

GEORGETOWN HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER April 2025



Office Hours:

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

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ANNOUNCING

UPCOMING DATES

- **Thurs., April 24 – Regular Board Meeting – 6 PM – in Clubhouse**
- **Sat., May 3 - Community Wide Yard Sale from 8-12**
- **Wed., May 7 - 5 PM Deadline for Residents' Requests to be Submitted**
- **Thurs., May 8 - Junk Day**
- **Saturday, May 24 - Pool Opens- Weather Permitting**
- **Saturday, May 24 – 11 to 2; Additional Open Office Hours to Obtain Pool Passes**

WEEKEND EMAILS

The office will respond to emails during regular business hours going forward. (See hours in the column to the left.)

You're always welcome to email, call the office to leave a message or drop off a note in the black lock box anytime. Be assured you'll have an answer, if required, during the next open office hours.

RESIDENTS REQUESTS

Residents' requests for Board approval, on exterior maintenance projects, will go through the Architectural Committee first; by emailing or dropping off the request in the office. The Committee will submit their recommendation to the Board at the regular Board meeting. The Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month. So please submit your request to the office by 5 p.m. on that day. The office will let you know of the Board's decision on the next Tuesday after the Board meets.

JUNK DAY

Waste Management has scheduled our spring Junk Day to be on Thursday, May 8. The pickup could be early, so you may wish to place your junk 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.

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, etc.).

COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALE

This year's community-wide yard sale will be held on Saturday, May 3, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Ads will be published in The Voice and the Community News Brief when closer to the date. Anyone living in Georgetown may participate; by putting your tables of wares in your front yards.

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 lawncare 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 be emailed. Until the completed, executed form is returned, spraying will continue.

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

POOL OPENING

Do you know someone who is a lifeguard? Would he/she be interested in working as a lifeguard for Georgetown? Please ask him/her to obtain an employment application from the office.

The pool season will open on Saturday, May 24, 2025; weather permitting. More details to come in the May newsletter.

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 will begin shortly. Yard signs may be posted within the gravel area of your front yards and in your windows. Only ‘For Sale/For Rent’ signs are allowed in the grass areas.

Also, remember to keep your cars parked far enough away from the parking space curbs.

Please tell your children to keep toys and bikes off of the grass, too. This saves the mowers time by not stopping to move the toys out of the mowing paths.

HODGEPODGE

Potholes

Street maintenance is now the responsibility of the City, not Georgetown. If you notice a pothole, please contact the City so it can be addressed.

Wet Grounds

Residents and/or their contractors should NOT be driving on the grass when the ground is wet. If damage results, residents will be responsible to repair the damage.

No Pets in the Playground

The ‘mulch’ within the playground area - is actually specially-treated and called fibar. To protect the treated mulch, **PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED WITHIN THIS FIBAR AREA.**

Another Thank You

A big thank you to Greg Butler for volunteering to prepare the Association’s 2024 Income Tax return.

Rainy Days and Ziploc Bags

The rainy season is upon us again. When placing your dues’ check in the black lock box; please put it in a Zip Lock bag, ‘zipping’ it closed, rather than an envelope. Pelting rain can make its way into the box and then soak 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’. This way the finders of these items can easily return them to their proper owners.

Dog Park

The office has a few, free boxes of dog waste bags to give away. Also be sure to bring your own waste bags when using the dog park.

Free Mulch Available

The City of Macomb currently has free mulch, should you need some for your backyards. You can pick up the mulch at the City’s Yard Waste Center on Tower Rd. They are open Thursdays - Sundays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. More information is available at <https://cityofmacomb.com/2025-yard-waste-site-dates-hours/>