

BECTON PARK BULLETIN

Becton Park established: 1988

Newsletter Date: Fall 2015

Neighborhood Directory



You asked for a neighborhood directory and now it is ready for distribution. The directory contains

- ♦ A list of the homeowner's name (s)
- ♦ The year of the most recent home purchase
- ♦ A list of vendors that have been used by the Board and
- ♦ Community contacts

Becton Park archived newsletters as well as the directory may be accessed on the neighborhood link website.

Link to [neighborhood link](#) website.

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

Dangers of Carbon Monoxide

As the chill of Fall sets in, most homeowners begin using the furnace. If your heat source is gas, you should know that the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission identified carbon monoxide as the leading cause of gas poisoning deaths in the

U.S. Thousands of cases of illness, brain damage and death could be prevented if all homes had a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm. CO alarms should be located near each sleeping area. Do not locate a CO alarm in a garage, kitchen or furnace room. Choose

an alarm listed with the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) or Canadian Approval Services (CAS). The alarm sounds a shrill warning before the levels of carbon monoxide become immediately dangerous.

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..

Fall Leaf Cleanup

Autumn began on September 23 and you may start to see an increase in your yard waste. Remember, Solid Waste Services collects leaves and other yard waste on the same day as your garbage and recycling collection. Please use the following tips to properly prepare yard waste for collection:



- Place leaves in untied plastic bags or uncovered trash cans
- Cut limbs, logs and brush to no more than five (5) feet in length and four (4) inches in diameter
- Piles should be separated and sorted by type of yard waste (limbs, loose debris,

bagged/container or logs). Separate into piles that are no longer than five feet and no higher than three feet. There should be at least two feet between piles.

- Place yard waste at the curb by 6:30 am on your scheduled collection day.
 - Place yard waste within six (6) feet from the curb and at least three (3) feet away from other collection items (including other yard waste) and obstacles such as mailboxes, phone poles and vehicles, etc.
- Do not block the sidewalk.**

- Please place yard waste at the curb no sooner than the day before collection. A minimum \$50 citation may be issued if you place yard waste at the curb sooner than the day before collection.

Charlotte Drought Status in Stage I

Dry weather conditions and above-average temperatures have placed the Catawba-Waterree River Basin in Stage 1 of the Low Inflow Protocol (LIP). Stage 1 is the second of five drought stages outlined in the LIP and recommends voluntary water conservation by water users across the Basin, in addition to operational adjustments by Duke Energy.

- Please only irrigate on Tuesdays and Saturdays between 6pm—6am if you must irrigate
- Limit landscape watering of

no more than one inch of water per week, this includes rain

- Please conserve all water use indoors and outdoors
- Please refrain from outdoor water use during the day (6am to 6pm) to reduce evaporation losses
- Please refrain from filling pools
- Only top off swimming pools on Thursday and Sundays, between 6pm - 6am

- Please discontinue operation of fountains and other ornamental water features that do not sustain aquatic animal life



- Do not wash vehicles at home, please use commercial car wash locations that recycle water instead
- Please refrain from residential power washing.

2016 Voter ID Changes

The 2016 Presidential election will occur more than a year from now. Beginning in [2016, voters](#) will be required to show a photo ID that bears a reasonable resemblance to the voter.

Acceptable forms of photo ID include:

- Unexpired North Carolina drivers' license, including a learners' permit or provisional license
- Unexpired North Carolina non-operators identification card (DMV ID Card)
- Unexpired United States passport
- United States military identification card
- Veterans Identification Card
- Tribal enrollment card issued by a federally recognized tribe
- Tribal enrollment card issued by tribe recognized by North Carolina

- Out-of-state drivers' license or non-operators identification card (valid only if the person's voter registration date in the county is within 90 days of the date of the election)

Age 70 and Older - Voters who are at least 70 years of age may show an expired photo ID as long as the ID did not expire before the voter's 70th birthday. (For example, if an 80-year-old voter presents with a drivers' license that expired when the voter was 75, then the expired drivers' license is acceptable for purposes of voting; however, if the 80 year-old voter's driver license expired when the voter was 65, then the expired license would not be acceptable for purposes of voting.)

You may access more information including what is considered acceptable ID on the [NC Vote](#) website. The 2015 general election will be held on November 3, 2015.

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.

Fall Home Care Tips

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

- Clean gutters and downspouts
- Rake leaves and shred to use as mulch or dispose of them based on local guidelines
- Close or install storm windows
- Remove hoses from spigots and drain and store indoors, coiled and flat
- Store outdoor furniture and cushions
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when you set clocks back in the fall.
- Dust blinds and vacuum curtains throughout your house
- Clean kitchen and bathroom cabinets and



throw away outdated food, medicine and cosmetics

- Prune trees and shrubs
- Remove lint from dryer exhaust vent with a long, flexible brush
- Cover central air conditioner and uninstall window air conditioners
- Change or clean heating, ventilating and air conditioning filters
- Walk around your home's exterior and slide open crawl space vents at the foundation

Becton Park Covenant Review - Disturbing Noises & Nuisances

No homeowner or resident will make or permit any disturbing noises within the limits by him/herself, family, guests, servants, employees, visitors, or agents nor do or permit anything that will interfere with the rights, comfort or convenience of other residents. No noxious, offensive or illegal activities will be carried on upon common areas or within any unit nor done thereon which may be on annoyance or nuisances to other residents of Becton Park. No signs, advertising or solicitations are permitted in or about Becton Park

without prior written permission of the Board of Directors with the exception of tempo-



rary for sale or for lease signs. One such sign may be displayed until the unit has been sold or rented. No residents or their guests will play any musical instrument or operate

a stereo, radio, television or other such audio or video device in such a manner as to disturb or annoy other residents. The discharge of firearms and/or any noise making or explosive device is expressly prohibited in any part of Becton Park at all times. The discharge of firearms, including BB guns and air rifles, is forbidden in Becton Park at all times. Children playing in common areas are at all times the responsibility of their legal guardians.

Becton Park Contacts

BOARD MEMBERS

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Victoria Burnette

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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.

Next Door App

The Hickory Grove police department recommends the use of Next Door to keep up with community events. You can download from the Apple Store or Google Play onto your smartphone.

Community Police Officer Contact

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 or click on this link [Hickory Grove CMPD Newsletter](#)

Becton Park Board Meetings

October Meeting

The next Becton Park Board meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2015 at 6:00pm. The meeting will be held at the Lynton Place clubhouse. Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting.

December Meeting

The final homeowners association meeting of the year will be held on Monday, December 7, 2015. The December meeting will include:

- An annual meeting
- Budget ratification and
- Board member election

All homeowners are invited to attend all HOA meetings.