

# GEORGETOWN HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER March 2024

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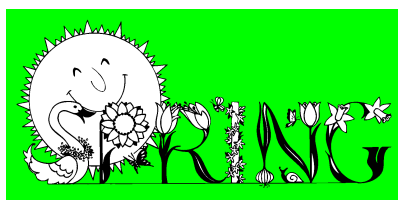
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# ANNOUNCING

## UPCOMING DATES

**Thurs., Mar. 28 – Regular  
Board Meeting – 7 PM –  
Clubhouse**

## GAME NIGHT CANCELED

A community-wide Game Night was scheduled for March 19th. The clubhouse is currently getting a significant face-lift; with new blinds, painting and lighting. Because of the remodeling upheaval, Game Night was canceled. Next winter, the Recreation Committee will consider trying to hold Game Night again.

## OPENING NEWSLETTER ISSUES

Due to the platform we use to send email blasts changing ownership, a few of you may not be able to open the email link. This is most likely due to the specific email program you are using to open the email. For the short term, until an internal 'work-around' can be set up; whenever you receive an email 'blast' and find you can't open it, please manually go to our website, [georgetownmacomb.org](http://georgetownmacomb.org). Drill down towards the middle of the page, until you see the current newsletter link. You should be able to open that link, as long as you are using an internet browser to go to our website. Any emails sent directly from the office, you should still be able to open.

## YARD WASTE

Once the grounds crew returns to work full-time, daily yard-waste curbside-pickup will begin again. This means there will be the burning of leaves, too. The Board has developed a new policy concerning the burning. A week to 10 days before the crew intends to burn leaves, an email blast will be sent letting residents know of the pending burn.

Only use the paper bags

designated for yard waste. Absolutely nothing else but yard waste (leaves) can be put into these bags. Limbs should be gathered with twine and set by the bag(s) or at least gathered together neatly in a pile. The earliest bags should be placed curbside is the Sunday before a Monday pickup.

## INTERESTED IN LIFEGUARDING?

The Recreation Committee is beginning the process of hiring lifeguards for the 2024 pool season. If you are interested and have or will have a current lifeguard certificate, please contact the office for an application. Office contact information is located in the far left column, on the front page of this newsletter.

## NEWLY ESTABLISHED REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Any time you have a complaint with the HOA, personnel or a neighbor not following the Covenants; you can directly email your complaint to the Committee at [gtownregs@macomb.com](mailto:gtownregs@macomb.com). Use the office's email address [gtown@macomb.com](mailto:gtown@macomb.com), for work order and board approval requests. If you do not wish to email the complaint (although that's the preferred method); you may drop off the complaint either in person in the office or in the locked, black box by our sign.

## PAST-DUE MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS

There are several residents who have yet to update their dues' payments. Effective Jan. 1, 2024; dues increased \$5 per month. If

you question what you owe, feel free to contact the office.

In March 2016, the Board changed the collection process of past-due monthly assessments. Monthly reminders are sent when homeowners' dues are yet unpaid. At \$800 past-due and if there is no response, the homeowner will have ten (10) days to become current or a mechanic's lien will be filed. If you find yourself in a financial hardship situation, contact the office to set up a repayment plan with the Board. The Board does not want to file a lien on anyone's home.

### **WORK ORDER REQUESTS**

Spring is almost around the corner. If you will be making any exterior changes to your home, you need Board approval first. Please make sure all requests are made in writing or via email. Be specific in your request regarding materials, colors, placement, etc. Remember all exterior work, with the exception of the back yard, must be approved prior to starting the work.

### **FRONT YARD APPLICATIONS**

The Board has hired Golf Green Lawn Care to apply herbicides to the front-yard areas for the 2024 season. They will do four applications. Please watch for small signs, near the beginning of your street, so you are aware of when an application has been applied.

## **HERBICIDAL SPRAYING**

### **OPT-OUT PROGRAM**

At the August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Board meeting, the following policy regarding the use of lawn herbicides was adopted:

Residences will be given the opportunity to opt out of herbicide treatments on their front lawns.

1. If a resident wishes to opt out, it will be the resident's responsibility to maintain all weed control.
2. If the resident fails to maintain weed control, the grounds crew will do the maintenance at the resident's expense. (Weed control means within front lawn perimeters of the living unit, including all rock beds.)

Those residents wishing to opt-out will be required to **complete a form annually**. This form will give residents the choice of opting out with the grounds crew treating, an outside lawn treatment subcontractor treating, or both. You may not use your own form or letter requesting this opt-out! Please stop by the office to pick up the form or email your request; if you wish to not be included in herbicidal spraying.

Additionally, any playground weeds will be manually removed within the mulched area. A weed-eater will be used to eliminate any weeds surrounding the outside perimeter of the mulched area. No herbicides will be used in or around the playground area.

## **PARKING**

Please be considerate of your neighbors' assigned parking spaces. Whenever you have guests visiting, inform your guests that they may only park in GUEST parking spaces. If you are having several guests visit, perhaps you could park your own vehicle(s) in other guest spots to make room for your guests to park in your assigned parking spaces.

Also, please remember that guest spots are for any Georgetown resident's use, including the guest spots near your home. They are not your personal guest spaces, and should not be used for parking your own vehicles on a regular basis.

### **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.

### **NEW RESIDENTS**

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

### **HODGEPODGE**

There is a resident in Georgetown who is needing to replace the face on some of their original kitchen cabinets. If you have any original cabinet 'leftovers' you would like to be gone; contact the office.