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## Residential Garbage

From the City of Garland website

### Collection Guidelines

- Don't miss us! Put your container outside by 7 a.m. on your designated collection day.
- Bag your trash to prevent the wind from blowing it out of the container as we dump it and to keep your container clean.
- Keep the lid closed, and do not overfill. Our operators do not pick up bags of trash outside the container.
- Place containers at your designated collection point - near your driveway, or within 3 feet (3') of the alley's edge.
- Position the container with the wheels toward your house.
- Multiple containers should be positioned with 4 feet of space between them.
- Do not place containers near mailboxes, electrical or cable boxes, or other stationary objects such as gas or water meter
- Do not park vehicles in front of containers on collection day.
- **Do not** place household chemicals and electronics in your garbage cart. Please take them to the Dallas County Household Hazardous Waste facility, located at 11234 Plano Road. This service is free for Garland residents.
- If your container needs repair or replacing, contact us at 972-205-3500.
- Do not overfill your container. Waste that is too large for the green container, including tree trimmings, furniture, bags of leaves and grass, carpeting, should be placed no earlier than 6 p.m. the day before scheduled pick up of brush and bulky waste. The exception is tree limbs, which may be placed any day of the week. **All brush and limbs** must be separated from other bulky waste and placed in a separate pile.

**In TOWNGATE all pickup is done in the alleyways and must be placed on the concrete area behind your garage. No trash is to be placed on the grassy areas. If it is placed on the grass you will be fined \$25 . There is no trash pick up in the front of your homes. After trash is picked up move your garbage can up next to your garage or in your garage. Do not leave it out in the alley way.**

**Help keep TOWNGATE beautiful and clean.**

# Welcome

Welcome to our new Homeowners:

**Kenvan Aeneh  
Felix Francis  
Eleazar Lara &  
Emma Garcia**



**PAINTING  
By Jack**

The exterior painting is completed for this year on the North side of Towngate Dr. The painters did a great job this year. Homeowners did a good job making the repairs necessary for the painters to do their job. We are proud to keep our neighborhood looking great. If you are doing repairs and need paint come by the office and see Anne.

## **Keeping Our Children Safe Tips for Summer Fun**

- You all know how important sunscreen is, but did you know that it expires? A good rule of thumb is to use the sunscreen in the same season that you bought it, then toss it.
- Swallowing a lot of pool water can cause electrolytes imbalance by altering the salt to water ratio. This can lead to vomiting, lethargy, and, in extreme cases, seizures.
- Bee sting? Make a paste of meat tenderizer (the non-flavored kind) and water and rub it on the sting. It will help break down the toxins quickly. A popsicle makes a great ice pack for "owies" in or on the mouth.

Summer fun can bring accidents. No matter how careful we are with our children, accidents will happen. When one happens, taking care of it quickly is vital. Having a First Aid kit handy can relieve the pain and worry for both the parent and the child. You can either purchase a kit and add things or make your own. Here are a list of items recommended to have on hand:

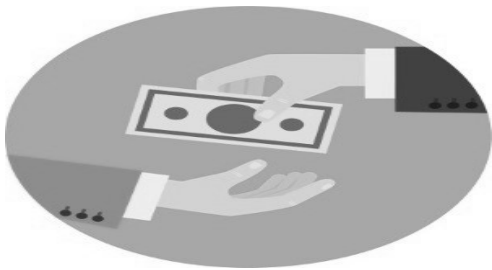
- \* Tote bag or small box-one for car and one for house
- \* First aid manual, read it before you need it.
- \* Syrup of Ipecac (check the expiration date) to counteract certain poisons
- \* Disposable, instant-activating ice bags, used to minimize swelling
- \* Small scissors
- \* Tweezers
- \* Gauze pads
- \* Adhesive tape
- \* Adhesive bandages, various sizes
- \* Over the counter antihistamine, for minor allergic reactions
- \* Hydrocortisone cream
- \* Antiseptic cream
- \* Acetaminophen for pain, fever, sprains & strains

Also tape important phone numbers in the lid, Poison Control, your doctor, etc. You may also want to keep a copy of your health insurance information in the box .. Learn CPR and the Heimlich maneuver. Hopefully, you'll never need it but if you do you'll be ready.

## Amalia's Corner

A message from your friendly neighborhood treasurer...Please remember that HOA dues are due on the first of every month. If not paid by the 10th of the month a \$20 late fee will be assessed. If you are late every month that late fee will add up to almost 4 months of dues.

Your prompt payment is greatly appreciated. Please keep in mind that HOA dues help maintain our great neighborhood. Payment can be made by cash, check, or money order or you can set up auto payment thru your bank bill pay online payments and they will mail a check to us. Use your address as your account number.



## OFFICE TIDBITS FROM Anne

### NEW OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY- THURSDAY 9 AM-1 PM**

**FRIDAY—2 PM-6 PM**

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY—CLOSED**

**HOLIDAYS—CLOSED**

Pool season is now here and just a reminder that the life buoy is there to save lives not to be played with. I will identify who is playing with it on the cameras and you will receive a pool suspension. Please pick up your food wrappers and broken toys and put in the trash cans. Please take all other personal items home. If you are the last one to leave in the evening please lower the umbrella. Be considerate of others and leave the area clean for the next people.

## HOA BOARD NOTES

Board President Sandy Olive has resigned as she has moved to Dennison and will be selling her home in Towngate. Her term will expire in February. Rene has been moved to President and Laura has been appointed as Vice President. Bridget Brantley has been appointed to fill the vacancy. Bridget will take over the landscape committee and we welcome her to the board. We would like to wish Mike and Sandy much happiness in their new home and thank Sandy for all her contributions to our neighborhood and for serving on the Board these past 2 years.



## POOL By Laura

Many people use the pool during the summer and it can get pretty crowded on some days. Just a reminder: Homeowners are only allowed 4 guests per household. Please do not let anyone in the pool area that is not your guest. Please review the pool rules you received upon activation of your card. Violation of these rules could result in your pool card being suspended.

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



## LANDSCAPE BY Rene

With all of this rain we have had there are not any water restrictions as of yet. Our landscaping crew is doing a great job. We are trying to meet requests as our budget will allow. There are several homeowners that have gone to great lengths to improve their property and this neighborhood is looking great. A BIG THANK YOU.

## YARD CONTEST

The Spring winners are:

**MADE YOU LOOK**—2023 Town Court—Linda Phipps

**MOST COLORFUL**—4110 Towngate Blvd—Catalina Gonzales

**BEST YARD**—4102 Towngate Blvd—Sheila Raines

The next contest is in October for Halloween decorations. The winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate.

## TREASURE REPORT

How monthly dues are allocated: Based on 2018 figures

Yard Maintenance/tree trimming and treatment	\$26.49
Water/sprinklers	\$11.74
Pool maint/repairs	\$5.64
Insurance	\$2.63
Painting	\$16.37
Electric	\$4.17
Administration (includes office/board mgmt., supplies, Taxes, phones, computer)	\$15.17
Misc. repairs	\$2.79

The above figures do not include any landscape improvements, Town Hall maint./repairs, or common area maint./repairs.

## 2019 BOARD MEMEBERS

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

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

**TREASURER - Amalia—214-697-5125**

**SECRETARY - John -469-995-0909**

**LANDSCAPE - Bridget —214-907-7511**

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

**ARCHITECTURAL /Social  
Gaby—214-725-7021**

**PAINTING - Jack—214-695-3835**

**Randy Dale- Landscaper/Pool Maintenance 214-882-4251**

**Code enforcement Danny Moore—972-485-6414  
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Neighborhood Police Officer—Matt StClair  
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