

BECTON PARK BULLETIN

Becton Park established: 1988

Newsletter Date: Spring 2017

Fencing Project Update



The Board appreciates everyone who pledged to participate in the Becton Park neighborhood cleanup. The neighborhood clean up occurred on Saturday, February 18, 2017. The Becton Park Board would like to thank everyone who participated in the neighborhood clean up. As a result we logged a total of 48.5 hours. These volunteer hours earned us \$2,583.84 from the City of Charlotte toward the fencing project. With the efforts of all in attendance, the cleanup day accomplished the following projects around the neighborhood.

- * Cleaned portions of the vinyl fence
- * Garbage pick up along Albemarle Road and Lynton Blvd
- * Cleaned out the gutters at the clubhouse

The current section of the fencing was completed during the week of February 20, 2017.

The Board anticipates submitting another application for the next section of fencing.

2017 Meeting Schedule

Below is a *tentative* meeting schedule for the Becton Park Board of directors at the clubhouse for the 2017 year.

Homeowners are invited to attend the meetings at 6pm.

February 13, 2017

May 8, 2017

August 14, 2017

October 9, 2017

December 11, 2017

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.

Managing the Garbage in Your Car

The world is not your garbage can; but, you must store your garbage somewhere. Hopefully, you make a practice of being tidy and store your garbage in the right place. Driving around Charlotte running errands, going to work and eating out can produce a lot of garbage. Be safe; but, don't be a litter bug. Here is a handy solution to keep

Becton Park and the City of Charlotte beautiful for everyone and all residents. Use the plastic bags from the grocery store and place them in your car. Loop them around the gear stick and fill it with garbage until the bag is full. Tie the bag shut and throw it in the proper trash receptacle.



Spring Home Maintenance Checklist

Although we are in the middle of Spring, home maintenance does not end. Check for these home maintenance tips to keep your home in great shape

- 1) **Garbage disposal** Pour 1/2 cup of baking soda into the disposal followed by a cup of white vinegar. Once the bubbles subside, pour in a pot of boiling water, and allow it sit for five minutes. Finally, run cold water through the disposal, and turn it on to flush out any remaining debris. To keep funky smells at bay, turn the disposal on and run a lemon peel or juice and crushed ice through it.
- 2) **Windows and Doors:** Remove winter grunge and spring pollen by cleaning the glass on windows and doors. It's best to tackle this chore on a cloudy day, so the sun won't cause streaks. Make your own organic glass cleaner by adding 1½ cups of white vinegar to one gallon of water. Spray the solution on the glass and wipe dry with a clean microfiber cloth or balled-up newspapers. If the windows are extra grimy, use one cloth to remove the dirt and a second cloth to rinse and shine the glass

- 3) **Garage:** Take the time to clean out and organize your garage. First, get rid of anything you haven't used lately. Throw away any unusable items, recycling what you can, and donate or sell usable items you no longer need. To improve the look and function of your garage, seal and paint the garage floor and build storage shelves to keep it neat. You can also add bike hooks on the ceiling and hanging racks for garden tools
- 4) **Change Air Filter:** Replace the air filter on your central heating and cooling system every one to three months so it will run more efficiently and keep the air in your home cleaner.
- 5) **Fireplace Damper:** After the last fire of the season, don't forget to close your fireplace damper to keep drafts, rain, animals, and insects out of your home. The damper is a metal flap inside your fireplace that covers the opening to the chimney. It will have a loop, lever, or chains for opening and closing. Close loop dampers by hand or by inserting a poker into the loop.

Continuous home maintenance can keep your home fresh, save you money and maintain your property value.

Becton Park 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:

- * 5706 Becton Park
- * 5707 Becton Park
- * 5709 Ebley Lane



- * 5747 Ebley Lane
- * 5719 Becton Park
- * 5736 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.

Homeowners who do not work

with the contractor to get the painting job completed will be notified and will be skipped and moved to the next batch of homes to be painted.

Play It Safe in the Water

Warm weather and swimming go hand in hand. While swimming should be a fun activity, it's important to always be safe. These tips can help.

- Keep children under active supervision and stay within arm's reach at all times
- Teach children to always ask permission to go near water and post pool rules like "no diving" and "swim with a buddy"
- Designate a responsible person to watch the water when people are in the pool—never allow anyone to swim alone
- Ensure everyone in the home knows how to swim well and respond to aquatic emergencies by taking water safety, first aid and CPR courses
- Have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets around water
- Keep appropriate equipment, such as reaching or throwing equipment, a cell phone, life jackets and a first aid kit on hand

- Wear sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 and re-apply every few hours
- Drink plenty of water regularly, even if you're not thirsty

• Common Pool Rules:

- No running
- No diving
- No pushing or horseplay
- Never swim alone
- No glass in pool area
- Children not permitted without adult supervision
- Keep gate locked at all times
- Always wear sunscreen

Contact your local Red Cross for information on learning how to swim, water safety, home pool safety, first aid and CPR classes.

Dryer Maintenance 101

Ensure your dryer stays in tip-top shape for many years to come by following these simple tips:

1. Read the manufacturer's instruction manual.

You may think that drying clothes involves simply stuffing them into the tub, closing the door and pushing a button. Those settings options, however, are there for a reason. Read through your dryer's manual to see how you can improve its performance.

2. Divide loads by fabric weight.

For faster, more even drying, dry the lightweight fabrics and heavyweight fabrics in appropriately sized separate loads. Remove lint from the filter after each load. Even a little lint in the trap can cause inefficiency and longer dry times.

3. Keep the dryer clean.

Lint can build up in the vent and on the back of the dryer. For performance and fire safety reasons, it's best to check these areas at least once per year to remove the excess lint

4. Reduce the heat and drying time.

High heat isn't necessary for every fabric. Likewise,

loads take different amounts of time to dry. Save energy — and your clothes from being damaged — by using a lower heat setting and shorter dry times, when possible. For example, start with a 40-minute, low-heat cycle. If your load isn't dry, continue drying in 10-minute increments rather than starting another full cycle.

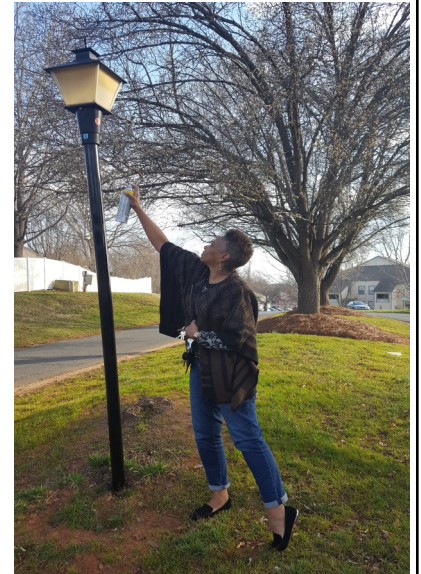
5. Take advantage of your dryer's moisture sensor, if you have one.

If your dryer is equipped with a sensor, make sure it is on, so you can avoid excessive drying. To ensure top detection, clean the sensor once a month.

6. Consider air drying your clothes occasionally.

Air drying clothes every once in awhile will not only give your dryer and pocketbook a break; it will actually help to prolong the life of your clothing. If you properly maintain your dryer, you can depend on excellent results for several years. However, sometimes even the best dryers can have a hiccup here and there. Want to ensure you're always covered for those unexpected repairs or replacements? Consider adding your washer and dryer to your home warranty. Now *that's* some TLC!

Becton Park Neighborhood Clean Up Day



Becton Park Covenant Review - Interior Maintenance

While the Becton Park homeowners association has responsibilities for the exterior home siding and painting, streets, walkways and driveway maintenance, homeowners have responsibilities as well.

Maintenance and repair of patios, decks, bathroom, and kitchen fixtures, light fixtures or other electrical or plumbing equipment, heating and air conditioning systems, pipes and fittings serving the owner's unit,

locks, windows and latches are the responsibility of homeowners.

required and are the responsibility of homeowners. Homeowners are responsible for any and all damages due to misuse of fireplace and /or the disposal of hot ashes and firewood, Firewood should be properly stored. Homeowners are responsible for the cleaning of chimneys.



Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in good working condition are

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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. We are advised 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](#)

Archived Becton Park Information

Have you ever wanted to see an old version of the Becton Park Bulletin? Have you lost your copy of the neighborhood covenants? Are you interested in obtaining a copy of the neighborhood directory?

All of the above mentioned documents can be accessed online at www.neighborhoodlink.com

The website contains:

- ◇ Old versions of the Becton Park bulletin
- ◇ A copy of the Becton Park neighborhood covenants
- ◇ The Becton Park directory

Once on the website, you may search for the Becton Park neighborhood and view the documents.

