

The Withers Grove Homeowners Association Presents

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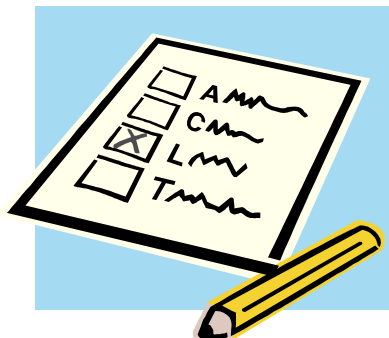


Withers Grove Annual Meeting Monday, October 20th

The annual Withers Grove Home Owners' Association meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 20th, 2008 at the Lakeview Church on Erwin Road. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.. Pizza and snacks will be served. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Your attendance is strongly encouraged.

Included on the agenda is the election of 3 members of the Board of Directors. If you are interested in seeking a position, please complete the information form included in the meeting packet mailed to your home in late September, and return it to Abbott Enterprises by October 10th, or contact Rachel Gold at (704) 527-2314 or rgold@abbottexcellence.com.

Homeowners unable to attend the annual meeting should sign and return the proxy which was included in the meeting packet and is inserted on page 4 of this newsletter. All that is required is the signature and property address of the homeowner. The proxy will allow existing Board members to vote on your behalf. Without sufficient attendance or collection of proxies, the election will not be completed in a timely manner. Promptly drop the signed proxy in the newspaper box at 11536 Withers Mill, near the main entrance to Withers Grove.



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Rehabilitate Lawn Now and Avoid Violations Later

October is the ideal time of year to improve the condition of your lawn. Cautious optimism has allowed Mecklenburg County to revise the water restrictions that have been enforced recently. Homeowners at odd numbered addresses may now water on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Even numbered addresses may water on Thursdays and Sundays. This is great news for establishing a healthy lawn. Now is the time to aerate, fertilize and seed. Fescue lawns love the cool weather that comes with the Fall and it will come in nicely with a little watering.

The Board of Directors has instructed Abbott Enterprises to contact homeowners who are in violation of the Lawn Care Guidelines for Withers Grove and encourage them to begin the process to rehabilitate their lawns. You may view the guidelines at www.Withersgrove.org. Violations occur mostly for not mowing, excessive weeds, and bare spots in turf.

The Board is responsible for leading the effort to maintain property values within Withers Grove. The appearance of well kept lawns, gardens, and shrubs goes a long way to keeping Withers Grove looking its best for potential homeowners. Recently, after violations and associated fines did not result in compliance, the Board was required to hire a lawn care company to begin regular maintenance of a vacant property that had become very unsightly. The cost is being charged to the homeowner. The Board recognizes how one unkempt property can seriously affect how Withers Grove is perceived by realtors and buyers and will enforce lawn care guidelines as required. The Board must rely on homeowners to put forth effort to help maintain our home values, especially during this challenging real estate market. Kudos to those homeowners whom have already killed weeds, and seeded their yard! Let's all do our part and keep our neighborhood beautiful.

October is Lawn Establishment Month!

Aerate!

Fertilize!

Seed!





Safety and Security

The Safety and Security Committee has remained an active committee for a number of years thanks to the leadership of its chair, John West. John and his family recently relocated to Matthews to be closer to other family members. He will be greatly missed for his volunteer spirit and willingness to keep Withers Grove informed of safety and security issues and opportunities. The Board of Directors would like to thank John for his many hours of community service.

The Safety and Security Committee helped facilitate the hiring of a police officer to patrol the neighborhood on July 4th. No incidents were reported, and the effort is considered to be a success.

You may have noticed Neighborhood Watch signs posted around the neighborhood. Alan Marfin lead the effort to install them. Thanks Alan! As always, active block captains are needed to make the Neighborhood Watch program viable and successful. Contact Steve Chaffin at schaffin1@carolina.rr.com if you can help in any way.

- As a reminder, if you see someone or something seeming suspicious or just doesn't look right, call 911. It the responsibility of each and every member of this community to look out for our neighbors.
- Don't keep valuables in your car. The Charlotte Observer has reported an alarming number of car break ins on Winget Road in the last several months.

General Information and Reminders

- It is against county ordinance to park vehicles on lawns. Non-compliance may result in a fine from the county.
- Be considerate of your neighbors when parking vehicles in the street. Try to remember to not make it difficult for homeowners to access their driveway or back up safely.
- The posted speed limit is 25 mph in the community.
- Mow grass weekly in growing seasons.
- Treat for weeds in driveways, sidewalks, and lawns.
- Paint shutters to maintain a fresh appearance.



WITHERS GROVE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

PROXY

The undersigned member of the Withers Grove Homeowners' Association, Inc., a North Carolina non-profit corporation (the "Association"), does hereby constitute and appoint _____ (or the president of the Association if a proxy is not named in said blank) the undersigned's true and lawful attorney(s), with full power of substitution, to attend the substitute annual Meeting of Members of the Association to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 2008 at the Lakeview Church (formerly Cathedral of the Cross Church & School), 13925 Erwin Rd., Charlotte, North Carolina, (unless notified otherwise through further mailings) and any adjournment thereof, and thereat to vote or otherwise act in respect of the membership of the undersigned in said Association, hereby granting said attorney(s) full power and authority to act for the undersigned at said meeting or any adjournment thereof, upon the matters set forth in the Notice of Substitute Annual Meeting of Members dated September 26, 2008 as fully as the undersigned could do if personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said attorney(s), or any of them, may do in my name, place and stead.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of said Notice of said meeting dated September 26, 2008, and hereby revokes any proxy or proxies with respect to the membership of the undersigned in the Association heretofore given by the undersigned to any person or persons other than those named above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Proxy on the _____ day of _____, 2008.

CORPORATE EXECUTION

INDIVIDUAL EXECUTION

Name of Corporate Owner

_____[SEAL]
Signature

By _____
Signature of Officer

Print Name

Title of Office

_____[SEAL]
Signature

Print Name

**NOTE: Husband and wife should sign
for individual execution.**

Property Address

Signed proxies may be dropped in the newspaper box at 11536 Withers Mill near the entrance of Withers Grove