

GEORGETOWN HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER April 2024



Office Hours:

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

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Speech-only; No texting

ANNOUNCING

UPCOMING DATES

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

Thurs., May 9 - Junk Day

JUNK DAY

Waste Management has scheduled Spring Junk Day to be on Thursday, May 9. The pickup could be early, so you may wish to place these items curbside the night before.

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., items containing Freon and construction materials. Appliances, mattresses and box springs, furniture, carpet, etc. will be accepted. (If you wish an updated list of Waste Management's acceptable recyclables, a copy is posted on our website's homepage.)

The proper way to dispose of televisions and many other electronic items is to take them to the Tri County Regional Collection Facility. They are now located behind Western IL Regional Council (WIRC) in the 100 block of W. Jackson; and are open Tuesday through Friday from 9 AM to 12:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of a month from 8 a.m. to noon. They can be contacted at 309-331-4782. There is no cost for this service. They do not accept old appliances or items with refrigerant, such as dehumidifiers; but do accept electronics (computers, monitors, etc.).

ANNEXATION

Georgetown is now annexed into the City of Macomb, and as such, we are under the protection of the Macomb Fire Dept., City Police Dept. and Public Works. It's

suggested that you contact your homeowner's insurance company requesting a reduction in your homeowner's insurance premium due the the 24/7 fire protection now being provided. Reach out to the Board at gtownboard@macomb.com; to obtain proof of annexation, if needed.

THANK YOU

Another big thank you should be given to Greg Butler, with Reusch & Butler, for continuing to offer his income tax services pro-bono to Georgetown. THANK YOU GREG!

RAINY DAYS & ZIP LOCK BAGS

Rainy season is upon us. When placing your dues' check in the black lock box; please put it in a Zip Lock bag, 'zipping' it closed. Pelting rains still makes its way into the box and then soaks the paper envelopes.

WINDY DAYS

Those of you with trash curbside pickup, please permanently mark your trash can/lid with your address. During these windy days, the cans and lids have a way of 'running away'. The 'finders' of these items can easily return them to their proper owners.

Also, be sure to close the dumpster lids and dumpster enclosure doors after use; which obviously helps with blowing trash, too.

IMPORTANT - HERBICIDAL SPRAYING

At the August 24th, 2017 Board meeting, the following policy regarding the use of herbicides was adopted:

“Residents will be given the opportunity to opt out of herbicidal treatments. If a resident wishes to opt out, it will be the resident’s responsibility to maintain all weed control. If the resident fails to maintain weed control, the grounds crew will do the weed maintenance at the resident’s expense. (Weed control means within the 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 care 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 request it to be emailed. Until the completed, executed form is returned, spraying will continue.

Additionally, any weeds at the playground 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 or an environmentally-safe spray. No herbicides will be used in or around the playground area.

Speaking of the ‘mulch’ within the playground area - that ‘mulch’ is actually fibar. **PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED WITHIN THIS FIBAR AREA.** Please be considerate to those who use the playground, by complying with this rule.

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 throughout the growing season.

At the March 26, 2018 Board meeting, it was decided that any resident who plants a garden and does not do ‘fall cleanup’ by Nov. 1 of each year, will be billed whatever costs are incurred for the crew to clean it for you.

YARD MOWING

Mowing season has begun. When posting yard signs, please post them within the gravel area of your front yards and/or in 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 more quickly; and therefore help keep mowing costs down.

PAST DUE ASSESSMENTS

Per the By-Laws and Covenants, homeowner’s monthly assessments are due on the first of a month. Around the middle of a month, the office emails a reminder to any homeowner who hasn’t yet paid. At the monthly Board meeting, Board members are given a list of those homeowners who still haven’t paid; so please try to pay timely to avoid receiving the reminder or being placed on the Past Due List.

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, doors, 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 to this fund. The fund will not help with landscaping costs.

Whenever any approved work is being done, residents and/or their contractors should NOT drive onto the grass when the ground is wet. If damage results from doing so, residents will be responsible for the cost to repair the damage.

HODGEPODGE

Yard Waste

Only leaves and limbs are to be placed into the brown paper waste bags. You may either place those bags at the curb for the crew to collect or drive the bags to the shop to be left in the area marked, “Yard Waste”.

Remember, also, that Waste Management will NOT empty dumpsters, if there is yard waste in them.