



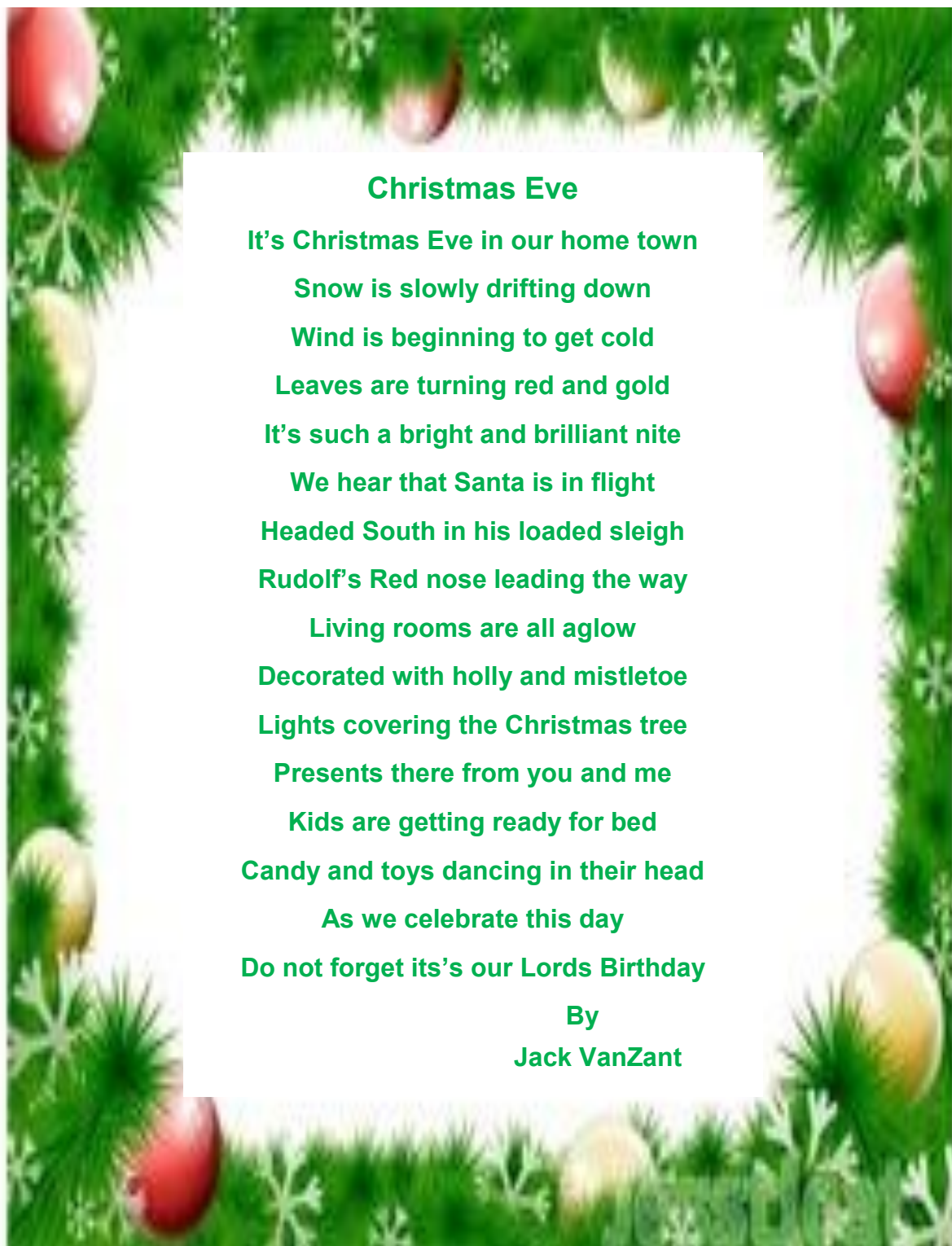
# THE TOWN CRIER

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## Christmas Eve

It's Christmas Eve in our home town

Snow is slowly drifting down

Wind is beginning to get cold

Leaves are turning red and gold

It's such a bright and brilliant nite

We hear that Santa is in flight

Headed South in his loaded sleigh

Rudolf's Red nose leading the way

Living rooms are all aglow

Decorated with holly and mistletoe

Lights covering the Christmas tree

Presents there from you and me

Kids are getting ready for bed

Candy and toys dancing in their head

As we celebrate this day

Do not forget its's our Lords Birthday

By

Jack VanZant



**Welcome to our new Homeowners:**

**Ayesha Babar and Babar Ali Syed  
Jillann Tatarian  
Nathan Lozano  
Edith Flores  
Lara, Marcus, Martha & Ernesto  
Hernandez**

## **ANTICS FROM ANNE**

Another year is passing us by and one that many of us would like to forget. I have now been here 10 years and seen many folks come and go. For those that have been here all 10 I have formed wonderful friendships that I will never forget and forever be thankful for.

As we approach 2021 I hope that all are safe and well and hopefully we will have a much better year ahead of us.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all.

## **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday-Wednesday-Thursday  
9 AM-1 PM**

**Tuesday 7:30 AM-11:30 AM**

**FRIDAY—2 PM-6 PM**

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY—CLOSED**

**HOLIDAYS—CLOSED**

## **Congratulations to our Halloween Contest Winners**

**Day of the Dead**

**2011 Town Place I**

**Ismael & Maribel Garcia**

**Boo Spectacular**

**2001 Town Court**

**Laura Ostrowski**

**Made Me Jump**

**2005 Town Place**

**Michael & D'aun McCaffrey**

Need an additional or replacement trash can  
or if your trash is not picked up.

**Call 972-205-3500**



**Our Christmas yard contest is  
December 19. Categories are:**

**Most Creative  
Best of Season  
Traditional**

**Have fun decorating!!!!**



## TRASH TALK

By Laura Ostrowski

Just a few friendly reminders about trash disposal and pick up.

- Be sure to bag your trash well to keep loose trash from getting blown away during trash pick up.
- Please put trash in the green container only. Blue containers are for recycling only.
- Do Not place bagged household trash outside of the trash bin, it will not be picked up unless it is in the green container.
- Bulk trash should be placed in your driveway area behind your residence only. There is **NO DUMPING ALLOWED** on any of the grassy areas in the community.
- Do not overflow your trash container. If you require an additional container, you can contact the City of Garland at 214-205-3500.

Thanks for keeping our community clean, if you see some litter, pick it up.

Please return your trash can up against your garage or in your garage after being picked up.

## SAFETY TIPS

By Anne

Recently there have been a few break ins and thefts in our neighborhood so wanted to review some safety tips for you.

- Always lock your car doors
- Do not leave any visible items in your car
- Keep your garage door down
- Keep your porch light on after dark
- Put a light on your garage and have on after dark
- Invest in a door ring doorbell for front and/or back
- Be aware of any strangers in the area
- If you have a package being delivered and you won't be home have it delivered to a pick up site or ask a neighbor to pick it up off your porch.

## PET WASTE

BY Anne

Please pick up after your pets. It is your responsibility as a pet owner and not that of your neighbors. The tennis court area is for recreation and please pick up after your pet in this area.

Per the City of Garland:

When water runs off of your yard, pet waste can wash down the storm drains and go untreated into streams, creeks, and lakes. This waste contains harmful bacteria which is unhealthy for all wildlife and people.

Tips

- Carry disposable bags while walking your dog and dispose of waste in the trash.
- Do not use pet waste in a compost bin.
- Pet waste can be thrown in the trash or toilet. Do not flush down sticks, rocks, etc.
- Pick up pet waste from your yard. It is not a fertilizer.

## Elections

By Renee' Le Cousin

I have been on the Towngate HOA board for several years and have met many wonderful folks in the neighborhood. Listening is the best skill needed.. Taking the time to hear the problem and guide the person to the correct person or put them on the list for landscape improvements is an example of the job. The board member is to attend a meeting once a month on the second Tuesday for about an hour and writing an article for the newsletter four times a year. The length of your time serving on the board is two years. Certain jobs within the board do take extra time . This year we have four spots to fill. The Board members can serve 2 two year terms. Officers and Committee Chairmen are decided on after the board is elected. The current board members whose term expires are Rene LeCousin, Laura Ostrowski, Jack VanZant, and Amalia Lopez. If you attend the board meetings your next months dues are credited. The candidate form is included in the newsletter with the deadline to turn in on January 11. The election is on February 18, 2021. Please consider working in your neighborhood this year. Feel free to call me with questions. Please take a few minutes to read up on who is running and asking a few questions will work in your favor for the future when you vote. Over the years the amount of homes voting has decreased. As president of the HOA, I would encourage you to vote and notice what a great neighborhood we live in. Thank you

Everyone please have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please Stay Safe.!!!

### Neighborhood Parking Enforcement Per the City of Garland Website:

*Our City Marshals are first responders and will be assisting in maintaining public safety throughout the City during the Covid-19 Pandemic. As a result, parking enforcement operations will likely be limited to those parking violations that create an immediate health and safety issue. For example, City Marshals will continue to respond to vehicles blocking streets and alleys to the extent possible. City Marshals will also respond to vehicles blocking your driveway making it impossible for your vehicle to exit your driveway. We will likely have significantly increased hold times on all other violations.*

*We appreciate your patience during this difficult time for our city, state and nation.*

Phone: 972-205-2222

EMAIL: [ParkingQuestions@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:ParkingQuestions@GarlandTX.gov)

### 2020 BOARD MEMEBERS

**PRESIDENT - Rene-214-288-3688**

**VICE PRESIDENT- Laura—214-906-5223**

**TREASURER – Amalia—214-697-5125**

**SECRETARY – Nate—479-530-4439**

**LANDSCAPE – Bridget —214-907-7511**

**CLUBHOUSE/POOLS-Laura-214-906-5223**

**ARCHITECTURAL –Patricia 214-546-3187**

**PAINTING - Jack—214-695-3835**

**Randy Dale- Landscaper/Pool Maintenance 214-882-4251 Code enforcement Danny Moore—972-485-6414- [DaMoore@garlandTx.gov](mailto:DaMoore@garlandTx.gov) Neighborhood Police Officer—[morillosj@garlandtx.gov](mailto:morillosj@garlandtx.gov) City Councilman—Rich Aubin, [Council5@garlandtx.gov](mailto:Council5@garlandtx.gov) Tennis Court code CZ2006**

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