

THE TOWN CRIER

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Calendar Events

September

9/2-Recycle Day

9/14-Board Meeting 7pm

9/16-Recycle Day

9/30-Recycle Day

October

10/12-Board Meeting 7pm

10/14-Recycle Day

10/28-Recycle Day

November

11/9-Board Meeting 7pm

11/11-Recycle Day

11/25&26-office closed

11/26 Recycle Day

December

12/9-Recycle Day

12/14- Board Meeting 7pm

12/23-Recycle Day

12/24-Office Closed

12/31-Office Closed

GARAGE SALE

By Pat Hartley

Towngate Neighbors, the event you've been waiting for is about to happen! Yes, I'm referring to the long awaited Towngate Homeowners Garage Sale! This giant sale is planned for Saturday, November 13! Such an event will give you the opportunity to get rid of clothes and household items you no longer want or need. Better yet, it provides an opportunity for bargain shoppers to purchase items at bargain prices! It's a win - win situation.

Towngate residents who wish to participate will be able to set up shop in the comfort of their own garages or yards without having to box everything up to transport to the Town Hall. That means endless snack and bathroom breaks and limited disruption of family operations. Neighbors are also allowed to extend the sale to the day before and the day after November 13, if they like.

As garage sales in Garland are restricted without a permit, our HOA garage sale committee, headed by Patricia Hartley, will secure permits for the entire community and you will be provided a placard with your permit number posted. Also, the committee will provide advertisement brochures and direction placards. We might need you or your children to help with distribution of brochures prior to the date of the sale. Also, if you are creative, please submit an ad for us to photocopy and put up in laundromats in the area

As an added bonus, we should have beautiful weather ranging between 65 and 75 on the sale day. We can start praying now for good weather!

To sign up, fill out the enclosed form and pay \$10. If you have questions, you are welcome to TEXT me your name, address and question. I will respond to your texts.

Let's unite as a Towngate family and make this event a big success!



Welcome to our new Homeowners:

**Andrea Todaro
Michael & Margarita Weis**

ANTICS FROM ANNE

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9am-1pm

Tuesday & Thursday
7:30am-11:30am

Closed weekends and holidays
Closed October 7 & 8

Encouraging Quote

From Bridget

8 POWERFUL WORDS

FOR THE DAY

1. BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

BELIEVE YOU CAN AND YOU WILL

2. STAY STRONG

DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE

3. NEVER GIVE UP

A LITTLE PROGRESS EACH DAY ADDS UP TO BIG RESULTS

4. BE GRATEFUL

A GRATEFUL HEART IS A MAGNET FOR MIRACLES

5. WORK HARD

GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO HUSTLE

6. STAY HUMBLE

WORK HARD IN SILENCE, LET SUCCESS MAKE THE NOISE

7. BE KIND

KINDNESS MAKES YOU THE MOST BEAUTIFUL

8. KEEP SMILING

BECAUSE OF YOUR SMILE,
YOU MAKE LIFE MORE BEAUTIFUL

From the President

By Rene

. It is almost fall, well at least cooler weather at night. I love to read a good book with a cup of hot coffee or cocoa. The annual Friends of the Library Book Sale returns Thursday, Oct. 14, through Saturday, Oct. 16, at the South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd. The event will open with a members-only preview sale from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14. The public sale will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 15 and 16. Shoppers will find great bargains on a variety of adult and children's books, fiction and nonfiction, paperback and hardcover, and reference books, as well as puzzles, DVDs, audio books and more. The Friends of the Nicholson Memorial Library is a community organization dedicated to supporting and promoting the library. Board members and long-time book sale volunteers Joan Degen and Linda Stopani say the Friends' purpose is to promote interest in books, reading and access to the information and opportunities the library provides. The group's primary fundraiser is the annual book sale. And after missing 2020, as did most events, they are excited to be able to resume the sale this year.



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



Reset your recycling behavior!

By eliminating the 30% of contaminated materials in curbside recycling bins,

we could **save Thousands** in recycling costs in one year.



Problem

About **30%** of materials sent to Garland's recycling facility are not recyclable at the curbside. These contaminants can clog machines and shut down operations of the processing facility or ruin full loads of "good" recyclables.



Plastic bags, tangles, and clothing are **major** contamination problems. Popular packaging materials like Styrofoam peanuts and containers, plastic bubblewrap and thin plastics also create processing problems.

Solution

Stick to the basics:

Recycle...
> aluminum and steel cans
> plastic bottles and jugs
> paper and cardboard

When in doubt, throw it out
— don't risk contaminating the load of "good" recyclables.



For more information, visit GarlandEWS.com

LANDSCAPE

Kim

Shrub Damage from the 2021 Winter Freeze

You may have noticed the pruning of our shrubs from the winter freeze earlier this year. I noticed as I'm walking our dogs, the shrubs are sporting new life. It'll take some time, I'm sure, but before long they'll be back to fully grown. I remember the severe freeze of December 1983, when temperatures were in the low teens (day and night) for over two weeks. Massive plant/shrub/tree loss occurred, but Mother Nature almost always prevails!

On a side note, I saw in the City Press that was delivered recently about an article of a Rain Barrel Sale. I ordered mine last year and absolutely love it for watering my new tree. Here is the article in case you missed it:

- Are you interested in harvesting free rainwater to supplement your outdoor water supply and to help keep your plants hydrated and healthy?
- For a limited time, the City of Garland Water Utilities Department is offering an opportunity to purchase rain barrels at a discounted price.
- Through a cooperative purchase, the classic black, 50-gallon Ivy Rain Barrel is being offered for \$78 each (normal retail price is \$129).
- For more information, setup instructions and to place an order, go to rainwatersolutions.com/products/garlandtx
- Quantities are limited and ordering will close Tuesday, Sept 21. All orders must be picked up by customers
- Pickup dates: Tuesday, 10/5 or Wednesday, 10/6 from 3:00-7:00 pm at 2343 Forest Lane

TRASH

Anne

Why is putting trash in the trash can is so difficult. The neighborhood continues to be littered with trash that people dump from their cars so leave their trash can lid open so the wind blows it all over.

A big thank you to a resident teenager who went around the neighborhood picking up the trash as a community service school project.

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.

.AUTUMN

Amalia

Autumn, also known as Fall in North American English, is one of the four temperate seasons. Outside the tropics, autumn marks the transition from summer to winter, in September (Northern Hemisphere), when the duration of daylight becomes noticeably shorter and the temperature cools considerably. Day length decreases and night length increases as the season progresses until the Winter Solstice in December (Northern Hemisphere). One of its main features in temperate climates is the striking change in colour for the leaves of deciduous trees as they prepare to shed. In North America, autumn traditionally starts with the September equinox (21 to 24 September) and ends with the winter solstice (21 or 22 December). Popular culture in the United States associates Labor Day, the first Monday in September, as the end of summer and the start of autumn; certain summer traditions, such as wearing white, are discouraged after that date.



Halloween Yard Contest

Rene

Another HOT summer is on it's way out and we are finally going to get some cooler air. This means its time to start thinking about how to decorate your lawn for the contest. We will have the judging on October 16. The categories are:



DAY OF THE DEAD

BOO SPECTACULAR

MADE ME JUMP

Pools

Laura

As summer is winding down, many residents are still enjoying the use of the pools. It's great to have a place to cool off from the heat during this time. All trash should be cleaned up and personal items collected before you leave the pool area as we do not have a clean up crew or lost and found area. Please continue to follow the pool rules as violators will be asked to leave the pool area. ***

A quick reminder for next year *** Pool cards have to be activated at the office by the property manager before you will be able to use your card and enjoy the pool area. The pools will remain open until the end of September and will reopen in May of next year.

2021 BOARD MEMEBERS

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SECRETARY – Bridget —214-907-7511

LANDSCAPE – Kim—214-533-6917

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ARCHITECTURAL—Patricia—214-546-3187

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214-882-4251**

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