



**Neighborhood  
Association Newsletter  
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## *The Wexford Watch*

### **2007 Board Members**

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### **Letter from the President**

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am hopeful that you will make every effort to attend our annual meeting this year. If you haven't joined us in the past or have thought about it, then please do. It doesn't take a lot of effort to make a difference and this is another opportunity for you to do something about it.

We have invited senior representatives from the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department to join us to realistically discuss what we can all do to curtail some of the problems within our community.

If you haven't already paid your annual dues of \$35 for 2008, please bring your check with you to the meeting. Checks should be made payable to Villages of Wexford HOA. We will also have the "No Solicitation" stickers available, \$2 for members/\$5 for non-members.

We'll see you on April 3rd at 7pm in the Old Sanctuary building at Back Creek Presbyterian Church.

Doug Nitkiewicz

## **Spring Fling**

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### **Fri April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Munch and Mingle Event where music and light snacks will be offered at the home of CourtneyOmega Turner, block captain for Dungarvon Ct (address below), providing a warm and inviting atmosphere for conversation, card games and ice breakers. Neighbors are invited to bring out their children!

### **Friday April 11<sup>th</sup>**

Kickball Derby! The KickBall Champion Team will receive a \$100 gift certificate from Champs Sports in this Winner Take All sporting event! **All participants must be between 6-18 years of age and must register either by mail, email or phone call by Friday April 9!**

### **Saturday , April 12<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Big Block Party**

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## *Villages of Wexford*

### **2008 Annual Neighborhood Meeting Is Scheduled!!**

**When:** Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm

**Where:** Back Creek Presbyterian Church  
in the old sanctuary

**Who:** All residents of the Villages of Wexford neighborhood are invited, homeowners and renters alike.

Please make plans to attend. This is where we vote on important matters in the community (only association members are eligible to vote, so please bring your dues of \$35 or pay in advance). Bring your ideas for what you'd like to see done in the community for 2008.

Thank you all for your support!!

**Our Website is:** [www.neighborhoodlink.com](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com)

Enter our zipcode and select Villages of Wexford from the list

### **2008 Association dues are only \$35 a year**

While other communities fees are much higher, ours are only \$35 per year for 2008. We need your participation to make things happen in the community. Please make your checks out to: **The Villages of Wexford Association**

# Updates From The Board And Committees

## 2007 Association Dues Received

Street	Properties *	2007 Members Paid	Total Dues Received	Participation % by Street
Balbriggan Court	15	3	105.00	20.00%
Bally Duff Lane	7	1	35.00	14.29%
Bantry Lane	6	0	0.00	0.00%
Biscoe Way Lane	11	1	35.00	9.09%
Castlecomer Drive	21	4	140.00	19.05%
Cherring Lane	7	2	70.00	28.57%
Clonmel Place	16	6	212.00	37.50%
Dembrigh Lane	47	14	490.00	29.79%
Derry Drive	8	1	35.00	12.50%
Downpatrick Place	17	4	140.00	23.53%
Dungarvon Court	14	1	35.00	7.14%
Flint Glenn Lane	36	8	280.00	22.22%
Killarney Place	33	1	35.00	3.03%
Leadenhall Lane	41	5	175.00	12.20%
Magenta Lane	14	0	0.00	0.00%
Oak Leigh Drive	39	9	330.00	23.08%
Presco Court	4	1	35.00	25.00%
Rothmullan Drive	17	4	105.00	23.53%
Shandon Way Lane	35	0	0.00	0.00%
Tralee Place	4	1	35.00	25.00%
Wiltshire Lane	25	5	175.00	20.00%
Winsted Court	17	5	175.00	29.41%
<b>Total *</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>2,642.00</b>	<b>17.51%</b>
* Includes non-residential properties in total				
<b>Summarization of Residential Properties ONLY</b>				
Total Residential Properties	429		Data as of	
Active Participation %	17.72%		3/1/2008	

## Updates on Current Events

### Street Lights

The lights on the south side of Harris Houston (Leadenhall Lane, Biscoe Way Lane, Rothmullan Drive, Shandon Way Lane and Presco Court) have been completed. We are waiting to hear from the coordinator about what needs to be done for the residents on the north. The additional design was given to them but it appears to have been lost or misplaced.

### Upcoming Events

Annual Neighborhood Meeting April 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm

Spring Fling April 4<sup>th</sup> – April 12<sup>th</sup>

2007 Expenses	
Bank Service charges	\$ 13.00
Hot Dog Social	\$ 224.53
Landscaping	\$ 468.72
Meeting Hall	\$ 25.00
Newsletter/Office Supplies	\$ 836.09
Returned Checks/fees	\$ 8.00
Survey Materials	\$ 238.09
US Postmaster	\$ 40.00
Utilities	\$ 50.00
Yard of the Month gift cards	\$ 100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,003.43</b>

## SPRING FLING Two Thousand NO HATE! 20n0h8

Wexford Association of the University Area is celebrating its youth in a major way!

Offering fun and safe alternatives to neighborhood adolescents may seem to be an impossible task but with a line up of events sure to please across the boards, neighbors of all ages will find themselves crossing the borders and having a great time while doing it!

On Friday April 4, the Superstars and Shades come out at this neighborhood mingle event. Neighbors will get to know who's who beyond the faces with no name and the fences. This catered event will feature a variety of games and group activities to be involved in including cards and icebreakers and the delectable spread of gourmet food will be available all night long. Members of the community, whether it be business or residential related, are invited to come out and enjoy! The evening event starts at 5:30 PM

Neighborhood Athletes will take centerstage at the KickBall Derby Tournament on Friday April 11. Teams of 5 will compete in this winner take all battle of the boot! All neighbors between the ages of 6-18 are invited to show off their kicking and fielding skills. The last team standing will be rewarded a \$100 Athletic Apparel Store Gift Card and runners up will also be rewarded with sensational prizes as well. Competition is expected to be stiff! Registration of all team members must be completed by April 10, 7pm. Guidelines and rules will be received at the time of registration. Kick off at 11:30am

Closing out the week in grand fashion with a Philly Style block party is the only way to do it! At the Beating Down Your Block Party, neighbors are asked to come styling and profiling as vendors will be on site to generate energy and provide further entertainment. Image consultants, fashion experts and other members of the beauty and entertainment industries will be on site for instant access! Philly style cheesteaks, pizza and icees will also bring this Philly To Charlotte connection home all set to sensational sounds!

**Need more details? Want to be involved? Want your business featured? Let us know!**

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# Community News and Events

## Earth Day Charlotte!

Earth Day was conceived as a global celebration of life. Earth Day Charlotte has evolved as a regional environmental festival. The mission of Earth Day Charlotte is to raise awareness by showcasing the diverse ways in which our community is working towards environmental health. This festival strives to empower individuals to make informed lifestyle choices, which will promote sustainability and protect our region's environmental resources.

### **Join us for Earth Day Charlotte!**

**Saturday, April 19, 2008**

**10am to 3pm**

**Rain or Shine**

**Ray's Splash Planet**

**215 N. Sycamore St.**

This is a free, fun, family festival organized by City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County departments, local businesses and citizen advocates to raise awareness of the many ways residents can make a difference in preserving the environment.

#### Highlights:

- Alternative fuel car displays
- Over 40 exhibitors
- Children's activities, including storytelling and crafts
- Face painting
- Musical entertainment
- Rain barrel sales (advance orders must be received by Friday, April 11 by calling CharMeck 311 or email savetherain@yahoo.com).

Charlotte's Earth Day festival is sponsored in part by an operating grant from the Arts and Science Council.

For more information, email [earthdaycharlotte@hotmail.com](mailto:earthdaycharlotte@hotmail.com) or leave a message on the Earth Day hotline at 704-336-3631.

## **Important Information About Water Restrictions**

Since September 26, 2007, we have been under mandatory water restrictions. Even with the rain we've received this winter, the mandatory restrictions continue today. The amended water use restrictions in Mecklenburg are as follows:

- \* **Lawn watering** and the operation of any sprinkler system are **prohibited at all times**.
- \* Residential car washing is not allowed.
- \* The operation of ornamental fountains (without fish) is not allowed.

#### **Can pools be filled?**

Current water restrictions prohibit the filling or re-filling of pool. Pool owners and operators can, however, top off pool water levels. Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities recommends cleaning the water still in pools as a means of cleaning and prepping for summer use.

***If you have further questions or concerns about water use restrictions, please telephone City Services at 311 or 704-336-7600.***

## **Annual Boy Scout Bar-B-Q & Auction**

Boy Scout Troop 49 will hold its annual Bar-B-Q and Auction on Saturday, May 3, 2008, at the Newell Volunteer Fire Department, located on Old Concord Rd, next to Newell Elementary School. The B-B-Q & Silent Auction will begin at 4:30pm, with the live auction beginning at 6:00pm. Bar-b-q will be available by the pound or dinner plate for \$7 each. Items to be auctioned include plants, NASCAR, restaurant gift certificates, electronics, tools, and much, much more. All proceeds benefit the Boy Scouts of Troop 49. Questions, please call Bonnie Rindone at 704-573-0348 or Sue Kiss at 704-549-0129.

## **Now is Planting Time for Vegetables**

- 1) Prepare the vegetable garden by adding compost and working it into the soil.
- 2) Plant asparagus crowns this month when soil is dry enough to work.
- 3) Prepare to sow beets, carrots, peas, lettuce, mustard, radish, spinach, Irish potatoes and turnips early in February.
- 4) Grow cold-tolerant leafy vegetables such as lettuce, spinach and collards. Some may be killed by frost, but it's worth it to have fresh greens for salads. Try planting greens with pansies for a pretty winter salad garden.
- 5) Watering just before a cold snap will help plants survive bitter temperatures.
- 6) Most houseplants are semi-dormant at this time of the year; don't fertilize them.

## **Rain Barrels For Sale**

From Mecklenburg Soil & Water Conservation

**Saturday, April 19, 2008: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Pick up:** Ray's Splash Planet - 215 N. Sycamore Street

**Deadline to order:** Monday, April 7, 2008

**•Rain Barrels Prices:**

60 Gallon Rain Barrels are \$85.00

80 Gallon Rain Barrels are \$100.00

**Payment** in the form of cash or check will be due at time of pick-up. Please make checks payable to M.S.W.C.D (Mecklenburg Soil & Water Conservation District). We offer rain barrels at reduced prices in partnership with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services.

**Rain Barrel Sale Policies:**

- Due to lack of storage space, no alternate pick-ups can be scheduled
- All returns & equipment defects must go through manufacturer, RainBarrelUSA
- Any extra barrels will be sold off at the end of each sale, we cannot release barrels before the end of our advertised pick-up times
- Switching sizes of barrels at the sale is prohibited. Any changes must wait until the end of the sale.

**Rain Barrel Description:**

- Dark Green
- Approximate Dimensions:  
60 Gallon 32"H x 28"W  
80 Gallon 38"H x 28"W
- Locking lid & aluminum screen prevent pests from entering
- Works with any size downspout
- Each barrel has spigot and 2 overflow valves
- The dark colors of the barrels block the light to reduce algae growth. A locking lid stops wildlife and pets from entering the barrels, including mosquitoes!
- The Rain Barrel also has an overflow valve that can be attached to a garden hose to divert the overflow water to any area of your yard that needs it.
- A one inch rainfall over a 1000 square foot roof provides over 620 gallons of water. With the overflow valve you can direct this water to your garden or any other area of your yard.
- **RainBarrelUSA** is the manufacturer of our rain barrels. They are located in Waxhaw, NC. Visit their website for more pictures of the rain barrels and other items they manufacture for them. Feel free to contact them directly with any technical questions about the barrels.

**The order form can be found and emailed for ordering at:**

**<http://www.charmeck.org/Departments/LUESA/Water+and+Land+Resources/Programs/Conservation/Rain+Barrel+.htm>**

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### **University City Division CMPD Community Coordinators**

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