

# GEORGETOWN HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER May 2025



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## ANNOUNCING

### UPCOMING DATES

- **Sat., May 3 - Yard Sale; 8-12**
- **Wed., May 7 - By 5 PM  
Deadline for Residents'  
Requests to be Submitted**
- **Thurs., May 8 - Junk Day**
- **Thurs., May 22 - Board  
Meets; 6 PM in Clubhouse**
- **Sat., May 24 - Pool Opens,  
Weather Permitting**
- **Sat., May 24 – 11 to 2; Office  
Open to Obtain Pool Pass**

## COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALE

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

## EXTERIOR TOWNHOUSE 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, etc.) must be approved by the Board before the work is done. In addition to Board approval, Please Note: **The City of Macomb does require a construction permit for certain types of home improvements projects;** so be sure to contact the City to see if you'll need one before your construction begins.

All requests for approval will be forwarded to the Architectural Committee for recommendation to the Board. **This month, all requests must be submitted to the office no later than May 7th;** since the Committee meets on the first Wednesday of a month. The Board will hear the Committee's recommendation at the regular Board meeting. The office will then notify the resident of their decision on the following Tuesday.

## JUNK DAY

Waste Management has scheduled our spring **Junk Day for Thursday, May 8.** The pickup could be early, so you may wish to place these items curbside the night before. You can refer to the April Newsletter for 'allowable' junk or contact the office.

## POOL OPENING

Since last fall, the Board has been working with a company to replace the pool chlorinator. Part of the process requires obtaining a construction permit from the IL Dept of Public Health, which oversees pool operations and construction. The permit application was submitted in early January; but we have yet to receive approval.

Therefore, the Board has decided to **open the pool** for the regular season, with weather permitting, on **Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.** Once the chlorinating system can be installed, the pool will be closed for a couple of days; it just isn't known when at this time.

Also, the **office will be open on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, from 11-2;** for those who wish to pick up pool passes. **Passes will also be ready for pickup during regular office hours, no earlier than Tuesday, May 20th.**

Resident Logan Brown will return as the Pool Manager. When you pick up your passes, you will also receive the 2025 Residents Pool Rules; which will list any changes from past years, at the top of the first page.

Georgetown renters will need a signed form from the landlord releasing pool privileges to you; before the office can issue you a pool pass. Please ask your landlord to request the form.

Those residents who are behind \$200 or more, with their monthly assessments, will not receive pool passes until the arrearage is paid. If you're unsure you're paid up, call the office for a balance.

## SHRUB LIST

The crew will begin trimming shrubs in the near future. If you do not wish your shrubs to be trimmed, please contact the office to place your name on the Do Not Trim Shrubs list as soon as possible.

If you are new to Georgetown, you might check with the office to see if your new home was on this Do Not Trim List.

## YARD WASTE

Georgetown will no longer burn yard waste materials. Also, any yard waste generated outside of Georgetown can no longer be dumped at the burn pile nor at the shop.

The crew will collect Georgetown yard waste from residents, usually Mondays and Thursdays to be stored at the shop, until they have time to take the yard waste to the City's Yard Waste Site. Your bags should be placed either at the curb or outside a dumpster enclosure. The crew will not collect yard waste from outside backyards, by garage doors, etc.

Please use only properly designated, brown paper, yard

waste bags. NO plastic bags containing yard waste will be collected nor can other items be in the bags, such as plastic mulch bags, plastic pots, etc. These types of items, as long as not hazardous and acceptable to Waste Management, should be disposed of with your regular trash routine.

You can also drive your waste to the shop, placing the appropriate brown paper bags near the Yard Waste sign, or you can take it to the City Waste Site, too.

## MOWING

Mowing season has begun. When posting yard signs, walkway lights, etc., please place them within the gravel area of your front yards and/or in your windows. Only For Sale or For Rent signs are allowed in the mowing areas.

Also, be sure all toys, bikes, scooters, etc. are not on the sidewalks or grassy areas.

## EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE FUND

Each townhome has an Exterior Maintenance Reserve fund that can be used to help defray the cost of Board-approved, exterior work. Townhomes with garages add \$8 per month and townhomes without garages add \$5 per month to the fund. (Landscaping costs are not reimbursed out of this fund.) Contact the office to find out how much is in your fund and how the process works.

Whenever any approved work is being done, residents and/or their contractors should NOT be driving on the grass when the ground is wet. If damage results from doing

so, residents will be responsible for the cost to repair the damage.

## HODGE-PODGE

### GARDEN PLOTS

If you are interested in using a garden plot this year, please contact the office for more information. Currently, it has been too wet for the crew to till the area. Hopefully, the weather cooperates soon.

### PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACES

In the past, Georgetown allowed chimineas to be used in backyards. Per the Macomb City Fire Department pamphlet, the City has a burn ordinance. Under the ordinance, portable outdoor fireplaces are allowed to be used, without a burn permit, as long as they are at least 15 feet from any structure.

If you need more information or clarification, please contact the Macomb City Fire Department at 309-836-7800.

### EXTRA VEHICLES

Residents, who have extra vehicles, should contact the office about where to park.

### CITY OF MACOMB

If you have any questions regarding City services and City regulations, go to their website: [cityofmacomb.com](http://cityofmacomb.com). There are a couple of tabs on the homepage that should help get you to the right department.

### DUES REMINDERS

If possible, make a monthly note reminding yourself to pay your dues timely, to avoid late fees and interest. The office is no longer sending reminders.

