

# GEORGETOWN SQUARE CIVIC CORPORATION NEWSLETTER

Spring 2012

Current Board Members:

**John Pickul - President**

**William Arteaga - Vice President**

**Jill Pearsall - Secretary**

**Mauri Norris - Treasurer**

**Directors: Rowena White**

**Tom White**

**Diane Wylie**

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

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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 22, 2012 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.

## **THANK YOU**

Your Board wishes to thank all of the volunteer residents for their efforts around the complex, including weeding and general clean-up in the pool area, along the Newcastle beds and the alleys. Thanks for maintaining the security lights and keeping our area safe, for the fence repairs and general pick-up of newspapers and litter. Oversight of the pool and pool area irrigation system is a constant job, so thank you - your efforts are greatly appreciated and help save us all money. Taking care of yourself and your neighbors is what community is all about!

**Special thanks** to Owners for their prompt payment of the annual assessments. It was a "gold star" year for timely payments!

## **VOLUNTEER BOARD**

Please remember that the members of your Board of Directors are homeowners in your neighborhood and are VOLUNTEERS! Like all of us, they are very busy people, with families and/or full-time jobs as well as serving in other volunteer positions. Please try to make their Board-jobs less time-consuming and less stressful by following all deed restrictions, neighborhood rules and paying your assessments timely.

## **BOARD MEMBER CONTACTS**

### **John Pickul, President**

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### NEIGHBORHOOD REMINDERS

1. Please support the City of Bellaire's **Recycling Program** by PARTICIPATING!! Pick up is on Wednesday - take in bins promptly after pick-up. All items with #s 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 are accepted EXCEPT STYROFOAM!
2. Please do NOT put out your **garbage** ahead of pick-up day! This invites rats and other pests to the neighborhood. Garbage pick-up is on Tuesday and Friday. No hazardous materials will be collected.
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. 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 for this pick up as well.
6. Report all **suspicious or illegal activities** to the Bellaire Police! You can reach them at 713-668-0487 or in an **EMERGENCY** call 911!
7. **Protect yourself**, your valuables, your surroundings and your neighbors by: never leaving your vehicle unattended, running or with the keys in it; never leaving valuables in sight in your car; rolling your car windows up at night and locking the doors; avoiding parking along the street and using your garage; locking your garage; leaving the outside lights on during the night - don't forget your alley light.
8. Your assessment dues pay for 10 specific alley **security lights** around the neighborhood. Owners with those lights are asked to make sure that 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.

9. **STREET LIGHTS NOT WORKING?** Report street light malfunctions at 713-207-2222 or get the light number (posted on the pole) and report on line at:  
<http://www.centerpointenergy.com/services/electricity/business/electricsafety/reportastreetlightoutage/>

### MAINTENANCE REMINDERS

We all want to be proud of where we live. Please inspect your property regularly for needed repairs; replace and repair rotten wood; clean and repair gutters and shutters; paint, repair, replace garage doors, etc. Also, please be sure that your flowerbeds and shrubs are weeded and trimmed regularly. Remember that the Groundskeepers (our lawn service) is only responsible for mowing, edging and blowing. Please water in line with any required water restriction schedules to keep your yard in an aesthetic condition. Let's hope we don't have a Summer like 2011! If you wish to contract with Groundskeepers privately for further maintenance on your beds and shrubs, please contact them directly. You can get their contact information from Mauri Norris.

### RENTAL UNITS

There are specific restrictions for rental units. See Article VI Section 11 in the Deed Restrictions. This section states that: *Notice of any lease...shall be given to the Board of Directors by the Owner within 10 calendar days of the execution of the lease.* The Board needs the name and contact information for all Renters. The right to use the neighborhood amenities (e.g. pool) is exclusively assigned to the renter. The renter must have the proper waiver, release and indemnity agreement on file to receive the pool access combination and to use the pool.

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## OUR ALLEYS

The Georgetown Square alleys are PRIVATE PROPERTY. Your assessments maintain the alleys. It is important to restrict alley use to property owners and service vehicles only. Unauthorized construction trucks can cause expensive damage. Please help to police the alley traffic and WATCH YOUR SPEED. The alleys are NOT playgrounds, so keep streets and alleys clear of toys and bikes. The alleys are FIRE LANES, so DO NOT PARK unattended vehicles in the alleys and DO NOT STORE anything in the alley. Properly dispose of all construction materials - such materials WILL NOT be picked up by the City. Keep the power transformer area between properties clear for utility maintenance.

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

It is important that the Board has current contact information for ALL owners and residents. This information is CONFIDENTIAL and WILL NOT BE SHARED outside of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS nor used for any solicitation purposes. This contact information is used for mailouts (such as this newsletter and assessment notices) and emergency situations. Diane Fraser is updating all owner/resident information. To submit your information, please contact Diane at 6504 Gambier for a form and send it back to her when complete.

## BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held quarterly, as prescribed by the By-Laws, the first Monday of January, April, July and October and the most recent meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board on the pool fence. The next meeting will be held Monday July 9, 2012 at Mauri Norris' home.

## POOL USE

With the Summer days ahead, here are a few reminders in regards to pool use:

1. Only residents with a current waiver, release and indemnity agreement on file will be given the combination to the pool gate. Contact John Pickul to get an agreement form and submit it to John Pickul or Jill Pearsall.
2. Pool rules must be obeyed at all times. The rules are posted at the pool - some on the pool area signs and the full list is on the bulletin board on the pool fence. Some highlights:
  - a. NO PETS ARE ALLOWED IN THE POOL AREA!
  - b. Pool area maintenance is a community project. Please remove all your own trash.
  - c. NO GLASS, CHINA or OTHER BREAKABLE CONTAINERS ARE PERMITTED. Please use metal, plastic or paper.
  - d. No running in the pool area. No ball playing except with inflated beach balls. NO DIVING.
  - e. NO LIFE GUARD ON DUTY - SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK!!

**Please read and follow the complete rules and help keep our pool area a safe place for everyone to use and enjoy.**

## HELPFUL NUMBERS

### **EMERGENCIES DIAL 911**

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

Elec. Power Outages - 713-207-2222