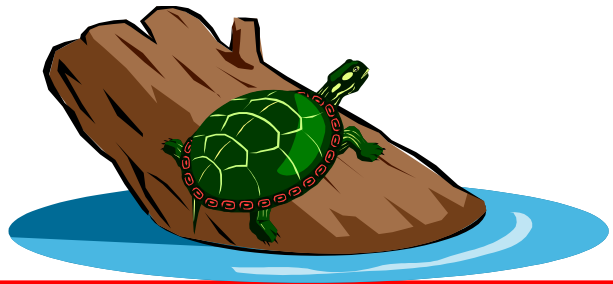


Lynwood

Log



**Published at irregular intervals by the
Lynco Club**

<http://www.lynwoodlakes.com>



Attention Golfers - The first ever, Lynwood Golf-O-Ween will be held on Friday, October 31 at Walnut Wood . Tee- Off is at 1:30. Cost is \$13 per player. (No expense to the Lynco Club.) It's Captain's Choice, and all golfers are welcome. If you are interested in this wicked event, call Jim Levine ASAP at 980-213-9360 or e-mail him at jlevine@precisionrecycling.com.

BBQ Success - It is being said that this year's BBQ was better than ever! Our annual event was great. There were twenty different desserts. Thanks to Bill Staley, cook and caterer, to all the guys and gals who served, and to all who came to eat. There are 5 pork butts left for purchase at \$25 each. Call Tom Black at 676-9606 if you are interested.

Get Ready to Celebrate - The Christmas party for Lynco members and their guests will be on Saturday, December 2 at 6:30 at Natty Greens. We have a private room and will order from the menu. It's pay per person. Laughs and fellowship are free. Please make plans to come



Report on Lynwood's Sewer and Water Project

I recently talked to Melinda King, the engineer in charge of our water/sewer project. She was able to answer all my questions and more.

The end is in sight. The project is on schedule and must be completed by August 31, 2015 or **significant** fines will be charged to the contractor. All major invasive work has been done. The reason there has been so many cleared areas is because it was decided that this would be a gravity system instead of a pump station project. Pump stations are not attractive and can be loud and smelly. (We already have one on Lynwood Drive, and I hope the Lynco Club will landscape it to look better. Tom Monroe, on Mockingbird, tried to get this done a few years ago but we could not generate any interest.)

A gravity system requires extra digging. The width of an easement at the surface must be twice the depth of the pipe. Minimum easement is 20' wide with a depth of 10'. A 70' easement on the surface would require a 35'depth. In some cases the construction company has bought temporary easements from homeowners. This land had to be cleared but ownership reverts to the homeowner after the project is complete and can be planted on or used as the homeowner wishes. Permanent easement means that the property belongs to NCDOT. Many people did not realize that throughout the county, 20' out from the edge of the pavement is easement. All easements have been cleared so there will be no additional clearing. Timber that has been cut can be kept by the homeowner, but no one has found it cost effective to do so.

The contractor has run into quite a bit of rock, and blasting has been necessary. When this is done seismic, devices are placed on homes nearby, and a third party reads the results to be sure damage is not occurring.

Lynwood has one section of sewer that was installed along part of Lynwood Drive several years ago. That is the reason for the one pump station that we have. The existing system must be tied into the new system and to do that some piles have to go along the small canal behind the burned house. Four piles will have to be above ground. Two of them will be located directly in the water and will be 3-4' tall. Two more will be south along the bank and will be 2-3" tall. The piles are there to support the 8" pipes within. All other piles will be below ground. **What you see along this area now is not how it will look when finished.** There are similar configurations like this throughout the county. There is one in Forest Oakes. When bushes are planted along the site, (something that Lynco should do), it is hardly noticeable. See the pictures attached of the Forest Oakes piles located on Brookhaven (off of Williams Dairy), on the left, just past Edinborough, or drive over and try to locate them. This is referred to as an aerial crossing, meaning some piles are above ground. No piles or pipes will go in the air across a street.

Some wells and sewers have been "condemned" by the health department because of where the new system falls. Homeowners affected by this have known about it before the project started. If a homeowner's well or sewer is condemned, the city pays the hook-up to the new system.

The cost of this to us was established a few years ago and remains the same: \$10 per linear foot across the front of your property for water and \$10 per linear foot for sewer. Some have already paid this. When the project is finished, those who have not paid will be assessed and can pay in full within 30 days at no interest or spread payment over five years at 8% interest. These rates were "grandfathered" in for us and will not increase. Lots with houses on them will have to pay for a lateral connection whether you hook on to the system or not. This is so every house has the capacity to use the system. No one is required to hook on now. If you do hook on, you will have to pay the plumber of your choice to finish the tap on. Taxes will not go up unless our property value goes up, but because of fire hydrants, homeowner's insurance may go down.

If you hook on, you will be asked to sign an annexation agreement, but do not read too much into this. Melinda King says the chances of our neighborhood and Forest Oakes being taken into the city are remote. We are too far out she says for the city to get garbage, police, fire, and other city services to us. She says the city just can't afford it.

I hope this is helpful. Melinda King says to call if you have concerns or questions. She can be reached at 412-6314. Questions about costs should be directed to Beth Aheron at 641-3645.

(Bobbie Black compiled this information.)



Then There's This - Neighbor Sam was shopping at Grander Mountain the other day. He is a responsible gun owner but was still a little nervous about his purchase of a large amount of ammunition. When he approached the cashier she said, "Strip down, facing me." Making a mental note to complain to the NRA about such extreme measures, he did just as the cashier had instructed. When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, Sam found out that she was referring to how he should place his credit card in the card-reader. Sam says he has been asked to shop elsewhere but he still claims, "I don't think I looked that bad!"

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

