

GEORGETOWN HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER April 2017



Office Hours:

Tues. & Thurs. 10-5, Closed 1:30-2:00
Wed. 3-7

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ANNOUNCING

UPCOMING DATES

Sat., Apr. 15 – Easter Egg Hunt -1 p.m.

Mon., April 17 – Deadline to submit
residents' Architecture or Landscape
proposals

Thurs., April 27 – Regular Board
Meeting – 7 PM – Clubhouse

Sat. May 6 – Yard Sale –
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fri. May 19 – Junk Day

Saturday, May 27 - Pool Opens,
Weather Permitting

DURING GEORGETOWN 'EMERGENCY' SITUATIONS – A NEW COMMUNICATION METHOD

In the event there is a Georgetown 'emergency' taking place during hours when the office is closed or the crew is not working; please **call** 309-588-4418. When you call, give your name, address, and a brief description of the 'emergency'. **NOTE: YOU CANNOT TEXT TO THIS NUMBER!**

This number is an electronic messaging service which will contact Rick, the grounds crew manager. Someone from Georgetown will respond as soon as possible.

What is considered an emergency? Any time the lagoon alarms are going off; if any of the three red sewer lights are on located at the lagoon, Jamestown Road, North Yorktown Road; or if you are having trouble with sewage backing up into your basement. **NEVER, EVER USE THIS NUMBER FOR FIRE OR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES! Call 911.**

If you call this number for other Georgetown reasons, your call will **NOT** be handled. As in the past, you must always contact the office by phone or email for all other 'Georgetown non-emergency' issues.

EASTER EGG HUNT & PINATA FUN

The Easter Day festivities will be held on Saturday, April 15th at 1:00 p.m. near the Clubhouse. All Georgetown residents' children and grandchildren, ages 1 to 12 are invited. **Please do not cut across the common area, but enter from the front Clubhouse sidewalk. No pets please!** The Recreation Committee asks that each child bring a container to hold their eggs. There will be divisions by age so that each child will have an opportunity to find eggs. There will be no rain date.

PAST DUE ASSESSMENTS

Per the By-Laws and Covenants, homeowner's monthly assessments are due on the first of a month. Around the 10th of a month, the office will mail reminders to any homeowner who hasn't

yet paid. Around the 21st of a month, the office will call asking for payment. At the monthly Board meeting, the Board members will be given a list of those homeowners who still haven't paid. A Board member (or two) will then be knocking on your door asking when you will pay.

It's unfortunate that collecting monthly assessments must go to this extreme. The Board feels that to protect the Association's financial interests, they must 'stay on top' of receivables.

CATS ROAMING

If you are allowing your cat to freely roam outdoors, please note Georgetown's Covenants, Article X, Section 1. The documents clearly state "No member or his tenant shall be permitted to allow his dog, other animal pets to run at large through the Common Areas." Currently, there are two cats roaming throughout Georgetown. One is tan and white, while the other one is black and white. Also, one of the cats has a collar, with some pink on it.

Continuing to allow your cats to roam freely may cause your pets to be 'captured' by Animal Control. Not only might this scare your pet (being in unknown surroundings with unknown people), you will definitely incur a charge to retrieve your pet. Please abide by the rules. Thanks!



Georgetown's annual Yard Sale will be held on May 6, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. As always, a general ad will be placed in the Voice and Choice. Notify the office by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11, if you have some specific items to be advertised. There will be no rain date.

JUNK DAY

Preview - Our semi-annual junk day will be Friday, May 19. Look to the May newsletter for more details of what can and cannot be 'junked'.

POOL OPENING

Do you know someone who is a lifeguard? Would he/she be interested in working as a lifeguard for Georgetown? Please ask him/her to obtain an employment application from the office as soon as possible. The Recreation Committee will be setting up job interviews very soon.

The pool season will open on Saturday, May 27, 2017; weather permitting. More details to come in the May newsletter.

Just a reminder, any homeowner whose account is \$200 or more in arrears will have their pool privileges suspended until the account is paid in full.

RENTERS

According to our By-Laws, "Any homeowner may delegate his rights of enjoyment for the Common Areas and facilities to the tenants or contract purchasers who reside on their property". If you are a tenant or a contract purchaser, you will need to have the homeowner complete a form giving you the rights to use Georgetown's amenities; such as the clubhouse or the pool. Forms are available to pick up during office hours.

NEW RESIDENTS

If you are new to Georgetown, please come into the office to introduce yourself and to pick up our New Resident Information form.



GARDEN PLOTS

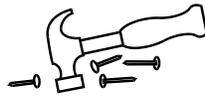
Sign-up sheets for garden plots will begin in April. Whether you are a returning gardener or a new gardener, you MUST sign up at the office first. There will be no charge for garden plots. The garden area will be tilled and ready for your planting once the ground is dry enough.

It will be your responsibility to keep your plot weeded and orderly.

YARD MOWING

Mowing season will begin shortly. When posting yard signs, please post within the gravel area of your front yards and your windows. Only For Sale/For Rent signs are allowed in the mowing areas.

Also, remember to keep your cars parked far enough away from the parking bay curbs. Toys, bikes, etc. must be kept off the grass so that the entire area can be mowed. This will help the crews mow much faster; and therefore cheaper, keeping costs down.



EXTERIOR TOWNHOME MAINTENANCE

If you are contemplating exterior work on your townhome, now is the time to plan improvements. Any exterior maintenance (paint, roof, fence, siding, windows, etc.) must be approved by the Board before the work is done. The maintenance reserve fund for each townhome can be used (with prior Board approval) to help with the cost of the improvements. Townhomes with garages add \$7.44 per month and townhomes without garages add \$4.44 per month. It does not cover landscape work.

While the approved work is being performed, residents and/or their contractors should NOT be driving on the grass when the ground is wet. If damage results from doing so, residents will be responsible for the cost to repair the damage.

PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE: Last year, due a few homeowners failing to respond to letters received for exterior maintenance to outside structures and/or back yards, the Board has decided the office will obtain two estimates from outside contractors to do the work. The lower estimate will be used to do the work and the homeowner will be billed. It's in your best interest and that of your

neighbors to heed to any letters received concerning the exterior upkeep to your home.

HODGEPODGE

West-End, Jamestown Road Trash

The Jamestown Road dumpster enclosure, closest to Arlington Drive, is being abused. Over the last month, a shower door, toys, boxes not broken down, Styrofoam blocks, and broken glass are all unsafely cluttering the enclosure. Plus, the containers' lids are not getting closed, which causes blowing litter in strong winds.

The dumpsters are emptied every Friday and the recycle bins every other Tuesday. Although most of these items may be approved for dumping by Waste Management, Waste Management will not clean up the dumpster enclosure!

If you have large items to dispose of, please wait until there is enough space in the container to throw away your item. Make sure you can still close the lid, too. If you send your child to dump your trash, make sure your child is taught the proper containers to be used and can close the lids. This enclosure is continuously unsafely cluttered, which is unsafe for you and your child.

Please be conscientious with our community, our community's rules, and our environment!!

LOST & FOUND

Currently, the office has a 9x13 glass casserole dish, a red & white basketball, a small ballerina figure, and a left-handed, gray, Thinsulate glove. If you are the owner of any of these items, please come into the office to claim during office hours. If no one claims the items, they will be donated to Goodwill.