

Stowe Creek Connection

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Notes From The Board

Charlotte's Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was signed on May 20, 1775, a full year prior to the National equivalent.

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A BIG Thank You, Stowe Creek!

Our community is improving every day thanks to you and our volunteers.

- We are grateful to **all of our residents** who have worked so hard over the past two months to improve their properties appearance.
- Special thanks to **all of our residents** who have paid their assessments during these tough economic times.
- Our pool is well managed thanks to our Pool Committee Chair, **Sarah Chase** and our Vice President, **Michael Holden**.
- The pool party was a big success thanks to our Social Committee Co-chairs,

Ebony Jones and Shannon Mouzon.

- We really appreciate the efforts of board members **Courtney Gendron** and **Amanda Carson** for their work on the compliance policy and upgrading the inspection process.
- The appearance of our common areas is improving thanks to **Jeremy Schreiber's** work as Chair of the Landscape Committee. Jeremy will be restarting our yard of the month program shortly.
- **Adam Richards** has been quietly working behind the scenes as the Chair of the Architectural Review Committee. Adam needs some volunteers.
- We certainly appreciate **Michael Nicely**

and our **block captains** of our neighborhood watch program.

- Special thanks to **Kim Dull** for all her work on this newsletter.
- **Rita Barrett**, our community manager, for her tremendous support.
- Thanks to **all of our committee volunteers** for their support.
- Respect for our community, each other and ourselves is the key to making Stowe Creek a great place to live!

Thanks
Ed Runte'



Announcements

There will be a Community Meeting on Thursday, July 30th at Morningstar United Methodist Church, 11440 Shopton Road West. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm.

Join us for a Community Yard Sale July 25th from 7am-3pm! All neighbors are invited to participate. The social committee will be posting flyers to promote the event. If you have any special items you would like included on the flyer, contact Ebony Jones at e4ebony@yahoo.com

A Note on Safety

CMPD is working closely with our Neighborhood Watch to prevent trespassing and loitering after hours.

If you have been to the Pool, Basketball Courts or Playground recently, you may have seen the "No Trespassing" signs posted that warn no one is allowed to use these areas from 8pm-10am. Our Neighborhood Watch has recently gone through the paperwork necessary to have CMPD act on the behalf of our neighborhood. If anyone is found in those common areas during those hours, CMPD will remove them. The officers have the authority to arrest the offenders. This action was necessary after receiving many complaints from residents noting basketball being played well into the night.

If you see someone in those areas during those hours, simply call 911 to report it and the officers will know they can remove the individuals and send them on their way. If you have kids that

use these common area, please make sure they are aware of the hours. The "dawn to dusk" playing limit still applies to playing basketball in your driveway.



Regardless of what time of day it is, if the gates to the pool are locked and there is no lifeguard on duty, you are not allowed to be inside the pool area (even with pool passes). Recently, CMPD has been called out for several incidents where residents have gone through the locked gates and climbed over the fence to get into the pool outside of normal pool hours.

Another issue that has come to our attention lately is neighborhood kids cutting through yards to get to the pool and basketball courts. The residents have been advised to call 911 when anyone is trespassing on their property. Police are getting involved due to some of the kids having serious attitudes when questioned by the homeowner. This will not be tolerated. We realize that kids are out of school now and just want to have fun, but we also want to keep everyone safe and ensure that Stowe Creek is an enjoyable place to live for every resident.



Be on the lookout for upcoming Social Events in the Community in the next issue of Stowe Creek Connection!



Fun in the Sun at this year's Stowe Creek Pool Party!

Concerns Over Clover

Chemical Correction

Clover has become quite a problem for many of our lawns. Here are a few tips to get rid of this troublesome weed.

For a chemical solution, you can follow the advice of our community landscaper, Stephen Mosko.

1. Using a selective herbicide with product 2-4D. A good product is the Weed-B-Gon Max from Home Depot in the one gallon size with a small sprayer for \$12.99. Also at John Deere Landscapes the product 2-4D is available.
2. Using a non-selective herbicide such as



Roundup or a kill all weed killer. This product is also available at Home Depot. I do not recommend this product if you just want to control clover. This product will kill the grass and clover and all other vegetation in the lawn in the areas that are treated. It is the fastest way to kill clover, however a week later you will have a dead spot on your lawn.

According to Stephen, you do not want to use a granular Pre-Emergent for control of the clover at this time of year. This product is a preventative and will not work to eliminate clover during the summer season. Pre-emergent can be used at the beginning of the year (preferably in March) to prevent lawn weeds.

How To Organically Get Rid of Clover in the Lawn

By Willi Galloway, eHow Contributing Writer

- Step 1** Clover has small fibrous roots that are easy to remove by hand. Simply water your grass well in the very early morning and then pull up the clover a few hours later. A small hand weeder makes the job easier. If this seems like drudgery, invite over a friend, make some mimosas, and chat while you do the job!
- Step 2** In the spring and fall spread 1/4- to 1/2-inch of compost over your [lawn](#). Be sure to use compost that has a fine texture. Fill a wheelbarrow with compost and pour the compost out in a line. Then use a bow rake to spread the compost out thinly. Your grass should poke up through the compost. Over a period of two to three weeks the compost will sift down through the grass and disappear. Compost adds organic matter and nutrients to your soil.
- Step 3** When you mow your lawn don't bag up the clippings and cart them to the curb. Grass clippings are rich in nitrogen and break down quickly, adding organic matter back into your soil. Use a [mower](#) with a mulching blade to recycle the grass clippings back into your lawn. And remember that this "grasscycling" doesn't cause thatch--over fertilizing is the culprit.
- Step 4** Mow your grass to a height of three inches because taller grass shades out weeds. Never mow off more than 1/3 of the grass at one time and make sure to have your [lawn mower's](#) blade sharpened each spring.
- Step 5** Check with your local university cooperative extension or Master Gardeners for the best time to fertilize lawns in your area, as recommendations differ depending on region. In most areas of the United States, it's best to fertilize in early fall. Use a granulated organic lawn fertilizer.

Article reprinted from http://www.ehow.com/how_2091454_rid-clover-lawn.html

Stowe Creek Classifieds

Lawn and Landscape Maintenance



REGULAR SERVICE
Mowing, Edging, Trimming

FULL SERVICE
Regular service + Weed Control,
Hedge Trimming, Fertilization,
Flower Bed Cleanup, Mulch
Installation, Aeration

* Licensed & Insured *

2009 Introductory Special - \$20 - regular service

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Do you have a business or product you would like to advertise? Contact kmdull@gmail.com to get your ad in the Stowe Creek classifieds.

The Stowe Creek HOA is not responsible for services rendered or damages incurred by any business or service advertised in the Stowe Creek Connection.

Your Stowe Creek Board and Committees

Your Stowe Creek HOA Board Members and Committee Chairs are listed below. If you have any questions or would like to become more involved in the neighborhood, please contact one of the board members or the chairperson of the committee with which you would like to become involved.

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