



# GEORGETOWN HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2025

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### Regular Office Hours:

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



## ANNOUNCING

### UPCOMING DATES

**Thurs., Jan. 23 – Regular Board Meeting – 6 PM – Clubhouse**

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## DUES INCREASE

Effective Jan. 1, 2025, the monthly assessments (dues) increase \$6.50 per month. Houses with garages will pay \$191.00 and houses without garages will pay \$188.00. For those who pay by Online Bill Pay or ACH; be sure to change your payment amount.

Also, the Exterior Maintenance Fund will now credit \$5 or \$8 in each account, per month; for those houses without garages and those with garages respectively. In the past, the amounts were \$4.44 and \$7.44.

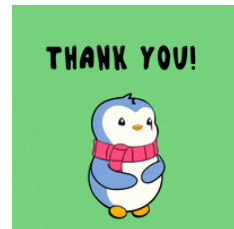
## OBTAINING BOARD APPROVAL CHANGE

As in the past, residents must obtain board approval before any exterior work can be done. A resident would submit a request to the office and the office would then email the request for approval to the Board for voting.

The new process is that all requests can be submitted to the office anytime; but no later than 5 PM on the first Wednesday of a month. The office then submits the request to the Architect Committee.

The Architect Committee will determine a recommendation and then present their recommendations to the Board, at the regular monthly Board meeting.

Board meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, with the exception of Nov. and Dec. The office will then notify the resident on the next Tuesday, following the Board meeting, whether the Board approved the request. Please keep this process in mind when submitting your requests for exterior work to be approved. The lead time for Board approvals can be between three and seven weeks; depending on when you submit the request. Only true emergency requests will be considered at the time it is presented.



## MANY THANKS TO THE RECREATION COMMITTEE!

This Committee works diligently all year long with several of our community events. So a *Thank You* to those on the Recreation Committee, particularly for the holiday decorating of the clubhouse, the House Holiday Decorating Contest and for the Christmas Get-together. Winners for the House Holiday Decorating Contest were: 280 Jamestown, 40 S Yorktown and 135 Arlington Dr.

While the Recreation Committee worked hard over the holidays, so had the grounds crew. Each year, the crew puts up the holiday lights and outside wreath, takes the X-mas tree up and down from the clubhouse basement and sets up and takes down tables for the Holiday Get-Together.

## REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

This Committee hears and addresses homeowners' and residents' complaints only. Any work order requests or Board approval items still need to be processed through the office.

To ask the Regulations Committee to handle your complaint, email: [gtownregs@macomb.com](mailto:gtownregs@macomb.com). If you do not have access to email, you can call the office or send the complaint in writing to the office; although emails are the preferred method.

While you now have access to the Imposition of the Regulations Plan on our website, a brief summary here is: *"The complaint may possibly trigger a response letter or email to the person causing the 'infraction'. The person may possibly be given a time frame to deny the complaint or to take corrective action. If more complaints are 'filed' against the same person, for the same offense; ultimately there could be a Board-approved fine implemented."*

What are some of the typical complaints this Committee might handle? Not breaking down boxes before placing them in the dumpsters; leaving toys on front lawns; not picking up after pet waste; pets not on leashes, including cats; to name a few. Basically, any item where an owner or a resident is not complying with the Covenants or Board policies.



## SNOW REMOVAL - IMPORTANT

This winter, the Board has hired Snow Pros to help with snow removal. Whether we have extra help or not; it's obvious every residence or street can be first. Therefore, with each new snow event; the grounds' crew rotates which sidewalks, driveways, and parking bays will be cleared first.

Last weekend was 'experimental' to determine time standards with the length of time it took to remove snow from specific areas. Fortunately, it was a light, drier snow; so it made for easier analyzing. Usually the street rotation begins with Carriage Hill, proceeds to Charleston Dr., then Arlington Dr., Jamestown Rd., S. Yorktown Rd., N. Yorktown Rd., and finally Richmond Rd. This first time, though, streets with driveways were done after the streets with parking bays.

Hopefully, we won't have many snow events this winter and things will go more smoothly, if we do. Regardless, always be careful walking on icy/snowy sidewalks, parking bays and driveways.

For some reason if removing the snow is questionable, a decision will be jointly made by the Maintenance Committee, Board and the grounds manager whether the snow should be removed. The reason is to save money, of course.

If you see the crew coming to remove snow, please move your vehicles from your driveways/parking bays. Doing so will help the crew remove snow more quickly, efficiently and safely.

## H O D G E P O D G E



### DUES CHECKS IN LOCK BOX

Whenever there is rain, snow or ice in the forecast and you plan to drop your dues payment in the black lock box, please place the check in a sealable sandwich bag. This prevents your check from becoming wet and illegible.

### LOST AND FOUND

1. Found: A pair of black, women's gloves found on Carriage Hill were turned into the office.
2. Found: A full socket set was found in the middle of S Yorktown street, towards the stop sign. If they belong to you, you can pick them up in the office.
3. Found: Nine green elves left by someone using the clubhouse for Christmas.

If any of these items are yours, please come into the office to claim them. Unclaimed items will be given to either the Georgetown crew (when useful) or donated to Goodwill.

### BAD CHECK FEE

**The Board is considering charging a fee whenever a check is returned, regardless of the reason given. Once the process is decided, it will be published in the next newsletter. Stay tuned.**