

# BECTON PARK BULLETIN

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## 311 Updated Information



### 311 hours changing on July 1, 2015

Effective on Wednesday, July 1, 2015, CharMeck 311 will have new operating hours. Customer service representatives will be available Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The office will be closed on weekends and on City-recognized holidays. These new hours will allow 311 to provide support that matches the needs and calling habits of the community. Residents can still make online service requests 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by going to [www.charmeck.org](http://www.charmeck.org).

### 2015 Meeting Schedule

Below is a *tentative* meeting schedule for the Becton Park Board of directors at the clubhouse for the rest of 2015.

Homeowners are invited to attend the meetings at 6pm.

February 9, 2015

May 18, 2015

August 10, 2015

October 12, 2015

December 7, 2015

## Vehicle Parking and Towing

Homeowners and guests should refrain from parking on the street or lawns. No inoperative or wrecked vehicles should be parked in Becton Park. Vehicle repairs are **not allowed** to be performed in Becton Park. The Board



of Directors has the authority to tow, any improperly parked

vehicles at the owner's expense. If your vehicle is towed, you may retrieve your vehicle by contacting the towing company. The towing company contact information is located on signage at the entrance to the community.

December is the Becton Park annual meeting and election.

As homeowners in Becton Park, we are also members of the Lynton Place HOA.

The Lynton Place annual meeting and election is in May..

## Fraud Prevention Tips

Crime prevention is an attitude. Locks and other security devices are to keep criminals out, not lock you in. Do not surrender your space, your freedom, or your quality of life to the fear of crime. Most criminals look for weak and frightened victims who will not, or cannot, defend themselves. Be assertive but not foolish. Victims should not be embarrassed or frightened about calling for help.

The following are tips to help reduce your chances of becoming a victim of crime.

1. Read and understand any contract before you sign it.
2. Always use licensed contractors. Check references through the Better Business Bureau. Never pay for work before it is completed.
3. Never pay for anything you did not order or do



not want.

4. Avoid get-rich-quick schemes. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
5. Do not enter a contest or accept free gifts or prizes unless you clearly understand your obligations.
6. Never open your door to strangers including door to door solicitors. Use the window or peep hole to see who is at the door. Talk through a locked door. Be alert to persons claiming to work for a utility company (i.e. electric, gas, water cable) if you did not call the utility company with a problem. That person should not need to enter your home. Ask for a telephone number and call to verify that person's identity. If you think something is not right or that person refuses to leave call the police immediately.

## Hurricane Preparedness: The Time is Now

The Atlantic hurricane season begins June 1st and ends November 30th. It only takes one storm to change your life and your community. A mere six (6) inches of fast moving floodwater can knock over an adult. As little as two (2) feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles including large pickup trucks and SUV's. Even if a hurricane or bad weather does not hit your area directly, you could be affected. There are several ways that you can prepare.

1. Develop a disaster plan including a safe evacuation route
2. Make copies of important

documents including your ID and keep them in a waterproof container



3. Carry a copy of all important phone numbers like:
  - I. Your primary providers
  - II. Secondary care providers
3. Have an extra dose of medication and any needed medical devices or equipment
4. Arrange a method for obtaining shelter
5. Develop a family communication plan
6. Make an emergency supply kit
7. Staying informed is a major step in being prepared. Learn about receiving emergency alerts and local emergency plans on your smart phone or a weather radio.

## Staying Safe in the Sun

Summer is here and temperatures are rising. As you and your loved ones spend more time in the sun, be sure you practice sun safety and protect yourself from harmful ultraviolet (UV) protection. UV rays are an invisible form of radiation that can pass through your skin and damage your skin cells. Although they can cause skin damage during any season or at any temperature, you are at higher risk in the summer when temperatures are warmer and you show more skin. Suntans and sunburns are both signs of skin damage. They appear after the sun has already killed some skin cells and damaged others.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) reports that long term skin damage can cause eye problems, wrinkles, skin spots and skin cancer. There are steps that you can protect yourself from sun damage



by:

- Avoid the sun when it's strongest (between 10am – 2pm)
- Use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher
  - Wear protective clothing
  - Avoiding sunlamps and tanning beds
  - Wear wraparound sunglasses that provide 100 percent UV ray protection

If you've been in the sun, be sure to check your skin for changes in the size, shape, color or feel of birthmarks, moles and spots. Discuss your concerns with your health care provider. Don't forget that your pets also need special care during high temperatures. Never leave your pet in a hot car.

## Neighborhood House Painting Schedule

We continue to improve the homes and maintain the appearance of the neighborhood. The Board has set a goal to complete the painting of 4 to 6 homes this year. House colors are limited to the Williamsburg palette. No more than **three (3)** colors are permitted per home. Front doors and shutters must be the same color.

Homes located side-by-side may not be painted in identical color schemes. Garage doors should be the same color as the house trim color.

The next set of homes on the painting schedule are:

- \* 5601 Ebley Lane



- \* 5608 Ebley Lane
- \* 5632 Ebley Lane
- \* 5652 Ebley Lane
- \* 5701 Becton Park
- \* 5701 Ebley Lane

We appreciate your patience and assistance in working with the Board and the painting contractor during this process. Your HOA dues enable the painting schedule to proceed as planned.

Please note that homeowners who are delinquent in their HOA assessments will be skipped and moved to the next batch of homes to be painted.

## July Home Care Tips

You can keep your home in tip top shape with simple tasks throughout the year.

- ⇒ Inspect and repair/replace mailbox
- ⇒ Trim grass and greenery from the base of the house
- ⇒ Clean baseboards
- ⇒ Check for leaks under sinks and around toilets
- ⇒ Replace or clean furnace filter
- ⇒ Inspect and repair broken window screens
- ⇒ Clean and lubricate garage door tracks
- ⇒ Sweep out garage, reorganize and clean yard tools
- ⇒ Clean off front stoop
- ⇒ Put miscellaneous items in the garage or in the back yard.

## Roll to recycle

The City of Charlotte is on a roll for recycling. Beginning July 6, 2015, recyclables will no longer be collected from red bins or non-City issued containers. You may place the red bins in the green rolling bin in order to recycle the red bins. If you need to get a recycling cart, call 311 or 704-336-7600.



## Becton Park Covenant Review - Exterior Maintenance

The Association is responsible for a certain number of items related to the exterior of your home and the common areas. Homeowners also have certain responsibilities to maintain the exterior of their home. Homeowners are responsible for patios, decks, garage doors, storm doors, glass surfaces and mailboxes. Unapproved alterations will be removed at the homeowners' expense. The Association is not responsible for the maintenance, repair, replacement of lots or units through

the willful or negligent act of the owner, guests or invitees. No exterior alterations are allowed without written permission of the Board of Directors.



Residents and homeowners may review a copy of the by-laws and the most recent newsletter on

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/becton\\_park](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/becton_park).

## Scoop the Poop

Dog waste is raw sewage: Scoop it, bag it, and place it in the trash. Mecklenburg County is home to more than **218,000** dogs. They produce more than **52,000 pounds** of dog waste every day. Pet waste is one of the causes of bacterial contamination of streams in Mecklenburg County. The solution is safe and easy.

- 1) Scoop the poop
- 2) put it in a plastic bag
- 3) place it in the trash and
- 4) wash your hands.





## Becton Park Contacts

### BOARD MEMBERS

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**Contact the property management company for any community problems including parking issues, water line breaks, etc. The property management company may be contacted 24 hours a day. In case of emergency call 704-347-8900 and follow the prompts to report an emergency.**

### Becton Park Board Meeting

The next scheduled Becton Park Board meeting is scheduled at 6:00pm on August 10, 2015 at the Lynton Place clubhouse. Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting.

## Community Police Officer Contact

Officer Ericka Conway, from the Hickory Grove Division, has been promoted to a new position. If you have questions for our community police officer, contact Officer Silcox or Lt. Brady who will be filling in until a replacement has been made. She has advised us to contact 911 to report any suspicious activity. If you call 911 to make a report, please state that you are in the Hickory Grove Division, Response Area 2. The Hickory Grove division has a newsletter. To begin receiving the Hickory Grove Area 2 newsletter email [ebrady@cmpd.org](mailto:ebrady@cmpd.org) or click on this link [Hickory Grove CMPD Newsletter](#)

## Download the "NextDoor" app

The Hickory Grove Police department recommends that we enroll in NEXTDOOR for smartphone users. This free app is a private environment for neighbors and neighborhoods to keep each other informed.

For those of you with questions about the app, please contact Officer Jerry Silcox ([jsilcox@cmpd.org](mailto:jsilcox@cmpd.org)) at the Hickory Grove police department. It has become a very valuable tool to a lot of neighborhoods. Visit their website at <https://nextdoor.com/>. You may download the app onto your smart phone from the Android Playstore, the AppStore or Google Play.

