



GEORGETOWN HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2024

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UPCOMING DATES

**Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday, Nov. 12, 13, 14 –
Office Closed**

**Regular Monthly Board meeting
moved to Thursday, Nov. 21
6 PM – Clubhouse**

**Wed. & Thurs., Nov. 27, 28 –
Office Closed**

**Friday, Dec. 6 – Christmas
Get-Together – More
Information to Come later**

**Regular Monthly Board meeting
moved to Thursday, Dec. 19
6 PM – Clubhouse**



OFFICE CLOSINGS

The office will be closed on Nov. 12, 13 and 14th for vacation. It will also be closed on Thanksgiving Eve and Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27 & 28th. Thank you in advance for waiting to get in touch with the office, before or after these closed periods.

Remember if it's a Georgetown emergency (and not fire, medical or police); you can call the Georgetown emergency number 309.588.4418. Please speak your message only. The service cannot receive texts.

LEAVES

Typically, the crew mulches leaves once in the fall. Unfortunately, this is a never-ending task. Plus, it's a slow process since there are 204 front yards, many more rock beds and lots & lots of trees.

If you want to do your own yard work; leaves and other yard waste can be placed curbside, at the shop area (near the sign indicating yard waste) or near the outside of any dumpster enclosure. The crew will collect them on Mondays or Thursdays. Be sure to use the brown paper bags, specifically designed for yard waste. Also, be mindful of any upcoming wind or rain storms before setting the bags at the curb.



BACKYARD BURNING

Burning brush in backyards is not allowed in Georgetown. You must bag the brush and set the bag at the curb for the grounds crew to collect. A second option would be to take your yard waste bags to the shop area; placing them in the spot specifying "Yard Waste". You may not burn yard waste in a fire pit; nor in a chiminea.

Before burning wood in your backyard fire pit or chiminea; check with the Macomb Fire Department. They have distance regulations about how far away open flames need to be from structures. Also, talk with your neighbors to make sure the smoke won't cause a problem for them. Breathing issues and/or allergies burning in such close proximity might cause them a problem.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Dues will increase \$6.50 per month, effective Jan. 1, 2025. This means if you are paying \$184.50/mo. now; you'll be paying \$191/mo. and if you are paying \$181.50/mo. now; you'll be paying \$188/mo.

If you are one who either pays Georgetown by ACH or by your bank's Online Bill Pay app, please remember to make this change effective for the first of January 2025.



CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

The Committee will ‘host’ another Christmas ‘Get-Together’ in the clubhouse on Friday, Dec. 6th. Details are yet to be determined and will be published in the December newsletter and Georgetown HOA’s Facebook group, once they are available. ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED; so mark your calendars now.



FOURTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

The Georgetown Recreation Committee would again like to invite all residents to participate in our Holiday Decorations Contest for small cash awards. You need to do nothing, except decorate. Judging will take place between Dec. 8 and the 14th; so you’ll need to set out your Christmas decorations by the 8th. The Committee will send judges throughout the neighborhoods to select winners (top three places). Everyone is welcome to participate and help make our community merrier, brighter and more festive than ever this year!

UGH! WHO WANT TO THINK ABOUT SNOW?

If you are new to Georgetown, you might want to reference the Snow

Removal Plan posted on the homepage of our website: georgetownmacomb.org.

This Plan was in force when Georgetown was located in Emmet Township. Now that we are annexed into the City of Macomb, the City will be responsible for clearing Georgetown’s streets.

The information described below concerns the Association’s responsibilities shoveling and plowing. Should things change, as we migrate into the 2024-2025 winter months; the changes will be announced in future newsletters, the Georgetown HOA Facebook group, Our Snow Removal Plan on the website and/or possibly separate email blasts.

Please note that in the past, Georgetown did not plow driveways/parking spaces until the streets were first cleared by Emmet Township. It’s uncertain when the City will plow the streets. It’s possible the Board and Grounds Manager will decide for the crew to move forward before or after the City plows. There will be a lot of variables to consider first before deciding: quantity of expected snow or ice, wind, temperatures, available equipment and personnel. Georgetown will do its best to accommodate removing the snow in the most expedient way possible.

WHAT TO DO DURING SNOW BANS

Vehicle Parking

Your vehicle needs to be removed from the street if 2 or more inches of snow falls; or your vehicle may be towed. If snow is in the forecast, it would probably be best to pull any vehicles into your

driveways. There are additional parking spaces scattered throughout Georgetown, including north of the pool, if needed.

For those with parking spaces rather than driveways; you really don’t need to do anything special to accommodate plowing the City streets. When you see the Georgetown crew coming, though; please move your car from the parking bays and driveways. Not doing so slows the crew down and can possibly cause additional problems.

Sidewalks and Street Rotations

Georgetown shovels snow from sidewalks when there is more than 2 inches of snow. The grounds crew rotates streets with each snow removal incident. Thus, each street will have an opportunity to have their parking areas and sidewalks done first, second, third, etc.

Sometimes if the snow or ice falling is borderline, the Board will determine whether the crew proceeds with snow clearing, especially if it isn’t deep and future warmer weather is predicted.

Thank you, in advance, for being patient. There could be some ‘growing pains’ now that the City will be responsible for plowing our streets. The City and the Georgetown’s crew do their best to quickly clear the snow. Should you have any questions regarding street plowing, please call the City Water Works Department. Any questions regarding Georgetown’s parking spaces and sidewalk snow removal, please refer to the Snow Removal Plan as needed.