

BECTON PARK BULLETIN

Lynton Place Established: 1985

Newsletter Date: Fall 2024

Our Neighborhood Vision:

Becton Park is a diverse, beautiful and friendly community with a focus on consistent improvement and development in cooperation with Lynton Place.

The Current Grant is Finished!



For the past 10 years, the grant has been used to complete the fence project. We have used another grant for a home renovation.

I would like to congratulate everyone! We have finished the second grant involving the renovation of a home! This journey started in December 2023. We had until the end of November 2024 to complete the matching hours. Thanks to your participation and involvement in our grant activities, we finished the required matching grant hours early.

The next step in this process is to apply for the next grant and start all over again. We are not guaranteed to be awarded a grant; but we will do everything to

improve our chances of earning the award. Keep an eye out for the start of getting pledges, completing the application and arranging the calendar for next grant deadline.

2024 Homeowner Meeting Schedule

July 27, 2024

At 1:00pm

December is the Becton Park annual meeting and election. The annual meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2024 at 6:30pm

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 Lawn Care Schedule

Maintaining the backyard is the homeowner responsibility. Developing a comprehensive fall lawn care schedule will prevent Winter panic and Spring disappointment. Here's a suggested timeline.

- **Early Fall (September):** Gradually reduce mowing height, continue regular watering, and apply preemergent weed control if needed.
- **Mid Fall (October):** Aerate

and overseed the lawn, apply fall fertilizer, and continue leaf removal as needed.

- **Late Fall (November):** Perform final weeding, complete last round of leaf cleanup, and winterize lawn equipment.
- **Winter preparation (December):** Apply winter fertilizer if recommended for your region, and ensure all fallen leaves are removed before snow falls.

Read more lawn care tips on page 4

What Are The Benefits of a Storm Door?

Both storm and screen doors are the outermost exterior entry door. But the difference between them is that screen doors are doors on a wooden or aluminum frame with screen panels. Their main purpose is ventilation. You can let air in and out of your home without welcoming insects too.

Storm doors use a glass panel and are more durable than a screen door. Plus, if you still want ventilation, they make storm doors that can switch between its glass and screen panel without a problem.

1. Improves Air Flow

Some storm doors offer the flexibility of changing your glass panel to a screen one during warmer weather. So, if your home is feeling a little stuffy, you can easily switch between your panels and allow for a nice breeze to come through your door.

2. Protects Against Environmental Factors

When it's raining or windy, your storm door can protect your front door, which can help it maintain its original appearance. Besides your front door, storm doors also provide another barrier between insects and small animals from entering your home.



3. Boosts Energy Efficiency

Air may seep through the cracks if you live in an older home or your front door isn't correctly installed. This draft can increase your energy bill and means your home isn't regulating its temperature. A storm door can act as additional insulation, which can help lower your electric bill by keeping cool air in and hot air out in the summer and vice versa in the winter.

4. Lets More Natural Light In

With a front door, there's very little, if any, natural light that's able to come in. Storm doors, on the other hand, let in all the natural light you want without leaving your home exposed.

5. Affordable

It's much cheaper to install a storm door than it is to replace an exterior door. And even if you plan on changing your front door out eventually, these doors are a budget-friendly option that can benefit your home while you work towards installing a new front door.

6. May Offer Additional Security

Storm doors can also act as another layer of protection. Some storm doors even have keyed deadbolts you can use when you're away from home.

Becton Park Covenant Review - Pets

All animals must be kept on a leash and accompanied by the owner when in the common areas. Animals are not allowed to run free. Only domesticated animals are allowed. Any animals trained for attack is considered vicious. The owner must have written permission of the Board of Directors before the animal is brought on the property. Any damage to property or injury to another person will be the direct responsibility of the animal's owner. These rules also apply to visiting pets and pet sitters. All pet owners are responsible for



cleaning up after their pets, as per city and county law. No animals shall be maintained, housed or bred for commercial purposes. All pets must be licensed, tagged, immunized as required by the City. Required tags must be on the animal. Pet structures (e.g., dog or cat houses) must be placed in backyards. Unattended dogs, cats or undomesticated animals in the common areas are subject to capture and confinement by City. The Board of Directors has the authority to require a resident to control or remove any pet judged to be a nuisance.

Fall Lawn Care

As leaves begin to change and temperatures cool, it's time to turn your attention to Fall lawn care. Proper maintenance during the fall season sets the stage for a lush, healthy lawn come spring. Fall lawn care isn't just about appearance—it's an investment in your lawn's long-term health.



Removing Fall's Leaves and Debris

Consistency is key when raking. Aim to rake your lawn at least once per week during peak leaf fall. Use a wide, flexible rake, and work in the direction of growth to avoid damaging grass blades.

Mowing the Lawn in Autumn

Contrary to popular belief, mowing doesn't stop when summer ends. We recommend that you continue to cut your grass throughout fall until

the first frost hits your area.

Ideal Grass Height

Keep your grass at 2.5–3 inches throughout the Fall. This length provides enough leaf surface for effective photosynthesis, preventing grass from matting under snow. Cutting grass too short can curtail the root system, as root depth is proportional to cutting height, impeding the lawn's ability to withstand winter stressors.

Aerating Your Lawn is essential in Autumn

Lawn aeration can make a big impact on your yard's health, but it's an often overlooked aspect of fall lawn care. The aeration process helps alleviate soil compaction, allowing water, air, and nutrients to penetrate deep into the root zone.

Overseed During Autumn to Promote Thick Lawn Growth

Overseeding in Fall helps fill in thin spots, repair bare patches, and introduce newer, more resilient grass varieties to your lawn. This process is key to maintaining a dense, weed-resistant turf.

Protect Your Home Against Termites

Whether you are selling a home or purchasing one, scheduling a termite inspection is an essential part of protecting your most valuable investment.

These pests are some of the most prolific nuisances a homeowner can encounter.

Termites live in huge colonies and can lay more than 40,000 eggs each day. They don't sleep. They continuously eat wood and build their massive colonies, inflicting over 5 billion dollars of property damage annually in the United States alone.



After you schedule an inspection, termite inspectors will look around and inside the property. They are looking for:

- Possible points of entry
- Weakened wood structures in and around your home, including crawlspaces
- Piles of wings, which termites shed after swarming
- Termite-possible tree stumps

- Visible termite nests and “mud tubes,” or small tubular structures that connect termite nests to their favorite food source
- Signs of hollowness in walls, baseboards, and framing
- Abnormal amounts of moisture in the walls and framing can indicate a termite problem

Long-term termite protection doesn't end with one inspection and treatment. To stay termite-free, you will need to commit to at least an annual termite inspection to make sure they haven't returned or recolonized somewhere else on your property.

Slow-release termite bait stations may be part of your long-term pest control plan. These stations attract any termites that arrive after treatment and kill them to prevent new colonies from forming in treated areas.

You can purchase termite treatment bait stations at Lowe's or Home Depot.

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Contact the property management company for any community problems including parking issues, water line breaks, etc. In case of emergency, call the customer service number at 866-473-2573 and follow the prompts to report an emergency.

Check out the community website at

www.lyntonplacecommunity.com

Fall Home Maintenance Checklist

Ah, fall: The nip of the first chill in the air. The colorful foliage. The pumpkin spice lattes. The pumpkin spice *everything*. We hate to intrude on your Fall bliss, but the post-summer months are a critical time for knocking out routine home maintenance to keep your household running smoothly into winter.

1. Check Windows and Doors for Air Leaks

Lower temperatures mean higher thermostat settings, and anyone in a cold climate knows the pain of opening a gas bill in the dead of winter.

2. Clean the Chimney

If you have a fireplace, fall is a great time to give it a thorough cleaning and inspection. Maintaining a clean fireplace is the simplest and best way to remove creosote, a byproduct of wood combustion that contains tar and toxins. Eliminating this from the chimney liner and the smoke box reduces the risk of a fire.

3. Schedule a Furnace Tune up

Don't wait until the first bitterly cold day to finally turn on your furnace. If you have any issues, you'll want to know *before* the mercury drops and you find yourself shivering indoors. Homeowners should listen for strange noises, such as booming, clicking, and squealing, when they turn on their furnace for the fall season. Also pay attention to odd odors coming from the furnace. Every season, homeowners should replace the furnace filter and vacuum dust and debris from and around the furnace to help it operate like new.

4. Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

It's easy to forget about smoke and carbon monoxide detectors (unless a cooking disaster sets off the alarm—we've all been there). This is a quick and easy project most homeowners can handle on their own. Simply press and hold down the "test" button for a few seconds on each of your detectors. If working properly, these detectors will emit a loud ping or siren. Should the sound be weak or not there at all, you should replace the batteries and test the detector once more to ensure it's working properly.

5. Run the Ceiling Fan in Reverse

The hot, humid days of summer are officially in the rear-view mirror (in most parts of the country, at least). That's why now is the perfect time to start thinking about reversing the direction [of] fans in the home to make the space warmer. Reversing the direction of your ceiling fans helps circulate warm air near the ceiling back into your living space. (Heat rises, remember!). This can cut your heating costs by as much as 10%.

6. Disconnect and empty your garden hoses

A frozen hose can cause the water inside the wall to freeze and burst

7. Clean the gutters

Throughout the year, your gutters fill up with leaves, sticks, and other debris. Failing to clear this gunk from your gutters can mean rain and melting snow won't be able to drain easily—potentially causing seepage and leaks into your home. Using a bucket, gutter scoop, and heavy-duty gloves, you can remove any debris found in your gutters. Use a hose to wash away any remaining debris and to make sure the downspouts are working properly.

Getting Rid of Your Bulk Garbage Is Easy, If You Do It Right

Do you have an old refrigerator you want to get rid of? Do you have bulk items you want to trash? Items such as household furnishings, appliances, mattresses, box springs, lawn equipment and similar items too large to be placed in the garbage rollout cart and not eligible for recycling or yard waste collection are considered bulky waste and must be scheduled for collection. You can schedule bulky items by:

- Calling 311
- Calling 704.336.7600



- Using the [CLT+ app](#)
- Online at <https://servicerequest.charlottenc.gov/service/BULKITEM>

After submitting your request for bulk pick up, you will receive a pick up date and a confirmation code. To avoid a fine from the City of Charlotte, place the bulk items at the curb no sooner than one day prior to the scheduled pick up. If you need to cancel or change the pick up date, use the confirmation code to make the necessary change.

2024 Election Details

2024 will be a big year for politics and the future of North Carolina. On top of this being a Presidential election year, State legislative and congressional races could shift power in North Carolina. The Nov. 5 general election could determine whether this swing state turns red. North Carolina will vote for a new governor this year. Plus, the entire legislature is up for re-election.

Republicans currently hold a supermajority in the General Assembly and have the power to override Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper

Look up your voting registration information at the link below

<https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/>

View the 2024 Candidate listing here.

http://apps.meckboe.org/Candidates_new.aspx

Get information about upcoming elections at the link below.

<https://vote.mecknc.gov/upcoming-elections>



Important Voting Dates

- **Election Day:** Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Election Day Polls are open from: 6:30AM - 7:30PM.

Ballots will be mailed out starting: Friday, September 6, 2024.

- **Absentee Ballot Return Deadline:** Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 7:30pm

- **Last day to request a ballot:** Tuesday, October 29, 2024 by 5:00PM

- **First Day of Early Voting:** Thursday, October 17, 2024.

- **Last Day of Early Voting:** Saturday, November 2, 2024.

- **Last Day to Register to Vote on Election Day:** Friday, October 11, 2024.

County Canvass for the 2024 General Election: Friday, November 15, 2024

FREE EVENTS



CHARLOTTE

HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD
SERVICES
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This is a community event to support the Lynton Place neighborhood matching grant.

Lynton Place Bingo



Join us on

Saturday, September 14, 2024

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Location: Lynton Place clubhouse

Join us for the Lynton Place. Come and play the easy game of bingo. Have fun, play games, and win prizes. Can't wait to see you there!

Lynton Place Paint & Sip



Join us on

Sunday, October 20, 2024

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Location: Lynton Place clubhouse

Get ready to show your artistic side and attend the Lynton Place paint and sip event. Everyone can be a van Gogh at this event. Join us for this free event, get to know your neighbors and create a masterpiece

Keep up with the activities in our neighborhood.

Visit our website www.lyntonplacecommunity.com

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