



## **Lyon Park Ball Field (1200 West Lakewood Ave) Lighting Removal Fact Sheet**

### **Why are the Lights being removed?**

One pole has fallen in a recent summer storm, and in order to prevent this from occurring with others, they are all being taken down. The lights themselves are not able to be repaired, and inspections have shown that the poles need to be removed for safety concerns.

### **What is the plan for replacing them?**

There have been no official uses of the field with lights for several years. Current field reservations do not include the use of lights. The cost of replacing the lighting would be around \$150,000, and there is currently no funding identified for replacement. The replacement of the ball field lighting is being added to the list of project requests for the department and we cannot say, at this time, when the lighting might be replaced.

Other lighted fields that may be rented are:

Herndon Park	Campus Hills Park
East Durham Park	Hillside Park
Long Meadow Park	Old Chapel Hill Rd Park
Pineywood Park	Southern Boundaries Park
Twin Lakes Park	Valley Springs Park
Walltown Park	Weaver St. Park
Whippoorwill Park	

We apologize for any inconvenience that the removal of the lighting at the Lyon Park field may cause. We are disappointed too that this has occurred. As many of you know, many of our parks and trails need maintenance, and we are working to develop a plan to address the long-standing maintenance needs in our parks.

### **The Good News is:**

There are some exciting enhancements planned for Lyon Park. We've worked with the community to identify the following needs, and plans are under way to do the following:

- Build an accessible sidewalk to connect to the existing one behind the ball field and then going on to the street.
- Pave the parking lot on Lakewood Ave.
- Pave the basketball courts, adding a new fence.
- Get a new set of bleachers for the ball field.
- Improvement to the field itself (new bases, infield dirt, re-seeding the outfield, etc.)

**For more information about these changes, please call the Durham Parks and Recreation Department at (919) 560-4355.**