

THE TOWN CRIER

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Calendar Events

JUNE

6/2-Pool Open

6/5-Office open—10-2

6/8-Board Meeting 7pm

6/10-Recycling Day

6/24-Recycle Day

July

7/8-Recycle Day

7/13-Board Meeting 7pm

7/22-Recycle Day

August

8/5-Recycle Day

8/10-Board Meeting 7pm

8/19-Recycle Day

September

9/2-Recycle Day

9/14-Board Meeting 7pm

9/16-Recycle Day

9/30-Recycle Day

Summer By Amalia

Here's a couple of facts about the season of Summer: Definition of Summer: the warmest season of the year, in the northern hemisphere from June to August and in the southern hemisphere from December to February. Summer is from Sun, Jun 20, 2021 – Wed, Sep 22, 2021 Summer is the hottest of the four temperate seasons, falling after spring and before autumn. At or around the summer solstice, the earliest sunrise and latest sunset occurs, the days are longest and the nights are shortest, with day length decreasing as the season progresses after the solstice. "Summer" came from the Old English name for that time of year, summer. Warm weather, swimming and vacations — such events often herald the arrival of summer. 10 Reasons Why We Love Summer 1. It stays lighter longer - Sometimes in the winter it can feel like the sun barely makes an appearance for more than four hours a day. One of the best parts of summer is that it doesn't get dark until around 8:30 or 9pm, which means more time for fun outside. 2. Summer storms - After a long, hot day nothing is better than a quick shower to cool everything off. Plus, there is that wonderful smell of grass after it rains that is so synonymous with the season and takes us back to our own childhoods. 3. Fireworks - There is something magical about sitting outside on a picnic blanket, anxiously waiting that first pop signaling the rest of the show. Watching a fireworks display is, and always will be, the definitive summer activity. 4. Lightning Bugs - Whether you call them fireflies, lightning bugs or glow bugs, the first time these little critters light up the sky is a sure sign that summer has arrived. 5. Picnics and picnic food - Warm comfort foods have a place in our hearts, but summer is the only time we have a real excuse to indulge in hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad and other yummy picnic staples without apology, plus getting together with friends and family for outdoor fun is definitely a plus. 6. No school - Though the house is significantly louder, it's nice to have the kids' home from school for a few months to catch up on the activities you may not have gotten to during the year. 7. Family vacations - By this time of year, we are so ready to pack up the car and head to the beach we could burst! Heading to the shore, the lake, the country or anywhere away from home is the ultimate way to relax and recoup—and create family memories that are sure to last a lifetime. 8. Summer fruits - Sure, apples are delicious, but everyone knows that summer is the season for all the best fruits. Peaches, strawberries, blueberries, watermelon and many others are all at their peak and ready for eating. 9. The pool - It doesn't matter if you have one in your backyard or make the trek to your local pool, summer hasn't arrived until the kids (and you) have taken that first dip! 10. Warm weather - The most obvious reason summer is the best season is warm weather! There's nothing we love more than breaking out those beloved shorts, T-shirts and dresses so our skin can see the light of day



Welcome to our new Homeowners:

Andrea Todaro

ANTICS FROM ANNE

Office Hours
Monday, Wednesday , Friday
9am-1pm
Tuesday & Thursday
8am-12pm

Pool Hours
Sunday-Thursday
7am-10pm
Friday & Saturday

Tips To Plant Flowers

By Rene

- 1) Above all, follow packet instructions. Pick the right spot for each flower. Full sun is 6 or more hours of direct sun; partial sun is 6 or less; partial shade is about 4 hours, shade depends on depth (little to no sunlight) .
- 2) 2) Soil should be loose, well drained, and plenty of organic material.
- 3) 3) Depth to plant depends on its type. Some require shallow planting to allow roots & rhizomes to spread.
- 4) 4) Water according to the plants needs and take rainfall into account.

From the President

By Rene

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS - KEEP YOUR PETS ON A LEASH AND CLEAN UP AFTER THEM AT ALL TIMES. Our City code requires homeowners to keep their dogs on a leash and cleanup after their pets at all times. Your Association Manager & HOA Board receives numerous complaints every year about homeowners allowing their dogs to do their business on neighbor's lawns and sidewalks.

SCHOOL'S OUT!!!!!! PLEASE SLOW DOWN IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.... Children play in our streets at many times during the day and occasionally walk to and from each other's homes after dark. Remind your children to watch for cars just as they would on streets outside the neighborhood.

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



**Architectural
Patricia**

The city of Garland provides blue recycling bins for recycling. These blue bins are NOT extra trash cans. Recycling helps control much needed space in landfills. It saves money, and it helps save the planet. In the end, we all benefit. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT REGULAR TRASH in the blue bins.**

**DO YOU KNOW
WHAT TO
THROW?**

Recycle right by following these simple recycling rules:

- Recycle your empty, clean and dry bottles, jars, cans, boxes, cartons and papers only.
- Keep your recycling loose in the blue cart.
- Do not place plastic bags, food, liquids, diapers, hoses, wires, batteries and to-go containers in the blue cart.



To learn how to properly dispose of hundreds of other items, check out GarlandWasteWizard.com.

The Benefits of Walking

Laura

Walking is one of the easiest ways to exercise. You can do it almost anywhere and at any time. Walking is also inexpensive. All you need is a pair of comfortable shoes. Walking will:

- Give you more energy
- Make you feel good
- Help you to relax
- Reduce stress
- Help you sleep better
- Tone your muscles
- Help control your appetite
- Increase the number of calories your body uses

Safety Tips

- Keep safety in mind when you plan your route and the time of your walk.
- Walk in the daytime or at night in well-lit areas.
- Walk in a group at all times. Notify your local police station of your group's walking time and route.
- Do not wear jewelry.
- Do not wear headphones.

How To Prevent Catalytic Converter Theft:

- Park in well-lit areas.
- Park close to building entrances or the nearest road in public parking lots. ...
- If you have a personal garage, keep your car parked inside with the door shut.
- Add video surveillance to the area where you regularly park your car.

Install a catalytic converter-specific security device, or have it welded to the car frame. ...

Reference: www.yourmechanic.com/article/how-to-prevent-catalytic-converter-theft

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.

Neighborhood Parking Enforcement

By the City of Garland

The Garland City Marshal's Office issues tickets for parking violations. You can pay your tickets online.

Neighborhood parking problems are the most frequent source of resident complaints to the City. In the past, parking tickets were treated like traffic tickets – Class C misdemeanors with high fines and difficult enforcement procedures.

In 2019, the Garland City Council approved a program for administrative enforcement of parking ordinances throughout the city. A first offense carries a \$25 fine, a second offense will be \$50, and all subsequent offenses will be \$75.

These are some of the most common violations:

Parking on an unimproved surface

Parking on a sidewalk

Parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk or intersection

Parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant

Parking within 30 feet of an intersection control device

Blocking a driveway or traffic in an alley

The neighborhood parking enforcement process will also address illegally parked commercial and oversized vehicles.

Marshals enforce proactively and respond to parking complaints. To report a parking violation, use Garland eAssist, which is available at GarlandTX.gov or as an app through Google Play and Apple.

IMPORTANT - You will NOT receive an email notification to pay your parking ticket. All violation notices will be sent by regular mail and

Landscape

By Kim

Texas Heat

Don't forget to water your trees and shrubs!! While we have sprinklers in the front yards, as you know the Texas heat can be (and usually is) brutal on our grounds. To help the health of the trees and shrubs on your property, do them a huge favor and give them some extra water in between sprinkler times.

Interesting fact - an adult tree removes 30-60 lbs of carbon dioxide from the air every year, while producing oxygen through photosynthesis.

Update for shrub/tree damage due to the February freeze: We are looking into a plant feed for the shrubs that were so severely damaged. To circle back to the extra watering for plants, providing more water to our shrubs/trees will help to recover a little better. A personal experience - I have a large shrub on the side of my house and I would have sworn it was dead/dead/dead. However, with additional watering (and the recent rains), my shrub is recovering and showing signs of life. Your Towngate landscaping team will evaluate what we should do with about the freeze damage, but per the experts, they recommend to wait and see what kind of recovery our plants can make. Your help in facilitating their recovery is greatly appreciated by Mother Nature.

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parkingquestions@garlandtx.gov**

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Tennis court gate code: CZ2006

MAY YARD WINNERS

By Rene

Congratulations to our May yard award winners.

Most Colorful - 2018 Town Place

Creative Design - 2008 Towngate Dr.

Best Yard- 4102 Towngate Blvd

Our next yard contest awards are on Saturday October 16. I can not wait to see all the decorations.