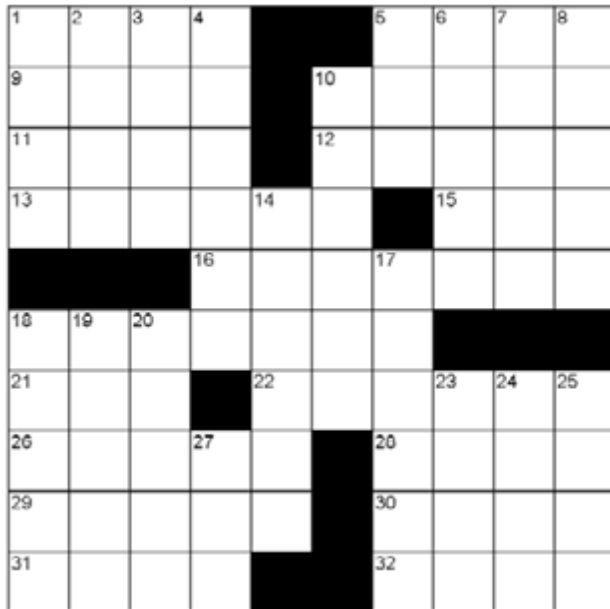
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### ACROSS

1. Part of doorway
5. Baby
9. Seaweed substance
10. Transparent gem
11. Defeat
12. Blend
13. Suck up
15. Electroencephalograph (abbr.)
16. French composer Claude
18. Artifacts found in rocks
21. Rend
22. Elite
26. Reorient
28. Canal
29. Meal listings
30. Opp. of ill
31. Adam's garden
32. Hawk

### DOWN

1. Indonesian island
2. Elderly
3. Welcome rugs
4. Sulks
5. TV lawyer Matlock
6. Sign of the zodiac
7. Computer memory units
8. Lamenting poem
10. What a gum chewer blows
14. Ruled over
17. "\_\_\_ and World Report"
18. Border
19. Lubricated
20. Chine
23. Elm
24. Small brook
25. Holler
27. Bullet shooter

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