



**GEORGETOWN
HOMEOWNERS'
ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER
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Tues. & Thurs. 10-5, Closed 1:30-2:00
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ANNOUNCING

UPCOMING DATES

**Mon., Jan. 15 – Deadline for
Architecture and Landscape
Committee requests to the
Board**

**Thurs., Jan. 25 – Regular Board
Meeting – 7 PM – Clubhouse**



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/driveways 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 Maintenance Committee in conjunction with the grounds manager.

The snow removal Budget for the 2018 year is \$4,109. 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. Therefore, always 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.” Please be patient waiting your turn in the rotation. Thanks!

ARLINGTON DR. PARKING

Be mindful when parking on the street! Try not to park across from another vehicle or across the street from another resident’s driveway. Park as close to the curb as possible. Actually, it would be best for

residents to use their driveways for parking. This would eliminate the narrow path when driving between parked cars. Not parking on the street is especially important during the heavy snowfalls and snow removals!

GEORGETOWN DUES

Georgetown sends out reminder letters around the 10th of a month to those residents who have not yet paid their monthly dues. This costs the association 49 cents, plus an envelope to do so. If you have not paid by around the 20th of a month, the office will contact you by phone or email as a second reminder. Failing to pay by a monthly Board meeting will possibly prompt Board members to collect the dues in person. Please pay your dues promptly.

To help the association keep costs down and for you to avoid late fees, 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.

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

Cardboard boxes need to 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). The office is currently working with Waste Management (WM) concerning any changes to the ‘allowable’ materials that can be recycled in our area. Once the list is provided by WM, it will get published in the newsletter and on the website. If there are any questions, please contact the office at 833-2341 or email at gtown@macomb.com.

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.

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DUES IN LOCKBOX

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!

JAMESTOWN DUMPSTER/BIN ENCLOSURE

Speaking of recycling, there is an ongoing problem with the Jamestown dumpsters/recycling bins, located in the enclosure at the west end of Jamestown. Lately, it has been used by Arlington and Charleston Drive residents. Residents living on those streets have their own trash/recycle bins and must use those, not Jamestown’s. Residents living in townhomes without garages are allowed to access the dumpsters/bins.

Those residents who are using that particular Jamestown dumpster/bin location are not breaking down boxes and are also dumping construction materials into the receptacles. The office received two complaints that there wasn’t room for other residents to discard everyday garbage due to boxes not being broken down and

tossed construction materials. These rules are made by Waste Management, not the Association. To keep costs from rising and to be considerate of your neighbors; please follow the rules, both for proper receptacle usage and breaking down boxes. Thanks!

FOUND SNEAKERS

A pair of black (dirty) AirNike adult sneakers were found. If you’re missing a pair, please come into the office to claim.