

Lynwood Lakes News

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Life is what happens while we're making other plans.

Proposed Asphalt Plant Meeting February 14th

Recently it came to the attention of several Lynwood Lakes residents that a request has been made for rezoning and a special use permit for an approximately 14.5 acre site on Liberty Road, directly across the road from the Martin Marietta rock quarry. The first notice of this proposed action was in the form of a legal posting in the Greensboro News-Record on February 2, 2007 and by a posted sign on the affected property.

The rezoning and special use permit are being requested to build an asphalt plant. As I am sure all of you are aware, an asphalt plant is among the worst neighbors anyone could have. Asphalt production, which requires multiple types of chemicals and petroleum products, and transportation of the finished product create multiple environmental problems. All asphalt plants release hazardous air pollution and toxins. Exposure to these toxins have been proven to cause respiratory problems, central nervous system problems, skin irritation, cancer, and liver damage. Neighborhoods located near asphalt plants have also suffered from major declines in property value. If you have internet access you owe it to yourself and your family to research this type of business. Go to Google.com for a great way to learn more on this issue.

The Guilford County Planning Board meeting on these requests is scheduled for February 14, 2007 at the Old Guilford County Courthouse located at 300 W. Market St. The meeting will be on the 2nd floor. Business Meeting starts at 6:30PM and the Public Hearing at 7:00PM. All Lynwood Lakes Residents are encouraged to attend to show our united opposition to this potential neighborhood threat.

Neighborhood Water and Sewer Meeting February 15th

As many of you know petitions have been circulating since late last year in regards to possible extension of water and sewer lines throughout the Lynwood Lakes neighborhood. As residents were able to read the petition it became apparent that there were many questions to be answered. Just a sampling of questions included total cost for water and sewer lines, total cost for water lines only for those who already have sewer service available, the projected timeline for installation of lines, the cost of tapping on to the lines when finished, and annexation plans of the City of Greensboro, just to name a few.

With this in mind the Lynco Board decided it would be in the best interests of not only Lynco members but the entire neighborhood to schedule a neighborhood meeting with government representatives who can give accurate information to our questions. There is no question that water and sewer service WILL be coming to our neighborhood in the not too distant future. It is just a matter of when and how much it will cost each of us for the service, each individual family's need for the services and the additional city taxes we will pay when annexed by the City of Greensboro. We hope that all who attend this meeting will acquire enough information to make a sound decision as to when we want this water and sewer project.

The meeting will be held February 15, 2007 at Moriah United Methodist Church on Liberty Road at 7:00PM. Betty Garrett and other Guilford County representatives who can give informed answers to your questions will be on hand.

Southeastern Guilford Town Meetings Set For February 22nd and 24th

A community meeting organized by the Forest Oaks Community Association (FOCA) and members of the Lions Club was held at Alamance Presbyterian Church on January 29th. Among those present at the meeting were the Mayor of Pleasant Garden, Rick Wallace; President of the Southeast Community Business Association, Denise Osborne; members of FOCA and the Lions Club, and at least 6 residents of Lynwood Lakes. The group is in the process of creating a Southeastern Guilford area community association that can pool the talents and resources of several different existing associations in the area and eliminate duplicate efforts on the issues that affect our region.

The main topics of this meeting were:

1. Choose a name for the new association or group
2. Discuss the immediate goals and focus of the group
3. An update on 2 grocery store chains trying to open in our area (Lowe's Foods and Food Lion) and the water/sewer problems that are stopping them
4. Setting dates for community-wide town meetings

It was decided to schedule the Town Meetings February 22nd at 7:00PM and February 24th at 10:00AM. Both meetings will be held at the Moose Lodge on Blakeshire Road. Issues to be discussed include new water and sewer boundary maps, new Highway 421 interchanges and road closings, residential growth patterns, and business development for the Southeastern Guilford region. This portion of Guilford County has long been neglected as compared to other sections of the county but the future of this area appears to be in for rapid change now. All Lynwood Lakes residents are encouraged to attend at least one of these meetings. This new association needs all the ideas and support that it can receive, especially in these formative stages, so as to better represent everyone in the area. The group intends to schedule a later meeting with county representatives to discuss concerns and ideas for our area. You can have a say in what the association sets as its goals and purpose. Don't miss this chance. See you there!

Holiday Recap

We hope everyone has had a great Holiday season and New Year so far! As in years past Lynco events included the Annual Christmas Party, Christmas Decorating contest, and the return of Pork Butts (after a 1 year absence). All the events were well supported by the Lynwood Lakes community and it appeared everyone had a great time.

Judging for the decorating contest was difficult this year due to so many worthy displays by our neighbors. After careful consideration a group of judges from outside Lynwood Lakes chose the following for this year's awards.

The Judge's Choice award went to the Monroe family at 1808 Whiteley Place. First place in Traditional went to the Tuttle's at 2007 Lynwood Drive and second to The Boyces at 2112 Lynwood. The winner in the Religious category was the Morton family of 2906 Van Noppen and runners-up the Stouts at 2210 Ledford Road. In the Novelty group the McGradys at 2015 Lynwood Drive were first and the Allreds of 5300 Mockingbird were runners-up. Thanks go out to everyone who participated and helped make Lynwood Lakes one of the most festive Holiday neighborhoods anywhere!

Coming Events

We strive to cover all Lynco and Lynwood Lakes related events so you can be aware of all our neighborhood has to offer. Watch this space for further updates.

New Neighbors

If you have recently moved to Lynwood Lakes or you know someone that has, let us know so we may all welcome our new neighbors. Space did not allow this edition's planned update but watch for it in our next issue!

Contacting Us

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<http://lynco.webhop.org/>

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What Will Happen To OUR Middle-Aged Neighborhood?

First we are "born". Then there is the "growing period". We then reach "maturity". Then comes the inevitable decline and end that father time guarantees to all of us. Such is the fate of the human. An average 80 year "life-cycle" - more or less. Many believe the same holds true for most residential neighborhoods; except in a 25-40 year period, or "life-cycle". All neighborhoods are "born" at some time, have a "growing period", and eventually reach "maturity". But we have some control over the impending decline and death of our own neighborhood.

Having been born in 1958, a good part of my "growing period" was during the mid 1960's to mid 1970's. During that time I had friends in the Rolling Roads and Hillsdale Park neighborhoods of Greensboro. These were 2 separate neighborhoods only because of a manmade barrier - Interstate 40. In those days each neighborhood had it's own swimming pool, clubhouse, tennis courts, and community associations. Needless to say I "lived" in those neighborhoods during the summer as much as possible! Each neighborhood was competitive with the other. I obviously didn't realize it then, but each of these neighborhoods was in it's own "growing period" and rapidly reaching "maturity".

Fast forward to today. Both neighborhoods are now over 40 years old, which is near the end of the average "life-cycle". In driving through those areas the last few years it could not go unnoticed that both neighborhoods had lost their swimming pools, clubhouses, and tennis courts. Both locations were empty lots. Not improved and built over lots but EMPTY LOTS. While the exact details are unknown as to how and why, one thing is certain. Both neighborhoods lost everything they were at one time so proud of due to nonsupport of their community associations. They had to dig their pools out of the ground, tear down their clubhouses, and destroy their tennis courts. Thousands of dollars and community pride. Down the drain.

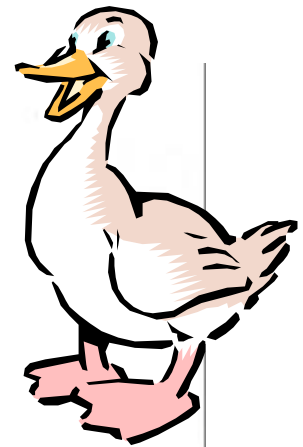
The Lynwood Lakes and surrounding neighborhood were "born" in the early to middle 1960's. They went through a slower "growing period" than city counterparts due to a more rural surrounding and lack of water and sewer service, among other factors. Lynwood Lakes could be said to just now be reaching it's "maturity" stage. This is great--SO FAR. The question is what do we do now? With only about half of the eligible property owners supporting our own Lynco Club AND with constantly rising everyday expenses AND mounting maintenance issues (the large lake dam being a major problem), we as a neighborhood are looking at some hard questions that will have to be answered in the near term. What comes down the road (quite literally Liberty Road and Highway 421) the next few years will have a profound effect on the health of our neighborhood and more importantly you and your neighbors. Just in the last few years, months and even the last few days we have seen several issues .

1. A proposed asphalt plant across Liberty Road from the Martin-Marietta rock quarry
2. A petition proposing installation of water and sewer lines throughout Lynwood Lakes
3. Proposed closing of Harmont Road (among others along Liberty Road and Highway 421) and construction of major interchanges and/or cloverleaves off Highway 421 and Liberty Road
4. A new Southeastern Guilford Community Association being formed to help promote controlled but reasonable growth for our area
5. The failure to attract basic businesses to our area such as grocers, restaurants, drugstores, healthcare clinics, etc., (mainly due to water and sewer issues)

In summary, "business as usual" in our neighborhood is about to draw to a close. Will we progress or regress? That all depends on what we ALL do as a neighborhood. The choice is ours. Will we be like Hillsdale Park and Rolling Roads and lose our swimming pools (the Lynwood Lakes themselves)? Will our neighborhood decline because we carried on "business as usual"? I think Lynwood Lakes residents are proud enough to join together to prevent this decline but time is passing us by. If we do not take control of our neighborhood then outside influences and interests will.

You have all read in this newsletter many articles about joining our neighborhood association; the Lynco Club. Now is the most important time in the history of Lynwood Lakes to join. Membership provides many benefits that have been written and re-written multiple times in this newsletter, and I don't plan to rehash them in this article. Members dues and fundraisers are the only source of income for the Lynco Club and in today's world it quite simply is not going to be enough. The large lake dam repair project alone is expected to COMPLETELY drain the entire Lynco treasury (based on preliminary engineering and construction estimates from several companies). Lynco members have always volunteered to help at no charge in forming work parties, overseeing lake upkeep, dam maintenance, pig pick'n's and so forth; but there will be a time when problems will arise that no amount of volunteering will solve. It will take money and money alone to solve those problems. For all the longtime members of the Lynco Club, A PAT ON THE BACK. For former Lynco Club members, WE WANT YOU BACK! For new neighbors who haven't had a chance to join yet, contact any Lynco Board Member. Increasing our membership will go a long way towards making sure Lynwood Lakes remains a neighborhood to be proud of. Please join us TODAY!

**LYNCO CLUB
2007 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND OR APPLICATION**



		PLEASE CHECK
RENEWAL	\$150.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
NEW MEMBER ONE TIME APPLICATION	\$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP	\$150.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<u>\$400.00</u>	
ONE TIME RE-JOIN *	\$150.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

* The Lynco Board has made a one time exception. If you have previously joined LYNCO and let your membership dues lapse you can re-join as a active member for just \$150.00

MEMBERS NAME _____

SPOUSE NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

 Greensboro, North Carolina 27406

PHONE # _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

OTHERS LIVING IN YOUR HOME _____

CHECK IF OVER 21 YEARS OLD

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This year each member living at your home will receive a "stretchy" bracelet , you will also receive 3 extra for guests. The bracelet has LYNCO 2007 imprinted on the front and imprinted on the inside of the bracelet is the combination to the locks at the swim area.

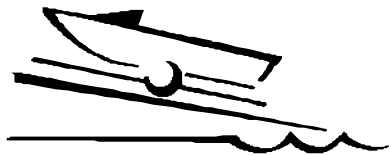
If you are going to use the swim area please wear your bracelet. All those under 21 that are not accompanied by an active adult member must have a bracelet on. Those not having a bracelet will be required to leave the swim area.

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER ON PROJECTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY PLEASE INDICATE HERE. IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL SKILL PLEASE INDICATE.

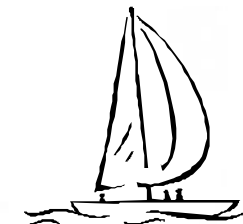
YES I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER

I AM SKILLED AT _____

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LYNCO CLUB INC
2202 Lynwood Drive
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A new LYNCO decal and proof of liability insurance are required annually for all boats left on or operated on Lynco property -- it's lakes, launch area or right-of-way. A boat is defined herein in the normal sense, but also includes jet skies, water bikes, paddle boats, or any other vessel used for transporation on the water. Annual Lynco dues have to be paid before boat can be registered and used on Lynwood Lakes.

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____
 HOME PHONE NO. _____

TYPE OF BOAT _____ COLOR _____ LENGTH _____
 MAKE OF MOTOR _____ HP/CC'S _____ NC REG# _____

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LIABILITY INSURANCE COMPANY _____
 AGENT _____ INSURANCE PHONE NUMBER _____

I HAVE READ THE BOATING RULES OF LYNCO CLUB OF LYNWOOD LAKES. MY FAMILY AND MYSELF WILL ABIDE BY THESE RULES OR RISK LOSS OF LAKE PRIVILEGES OR MEMBERSHIP AT THE DISCRETION OF THE LYNCO BOARD.

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT ALL ENTIRES LISTED ABOVE ARE TRUE AND THAT I WILL KEEP MY INSURANCE CURRENT FOR THE YEAR.

LYNCO MEMBER _____ DATE _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES HAVE BEEN PAID
 TREASURER SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

INSPECTED BY: _____ DATE _____

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