

# GEORGETOWN SQUARE CIVIC CORPORATION NEWSLETTER

Spring 2017

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John Pickul - President      Ashley Chappell - Vice President  
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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Please come, meet and visit with your neighbors at the

**Annual General Membership Meeting**  
to be held at the pool  
**April 23, 2017 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!!!

Documents and forms are readily available to you on the Georgetown Square Civic Corporation website. You can access the following information:

- Deed Restrictions
- By Laws
- Payment Plan Policy
- Records Production Policy
- Records Retention Policy
- Membership Information Form
- Pool Liability Waiver
- Newsletters
- Meeting Agenda

Visit

**[www.GeorgetownSquareCC.com](http://www.GeorgetownSquareCC.com)**

and let us know what you think.

## NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

1. Please **watch your speed** in the neighborhood! Residents, children and pets are often walking in the area.
2. **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.
3. **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 or driveways.
4. 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 713-252-2800 for repairs and maintenance.
5. Leave your front porch and alley light on at night for enhanced neighborhood security.
6. If you see anything of concern, such as needed repairs, security provisions or a safety risk, please report it to a Board member. To make our volunteer Board of Directors' jobs less time-consuming, follow all **deed restrictions**, neighborhood rules, pay your assessments timely and report any community concerns.
7. Report all **suspicious or illegal activities** to the Bellaire Police! You can reach them at 713-668-0487 or in an **EMERGENCY** call 911!

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## POOL USE

With the warm weather upon us, 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.
- The **pool area entry gate** should be closed and secured and all **lights and fans** turned off when you leave.

## 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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## BOARD MEETINGS

The next **Georgetown Square Board meeting** will be held **immediately following the Membership meeting on April 23, 2017 at the Georgetown pool**

Please note that Board meetings are typically held quarterly in February, May, August and November and the most recent meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board on the pool fence.

## NEXTDOOR

Our neighborhood is using a free online network called NextDoor Bellaire and you may want to join. On their website is shared provider recommendations, items free or for sale, safety concerns, local events and much more. It's a great way to meet neighbors, get recommendations, find your lost pet, discuss crime or promote a garage sale. Just go to [www.nextdoor.com/join](http://www.nextdoor.com/join)

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## LOCAL HELPFUL NUMBERS

Bellaire Police/Animal Control - 713-668-0487  
Bellaire Fire Dept - 713-662-8202  
Bellaire City Manager - 713-662-8276  
Bellaire Development Svcs - 713-662-8230  
Bellaire Parks, Rec & Fac - 713-662-8280  
Bellaire Public Works - 713-662-8170  
CenterPoint/Power Outages - 713-207-2222

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

It is recommended, suggested and requested that each Owner and resident **register their email address and telephone numbers with the Board** in order to receive timely and informative details about the business and activities within our immediate community, including emergency notifications. A **Membership Information form** is available online at

<https://www.georgetownsquarecc.com/documents/>

Please drop off the completed form 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.

## DEED RESTRICTIONS

The Board requests Owners read the Deed Restrictions to comply with our community rules and to make sure you understand its provisions. Although not a complete list, here are a few general reminders:

**Maintenance:** The Deed Restrictions clarify that the Georgetown Square Civic Corporation (the "Association") is responsible for the maintenance of all common areas and each owner is responsible for the maintenance of its own lot and townhome.

**Construction Review:** The Deed Restrictions contain a requirement for exterior construction to be reviewed and approved by either a construction review committee (if one is formed) or the Board of

Directors for the Association. This review requirement is limited to exterior construction to the structures or additional improvements to be constructed. The purpose of this requirement is to maintain the aesthetics of our community.

**Exterior Lighting:** To promote the public safety in the Community, all Units shall maintain a working exterior light on the Unit capable of illuminating the front of the Unit from dusk to dawn. No exterior lighting may shed light onto other property in the Community or into residential dwellings in such a manner that creates a nuisance.

## OTHER REMINDERS

- 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.
- 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/clean up as well.
- 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.

## ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO)

NNO is an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in hopes for a safer nation. Along with community camaraderie, we can learn from the Bellaire Police Department about crime and drug prevention awareness, neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, as well as send a message to criminals letting them know that our neighborhood is organized and fighting back. Please let the Board know if you are interested in participating in this annual event, to be held on **Wednesday, October 4, 2017**.

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### **HURRICANE PREPARATIONS**

With the next hurricane season starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://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.