#### **Newsletter Date**

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Deerfield Estates

#### NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Still want to encourage people to join Deerfield Estates Fort Wayne Indiana Facebook Page.
- Leaf Pick up Schedule
- Tree Trimming

Parks Tree Service will be submitting their quotes the last week of October for the trees that are needing to come down or be trimmed. The quotes will be for taking the tree s down. They will not be including clean up, cutting up the wood or splitting the wood. This is how we are able to keep the cost to a manageable number for our homeowners. Ed and I have

#### HELPING HANDS

a chain saw and a log splitter as well as rakes and able bodies



Enjoy while you can wont be long until the snow falls.

to help with this task. We are hoping to not be doing it alone. The trees will be brought down on a Saturday. Please call me or message me if you are able to help or have any equipment to help with this. So far we have 4 trees that we are quoting for taking completely down and a few trees that just need some trimming. So with enough help this will not take to long.

Tina 205-0771

### Excited to have junior board members. 1. Natalie Warner

2. Alyssa Rybolt

Always room for more

### U CAN CRUSH HUNGER

Janelle Blair is a resident of Deerfield Estates and a student at the University of Saint Francis. She is in a Social Work program at school and is asking residents to help with their food drive project. They are accepting donations of non perishable food items or monetary donations.

These items will be collected this Wednesday

## GOOD TIMES

October 28, 2015. Please sit your bags of items on your porch and they will be picked up no later than 5p.m. or if you would like you can drop items off at 1820 Buckskin Dr. You can also call 260-609-2987 if other arrangements need to be made to pick items up.

With the Holiday season upon us I hope all hearts will be open to help this class raise awareness for food insufficiency.

Plenty of us at some point in time in our lives have needed to diet. One diet that I tried years ago was only eating when I was truly hungry. Imagine living your life truly hungry all the time.

Quite a few years ago I volunteered at a county food pantry. I thought that I would be helping homeless people or poverty level

Families. Much to my surprise a lot of the people that we were serving were people just like you and I that for some reason or another had been laid off from work or were on Workman's Comp or Medical leave. Their income had been drastically reduced and they simply did not have the extra money for food after paying their monthly expenses. Their situation was maybe not permanent. If they owned their home or had a nice car. They would not qualify for food stamps or any kind of government assistance unless they first exhausted all their resources. How many of us would want to sell our home and cars to finance food for a temporary situation.

So when you are thinking of giving to the food banks think about what you would be greatful for if you too had a temporary situation come up and needed a hand up please don't look at this as a hand out.

Once again the contract for our snow removal has been awarded to Pro-Lawn they are the company that cared for our neighborhood last year.

There are a few tips that the board has discussed that we think might help this process easier.

 When shoveling out your drive please do not push the snow out on to the

# SNOW PLOWING

street. Shovel it in to your yard. When it is pushed on to the street and the plow comes along quite often the end of your drive or your neighbors drive ends up getting snow right back in to it.

 We are looking in to adding salt buckets at intersections. We are looking for volunteers to help build them. (Hint hint) If you have any concerns with regards to the snow plowing please give the following people a call. DO NOT CALL PRO-LAWN yourself unless you are interested in contracting them for your own services.

Ed Crouse 224-2889

Neil Warner 341-3529

Jana Rybolt 433-6640

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Don't forget to clean the leaves out of your gutters to prevent winter ice jams.

If you have an elderly neighbor and are able to help them with this task please do so or if you are someone in need of assistance

## LEAF PICKUP

please give me a call and let me try to team you up with someone that may be able to help you out, Tina

205-0771

Leaf Pick up Schedule If you have bagged your leaves you can call 311 and they will pick up within 24-48 hours.



Neighbors are special friends Please be kind to yours and mine Stop signs are for stopping. I know this is a tough one when you are not used to them being there. However, they are there so please everyone try to make an effort to Stop.

## STOP SIGNS

There have been some issues with people not stopping at the stop signs while children are at the bus stops or on their way to the bus stops. Please be especially mindful of the stops during this time. Children are children and may not always be aware of their surroundings. The police department has been contacted about some of these issues and they have stepped up their patrol so if you see them around a little more that is a good thing.

### NEIGHBORHOODCRIME

I believe we live in a very nice and safe neighborhood however like every place else we too have our days. If you happen to have an issue at your home or with your car being vandalized after you have reported it to the police please give me a call at 205-0771 So I can alert other neighbors in the area to the possibility of potential issues. If we all help look out for each other it will just be a safer neighborhood. LIGHTS ON



LOCK UP