

DEVONSHIRE COURT BULLETIN



Devonshire Court established: 1985

#### Newsletter Date: Winter 2019

#### **Clubhouse Bathroom Renovation Grant**

The Lynton Place HOA submitted a grant to renovate the clubhouse bathrooms. We are pleased to announce that the Lynton Place HOA was awarded the grant! The grant contract has

been signed and we are now working to fulfill the required hours. We have scheduled some interesting community events to help us fulfill our volunteer hours. All we need is you! Everyone is invited to participate in any or all of our scheduled events. If you have interested friends and neighbors, please invite them. Now is your chance to learn a new social dance, get crafty or enjoy something ice cold with your neighbors. For those who would like to get your hands dirty, we also have a clean up day planned. If you have any other ideas for a community event, contact Vanessa Coles at 704-488-2668 or email lyntonplacecommunity@gmail.com. We would love to hear your recommendations, comments and/or suggestions. Your participation, involvement and commitment to this project will help us earn the 1,083 volunteer hours we need for the grant to renovate the clubhouse bathrooms.

#### Tips to Keep Your Home Warm This Winter

**Space heaters** are a simple, convenient and highly customizable way to keep a house warm in the winter.

## Change out your window treatments.

Swap light and breezy fabrics for heavier drapes that can conserve warmth. Open your drapes, blinds and shades on sunny days for the added benefit of free solar heat. Once the sun has gone down, lower your blinds and close your drapes to prevent heat loss.

Weather stripping can help your windows and doors seal more tightly, preventing cold outside air from slowly leaking into your home.

Switch your ceiling fans

to winter mode. Turn on your fan and look directly up at the blades. Make sure they are rotating in a clockwise direction which pushes air down from the ceiling into the room.

Insulating your hot water tank is an inexpensive, easy way to improve energy efficiency and save money on energy bills Devonshire Court is a condominium community in East Charlotte.

Devonshire Court is a subdivision of Lynton Place.

Devonshire Court has both landscaped and natural common areas.

The Lynton Place community has a clubhouse and two swimming pools.

The clubhouse can be rented for private parties to residents in good standing.

Homeowners in Devonshire Court are also members of the Lynton Place HOA.

The Lynton Place annual meeting and election is in May.

#### The Neighborhood Needs Your Participation!



The 2019 pool season is four (4) months away and pool passes will be distributed soon.

Lynton Place has a neighborhood grant to renovate the clubhouse bathrooms. The neighborhood needs your participation to earn the 1086 hours for the grant. Grant hours are earned by conducting events that bring the community together. We are offering a number of community events at the clubhouse so that you can participate in earning the required hours.

Everyone who attended the last event commented that it was fun.

Help us get more hours before pool passes are distributed.

If you are reading this, we hope to see you! Si estás leyendo esto, esperamos verte

La temporada de piscinas 2019 está a cuatro (4) meses de distancia y los pases de la piscina se distribuirán pronto.

Lynton Place tiene una subvención de vecindario para renovar la casa club. El vecindario necesita su participación para ganar las 1086 horas de la beca. Las horas de subvención se obtienen realizando eventos que reúnen a la comunidad. Estamos ofreciendo una serie de eventos comunitarios en la casa club para que pueda participar y ganar las horas requeridas.

Todos los que asistieron al último evento comentaron que fue divertido.

Ayúdenos a obtener más horas antes de que se distribuyan los pases de la piscina



## Join us on Saturday, February 9, 2019

## Jewelry Making Event

at the Lynton Place clubhouse RSVP by phone or text to Vanessa Coles at 704-488-2668 or send an email to Lyntonplacecommunity@gmail.com

## 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Supplies will be provided

All neighborhood renters, homeowners and Friends are welcome!

Make a necklace or bracelet and get glamorous!

Hey gorgeous, let's get

**Crafting!** 



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### Learn to dance the:

# Cha Cha Cha - Part 2



#### Join us on

### Saturday, February 16, 2019

At the Lynton Place clubhouse

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Please RSVP to Vanessa Coles at

704-488-2668 through Friday, February 15, 2018

Everyone (adults and youth), residents, renters, owners and friends may attend this event. Singles and couples are welcome.

Attendees should wear soft soled shoes and comfortable clothing

#### II Best House Plants to Clear the Air

Whether you are looking to purify your home or just brighten your space, house plants are one of the best ways to do both! Most people spend the majority of their free time at home indoors. When you factor in sleeping, cooking, eating

and watching TV, we are naturally indoor creatures. So what type of environment have you made for you and your family inside? Have you thought about the air quality in your home? What's more, you may be contributing to the polluted air by using air fresheners and cleaners made with toxic chemicals. Both indoors and out-



doors, plants have a unique ability to absorb harmful chemicals from the air — and give off oxygen to boot. In fact, they can actually clean many of those pollutants by absorbing them through their leaves and roots. Add these plants to your decor, and you'll be breathing easier in no time!

- 1. Chrystanemum
- 2. English Ivy
- 3. Spider Plant
- 4. Chinese Evergreen
- 5. Dracaena
- 6. Wax Beconia
- 7. Peace Lily
- 8. Boston Fern
- 9. Mother-in-Law's Tongue (Snake Plant)
- 10. Lady Palm
- 11. Golden Pothos

Who knew that a few com-

mon (and not-so-common) plants could bring so many health and wellness benefits? If you decide to get one — or all — make sure you follow care instructions and keep them watered

#### Is Your Home Humid Enough?

When we think about humidity in the home, we tend to think about the adverse effects of too much indoor humidity. Overly moist indoor air can cause condensation, mold and mildew, and damage to wood and structural elements. But indoor air that is too dry can be dangerous to your health

Dry indoor air could cause your family to suffer from dry skin, allergies, asthma, sinus infections, and increased severity of cold and flu symptoms. You could even be more likely to get cold and flu viruses. Low humidity in your home could also be detrimental to structural elements, wood and furniture in your home. When it comes to your home's



humidity, it's important to strike a balance.

If you decide to use a humidifier in your home,

it's important to use it properly. Improper use could contribute to mold or mildew growth in or around the humidifier.

Make sure you:

- Clean and disinfect the inside of your humidifier at least once a week
  - Use demineralized or distilled water
  - Change the water every day
  - Change the filter, if there is one, as recommended by the manufacturer

Dry air can affect your health, and the health of your home. But there's an easy fix. Use

a humidifier to add moisture to the air in your home. Your body – and your woodwork – will appreciate it.



## **Spring Wreath Making Event**

Join us

## Saturday, March 23, 2019

At the Lynton Place clubhouse

## <mark>3:00pm</mark> - 5:00pm

RSVP by phone or text to Vanessa Coles at 704-488-2668 or send an email to Lyntonplacecommunity@gmail.com

#### Supplies will be provided

Create a spring themed wreath to hang on your front door.

Everyone (adults and youth), residents, renters, owners and friends are encouraged to attend.

#### Where You Drive and Park Can Damage The Grass

The rain has been seriously effecting our neighborhood. Besides the water runoff and the wet leaves, there is clear evidence of vehicles driving on the lawns and on the side of the road. Unfortunately, this practice is not

improving the appearance of the neighborhood. Tire depressions and ruts are not only unsightly but as you can see they can also damage your lawn and create unseen hazards. The appearance of our neighborhood affects the property values and the overall appearance. Take the time to drive on the asphalt.

#### **Repairing your grass:**

You may be tempted to fill them in with soil and plant new grass in the area but as the soil compacts you may still end up with depressions and an uneven lawn.

Measure the depth of the depression using a ruler or tape measure. Add shredded mulch, peat moss or other organic material to topsoil and use that mixture to top dress or fill in a depression under 1

inch. Rake it into the grass and water it to help force it down to the level of the existing soil so the grass can continue to grow. Repeat this as necessary every few



months until the ground is smooth. Sink a garden pitchfork into the ground under a 1- to 3-inch depression at a 45 degree angle. Gently apply pressure to lift the soil slightly. Repeat this procedure throughout the compact-

ed area, loosening and allowing air back into the soil to fill in the depression. Mix equal amounts of soil and sand to create a filling mixture that will drain well and be resistant to compacting. Use this mixture to fill in under the grass and soil you cut free, packing it in as necessary to ensure that there aren't large gaps or air pockets in the new soil. Press down on the old soil to help compact the filling mixture slightly and ensure that the grass roots can make contact with the new soil easily. Water the area to dampen the new soil and encourage new root growth. Seed the area with grass seed of the same type that's currently growing in your lawn. Rake the existing grass gently to better distribute the grass seed and water daily to encourage the new

grass to take root and start growing.

#### **Devonshire Court Covenant Review - Use of Common Areas**

Except with the specific written approval of the Board and as permitted in Section 5 of Article II of this Declaration, the Common areas and facilities,

included limited common areas, shall not be used for temporary or permanent storage of supplies, personal property, trash or refuse of any kind, other than in common trash receptacles placed at the discretion of the Board, nor shall



such areas be used in any way for the drying or airing of clothing, rugs, or other fabrics. Entrances, sidewalks, yards, driveways, parking areas and stairways shall not be obstructed in any way. No activities shall be carried on nor condition maintained by any unit owner either in his unit or upon the common areas and facilities, if such activities should

> despoil or tend to despoil, the appearance of the condominium property. No "garage" or "attic sales" shall be permitted outside of a unit. It is expressly acknowledged and agreed by all parties concerned that this section is for the mutual benefit of all owners of the condominium property and is neces-

sary for the protection and is necessary for the protection of the unit owners and is enforceable by the Board or by any one or more unit owners through the Board of directors.

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## Learn to dance the:



# **American Swing**

Join us on

## Saturday, April 27, 2019

At the Lynton Place clubhouse

3:00pm - 5:00pm

RSVP by phone or text to Vanessa Coles at 704-488-2668 or send an email to Lyntonplacecommunity@gmail.com

Limited spaces are available.

Everyone (adults and youth), residents, renters, owners and friends may attend this event. Singles and couples are welcome.

Attendees should wear soft soled shoes and comfortable clothing

#### Lynton Place Contacts

Nicole Woolford William Douglas Management Company 4523 Park Road Suite 201A Charlotte, NC 28209 704-347-8900 extension 103 704-377-3408 (fax) nwoolford@wmdouglas.com

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.

#### **Neighborhood Social Media**

Want to remain "in the know" about the Lynton Place HOA events? Wonder what is happening in the neighborhood? There are a few things that you should do to keep up-to-date.

- Add/update/revise your email address on the William Douglas website at www.wmdouglas.com
- Check the community website www.lyntonplacecommunities.com
- Sign up to receive your community newsletter by email on the Lynton Place website
- Check out the Lynton Place community <u>Facebook page</u>. Request to become a member of this closed Facebook page.

#### **New Year's Resolutions for Your Home**

Any homeowner will tell you that maintaining a house is a full-time job. Chances are, though, that home maintenance isn't at the top of your list of priorities for the new year. However, if you plan ahead, you can keep your house in tip-top shape without giving yourself a headache --- and you may even be able to avoid costly repairs

**Do a safety check:** Start the year off on the right foot by making sure you and your family members will be safe in the unlikely event of an emergency. Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and replace batteries as necessary. You should also make sure you have a fire extinguisher in the kitchen and that it is in proper working order.

**Check for leaks:** The cold winter months are the perfect time to tackle indoor home maintenance. Water leaks can often go undetected, causing extensive, costly damage. Take some time to inspect the areas around your shower, tub and toilet for leaks and re-caulk them as needed. You should also check for dripping or leaking faucets, which can make your water bill add up. If needed, tighten or

replace the washers to repair leaks.

Make sure windows and doors are properly sealed: Cracks around your windows and doors can cause heat and air to escape your house, leading to higher utility bills. Inspect the areas around your windows and doors for cracks and add weather stripping as needed. It's a good idea to tackle this project before the temperature extremes of summer and winter hit. If you need to replace your windows, be sure you get energyefficient ones.

**Service your A/C unit:** Nobody wants to be sweltering hot in the summer, so before those scorching temperatures arrive, make sure your home's A/C unit is up to the challenge. Contact a professional HVAC company to service your unit and ensure that it can cool your home adequately and efficiently. By paying a little up front, you'll avoid repair costs and higher electric bills as the result of poor performance. Consider scheduling an additional appointment for the fall to check your heater before the winter.



# Spring Cleaning & Bush Planting Project

Join us

## Saturday, May 18, 2019

At the Lynton Place clubhouse

## 3:00pm - 5:00pm

This project will involve, planting bushes around the pool, planting lily turf in front of the clubhouse and freshening the clubhouse exterior.

Everyone (adults and youth), residents, renters, owners and friends are encouraged to attend.

### FREE EVENT



This is a community event to support the Lynton Place neighborhood grant to renovate the clubhouse bathrooms

# Jewelry Making Event #2

## Saturday, June 8, 2019

at the Lynton Place clubhouse

RSVP by phone or text to Vanessa Coles at 704-488-2668 or send an email to Lyntonplacecommunity@gmail.com

## 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Supplies will be provided

All neighborhood renters, homeowners and friends are welcome!

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## Learn to dance the:

# Salsa



## Saturday, July 20, 2019

At the Lynton Place clubhouse

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Please RSVP to Vanessa Coles at 704-488-2668

Limited places are available.

Everyone (adults and youth), residents, renters, owners and friends may attend this event. .

Attendees should wear soft soled shoes and comfortable clothing

Singles and couples are welcome to attend and learn the HOT Salsa dance!