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Water-Sewer Cost Retraction

I made a serious error in the last newsletter when I wrote an update on our water-sewer project. I said that the cost of the laterals is included in the \$20 per front-foot cost. That is wrong. Assessment (a term often used but obviously not understood by me) is \$20 per front foot **PLUS** the cost of two laterals per "structure." Each structure **must** have two at an estimated price of \$900 each.

Fortunately, neighbor Tim Cole caught my error. He confirmed the cost with Melinda King and I confirmed it with Beth Ahearn. I have had three conversations with these ladies over the last year. We talked about laterals, hook-ups, costs and everything else I could think to ask. They were not concealing information, but they wrongly assumed that I knew what **total** assessment meant. Beth says that all property owners were mailed an official letter of explanation in September 2012.

This is not Melinda or Beth's fault (although I would love to blame them.) However, the two knowledgeable board members, who read every newsletter before it is printed and who did not catch my error are in the doghouse big time. I also take blame; I didn't get it right and I sincerely apologize. Neither the Lynco Club nor I should be considered the official source of your information about the project. Please rely on communications from the city of Greensboro. The newsletter is an attempt to be helpful.

Tim Cole suggested putting away some money for payment of the assessment now so it will not be such a financial burden. Payment is not due yet and when it is, you will have 5 years in which to pay. After 5 years, interest will be charged at a rate of 5% (commissioners lowered this from 8% in March 2012).

This project certainly has been disruptive. Many neighbors are negative about the project and process. It is important, however, to keep in mind that there are families here who have not been able to wash clothes, take more than a brief shower, or count on having drinking water. These families are being served first with hook-ups. Try to imagine how you'd feel if sewage was seeping into your home. We need this project.

I have come to realize that many neighbors do not read the newsletter. I am always amazed at what we've put out there that is goes unknown. Thanks to you who are reading this now and who have consistently read the newsletter. If you find an error in information, please question it. Call a Lynco member about it. They will all be out of the doghouse soon. Also remember that their salaries for serving is zero, as is mine.

Many thanks to Tim Cole. Find and read your official document.

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