



# DEVONSHIRE COURT BULLETIN



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## What is the Neighborhood Grant?

The City of Charlotte's department of Neighborhood services provides communities the opportunity to be awarded a grant for up to



\$25,000 to improve their neighborhoods. This is a matching grant.

Communities who are awarded this matching grant may match the grant monetarily or the equivalent of voluntary hours.

As you know, the Lynton Place Board submitted an application for this grant and was awarded the \$25,000 grant. The Board has decided match the grant using voluntary hours rather than matching the \$25,000. This means that the Lynton Place community needs to spend 1083 hours building, improving and bringing the community together. We are accomplishing this through community activities.

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.

## What is With All of These Events?

You know about the \$25,000 grant. You know why we applied for the grant. You understand the need for the volunteer hours. You ask why do we have all of these events at the clubhouse? After all, this is not a retirement



community. And you would be correct this is not a retirement community. But, the need for volunteers and volunteer hours is vital to accomplishing our goal.

The likelihood of everyone showing up for a neighborhood clean up is slim. We want to provide an interesting mix of events for everyone. Based on your suggestions, we have added new events. We hope you take a moment to review the events, select a few to participate and come out to have fun.

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

The Lynton Place annual meeting and election is in May.



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# Lynton Place **Movie** **Night!!**

Join us on

**Saturday, March 9, 2019**

At the Lynton Place clubhouse

6:00p.m. - 8:30p.m.

We are bringing a great movie experience to our neighborhood. Enjoy a family friendly movie. The movies will be either PG or PG-13. Popcorn, candy and soda will be provided.

Children under the age of 10 years should be accompanied by a parent. Additional chaperones are invited. Consider bringing a pillow or cushion if you decide to sit on the floor.

Everyone (adults and youth), residents, renters, owners and friends are invited to attend this event.



## Save the Date for your Spring AC Tune up

With the holidays over, we're looking forward to spring – and with it, annual AC tune-ups! It's important to get your air-conditioning unit tuned up by a professional before the summer season hits, so your home can stay cool and comfortable during the hottest months.

A faulty AC unit can cause all kinds of problems, ranging from tripped circuit breakers to leaky ducts, low air flow, and even environmental pollution from refrigerant leaks. Of course, the most obvious problem with a faulty AC is that it fails to cool your house.

Getting an AC tune-up this spring can catch small problems before they become big ones, potentially lowering your AC re-



pair and maintenance costs. A spring tune-up is a sensible and smart thing to do. AC tune-ups help you keep your home comfortable, allowing your AC to cool your home with efficiency. They can help reduce your utility bill and help provide more control over the temperature inside your home.

The best time to get an AC tune up is in the early spring, before temperatures climb and you need to start cooling your home for the summer. If you can't get your AC tuned up in the spring, try to have it done as early in the summer season as possible.

## Improving your Curb Appeal

First impressions count, and your property's curb appeal could be improved through some simple landscaping efforts. But you don't have to be an expert to get started. Landscaping can improve your home's curb appeal and make your outdoor space more enjoyable, and that translates to a real boost in home value. A well-landscaped home will sell for an average of 5.5 to 12.7 percent more than a home without landscaping. And you don't need to hire a professional to landscape your lawn and garden – you can do it yourself.

- Landscaping for beginners – or experts – should always begin with a plan. Sketch out a map of your lawn and garden, using pencil and paper to plan out where you want to put trees, shrubs and beds. Decide now how much effort you want to put in, and what parts of the lawn you plan to focus on.
- Install landscaping fabric and cover it with

rocks or mulch to keep weeds down (you'll cut holes in the fabric where you want to install plants).

- Native plants tend to be ideal choices because they're already adapted to your climate and soil conditions. They'll be easiest to grow and hardiest, and that means replacing fewer plants as you try to get your new garden beds established.
- Perennials are the way to go with landscaping, because they come back every year. Annuals must be replanted every year.
- Soaker hoses are the easiest way to irrigate flower beds. They're more efficient than sprinklers, because they deliver water directly to your plants' roots. Plus, they eliminate the need for someone to stand around holding a hose. Installing soaker hoses makes your landscaping as low-maintenance as possible, which is more appealing to potential buyers.



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# Spring Wreath Making Event

Join us

**Saturday, March 23, 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](mailto: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 encour-  
aged to attend.

## City of Charlotte Waste Collection

All collection items need to be placed curbside no sooner than the day before your scheduled collection day and no later than **6:00 am** day of collection.

### **Garbage**

- All garbage is bagged and there is no garbage outside the cart. Garbage outside the cart will not be collected.
- The garbage cart handle is facing the house and the lid is facing the street.
- The garbage cart is 3 feet away from all objects

### **Recycling**

- All recyclables are loose in the cart. Recyclables should not be bagged.
- Ensure that there are no plastic bags, Styrofoam or plastic plates or cups in the



cart. Plastic bags aren't accepted and should be recycled at local grocery stores. Styrofoam and plastic plates and cups should be thrown in the garbage.

- Tear cardboard into small pieces that will fit loosely into your cart. Please do not fold.

- The recycling cart is 3 feet away from all objects.

### **Bulky Items**

1. Call CharMeck 311 to schedule pick up.
2. Placing all items, directly in front of residence, close to the curb, 3 feet away from all objects.
3. Emptying all appliances

- and removing any doors on appliances.
4. Placing tape in the shape of an X across entire TV screens or any glass.

## Begin a Good Condo Neighbor

Condo living has changed what it means to be a good neighbor.

### **Understanding Shared Space**

Everything inside the door and walls of your suite belongs to you. The remainder of a condo building is shared space including your balcony.

### **Use Carpets or Rugs on Hardwood Floors**

Hardwood floors do a poor job of absorbing sound. Most condos have rules to mitigate the transmission of sound. Walking around in shoes, moving chairs to sit down and other daily actions can become disruptive to neighbours. Carpets or rugs do an excellent job of preventing these disruptive noises.



### **Respect Quiet Hours**

Respect your neighbors' right to peaceful enjoyment. When entertaining guests, it is not advisable to offer alcohol too late into the evening. Keep the number of guests reasonable for the size of your condo suite. Take the entertaining off your balcony and indoors before 10 pm.

### **Respect the Outside Space**

Condo living requires living in close proximity to neighbours. Those that choose condo living have a responsibility to their neighbours that differs from other forms of housing. Respecting the rights of your neighbors is part of being a good neighbor. Throwing items over the balcony is a "no-no". Throwing any trash over the balcony should never occur. Being a good neighbor respects yourself and your neighbor.



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# 80's Old School Dance Party

**Saturday, March 30, 2019**

Lynton Place Clubhouse

3:00pm - 6:00pm

No need to R.S.V.P.

Just come!

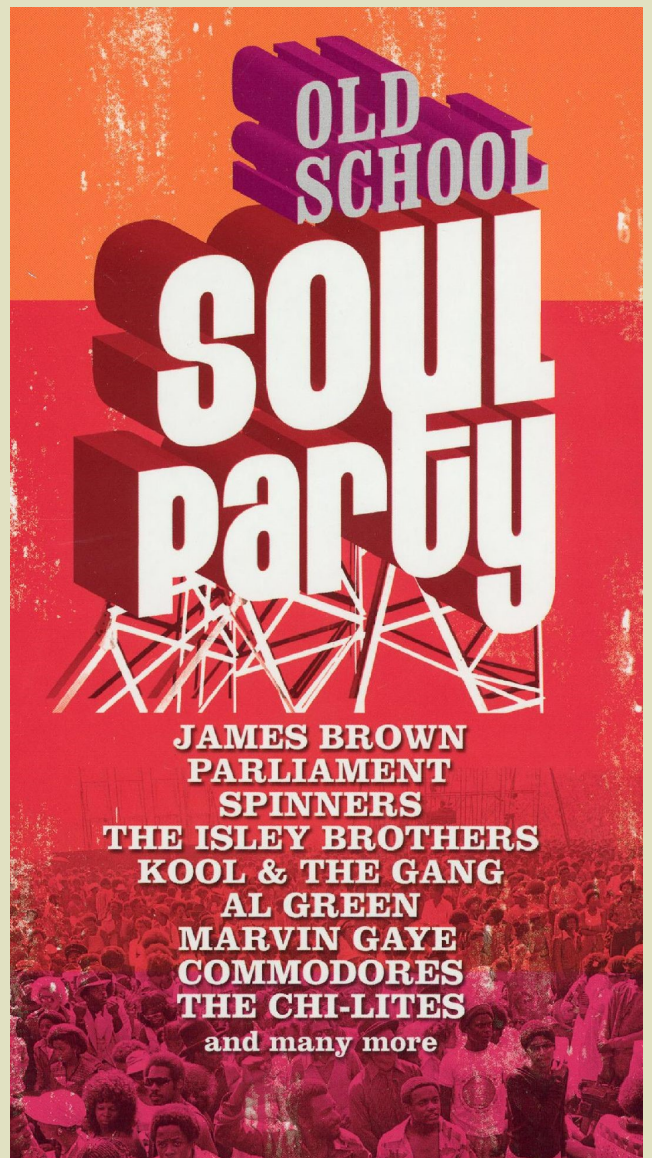
This is a family friendly event.

Light refreshments will be provided.

You suggested and now we are delivering. Join us in the Lynton Place clubhouse as we celebrate the old school sounds. You remember the artists, the music and the songs.

These young people just don't know what they are listening. Let's invite them so they can learn what REAL music sounds like.

Join us as we reminisce the old days, the old dances and the great times!



## Lynton Place Contacts

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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.

## 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](http://www.wmdouglas.com)
- Check the community website [www.lyntonplacecommunities.com](http://www.lyntonplacecommunities.com)
- Sign up to receive your community newsletter by email on the Lynton Place website
- Check out the Lynton Place community [Facebook page](#). Request to become a member of this closed Facebook page.



## 2019 Spring Cleaning

With the arrival of Spring, it will be time to clear out the remains of Winter. Here is a Spring cleaning checklist.

1. Clean the stove
2. Clean the refrigerator
3. Clear the shower walls and grout
4. Clean the blinds and window blinds
5. Mirrors
6. Ceiling fan blades
7. Clean your laptop computer keyboard with an air can and disinfect your mouse
8. Clean behind your clothes dryer
9. Remove furniture cushions and vacuum in the

crevasses

10. Clean out the garage
11. Remove the window screens
12. Go through your clothes closet and get rid of any item that has not been worn in the past year
13. Properly dispose of old medicines and toiletries
14. Hose out your garbage and recycling bin
15. Thoroughly clean out the lint trap in your clothes dryer
16. Wash the inside and outside of your windows



Congratulations, you have reached the end of the list. No sweat!



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The First Ever!

# Lynton Place Bingo

**FREE  
EVENT**

Join us on

**Saturday, April 6, 2019**

At the Lynton Place Clubhouse

3:00pm - 5:00pm

No R.S.V.P is required



Join us in the clubhouse for a little home town fun. No, this is not gay bingo and this is not a fundraiser. This is just an opportunity to have some good clean fun. This event is open to the whole family. There will be some prizes.

Come out and find out how it goes!



## Pavement Restriping

If you think that line striping is just about making your parking lot look good, think again. Yes, it's true – line striping is the icing on the cake of a freshly seal coated parking lot, but these pavement markings are important for a number of other reasons. Let's take a look at some of them now.

**Safety** - Line striping is important to the safety of the drivers and pedestrians that traverse your parking area daily. Well-defined crosswalks ensure that drivers and pedestrians watch out for each other and each can reach their destination without incident

**Maximize Parking Spaces** – line stalls that are clearly marked on the asphalt pavement ensure that the maximum number of cars and trucks can park in the lot at one time.

**Handicapped Spacing and Access** – an im-



portant part of line striping is to ensure proper access for handicapped, make it easier to identify handicap parking spaces and direct visitors to the most direct path to the building.

**Devonshire HOA has restriped the parking lots and have enhanced new "No Parking" areas colored in neon green. Please be aware of these changes. This was done for your safety and protection. Additionally, the fire department and emergency vehicles will need to be able to navigate our community quickly in case of emergency. We have marked parking spaces and no parking spaces to accomplish these needs.**

**This will be your only warning. Cars or other vehicles parked in the incorrect location will be towed.**

## 5 Tips to Help Build an Emergency Budget

When something unexpected happens inside your home, can *you* foot the bill? In 2016, the Federal Reserve Board asked survey respondents how they would pay for a \$400 emergency. The most shocking answer? A whopping 44 percent of respondents said they would have to borrow the money, sell something to cover the cost, or — here's the kicker — they wouldn't be able to come up with the \$400.

### Assess What You Have

When it comes to learning how to save money on a tight budget, you must start by assessing what you already have, and — in particular — what you don't need. Consider selling those unnecessary/unused/haven't-touched-them-in-several-years items in a yard sale or on an internet "marketplace," such as eBay, Craigslist or Facebook, for some quick cash that you can put aside.

### Evaluate Current Budget and Slash Where You Can

Next, take a long, hard look at where your money actually goes each month. For monthly bills, such as your cell phone, cable and internet service, try calling the companies to see if there are more economical options available that you can switch to. For credit cards with revolving

balances, ask the credit card companies if you qualify for lower interest rates

### Set Your Goals and Make A Plan

After you've sold your unwanted items and reduced your recurring expenses, it's time to set a savings goal. Experts recommend having between three and nine months' worth of expenses set aside in an emergency fund, but don't let the thought overwhelm you. Instead, think about setting a S.M.A.R.T. goal: one that is Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Results-focused and Time-bound

### Set Up Separate Accounts

The money that you're racking up won't be very useful in an emergency down the road if you spend it as soon as you get it, so consider treating your emergency fund differently. Rather than having cash in a drawer in your bedroom or your extra money deposited into the checking account that you use on a daily basis, put it in its own savings account.

### Stick To Your Budget

This step will require a bit of self-discipline, planning and pacing. Another easy way to help maintain and stick with your budget is through couponing and bargain shopping.





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# Lynton Place Movie Night

Join us on

**Friday, April 12, 2019**

At the Lynton Place clubhouse

7:30p.m. - 9:30p.m.



## Family Movie Night

When the sun goes down, a great movie experience will begin in the clubhouse. We are hosting a family friendly movie.

Popcorn, candy and soda will be provided.

R.S.V.P is not required.

Children under the age of 10 years should be accompanied by a parent. Additional chaperones are invited. Consider bringing a pillow or cushion if you decide to sit on the floor.

Everyone (adults and youth), residents, renters, owners and friends are invited to attend this family event.



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# ***The First Ever***

## **Lynton Place Neighborhood Paint and Sip**

Join us on

**Saturday, April 20, 2019**

At the Lynton Place  
Clubhouse

2:00pm - 5:00pm

R.S.V.P. is required to  
ensure supplies will be  
available for you.



One of the latest popular events in Charlotte is paint and sip. We are converting the clubhouse into a painting studio. Get ready to pick up a paint brush and make a masterpiece.

Note: There is a \$30.00 charge for this event. You must reserve your spot on Eventbrite. Go to the Eventbrite link below for this event.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lynton-place-community-paint-and-sip-tickets-57419908492>

*Limited spaces are available.*



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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](mailto: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

