

THE TOWN CRIER

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CALENDAR

MARCH

3/3-Recycle Day
3/8-Board Meeting 7pm
3/17-Recycle Day
3/31-Recycle Day

APRIL

4/12-Board Meeting 7pm
4/14-Recycle Day
4/28-Recycle Day

MAY

5/10-Board Meeting 7pm
5/12-Recycle Day
5/14-Yard Judging
5/26-Recycle Day
TBD-POOL PARTY
5/30-OFFICE CLOSED

JUNE

6/9-Recycle Day
6/14- Board Meeting 7pm
6/23-Recycle Day

Normal Office Hours
Mon-Wed-Fri- 9am-1pm
Tues-Thurs-7:30am-11:30am
Closed weekends and holidays

President's Message

By Patricia Hartley

Greetings, Towngate residents and homeowners.

As your new president, I am very much looking forward to serving you in this capacity.

For those of you who do not know, I have lived here since 1975, which is probably longer than anyone else in this community. As a long time resident, I have seen many changes over the years, both good and bad. Overall, the good has far outweighed the bad, and that is why I have remained here so long.

I am proud of the improvements made to our Town Hall, which has been completely remodeled, including new flooring and new furniture. Please be sure to attend our next gathering so you can check out the beautiful upgrades.

As the previous chair of the architectural committee, I am especially pleased with the improvements homeowners have made to their properties. For the past two years, I frequently walked around the entire community observing homeowners and their hired workers making improvements to beautify the homes. During this time, the number of architectural infractions decreased by more than 50 per cent, and our community has become even more attractive than it was before. Let us remain diligent about making necessary repairs when needed. Rotting wood continues to be the number one problem with our homes. Unfortunately, this is a problem that cannot completely be avoided, but adding an extra coat of paint and/or purchasing a higher quality of wood to replace trim can sometimes help.

Another notable observation from my walks around the community is the large amounts of dog poop everywhere. Dog ownership has many benefits. Among other benefits, dogs provide companionship, and they help relieve stress. They are fun, and they can be funny. However, dog owners have certain obligations. Everyone knows that dog handlers are required by law to pick up the poop their dogs leave. "An owner or handler shall promptly remove and sanitarily dispose of feces left on public or private property by a dog or cat being handled by the person, other than property owned by the owner or handler of the dog or cat." Potential fine: Up to \$500. Please be responsible enough to pick up your dog's poop not only because it is required by law, but also because it is the courteous thing to do.

Please take pride in our community and always do what you can to keep our community attractive, clean and safe. Have a great Springtime!



Welcome to our new Homeowners:

Bryan Alvidrez

ANTICS FROM ANNE

Thanks to everyone that gets their HOA dues in by the 10th of the month. You can pay your dues by check, money order, or bank bill pay. Bring them in person or put in the mailbox on the clubhouse door.

If you want to use bank bill pay go online to your bank account and under bill pay and put Towngate HOA as a payee using our address of 2006 Town Court, Garland, TX 75041 to have check mailed and use your name/address as your account number. You can set it up as auto pay and they will automatically issue the HOA a check every month on the same day.

Our Unique Neighborhood!!

I love our neighborhood!! In today's world, which is scary, I see neighbors taking the time to greet each other or have a chat. Crime has been low because people around here notice what is going on. I notice that people pick up the trash that has blown in from Northwest Highway! Neighbors helping neighbors when they can is a great place to live. The playground and tennis courts are busy with kids so picking up the dog poop is especially important. I like where I live and appreciate the caring neighbors. Thanks Neighbors!!
Sheila Raines

RECYCLE...IT'S EASY!!!

By Sheila

Here in Towngate we all have blue recycle bins that are faithfully put out most weeks. What I see are the confused folks that try to recycle items that are really trash. On the lid of the blue bin has pictures of what Garland recycles. These items are hand sorted so when a trash bag comes on the belt, it goes in the trash since they cannot see what's inside. Here is a quick summary of what can be recycled: Only CLEAN DRY PLASTIC, ALUMINUM, STEEL, TIN, PAPER, MAGAZINES, CHIPBOARD, CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, GLASS loose in the recycle bin, no bags. Items like paper towels, plastic wrap, paper plates and trash bags are NOT recyclable. Shredded paper is accepted in a plastic bag, clear is best. Fast food containers are trash! Items like paint, light bulbs, batteries, chemicals, electronics, and other household hazardous waste can be taken to the Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center at 11234 Plano Road, instead of contaminating our landfills. Hours open are Tuesday 9am-7:30pm, Wednesday 8:30am-5pm, Thursday 8am-5pm.



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



**Happy Spring Everyone! -
Neighborhood Common Areas Trash
By Laura**

Just a friendly reminder as we all begin our spring cleaning, home maintenance repairs or renovations to make sure to dispose of the collected bulk trash and any type of trash that doesn't fit into the trash bins to place them on your paved driveway areas and not on any grassy areas. Parking- There is no parking allowed in between the townhome or duplex areas or any grassy areas at any time. This would include backing your vehicle or any workers vehicles onto your front lawn for better access to your home or front door. I understand this makes things easier but it is not allowed. Thank you very much for your cooperation on these issues

**Christmas Yard Contest Winners
Rene**

**TRADITIONAL
Joe Ebarb—2001 Town Place**

**CREATIVE
Laura Ostrowski—2001 Town Court**

**BEST OF SEASON
Ignacio Ramirez—2008 Court Place**

Celebrate the yards!!

Help us choose the best three yards in Towngate on May 14 at 1pm. Meet at Town Hall.

Categories are:

Best Yard

Most Colorful

Best Creative Design

POOLS

The swimming pools will be completely resurfaced and retiled by the time we open in May.

Be on the watchout for the announcement on when they will open and details about the return of the Pool Party this year.

An email will be sent out and flyer distributed when details are solidified.



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.

Daylight saving time By Amalia

Daylight saving time (DST), also known as daylight savings time or daylight time (United States, Canada, and Australia), and summer time (United Kingdom, European Union, and some other countries), is the practice of advancing clocks (typically by one hour) during warmer months so that darkness falls at a later clock time. The typical implementation of DST is to set clocks forward by one hour in the spring ("spring forward") and set clocks back by one hour in autumn ("fall back") to return to standard time. As a result, there is one 23-hour day in late winter or early spring and one 25-hour day in autumn. The idea of aligning waking hours to daylight hours to conserve candles was first proposed in 1784 by American polymath Benjamin Franklin. In a satirical letter to the editor of *The Journal of Paris*, Franklin suggested that waking up earlier in the summer would economize candle usage and calculated considerable savings. [1][2]

In 1895, New Zealand entomologist and astronomer George Hudson seriously proposed the idea of changing clocks by two hours every spring to the Wellington Philosophical Society, as he wanted to have more daylight hours to devote to collecting and examining insects. In 1907, British resident William Willett presented the idea as a way to save energy. Despite receiving some serious consideration, it was never implemented. In 1908 Port Arthur, Ontario, Canada, started using DST. [3][4] Starting on April 30, 1916, the German Empire and Austria-Hungary each organized the first nationwide implementation in their jurisdictions. Many countries have used DST at various times since then, particularly since the 1970s energy crisis. DST is generally not observed near the Equator, where sunrise and sunset times do not vary enough to justify it.

Some countries observe it only in some regions: for example, parts of Australia observe it, while other parts do not. Conversely, it is not observed at some places at high latitudes, because there are wide variations in sunrise and sunset times and a one-hour shift would relatively not make much difference. The United States observes it, except for the states of Hawaii and Arizona. (Within the latter, however, the Navajo Nation does observe it, conforming to national practice.) [5] A minority of the world's population uses DST; Asia and Africa generally do not observe it.

PAINTING By Rene

Hello. Spring is here! We are having the exterior on Court Place painted this year. As a homeowner it is very important that you understand it is your responsibility to replace ALL rotten wood on your house and garage. The painters will not paint any rotten or damaged wood. If you do need to replace wood you must caulk and prime. Be sure to check the chimney area as well. He will not be painting any doors. All repairs need to be completed by April 15. He will start painting weather permitting in April

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