

Plum Creek North Master Homeowners Association

Fall/Winter update

North Master Property Manager—Kim Maguire CMCA, Premier Property Mgmt, LLC 303-904-9374.

Each Sub Association has their own Property Manager and is the homeowner’s primary point of contact for issues or complaints related to their property. Where appropriate, your local HOA will refer you to the Plum Creek North Master’s HOA .

North Master Board of Directors– Dave Littler, President; Kerry Schalders, Vice President, Frank Gappa, Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Ellington, member at large, Frank Volpe, member at large.

The annual meeting and budget ratification will be Monday November 10th @6:30pm at the library. There are two board positions available and interested homeowners should contact Kim Maguire to be placed on the ballot.

The 2009 Budget (if ratified allows for a 25% reduction in monthly dues) The new dues will be \$3.00 per home, down from \$4.00.

The next HOA President / Town manager meeting is scheduled for Wed. October 29th.

As you know, we installed an ET moisture sensor based irrigation system this summer. The usage figures show that by installing the system, our water usage is down 30% this watering season!

Don’t forget the ET clock rebate program by the Town of Castle Rock. They will rebate 50% of your costs up to \$500 per association. For more information see www.crgov.com.

As the seasons begin to change, Castle Rock Fire and Rescue wants you to help prevent home fires. October is Fire prevention month. This year’s theme for Fire Prevention Month is "Prevent Home Fires."

Three out of four fire injuries reported each year occur in the home. It is vital to stress the importance of safety as thousands are killed and thousands more are injured each year.

In 2007 home fires killed 2,895 Americans and injured approximately 14,000 thousand. Aside from death and injury, other personal losses are suffered with half a billion dollars in homes and their contents destroyed annually.

It's easy to be fire safe. By conducting a home inspection, being on the lookout for things that can cause fires , and knowing what to do in case of one . Help keep your family safe. Watch out for:

- Matches and lighters
 - Old and worn-out electrical cords
 - Too many cords in a wall socket
 - Candles burning in an empty room
- Clothes and blankets near space heaters.



North Master Mission Statement

The Plum Creek North Master’s Homeowners Association mission is to strive to continue to achieve the highest possible relative property values, thus helping to make Plum Creek the most desirable community to live within the Town of Castle Rock. The North Master will facilitate these goals by working as closely as possible with the many sub-associations in the Plum Creek North Master HOA. The Plum Creek North Master will enable our neighborhoods to offer consistent HOA enforcement, high quality neighborhood conditions and help provide financially secure associations.

Plum Creek North

Sub-associations:

> [Augusta Pointe](#)

> [Fairway Vistas II](#)

Hammersmith,303-980-0700

> [Diamond Head](#)

> [The Highlands](#)

Hammersmith,303-980-0700

> [The Knolls](#)

TMMC, 303-985-9623

> [The Peninsula](#)

Pristine cm. 303-663-3615

> [Players Crossing](#)

TMMC, 303-985-9623

> [Ryder Cup](#)

Mgmt Spec., 720-974-4237

> [Sawgrass Condominiums](#)

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> [Sawgrass Townhomes](#)

Colo. Mgmt 303-468-3151

Back to School Safety for Kids and Adults



Schools are open, and it's the a time of year when families face many exciting changes. Younger children start a new grade, and older ones may be learning to drive or even heading off to college. Make the school year a safe and happy one with these safety tips from ADT.

Home alone: Are your children old enough to come home by themselves? Make sure they know how to set and disarm your security system. Spend time with them practicing entering and exiting the house using the keypad properly. You can set up special alarm codes they can easily remember, or provide them with a SafePass tag, which attaches to their key ring.

Walking or cycling to school: If you live close enough to the school for your children to walk, go with them a few times, in both directions, to get them familiar with landmarks. Point out which areas in the neighborhood are safe and which could be dangerous. Review the safe way to cross a street and teach them to obey traffic lights and school crossing guards. Make sure kids know their phone number and address. Write it down and place contact information in the child's pocket or shoe for safety.

Cycling to school: Be sure you and your children are familiar with the laws regarding bicycle riding in your town. For instance, in some places riding on the sidewalk is permitted; in other it isn't. Don't forget to provide a helmet for every cyclist in your family of every age, and insist they use it. Bright clothing and reflective colors make cyclists more visible to drivers.

Setting limits: Whether your children ride the bus or walk or bike, set clear rules about where they may go and when they must be home. This is especially pertinent after school. Remind your children that it's important always to try to walk with friends and not wander off without telling anyone where they're going or when they'll be back.

Safe driving: All drivers need to pay extra attention to school zones once school starts. Note where the zones near you start and end, and what times they are in force. Obey the speed limits and drive extra carefully wherever children might be. A driver's vigilance can avert many a tragic accident.

Teen drivers: Every teenager's dream of learning to drive is often a nightmare of worry to parents. If your teen is driving to school for the first time, set firm rules about how many people can share their ride, and enforce good driving habits rigorously. Do not allow your teen to drive while eating, drinking, or talking on a cell phone. A teen who does not exhibit sufficient maturity behind the wheel can wait a while longer before being allowed this privilege.

Stranger danger: All school children need to be vigilant about strangers, and know the difference between a potentially dangerous encounter with an older person, and a trustworthy one. Show kids where to go if they need help. If it's possible, introduce them to some trusted local adults, such as police, doctors, trusted storekeepers and your neighbors, and suggest places to go, such as a police station or hospital, if they ever find themselves in trouble.

Before and after school child care: Generally speaking, children 12 and under should not come home to an empty house. If a parent or guardian is unable to be home when school lets out, arrange for a suitable alternative. Some choices include day care or after school programs, a babysitter, or having your kids wait at a friend or neighbor's house until you can pick them up.

School bus safety: According to the National Highway Traffic Administration, children should know and follow these rules to stay safe when catching a bus to school.*

- Get to the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- When the bus approaches, stand at least three giant steps (6 feet) away from the curb, and line up away from the street.
- Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says that it's okay before stepping onto the bus.
- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the sidewalk or along the side of the road to a point at least five giant steps (10 feet) ahead of the bus before you cross. Be sure that the bus driver can see you, and you can see the bus driver.
- Use the handrails to avoid falls. When exiting the bus, be careful that clothing with drawstrings, and book bags with straps don't get caught in the handrails or doors.
- Never walk behind the bus.

Walk at least three giant steps away from the side of the bus.

* Source: Kids, the School Bus & You, U.S. Department of Transportation, July 1996