

Peek & Prep for Christmas

We've survived the Popcorn Fest, the Blueberry Fest, the Pork Fest, and another Deep River and Dunes Park season. We've gotten through school supplies shopping, summer dog sitting, and guests overstaying their welcome. We're closing the pools and tucking away our bathing gear with fingers crossed it'll fit again next year; and the air smells more like pumpkin spice than cocoa butter. While we have survived yet another summer, and anticipate another Indiana autumn, we know that Christmas is looming just around the corner.

While we probably should have been *prepping* for the impending holiday season back in March we now have about 90 days before Saint Nick makes his rounds. Preparedness is key when it comes to tackling any Christmas list. Even if you're shopping for a just a few, or your list has eight brothers and sisters and twenty nephews and nieces, and a gaggle of grab bag requirements we have your shopping solution. This coming weekend at the neighborhood of North Hampstead in Valparaiso, Indiana, it's the *PREP* for Christmas you've been hoping for and as an added bonus -- you can *PEEK* at the homes available in the neighborhood.

TEAMING UP FOR GOOD

The North Hampstead team from Coolman Communities is gearing up for the holiday season with a fundraiser to benefit Housing Opportunities; a Valparaiso based nonprofit organization which assists folks in their dream for home ownership. On Saturday, September 13th, from 1-4pm, the public is invited to attend **Christmas in September** at North Hampstead.

CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER!

Enjoy some of your favorite vendors as they set up shop in six of North Hampstead's model/spec homes available for sale. Vendors will offer your all time favs and the latest products of their lines. It's the perfect opportunity to get a jump on that lengthy Christmas list. You'll have your pick of perfect gifts with vendors such as Arbonne International, Close to My Heart, Discovery Toys, Gold Canyon Candle Co., Longaberger Baskets, Mary Kay, Melaleuca, Scentsational, Thirty-One Gifts, Silpada Designs, The Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, and Tupperware. All participating vendors will contribute a portion of their sales to Housing Opportunities in addition to door prize donations. Kandel Baxter, Project Manager at North Hampstead said she's pleased with the number of participating vendors "It's a unique opportunity for guests to tackle their shopping while simultaneously contributing to the community."

SNEAK A PEEK

In addition to the shopping extravaganza, guests will have the opportunity to tour North Hampstead during the **Christmas in September** event. They're invited to take a *PEEK* at North Hampstead's European-Style Village, complete with paired cottages; low-maintenance condominiums and (coming soon) single family bungalows. Located at north Calumet Avenue (across from the Dish Restaurant), the traditional community offers several envied amenities. Designed to slow traffic and promote residential activity its curved, tree-lined streets and sidewalks are the perfect invitation for morning jogs or evening strolls. Families will enjoy ~~the three~~ picturesque neighborhood pocket parks and Flint Lake School's play-yard located just next door.

IT'S CALLED *CONVENIENT*

North Hampstead residents can enjoy a short neighborhood walk to Evelyn Bay Coffee Company for a cup of joe. If gas prices are a concern, bike or scooter to the nearby Wiseway, K-Mart, Walgreen's, Fagen Pharmacy, Carol's Hallmark Shop, Family Express or any one of several restaurants in the area. If biking or scooting isn't your thing, you'll soon be able to hitch a ride on the V-line bus which will make stops in front of the neighborhood at the new Social Security office set to open this November. Residents can take comfort in sending their children to school at Flint Lake School located just next door, childcare across the street on Calumet Avenue, or staying fit at the brand new YMCA coming this spring. All just minutes away. It's a community that offers complete *convenience*.

IT HAS TO BE COOLMAN

Homebuyers can depend on Coolman Communities' built to last, Energy Efficient homes. Each condo and village pair home comes complete with appliances, including a refrigerator, stove and oven, micro-hood, dishwasher, disposal, and washer and dryer. Homes are 5-star Energy Rated and Certified Green Built, by the Indiana NAHB Green Built Program, not to mention an award winning Customer Care program. Coolman also offers "Value Engineering" for delivering the most home for your dollar.

COME ONE, COME ALL

Take advantage of this chance to not only contribute to Housing Opportunities, but to get a jump on Christmas shopping and visit one of Valpo's most unique communities. For more information on this event, please contact Kandel Baxter at 219.477.4769 or stop by the model home in North Hampstead; Tuesday – Saturday from 1-4pm. For North Hampstead information online, visit www.coolmanbuilt.com.