

Homeowner Association Meeting

Thanks to everyone who was able to participate on October 29! At the meeting, the community voted against assigned parking spaces, and voted for replacing areas with fescue grass with Bermuda grass.

Pine Needles

Moving forward, pine straw will be distributed twice a year: one time in front yards, and one time in all areas. The delay this year was due to the dry weather preventing fresh, quality needles.

Speed Bump Removal

The City of Charlotte required Bennington Place to remove speed bumps from Bennington Place Drive. Our streets have not been officially turned over to the City from the developer. Once they are, we will request speed bumps be installed.

Portrait Final Touches

Portrait has been working on the 5 page list of repair requests we gave them over a year ago. Many small issues have already been completed on individual homes and bigger issues are being addressed around the neighborhood. The final challenge is getting the dead tree behind building 24 removed. Portrait has stated that they will be removing this tree as soon as they contract with someone to do it.

Architectural Changes

Please remember to complete and submit an architectural change form to William Douglas before doing ANY work to the outside of your home. This includes any major overhauling of front gardens and back gardens if not fenced in. This form can be found at: www.benningtonplace.com

Violation Forms

This is the most effective way to complain about a nuisance in your community. Noise complaints, speeding complaints, etc. can all be addressed by using this simple form. In order for this to be effective, you must include the address of the violator! Once a

complaint is received, a notice is sent to the violator for resolution. This form is also found at: www.benningtonplace.com

Holiday Decorations

(from the Rules & Regulations) "Artificial holiday flowers, greenery and lights are acceptable during established holiday timeframes:

- Two weeks prior to and one week after a holiday such as Easter or Halloween
- One month prior to Christmas/Hanukkah. All decorations must be removed by January 15th.

Every year the holiday decorations keep getting better! Get out and decorate!

Thanksgiving Facts

Around 280 million turkeys are sold for the Thanksgiving
Fifty percent of Americans put the stuffing inside the Turkey
Twenty percent of cranberries eaten are eaten on Thanksgiving
More than 40 million green bean casseroles are served on Thanksgiving
Thanksgiving was first declared a National Day in 1789 by George Washington
Thomas Jefferson mocked the idea of having thanksgiving
President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving in 1863
In 1941 Thanksgiving was finally sanctioned by Congress as the last Thursday in November

Holiday Safety

CMPD asks that you help them reduce crime in our area and throughout Charlotte this holiday season. Keep your doors and windows locked at all times. Let a neighbor know if you are leaving town. Keep gifts away from windows. Keep your car locked at all times and always remove valuables from your car.

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Holiday Events at RiverGate

Saturday, December 1st--Visit with Santa 3pm-5pm

Saturday, December 8th--Visit with Santa 12 noon-2pm; take a Horse and Carriage ride 1pm-4pm; and enjoy Carolers 12 noon-3pm

Sunday, December 16th--Visit with Santa 1pm-3pm; and enjoy Carolers 1pm-4pm

Saturday, December 22nd--Horse & Carriage rides 1pm-4pm; and visit with Santa 3pm-5pm

Sunday, December 23rd--Enjoy Carolers from 1pm-4pm

RiverGate will also be a Toys For Tots drop-off site December 14-16. Please consider helping a less fortunate child have a great Christmas!

Steele Creek News

(Source: steelecreekresidents.org)

Pup & Pattie's Pet Festival is November 17 at Berewick Manor House

Berewick is hosting a Pet Festival at the Manor House on Saturday, November 17th from 11:00 PM to 2:00 PM. This is a community fundraiser and we wanted to invite all of our Steele Creek area neighbors. Take a look at what you'll see:

- The Humane Society and CMPD will be featuring animals for adoption.
- Information on Microchipping, Spay/Neuter Programs, Pet First Aid, etc.
- Pet Fashion Show
- Pet Talent Show
- Caricatures of You and Your Pet
- Games, food and more!

For more information call 704-583-9772 x2

New Bus Routes Coming to Steele Creek November 26

(October 20, 2007) New bus stop signs are popping up along Steele Creek roads. When the new LYNX Blue Line light rail service begins on November 26, buses will be following new and revised route through Steele Creek.

New routes include:

[41X - Steele Creek Express](#)

The former Arrowood Express route is renamed Steele Creek Express. It will begin at RiverGate and follow S Tryon Street and I-77 to central Charlotte. It will make a loop into the Whitehall park and ride lot.

[42 - Carowinds Boulevard](#)

This route will connect South Point Business Park and Carowinds Boulevard to the I-485/South Boulevard light rail station.

[55 - Westinghouse](#)

This new route will follow a loop along Westinghouse Boulevard, through Westlake Business Park to Steele Creek Road, then along Brown-Grier Road, Whitehall Park Drive, and S Tryon Street back to Westinghouse Boulevard. It then will follow Westinghouse Boulevard to the Sharon Road West light rail station.

[56 - Arrowood](#)

This route will go up S Tryon Street from RiverGate, loop to the Whitehall park and ride lot, and then follow Arrowood Road to the Arrowood light rail station. The route will serve the Harper campus of CPCC and have alternate side trips through Arrowood business park.

The Arrowood Shuttle is being discontinued. See all the route change on CATS' [BUS/RAIL Integration](#) web site: www.charmeck.org

Have a suggestion, question, or comment? Visit the **community website** at www.benningtonplace.com to participate in the message board. You will also find the latest news posted.