



**GEORGETOWN
HOMEOWNERS'
ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER
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ANNOUNCING

UPCOMING DATES

**Mon., Jan. 16 – Deadline for
Architecture and Landscape
Committee requests to the
Board**

**Thurs., Jan. 26 – Regular Board
Meeting – 7 PM – Clubhouse**

**Mon., Feb. 13 – Deadline for
Architecture and Landscape
Committee requests to the
Board**

**Thurs., Feb. 23 – Regular Board
Meeting – 7 PM – Clubhouse**



THANK YOU

Thank You to Recreation Committee members, Lana Myers, Paula Rhodes, and Jessica Lenz for putting up the Christmas tree.

SNOW REMOVAL

Georgetown removes snow from sidewalks only when there is more than 1 inch of snow; and from parking bays/driveways only when there is more than 2 inches of snow. The township is responsible for the streets.

Please move your car from the parking bays when you see the crew coming to remove the snow. No snow removal will begin until the snowstorm has stopped. If there is a question whether there is enough snow to remove, the decision is made by the Sidewalk and Snow Removal Committee in conjunction with the grounds manager.

The snow removal Budget for this year is \$7,500. If ice melt is put on sidewalks, etc. by the crew, the cost of just the ice melt (and not the labor) is about a dollar per townhome! The Board would ask that residents keep their own ice melt on hand to help with the cost. The crew can not always get to each residence quickly, if ice suddenly develops on the sidewalks. Always, please be

careful on icy sidewalks, parking bays and driveways.

Taken from the December 2016 Newsletter: “With each new snow, Georgetown rotates which sidewalks, driveways, and parking bays will be cleared first. This year, the rotation starts with N. Yorktown & Richmond, Carriage Hill, Arlington, Charleston, and S. Yorktown.”

GEORGETOWN DUES

Georgetown sends out reminder letters mid-month to those residents who have not yet paid their monthly dues. This costs the association 47 cents plus an envelope to do so. If you know that your dues will be late for some reason, please contact the office so that a notice is not mailed to you.

To help the association keep costs down, you may wish to explore having your dues direct-deposited into Georgetown’s bank account. (MidAmerica National Bank). Please contact the office if you need Georgetown’s banking information. If you prefer writing a check, make sure your payment is placed in the black lock box for Georgetown, NOT the regular white mail box.

SEWER FLOW PROBLEMS

N. Yorktown Rd. and Richmond Rd. are having problems with their sewer lines backing up due to bad sewage flow. In the near future, a plumber will be working on this problem. The Board and grounds crew ask that you restrict using water and flushing toilets while they are working on it. The

plumber is anticipating it may take a couple of hours. Once the schedule is set, you will receive an additional email notification of the date and time.

Over the years diapers, rocks, and currently sticks have been found in Georgetown manholes. Again, parents, please pay attention to what your children are doing when outdoors. Each time the City comes out or a plumber works on a plugged sewer line, it costs Georgetown hundreds of dollars. The Board tries to keep our dues as low as possible. Unnecessary expenses will only cause dues to go up.

In conjunction with this, please do not flush diapers, cloths, plastic bags, feminine hygiene products, plastic bags, etc. in your toilets. These items can cause significant problems with the lagoon pumps, not just sewer pipes and manholes.

MICE – EEK!

Are you having trouble with these pesky creatures? If yes, please consider hiring a pest control company to determine where they may be squeezing into your home and close those holes. We've had a few residents who heard gnawing; the next thing, a mouse is visiting their home. Remember connected walls give creatures the opportunity to 'house-hop'. Take care of the problem before it becomes a bigger problem for you and your adjoining neighbor.



RECYCLING

For all residents, cardboard boxes can be broken down and bundled together. They DO NOT need to be placed in the recycling containers, but can be left **beside** those containers. It is NOT necessary to use recycling bags unless a resident wishes to do so or to separate recycling. The items are separated at the recycling center. It would be appreciated if items to be recycled are clean when placed in the containers.

There is a complete list of items that can be recycled on the Georgetown web site (georgetownmacomb.org). If there are any questions, please contact the office at 833-2341 or email at gtown@macomb.com.



WALKERS

Even in cold weather, we have many walkers in Georgetown some of whom walk very early in the morning. If you are walking when it is still dark, please wear reflective clothing, bright colored clothing or carry a flashlight.

ELECTRICAL OUTLETS

As a matter of regular

maintenance and safety, it might be a good idea to have any outlets both inside and out checked if you have not done so lately. Many townhomes are thirty-five or more years old, and sometimes fixtures, etc. need to be replaced or repaired. It is also a good idea to check your dryer vent to make sure it is not clogged with lint. The lint build up can cause a fire.

GEORGETOWN DIRECTORY

Directories will continue to be available at the office for Georgetown residents only.

GEORGETOWN COMMITTEES

There are several Georgetown committees with one or no members. It is vital that the committees continue to function to keep Georgetown working well. It does not require a large amount of time to serve on a committee. Some will meet only if there is business to discuss. The committees save the Board much time by investigating projects, etc. and then report their results to the Board. Please contact the office if you are interested in serving on a committee.

HODGEPODGE

When you place your check in the Georgetown mailbox, if the check is in an envelope, it would be best to seal the flap rather than tuck it in. If there is snow, rain or ice, the flap gathers enough moisture to attach itself to the check and it is a challenge to separate the two. Thanks!