

GEORGETOWN SQUARE CIVIC CORPORATION NEWSLETTER

Spring 2015

Current Board Members:

John Pickul - President

Arnold Colunga - Vice President

Mauri Norris - Treasurer

Jill Pearsall - Secretary

Peggy Ascherl - Director

Contact information for the board members is posted on the bulletin board on the pool fence.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Please come, meet and visit with your neighbors at the

Annual General Membership Meeting

to be held at the pool

April 26, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Your attendance is very important and welcome. No business can be conducted without a quorum present. If your schedule will not allow you to attend, please complete and send your proxy form (attached to the meeting Agenda) with your trusted neighbor.

Please bring a chair.

GSCC WEBSITE IS HERE!!!

Georgetown Square Civic Corporation has moved into the 21st Century. You can now go on-line to reference:

- legal documents
- notices for meetings
- regular communications
- emergent notices
- newsletters

Visit

www.GeorgetownSquareCC.com

and let us know what you think.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

As we continue communicating in the digital era, and be environmentally conscious, the Board has transitioned to digital communications. It is recommended, suggested and requested that each Owner and resident **register their email address with the Board** in order to receive timely and informative information about the business and activities within our immediate community.

If your contact information has not been provided to the Board, please complete a **Membership Information form** (available from any Board member) and drop it off to 6505 Kenyon Lane. If you rent your property, please register Tenant information as well so that the Board can contact you in case of emergency. Your information will be kept confidential as requested.

POLICIES

The Georgetown Square Board has been hard at work this year including the development of new policies:

- Payment Plan Policy
- Records Production Policy
- Records Retention Policy

The Payment Plan Policy outlines an option for Owners to pay their assessments and/or their delinquent assessments over an extended period of time to ease any financial burden.

The policies can be found at
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SAFETY & SECURITY REMINDERS

Protect yourself, your valuables, your surroundings and your neighbors by:

1. Never leaving your vehicle unattended, running or with the keys in it. This invites thieves to take your vehicle and is unlawful in the State of Texas.
2. Never leaving valuables in sight in your car. This includes mobile phones, purses, billfolds, money clips, gym bags and/or any expensive personal effects.
3. Rolling your car windows up at night and locking the doors.
4. Using a steering wheel locking device or vehicle alarm, if possible.
5. Parking with your front wheels turned into the curb. This makes it more difficult for a tow device to be hooked to the front of your vehicle.
6. Keeping the doors to your home locked at all times, including your garage door.
7. Leaving your front porch and alley light on.

NEIGHBORHOOD REMINDERS

1. Support the City of Bellaire's **Recycling Program** by PARTICIPATING!! Pick up is on Wednesday - label your bins and take them in promptly after pick-up.
2. Please do NOT put out your **garbage** ahead of pick-up day! This invites pests to the neighborhood. Garbage pick-up is on Tuesday and Friday.
3. Pick up after your **pets**! Remember pets must be leashed at all times and a responsible party should be holding onto the leash. As a reminder, no pets are allowed in the pool area.
4. Please **watch your speed** in the neighborhood! Residents, children and pets are often walking in the area.
5. **Alleys** are PRIVATE PROPERTY and, for everyone's safety, should be used by

property owners or service vehicles only. Please do not use the alleys as playgrounds and keep streets and alleys clear of toys and bicycles.

6. **Park vehicles** in your garage, if possible. If you must park in the street, please park only in front of your own home and not in front of others'. You may also park along Locust or the north side of Acacia. No parking is allowed in the alleys of driveways.
7. Pick up all flyers and newspapers and retrieve **mail** promptly. Excessive unclaimed papers and mail can be an invitation to thieves. Don't forget the alley area applies to this pick up as well.
8. Report all **suspicious or illegal activities** to the Bellaire Police! You can reach them at 713-668-0487 or in an **EMERGENCY** call 911!
9. Your assessment dues pay for 10 specific alley **security lights** around the neighborhood. Owners with those lights are asked to make sure those fixtures are kept burning dusk-to-dawn every night. If the lights are not working, please contact Rick Norris at 713-664-7733 for repairs and maintenance.

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

If you see anything of concern, such as needed repairs, security provisions or a safety risk, please report it to a Board member. Since the members of our Board of Directors are **volunteer** homeowners in our neighborhood, they are, like all of us, busy people, with families and/or full-time jobs as well as volunteers in other positions, and are not able to have all eyes on the conditions of our community. Please make their Board-jobs less time-consuming and less stressful by following all **deed restrictions**, neighborhood rules, paying your assessments timely and reporting any community concerns.

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POOL USE

With the warm weather already here, please reference these rules associated with use of the community pool:

- **NO** lifeguard on duty - swim at your own risk
- **NO** glass containers. Metal, plastic or paper only
- **NO** smoking
- **NO** pets allowed
- **NO** barbeque equipment
- **NO** large pool floats
- **NO** running - **NO** playing ball, except with inflatable beach balls - **NO** diving
- Limit four guests per resident. Guests and minors **must** be accompanied by an adult resident. Unaccompanied guests or minors are subject to arrest and prosecution for trespassing.
- Pool equipment shall **only** be operated by an authorized person or vendor. The rear gate is for maintenance use **only**.
- Area safety and cleanliness are **every** resident's responsibility - please remove **your** belongings and **your** trash.
- Babies and young children **MUST** use swim diapers.

POOL HOURS

Sunday - Thursday, 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Friday - Saturday, 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

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OTHER HELPFUL NUMBERS

Bellaire Police - 713-668-0487

Bellaire Fire Dept - 713-662-8202

Public Works/Solid Waste - 713-662-8170

Animal Control - call Police - 713-668-0487

Bellaire Parks and Rec - 713-662-8280

Bellaire City Clerk - 713-662-8222

Power Outages - 713-207-2222

BOARD MEETINGS

The next **Georgetown Square Board meeting** will be held

immediately following the Membership meeting on April 26, 2015 at the Georgetown pool

Please note that Board meetings are held quarterly in January, April, July and October and the most recent meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board on the pool fence.

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NEWSLETTER

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HURRICANE PREPARATIONS

With the next hurricane season starting June 1st, below are some reminders for preparedness and response:

1. Before a Hurricane

- a. Build an emergency kit
- b. Make a family communications plan
- c. Learn community hurricane evacuation routes and how to find higher ground.
- d. Cover all of your home's windows (tape does not prevent windows from breaking).
- e. Be sure trees and shrubs around your home are well trimmed so they are more wind resistant.
- f. Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- g. Bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans and anything else that is not tied down.
- h. Consider flood insurance protection. To learn more, visit www.floodsmart.gov or call 1-800-427-2419.

2. During a Hurricane

- a. Listen to the radio or television for information.
- b. Turn off utilities, if instructed to do so.
- c. Turn the refrigerator thermostat to its coldest setting and keep its doors closed.
- d. Avoid using the phone, except for emergencies.
- e. Fill the bathtub and other large containers with water.
- f. Evacuate if directed by local authorities and follow their instructions.
- g. Stay indoors during the hurricane and away from windows and glass doors.
- h. Close all interior doors.
- i. Keep curtains and blinds closed.
- j. Take refuge in a small interior room, closet or hallway on the lowest level.

- k. Lie on the floor under a table or another sturdy object.

3. After a Hurricane

- a. Listen to radio or local television for the latest updates.
- b. Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding.
- c. If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe.
- d. Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges.
- e. Stay off the streets. If you must go out, watch for fallen objects; downed electrical wires; and weakened walls, bridges, roads, and sidewalks.
- f. Walk carefully around the outside your home and check for loose power lines, gas leaks and structural damage
- g. Report loose or dangling power lines to the power company immediately.
- h. Inspect your home for damage. Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance purposes.
- i. Use battery-powered flashlights in the dark. Do NOT use candles.
- j. Watch your pets closely and keep them under your direct control.
- k. Watch out for wild animals, especially poisonous snakes. Use a stick to poke through debris.
- l. Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until you are sure it's not contaminated.
- m. Check refrigerated food for spoilage. If in doubt, throw it out.
- n. Wear protective clothing and be cautious when cleaning up to avoid injury.
- o. Use the telephone only for emergency calls.
- p. **NEVER** use a generator inside homes, garages, crawlspaces, sheds, or similar areas.