

# What's Flowing in the Creek

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Welcome to the Spring edition of *What's Flowing in the Creek*, Steele Creek's community newsletter published quarterly:

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## Community Concerns

The Board of Directors would like to reiterate the following:

**Pet Owners:** Bring a poop scoop or plastic bag to clean up after pets when walking them. Remember, Charlotte leash law requires dogs be on a leash or contained in a fence.

**Trespassing:** Parents, don't allow your children to ride bikes or walk through other's yards. Use sidewalks and driveways instead. Children should avoid walking between houses as a short cut. It's disrespectful.

**Litter:** is still a major problem. Parents, PLEASE talk to your children about litter. Let's also set good examples by not littering.

**Garbage Cans:** On the day of collection, promptly return garbage cans to the rear of the home or out of sight from the street after pickup. (See covenants for more details including fines for violation.) Covenants are available on our website.

**For Sale Signs:** The current Declaration of Covenants and city ordinance require that signs advertising your home for sale or garage sales must be placed **ONLY in your yard (not at street corners or the entrance)**. The only exception is temporary signs on weekends for yard sales and open houses. Please remove these signs promptly after your event to avoid fines.

**Speeding:** Discourage young children from playing or riding bikes in the street. Encourage older children to move out of the streets as cars approach. Also please do not speed down our streets. You never know when you may need to make a sudden stop to avoid a person or object that unexpectedly enters the street. Our speed Limit is 25 mph.

**Parking and Noise:** We all love summer parties, but remember to keep noise levels reasonable so not to disturb neighbors. Remind your guests who must park on streets not to block your neighbor's mailbox or driveway. To avoid city fines and towing, do not park on curbs or on lawns.

## HOA Meeting Reminder



The Board of Directors reminds everyone to please come out to the community meeting and join discussions on street light and speed hump installation, and various changes to the By-Laws and Covenants.

We need everyone's voice on these important issues. **The meeting will be held June 21st, 10:00 am at the Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at 9401 S. Tryon Street. Please plan to attend.**

## Did You Know?

### Water Restrictions

Car washing, lawn watering, swimming pool refilling is allowed **one day per week**: Odd-numbered houses Saturday, even on Sunday. Drip irrigation and hand hose watering of **shrubs and plants is allowed on any day**.

Visit:

[www.charmeck.org](http://www.charmeck.org)

Search: water restriction

### 911...

Is not only for emergencies. You can also report speeders, suspicious activities and noises, disturbance of peace, loud parties, etc.

### 311...

Can be called for garbage can repair or replacement, bulky furniture or appliance disposal, parking on lawns, etc. Visit [www.charmeck.org](http://www.charmeck.org) for full details. Search '311'.

Past Issues of the newsletter and more are available on our website. Visit:

[SteeleCreekhoa.org](http://SteeleCreekhoa.org)

Note: www is not required.

## Crime Prevention Tips

- Keep **exterior lights** on at night, especially when you are away.
- Secure **sliding glass** doors with a locking device or broomstick.
- Do not leave a **spare key** hidden outside your home or inside your car.
- Keep **shrubs trimmed** so not to create hiding spaces or block windows/doors.
- Install and use an **alarm system**. Be sure it is registered with the police department.
- Never open your door to anyone you don't know. And do not allow children to answer the door. **Install a peephole** viewer to see who is outside your door.
- If **coming home alone at night**, have a family member be on the lookout for you. Check your surroundings as you get out of your car.
- Have a neighbor **get your mail**, look out for your residence or even park their car in your driveway if you will be away for several days.
- Record serial numbers** for all your electronics or make a video of them for identification. Etch your drivers license # on items without serial numbers.
- Don't leave your **garage unattended** or unlocked when away. Never leave your car unattended with the engine running.
- Always **lock car doors** even when at home or in the garage. Thieves target garage door openers, cd players, laptops, navigation devices or other valuables left in cars.
- Get to know **your neighbors** & their numbers.

## Quick Guide to Lawn Care

### **MOWING:**

Cut as soon as lawn needs it – cut to height of 2 inches, sharpen mower blades twice yearly

### **FERTILIZER:**

Full application in Mid-May

### **CRABGRASS/WEED CONTROL:**

First application around April 1, Second application in mid-May

### **SEED:**

Before mid-April, keep seeds moist

### **SOD:**

Anytime ground not frozen, keep moist until established

### **AERATING:**

Around September 1, A second time around April 1 on heavily compacted or clay soils

## Social Happenings

The Steele Creek Social Committee is planning several events for the latter half of the year. Volunteers are needed for each of the events as follows:

**September 5th** - BBQ fundraiser. Proceeds to go to the December Holiday Party. Volunteers wanted to help supervise the caterers.

**October 18th** - Tabcat Court. Decorate Your Pumpkin. Kids can bring their own pumpkin or choose from the small pumpkins we will have available. Decorations will be provided. Volunteers wanted to organize and help with the event.

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** - Holiday Party. Save the Date. Volunteers wanted to help organize.

Additional details to follow. **For more information or to volunteer, please email Shay Jenkins at [events@steelecreekhoa.org](mailto:events@steelecreekhoa.org)**