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## POOL PARTY By Laura

It's almost that time of year again, the HOA pool opening and party. The pool party will be held on Saturday, May 16th from 12pm to 3pm at the Towngate Clubhouse so mark your calendars for food, fun and pool time. We will send out flyers about this event as we move closer to the party date. You can stop by on or after this date to get your pool card activated for the season. If you already have a pool card, you will need to get it reactivated for it to work. You may purchase a new card for \$15.00 and only one pool card is permitted per household. Your pool card will NOT work unless it is activated by Anne in the office. Pool opening day is always a fun time so I encourage you to come on out for some good eats and to meet and mingle with your neighbors and HOA board members. Looking forward to seeing you all there!





Welcome to our new Homeowners:

**Kim Hastings  
Giang Ho  
Mathew Geevarghese**

**Safety – Spring Edition  
by Amalia**

Crime is inevitable today. Packages are being stolen from our front porches and vehicles are being broken into in plain daylight. It is our responsibility to be diligent. Try to have packages delivered when you know someone is home to receive, or have packages sent to an address where you are present to receive. Try not to leave anything of value in your vehicle, and in plain sight. Let's be vigilant and protect one another. If you see something or someone that doesn't seem right, take a photo and report it to the police. If you notice someone that just doesn't fit or notice someone observing more than usual, take a photo and report it to the police. Unfortunately, in today's society... we are forced to be observant and to be aware of our surroundings at all times.

**OFFICE CLOSED  
APRIL 9-13**

**From the President  
By Rene LeCousin**

I want to start out by thanking our Board Members that I have worked with for the past year. They have really done a wonderful job. Our Board and Committees work tirelessly to preserve the quality of life in our community. With the new Board and Committees in place now, we encourage you all to participate and help us determine the needs in our area. All Committees need your support so if you would like to serve on one of these please give the Chairperson or one of Board Members a call to sign up to help out. If you would like to write a article for our newspaper please feel free to and you can either give it to Anne Crain or drop it into the drop box at the clubhouse. Our newspapers are quarterly.

**PAINTING**

**By Jack**

This year painting will begin around April 16 and we are painting the South side of Towngate Drive. Letters have been mailed and please get your paint choice into Anne by April 10 so paint can be ordered. Do a complete inspection of your property and if you have any rotten wood get it replaced and primed before the painting begins. We do not paint over rotten wood.



Need an additional or replacement trash can or if your trash is not picked up. Call 972-205-3500



**DECEMBER  
YARD CONTEST WINNERS**

BY Gaby

**Kelly and Cristian Dominguez  
Aida and Abel Privado  
Teresa Ramirez**

Next contest will be judged around May 15 for best Spring yard.

## PARKING ISSUES

To report disabled or abandoned cars parked on the street—

Call—972-205-2222 or EMAIL-  
Parkingquestions@garlandtx.gov

Give location, make, model, color, and tag number of the vehicle.

## SOCIAL BY RENE

**It's PARTY time again! Our annual Pool party and BBQ is Saturday May 16, 2020. 12-3. Be sure to be there. Get ready to swim I know all the kids are ready.**

**Also we will be judging our spring time yards on Saturday May 16, 2020. There will be 3 yard winners and they will receive a \$25 visa gift card. I know everyone is ready for some warmer weather. I can't wait to see what the beautiful yards look like.**

## ANTICS FROM ANNE

I have gotten to know most of you over the years as I now have been here for 10 years and always enjoy you coming by the office and letting me know how things are going with you. Just a reminder though, I work for the Board and you and if you have questions or complaints concerning a letter you should contact a board member. I write letters at the direction of the Board and if you don't agree with the letter you should contact the Board member's name on the letter. I do not appreciate letters or phone calls that question my integrity and hurl insults to me personally.

## ARCHITECTURE

BY Gaby Cruz Smith

Architecture is a vital part of maintaining the aesthetics and property values in our community. Many HOAs have architectural restrictions which protect values, maintain a pleasing and uniform aesthetic, or prevent owners from allowing their homes to deteriorate. From a practical perspective, this process is often administered by the Homeowners Association Board of Directors.

You as a homeowner have access to your CCRs and bylaws. Many HOAs adopt architectural rules or restrictions designed to help streamline the process. Towngate docs can be found on our website at [www.tghoa.net](http://www.tghoa.net). We are committed to enforcing rules fairly and uniformly. The board voted on January 14<sup>th</sup> to update the set fees for notices on architectural repairs needed and they are as follows:

You will receive notices to repair, replace or fix any indicated architectural structure listed on the notice. The notices will be approximately 30 days apart. When the repairs have NOT been completed by the 4<sup>th</sup> notice you will be assessed a fee of \$25, on the 5<sup>th</sup> notice it will be \$50 and on the 6<sup>th</sup> notice it will be \$75 a month until the repairs have been completed.

When you receive a notice if you can't do the repairs within 30 days let us know. If you don't understand what repairs are needed contact the Architecture Committee and meet with them.

## LANDSCAPE By Bridget

Hello Residents of Towngate community. I want to thank you for officially voting for me as your Landscape Board Member. I must have done something right to earn your vote and I will work hard on your behalf. It is time to continue what we started with our yard improvements. Let start with reiterating the guidelines for our new residents.

We are responsible for keeping our community looking well maintained. What does this mean? Your Homeowner Association fees pay for, but not limited to the following:

- Mowing – once a week
- Edging – once a week
- Watering– once to twice a week (summer months) as needed
- Trimming shrubs
- Replacing dead trees and shrubs when necessary
- Spraying and fertilizing shall be done as required

Let me know if there are any problems. Thank you in advance for your help with keeping our community looking great.



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 wild-life and people.

## RACCOONS BY Anne

Raccoons are a problem in our neighborhood. Several of your neighbors have had them removed or trapped them on their own. They take up residence in the attics and have babies there. You can usually hear them scratching at night. Do not leave out pet food in your yards or down by the creek. This only attracts raccoons and then they get in your attics.

When raccoons take up residence inside an attic they are capable of causing tremendous amounts of property damage. In very little time, a family of raccoons is capable of destroying your insulation and filling your attic with harmful and odorous urine and feces. To eliminate raccoons, remove food and water sources that attract the animals, and install barriers in the home and on the property as needed. Trapping is typically recommended to remove live animals already living in or around the home. The process of removing raccoons may require several weeks.

There are numerous videos and articles on the internet about How to remove the raccoons and also numerous companies that specialize in their removal. Do yourself and your neighbors a favor and remove them immediately.



### 2020 BOARD MEMEBERS

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