



BECTON PARK BULLETIN



Becton Park Established: 1985

Newsletter Date: Fall 2021

Neighborhood Vision:

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

Neighborhood Fence Project Progress



If you reside in one of the fourteen homes waiting for the new vinyl fence, we want you know that we are earning the hours for the matching grant. For every person that attends an event, we earn more hours toward the grant. We encourage everyone to come to at least one event to support the grant. The neighborhood benefits from the grant as well as the remaining fourteen (14) homes. You may not know this; but the fence project has been going on for at least ten years. Now that we are in the final few months of this project, we invite everyone to help us get the remaining 500 hours we need to finish the grant. If your gate is not attached to your fence or your fence no longer stands on it own you, should be excited for this final phase to be completed. When this grant is completed, everyone will have a new fence and gate.

We hope to see you at our events.

2021 Meeting Schedule

The Becton Park homeowner meeting schedule:

March 27, 2021

July 17, 2021

September 25, 2021

December is the Becton Park annual meeting and election. The annual meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 14, 2020 at 7:00pm

As homeowners in Becton Park, we are also members of the Lynton Place HOA.

The Lynton Place annual meeting and election is in May.

Charlotte Solid Waste Services

Solid Waste Services provides Charlotte residents with garbage, recycling, yard and bulk waste collection services.

Garbage is collected once a week on Mondays. Recycling is collected every other week on Mondays.

Garbage should be tied closed in bags prior to

putting it them in the garbage bin. Garbage bins should be placed six feet from the curb and the handle facing toward the home. Please allow three feet between garbage bins.

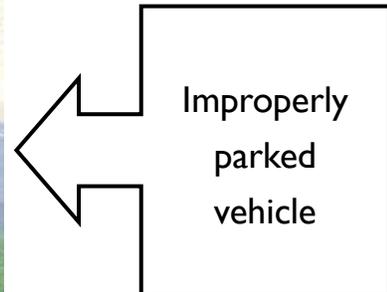
Bulky items such as mattresses, furniture, appliances and box springs may be collected

by appointment. You may schedule collection of bulky waste items by calling 311 or through the charmeck.org website. Items scheduled for bulk waste collection may be placed at the curb the day prior to the scheduled collection day.

REMINDER!!!!

There is **no** parking on the street or lawns in Becton Park

Improperly parked cars are subject to towing.



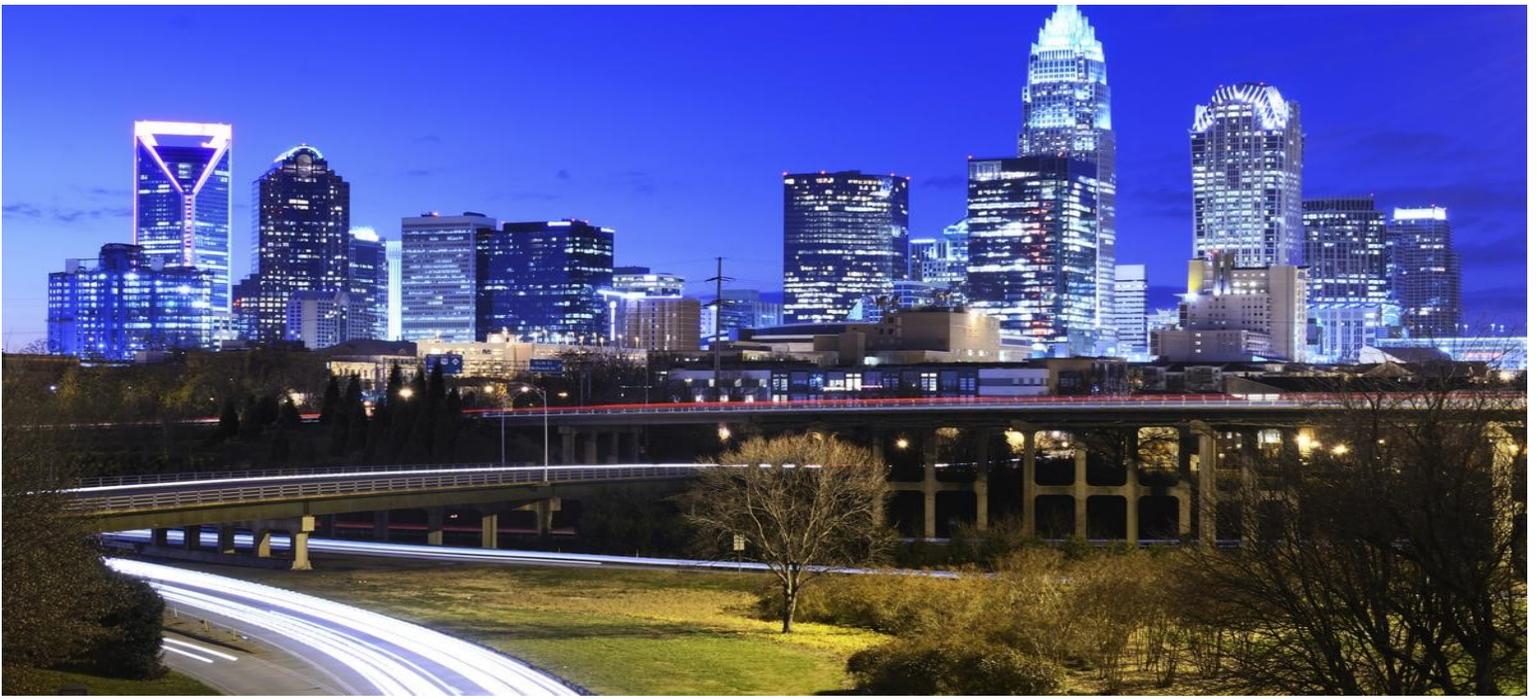
If you need an additional parking spaces for your guests, you may utilize the parking lot at the clubhouse provided you have done the following:

1. Notified and received approval from a Becton Park or Lynton Place Board member to park at the clubhouse parking lot.
2. You may park your vehicle at the clubhouse parking lot for no longer than two (2) consecutive days

Becton Park residents should not to park in the Devonshire parking lot.

Vehicle owners are responsible for their illegally parked vehicles.





Becton Park Grant Events

Becton Park has been awarded another grant to replace the remainder of the 30-year old wooden fence. This is the final phase of the fencing project and we are pleased to invite you to our 2021 events. Due to the COVID-19 social distancing restrictions, the number of attendees at each event may be limited. We encourage you to RSVP. Please note that events are subject to change.

Event Name	Date	Time
Taste Testing	Saturday, September 11, 2021	3:00pm - 5:00pm
Pure Romance Party	Saturday, September 18, 2021	3:00pm - 5:00pm
Paint and Sip	Sunday, September 26, 2021	2:00pm - 6:00pm
Paint and Sip	Saturday, October 9, 2021	2:00pm - 5:00pm
Beer, Pretzel and Peanuts	Saturday, October 23, 2021	3:00pm - 5:00pm
Crafting event	Saturday, November 6, 2021	3:00pm - 5:00pm

FREE



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Blind Taste Testing

Saturday, September 11, 2021

at the Lynton Place clubhouse

3:00pm - 5:00pm

All neighborhood renters, homeowners and friends are welcome!

The Taste of Charlotte is the City tasting event. We are having our own tasting of the national vs. the generic brands. Can you tell the difference? Now is the time to find out. Sometimes the generic brand is better and sometimes not. Perhaps you will find a new and cheaper brand.

The Best Time to Trim Trees

Even if your home's trees aren't overgrown or full of dead branches, they can often benefit from periodic trimming. Pruning can boost healthy growth on all types of trees and can encourage flowering on blooming varieties. It can also remove damaged branches that could pose a nuisance or cause damage in storms or high winds. If you've wondered how to trim the trees in your home's landscape, here are a few helpful tips:

When should you trim trees? According to the Arbor Day Foundation, light pruning and trimming to remove a tree's dead branches can be done anytime. While the timing of tree trimming varies with the different species and varieties, most trees are pruned when they are dormant to encourage hearty spring growth. However, it may be easier to identify dying or dead branches during summer months when the lack of leaves is obvious. To encourage flowering on blooming trees, prune just after the blossoms have faded. If you're trimming in order to shape a tree, it's probably easier to see the branches after the leaves have fallen. It's usually best to avoid trimming trees in the fall, because conditions are right for the spread of fungi and the tree cuts heal more slowly.

Where should you start? To decide where to trim, look at the top of the tree and work down. A

good rule of thumb is to avoid removing more than a quarter of a tree's crown in one season, and to keep the main side branches about a third smaller than the trunk's diameter. It's best to trim to enhance a tree's natural shape.

Make sure your tree cutting tools are sharp. Make clean cuts at slight angles, and don't cut too closely to the trunk. To trim trees that are larger than small ornamental trees, or for pruning jobs that require heavy equipment and large ladders, it's best to get professional help from a qualified tree specialist or arborist.

What else do my trees need to stay healthy? To stay healthy, your trees need water and fertilization, just like your lawn does. They can also benefit from mulch around their bases, to help hold in moisture and to protect the roots. You should inspect your trees' trunks and branches regularly for signs of disease or insect damage, and take steps to remedy any problems as quickly as possible.

Proper pruning can help your trees thrive and can even help you save money and give you safer, more beautiful trees that are easier to maintain. If you want to start trimming your trees but are tentative about tackling the job, start small and wait to see the results. With a little practice, you can become proficient at this rewarding gardening task.

Tree Trimming Tips for Your Home This Fall

Trees in the backyard are the homeowner's responsibility. Even if your home's trees aren't overgrown or full of dead branches, they can often benefit from periodic trimming. Pruning can boost healthy growth on all types of trees and can encourage flowering on blooming varieties. It can also remove damaged branches that could pose a nuisance or cause damage in storms or high winds.

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Ladies Only!!

Pure Romance Party

Ladies, join us on
September 18, 2021
3:00pm—5:00pm
At the clubhouse



Join us in the clubhouse for the second annual **ladies only** event!!! This is your chance to take charge of your love life. Get the tools to set the mood and bring back the romance! Learn about the special Pure Romance items and products.



Ladies, this is going to be fun!! We will have raffles, freebies, games, a little snack and a chance to purchase your favorite Pure Romance items.

Take your purchase home and try them out that night!
Oh my!!



Paint 'n' Sip

This is a Community event to support the Becton Park neighborhood grant to continue to replace old/ broken fence in the community, and a NEW Becton Park Sign.



COUPLES WELCOME!

September 26, 2021
AT: LYNTON CLUBHOUSE
2:00—6:00 PM, Sunday
Please RSVP To Guarantee a seat:
lyns3@yahoo.com
*Limited to 12 paint set-up stations/seats



The best 'gift' is a personal, handmade one! Paint this for someone you love.

PERFECT for; Mom, Grandma, Wife, Husband, Sister, Brother, Cousin, Partner, Special Someone... 'Steal their Heart' with the one you paint for them.



Painting Instructed by Randi (see image below)
* This is an example. Everyone's canvas will vary based on your own experience, style, and creative artist within you. Have fun with it!

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RSVP:
TO GRAB YOUR SPOT.
(Includes 1 canvas board, paint, and 1-2 cup of wine.)
Donations/Tips are welcome for cost of supplies & wine.

*We will social distance, so spots are limited!
You must be 21+ years old to attend.
Max of 12 people.

Checking Your Smoke Detector

A smoke detector is one of those things around your home you probably take for granted. More than likely, you don't even know it's there. Unless, of course, it's sounding an alarm or making that annoying chirping noise that signals it's time to replace the battery.

The truth is, your smoke detector is one of the most important devices in your house. It can save your life in an emergency, bringing a fire to your attention so you and your family have time to get to safety. In order for these tiny devices to do their jobs, though, they need some very basic routine maintenance. Find out what you need



to know about checking your smoke detectors.

checking your smoke detectors is a relatively simple process. There are three primary types of smoke detectors: battery operated, lithium battery operated and hardwired. Before you check anything, you should first confirm which type is in your home.

Most smoke detectors are powered by 9-volt batteries. To check these, climb up on a step stool, remove the plastic cap from the detector, replace the battery and press the test button. If you hear an alarm signal, all is clear.

4 Things to Do with All Those Fall Leaves

1. Make compost

Did you know that the leaves from one large shade tree can pack as many nutrients as \$50 worth of plant food? To make sure your leaves break down efficiently, consider adding a compost component with high levels of nitrogen (manure and Agrinite are good examples). Also remember to shred your leaves to prevent them from blowing in the wind. Remember to turn your pile over every few days, and you'll have a rich compost in a matter of weeks.

2. Use them as mulch

Autumn leaves can also serve as a substitute for store-bought mulch. Why use mulch? It has several "green" benefits: organic mulch decomposes into the soil, increasing both its fertility and moisture. Remember to shred leaves before mulching—unshredded leaves make it difficult for water to

permeate the soil. Fortunately, you don't need a shredder to do the job. Just shred what's already on your grass when you [mow your lawn](#).

3. Get crafty

Hear us out—there are dozens of crafting opportunities sitting right in your front yard. Decorate a fall wreath with pinecones, mums, and dried leaves, or use leaves as templates for note cards or decorative stencils. You can also press a dried leaf between two panes of glass for a simple, elegant piece of art.

4. Make a leaf pile

Can't see your grass under all those leaves? Leaf raking is a great—and fun—autumn job for the kids. Why? Because they (and you, of course) get to jump into a massive, crunchy leaf pile after they're finished. Fall

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Becton Park Paint and Sip

Saturday, October 9, 2021

Time: 2:00pm - 5:00pm

In the Lynton Place clubhouse

There will be 28 available seats.
Seats are first come first served.



We are doing it again!!!! That is right, we are doing another paint and sip! The last time we had this event on July 10th, it was almost completely full. We are converting the clubhouse into a painting studio. Tiffany will be back to walk us through another painting session. This time we are working on a fall themed painting. Come early to get a seat.

Lynton Place Contacts

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Vanessa Coles vanessadcoles@gmail.com 704-488-2668
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Treasurer	Shawn Horton ssdot28@aol.com
Secretary	Randi Salvatore lyns3@yahoo.com
At Large	Joe Ayers joeayers2000@hotmail.com

New Property Manager

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3030 Latrobe Drive

Charlotte, NC 28211

Property Manager Assistant

Verla Decker 704-535-1122

Verla.decker@hendersonproperties.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- and follow the prompts to report an emergency.

Check out the community website at

Www.Lyntonplacecommunity.com

Why Should You Attend a Grant Event?

Why would I bother attending these events? I pay my HOA dues. The fence is the responsibility of the HOA. You won't see me there.

Really? 14 of our neighbors have fences and gates in serious need of replacement. The sooner we get the hours, the sooner they get their new fence and gate. Think about this.....to complete this project, each homeowner could pay about \$569 or they could spend 20 hours at these events having fun and meeting your neighbors. No pressure; but, you should come to at least one event and see for yourself.



Free Event!



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BEER, PRETZELS AND PEANUTS

Saturday, October 23, 2021

at the Lynton Place clubhouse

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm



Maybe you aren't interested in making jewelry, wreaths and fleece blankets. Are you more interested in having an ice cold beer? Yes, we are having a beer tasting event. Don't expect

to find the common beers at this event; but, we will have great tasting beer for you to enjoy. Join us in the clubhouse. Come and take a seat and take have a sip of **Beer**; a bite of **Pretzels** and a handful of **Peanuts**. This isn't just tasting beer. This is a beer pairing event. We will enjoy four beers with an accompanying food pairing. No one is leaving hungry.

You must be at least 21 years of age to participate in this event.

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FALL CRAFTING EVENT

Saturday, November 6, 2021

at the Lynton Place clubhouse

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm



The days are getting shorter. As the days get cooler, you may spend more time indoors and a chill may come over you. Join us in the clubhouse. We are making a no sew blanket. The blanket is the perfect size to put on your lap. Make one for yourself or make one for a friend for Christmas. We are making the perfect accompaniment to a cup of tea or coffee.