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GEORGETOWN HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024

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ANNOUNCING

UPCOMING DATES

**Fri., Dec. 6th - Christmas
Get-Together - 6 PM -
Clubhouse - Bring your own
drink and a dish to share.**

**Thurs., Dec. 7- Judging will take
place between Dec. 8 & Dec. 14
for the Holiday House
Decorating Contest.**

**Thurs., Dec. 19 – Board
Meeting – 6 PM – Clubhouse**

**Wed., Jan. 1 - Dues Increase
\$6.50 per month.**



CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

The Recreation Committee will 'host' a Christmas 'Get-Together' in the clubhouse on Friday, Dec. 6th, starting at 6:00 pm. All residents are invited.

You're asked to bring snacks and finger foods to share and your own beverage of choice.



FIFTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

The Georgetown Recreation Committee would like to once again invite all residents to participate in our Holiday House Decorating Contest for small cash awards. You need to do nothing, except decorate. You have until Saturday, December 7th to complete your decorating. Committee judging will be done the week of Dec. 8 through Dec. 14. The committee will send judges throughout the neighborhoods to select the winners of the cash awards (top three places). Judging once again will be on lighting, use of color and decorative figures. Everyone is welcome to help make our community Merry and Bright this

year. Winners will be announced later.

DUES & EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE FUND CHANGES

Beginning Jan. 1, 2025; dues will increase \$6.50/mo. This means those with garages pay \$191/mo. and those without garages will pay \$188/mo. Any of you who pay by ACH or by your bank's online bill pay app; please be sure to adjust your automatic payment to be effective Jan. 1.

Also, the Exterior Maintenance Fund will now post \$8/mo. and \$5/mo. for houses with garages and for houses without garages respectively, effective Jan. 1, 2025. These monies are paid from your monthly dues.

DUES' REMINDERS

During the Nov. 21, 2024 Board meeting, it was determined that the office will no longer send monthly dues reminders. The \$10 late fee and 5% simple interest charges will still apply, though when paid late.

At 60 days past-due, both an email and a letter will be mailed explaining the mechanic's lien process. Once the Georgetown account is \$800 or more past due, the Board will file a mechanic's lien. The homeowner will pay for the filing and releasing of the lien costs, too.

Please set up your bill-paying schedule to include paying your Georgetown monthly assessment timely. It might be a good idea to contact the office to see if there is any balance owed in your account. Since this year has had two changes to the dues amount,

several residents have paid incorrectly. Wouldn't it be nice to have your account end the year with a zero balance?

EEK! SNOW?

Before the first snowfall, you might want to reference the Snow Removal Plan posted on the homepage of our website: georgetownmacomb.org. This plan may get 'tweaked' to adjust for the City of Macomb now plowing streets. The Georgetown Maintenance & Landscaping Committee is working on any changes. So please be patient with our 'growing pains'.

There are many new residents this year. If you have questions about how you can help with the snow removal process; contact the office for answers.

Also, we are looking for volunteers to help hand shovel stoops and sidewalks. If you're interested in helping, call the office 833.2341.

WHAT TO DO DURING SNOW BANS

Parking on Arlington and Charleston Streets

Your vehicle needs to be removed from the street if 2 or more inches of snow falls, or your vehicle may be towed. At the very least, it could be plowed in by snow. If snow is in the forecast, it would be best to pull any vehicles into your driveway. If needed, there is additional parking on the north side of the pool on Charleston Dr.

In the past, Georgetown would plow driveways once the streets are cleared. Depending on the amount of snow, day of the week and

possibly when the City plows our streets, the Board may adjust when the Georgetown crew begins plowing parking and shoveling sidewalks.

Vehicles on Driveways and Parking Bays

Georgetown will remove the snow from parking bays and driveways, as soon as it makes sense to do so. There needs to be at least 2 inches of snow to plow. Please move your car from the parking bays and driveways when you see the crew coming. Not doing so slows them down and can possibly cause additional problems.

Sidewalks and Street Rotation

Georgetown shovels snow from stoops and sidewalks when there is more than 2 inches of snow. The ground's crew rotates streets with each snow incident; thus, each street will have an opportunity to have the parking areas and sidewalks cleared first, second, third, etc.

Thank you, in advance, for being patient. The City of Macomb and the Georgetown crew will do their best to quickly clear the snow. This is our first winter working together; so hopefully there won't be too many issues.

GARBAGE ENCLOSURES

The holidays create extra garbage and packaging. Please recycle the packing materials from your gifts.

Boxes must always be broken down and not placed in the regular dumpsters.

If boxes are not collapsed, they take up so much extra space that could be used by other residents.

Be sure that all garbage is bagged

and placed securely in the dumpster and that the lid is closed! If you send your child out to dispose of the garbage, be sure he/she understands which receptacle to use. If the child is not tall enough to reach the dumpster lids, take out the garbage yourself.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Christmas trees may be disposed of by placing them inside the garbage enclosure fences (**NOT INSIDE THE DUMPSTERS**) or outside the enclosure fence and either our garbage carrier or the crew will take them. Those of you with curbside pickup can place your tree at the curb, next to your garbage can, on your regular garbage day

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

*FROM THE GEORGETOWN BOARD
AND STAFF!*

