

DEVONSHIRE BULLETIN

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Check Out the Serenity Garden



The term healing gardens is most often applied to green spaces in hospitals and other healthcare facilities that specifically aim to improve health outcomes. These gardens provide a place of refuge and promote healing in patients, families, and staff. Any environment can promote healing, but gardens are particularly able to do so because humans are hard-wired to find nature engrossing and

soothing. According to two leaders in this field, Clare Cooper Marcus and Marni Barnes, healing comes because the gardens promote:

1. Relief from symptoms
2. Stress reduction
3. Improvement in overall sense of wellbeing and hopefulness

Devonshire recently installed a serenity garden near the mailboxes. We encourage you to view the garden and take a moment to find a stress relieving moment in your stressful day.

Lynton Place is a mixed housing development of single family homes (Abbots Gate and Pritchard Place II), patio homes (Becton Park), and condominiums (Devonshire Court) in East Charlotte. Lynton Place has both landscaped and natural common areas, a clubhouse, and two swimming pools. The clubhouse can be rented for private parties to residents in good standing.

Lynton Place has mandatory quarterly assessments for all homeowners.

November General Elections

2018 is an even-numbered year, which means that North Carolina will hold a general election on the first Tuesday in November. Many county level offices are up for election across the state, including county commission, school board, sheriff, and more. The General Election will be held on

Tuesday, November 6, 2018 from 6:30am to 7:30pm. Early voting will open on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 through Saturday November 3, 2018.

There is currently no requirement to show voter ID in North Carolina, except for first time voters who registered vote by mail

and did not provide verification of their ID at the time of registration. Voters may check their registration and download a sample ballot. Voters may submit a voter application 25 days prior to the date of the election. [Voting details](#)

As homeowners in Devonshire Court, we are also members of the Lynton Place HOA.

The Lynton Place annual meeting and election is in May.

Tips to Be the Best Condo Neighbor

A condominium challenges the idea of “shared space” more than anywhere else. The moment you move in a condo, you share a series of common areas with the other people in your building, and it is only right that all of you take care of those areas as a community.

- **Thou SHALL Report Anything Suspicious**

Hear anything weird from your neighbor’s unit or see something out of the ordinary in your hallway? Call your building admin immediately. In a condo, it is everyone’s responsibility in the building to look out for each other.

- **Thou Shall NOT Throw Anything From The Balcony**

The balcony is a place to relax, it is not a massive trash can window. Be it cigarette butts or tiny papers, nothing should be thrown from your balcony. Not only does it litter up the environment, it is also dangerous for those under your balcony.

- **Thou Shall NOT Flush Tissue**

While it might look like the easiest thing to do, do not flush down things in your toilet aside from the things that supposed to be flushed in there (#1 and #2 only please!). Anything that shouldn’t be flushed there (wet wipes, 3-Ply tissues, condoms, plastic sachets, etc.) can clog the entire drainage system of the entire building so do everyone a favor and only flush

the right things down the toilet.

- **Thou SHALL Keep the Hallways and Other Communal Areas Clean**

Everyone uses the hallways and sure there are personnel assigned to clean those areas up but that is no reason for you dirty it up. A good condo neighbor doesn’t let his or her pet pee/poop in the hallway and doesn’t leave pizza boxes as if the condo was a hotel. Pick up after your pet and put trash in the allocated garbage room or garbage chute.

- **Thou Shall NOT Play Music Extremely Loud**

Remember that the only thing separating you from the rest of your neighbors is a wall. Be a good condo neighbor and keep your speakers’ volume down to a minimum. If you’re hosting a party, the same rule applies, especially in the wee-hours of the night when your neighbors are getting their zzzs. The last thing you want is your party to be shut down because of complaints!

- **Thou SHALL Be Polite and Respectful**

This is the most important rule a good condo neighbor is to be considerate, polite, and respectful. The confides of you unit might be yours but the other areas is a commonwealth, it’s something everyone in the building uses so its best to take care of those spaces as a community.

Things To Do Before Fall Sets In

I wish the only thing you needed to prep your home for fall is to light a bunch of pumpkin spice candles. While yes, that is a crucial part of getting ready for the change of seasons, there are more important (and not exactly fun) preparations that come with being a homeowner. Consider this everything you need to know before your house transitions from hot summer days to cool fall nights ... and eventually freezing temperatures.

Check for drafts

Heat loss through windows is responsible for 25-30 percent of heating energy use, according to

the U.S. Department of Energy. But it doesn't have to be that way, because weather stripping is simple and probably the most cost



-effective way to keep heating costs down.

Pro tip: To check if you have a draft issue, close a door or window on a strip of paper. If the paper

slides easily, you need to update your weatherstripping.

Change your filters

If your filters are clogged, it's harder to keep your home at the temperature you want it too be which will increase your heating bills. Clean these filters *monthly*, not just before the fall, and thank me later.

Change your batteries

Once a year you should be checking to make sure all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide devices are working. Since you're already testing everything else out, you might as well add this on your list.

City of Charlotte Services

CharMeck 311 serves as the customer contact center providing information and services for customers in the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. CharMeck 311 is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Residents can also [submit service requests](#) online 24 hours a day.

- For bulky item pick up call 311 or submit an online request
- For pot hole repair submit an online request ([entry form](#))
- Report reckless driving Traffic.Complaints@cmpd.org
- Report a crime ([entry form](#))



Bring Fall in the Home

Fall is the favorite season for a lot of people, and the fabulous fall scents are one of the main reasons why.

- 1) Plug in your favorite scent
- 2) Simmer a stove top potpourri mixture
- 3) Purchase some delicious-smelling potpourri and simple set it out throughout your home
- 4) Before doing your regularly scheduled vacuuming for the week, consider shaking some carpet deodorizer in your favorite fall scents over your rugs and carpets. Let it sit for about half an hour and then vacuum away.
- 5) Perhaps the best tip of all is to show off your baking skills in the kitchen. What's better than the smell of treats like cranberry bread or apple pie baking in the oven?

Happy Fall!

Devonshire Court Covenant Review - Nuisances

No nuisances shall be allowed upon the condominium property and no person shall engage in any use, practice or activity upon the condominium



property and no person shall engage in any use, practice or activity upon the condominium property which is

noxious, offensive or a source of annoyance to unit owners or which reasonably interferes with the peaceful possession and proper use of the condominium property by unit owner. All part of the condominium property by any unit owner. All parts of the condominium shall be kept in clean and sanitary condition, and no rubbish, refuse or garbage

shall be allowed to exist. Any unit owner who shall dump or place (or permit his family, tenant, guests or agent to do so) any trash or debris upon any portion of the condominium property shall be liable to the condominium association for the actual cost of removal thereof or the sum of \$100.00, whichever is greater and the same shall be added to and become a part of the assessment next coming due to which the unit owner of his unit is subject. No unit owner shall permit any use of a unit or of the common areas and facilities which will increase the rate of the insurance upon the condominium property.

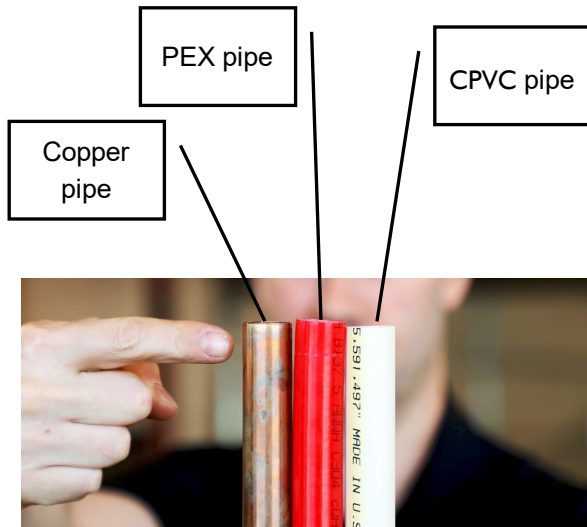
- Keep the neighborhood clean.
- Call 311 to schedule pick up of bulky items.



CPVC vs. PEX Piping

There are two main types of plumbing piping used in residential plumbing systems: CPVC and PEX. CPVC pipes are rigid and do not allow for expansion. This is important in the winter months when water freezes in pipes which can cause the pipe to burst. PEX is a flexible pipe that can expand which can lower the chance of burst pipes.

The Devonshire HOA is in the process of changing out the CPVC pipes to PEX pipes. You should be prepared to have pipes changed in your residence.



Beware of Copperhead Snakes

The sight of a snake — any snake — is enough to send most of us into a panic. But even though there are 37



species of snakes in North Carolina, the majority of them are non-venomous and not aggressive unless threatened. It's good to know the venomous

(sometimes called poisonous) snakes from the harmless ones, which are usually beneficial to keep around. A good rule of thumb is that most venomous snakes have a triangular or diamond-shaped head, while nonvenomous snakes have a



tapered head. Copperhead snakes are pit vipers or crotalids poisonous snakes that are named for the two heat sensing pits

used to locate prey that are positioned between the eyes and the nostrils. Baby copper heads have a yellow tail.

Fire Safety Tips

- * Smoke detectors NEVER sleep.
- * NEVER put water on a grease fire.
- * If you have a grease fire while cooking, FIRST cover it with a lid; THEN remove the pan from the stove or heat source.
- * NEVER run electrical cords under rugs or carpets.
- * Litter feeds fires, so PLEASE don't litter.
- * If you are burned, put cold water on it quickly.
- * Overloading electrical outlets IS a fire hazard.
- * Make sure that you turn your stove or oven off when done.
- * Keep poisons out of reach of children.



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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.