

# GEORGETOWN HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2017

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#### **Regular Office Hours:**

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



### **UPCOMING DATES**

- 1. Monday, Aug. 14 Deadline for Architecture and Landscape Proposals
- 2. Thursday, Aug. 24 Regular Board Meeting – 7 PM – Clubhouse
- 3. Monday, Sept. 4 Last day pool is open, weather permitting.
- 4. Saturday, Sept. 9 Yard sale
- 5. Friday, Sept. 22 Junk day
- 6. Tuesday, Oct. 3 Georgetown Annual Meeting – 7 PM – Clubhouse

#### **BIG, BIG THANK YOUs**

Residents, Lana Myers and Paula graciously purchased Rhodes. eight pool umbrellas to be used and enjoyed by all of our pool Additionally, Lana's users. frequent pool guest, Chervl Hoffman, purchased two more umbrellas. If you see them at the pool, be sure to say THANKS!

Another THANK YOU should be given to Georgetown resident and WIU Swim Coach, Greg Naumann. Without his help, we would have had to close the pool for several evenings during the remainder of the pool season. A couple of his swim team members are current lifeguards and willing to substitute. Anne will do her best to work the schedule in such a way as to use Greg's subs and keep the pool open as much as possible. If for some reason, the pool has to close; look for the flags or a sign on the shower house door.

The last day for the pool season will be Monday, Sept. 4, 2017. And another big THANK YOU goes out to Anne Dixon (Pool Manager), the lifeguards, and the Recreation Committee for another great season!

#### WIENER ROAST VOLUNTEERS

Georgetown needs your help hosting this year's Association Wiener Roast. As in the past, the clubhouse and kitchen will be available to use; plus Georgetown will pay for the food. The Association just needs 2-3 volunteers to organize the preparations and work the event.

Typically, the event was held on a late Sept. or early Oct. Sunday evening. Last year, between 150 and 200 residents attended, making for an enjoyable evening. Please contact the office for more information.

#### **NOISE REDUCTION**

The grounds crew has done a superb job this year maintaining the grounds! Some residents have requested that the grounds work be done in the later mornings or work away from the residences until later in the day. To keep costs down, the crew has to do their work in an efficient manner. This means mowing, trimming, edging, etc. has to be done when it needs to be done. Since the mowing/trimming season is short; hopefully, the equipment noise won't be too much of a problem.



Georgetown's fall Yard Sale will be held on Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, from 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, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>, if you have some specific items to be advertised. There will be no rain date.

#### JUNK DAY

Our semi-annual junk day will be Friday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. As always, lawn waste will not be accepted. Other items that WILL NOT be accepted are: hazardous materials, tires, large car parts, electronic items (TV's, computers, etc.) lumber longer than 6 ft. or wider than 1 ft. and construction material. Appliances, mattresses

and box springs, furniture, carpet, etc. will be accepted. The pickup could be early so you may wish to place these items curbside the night before. The proper way to dispose of televisions and many other items is the Tri County Regional Collection Facility. They are located at 510 N. Pearl. They can be contacted at 309-331-4782. There is no cost for this service. They do not accept old appliances accept electronics but do (computers, monitors, etc.). If you would like a complete list of unacceptable acceptable and items, please stop by the office.

#### WHAT NEEDS BOARD APPROVAL?

The office frequently gets asked this question. Any time you plan to work on the exterior of your townhome: siding, windows, fence, shed, etc.; it will require approval. BUT Board also required approval for is landscaping changes to the front yards (This is common area). For instance, If you want to plant a tree, place a border around a tree, etc., this also needs Board approval. Your requests are directed to the appropriate committee first, and then to the Board. Please allow time for this process. After the regular Board meeting, approvals and denials are provided to the residents on the following Tuesday (next work day after the meeting).

#### LAGOON

Georgetown utilizes a lagoon for its sewer service. Occasionally, the pumps in the lagoon pits on the west side of Charleston Dr. will stop working and an alarm sounds. This could potentially be

a very serious issue. If you hear the alarm or see a flashing red light (in various locations), please call 309-588-4418. Give your name and where you see the light flashing. You will have to leave a message. You CANNOT text to number. The grounds this manager will receive your alert and address the alarm as soon as possible. To help avoid this from happening, please do not flush diapers, cloths, feminine hygiene products, etc. in your toilets. This can cause major problems with our pumps. The cost to Georgetown for a new pump is about \$3,000.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

This year's annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017. We need residents to run for the Board! There will possibly be four positions opening – three for a three-year term and one for a one-year term.

Please consider helping your association. Meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month, except the months of November and December. During these holiday months, usually just one meeting is held in early December.

Contact the office as soon as possible, if you would like to run for the Board. Also, sign-up sheets for committee work will be available at the annual meeting. If you can not attend the meeting and would like to join a committee, contact the office.

More information will come in the September newsletter.

## HODGEPODGE

<u>Vehicles Parked</u> Please keep your vehicles parked away from the parking bay curb so that the entire area can be mowed.

#### Dumpster Enclosures

The office has received several complaints concerning the lack of concern for the condition of the dumpster enclosures. Too many residents are dumping inappropriate materials. not bothering to toss garbage bags in the dumpsters, and/or not breaking boxes. etc. down Waste Management will not pick up any items not allowed. Thus, a 'growing' mess is created. When the crew has to clean up after you, this adds to Georgetown's expenses. All of us should do our part to help keep our Association fees from increasing, by keeping our subdivision clean.

#### Leash Rules

Please keep your pet on a leash. By doing so, keeps your pet under your control. This rule is for the safety of your beloved pet and for the safety of any children playing outdoors.

#### Arlington Drive Parking Problems

Again, parking is a problem on Arlington Drive. If you or a guest must park on the street, please be mindful of where you parked. If you park directly across from a driveway or from a parked car on the opposite side of the street, it narrows the actual street itself to almost less than one car width. Not only is it difficult for vehicles to drive between the two parked cars, it makes it difficult for homeowners to back out of their own driveways.