



THE TOWN CRIER

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CALENDAR

JUNE

6/8—Recycle
6/13-Board Mtg
6/22—Recycle

JULY

7/4-USA
7/6-Recycle
7/11-Board Mtg
7/21-Recycle

AUGUST

8/8-Board Mtg
8/3- Recycle
8/17-Recycle
8/31-Recycle

SEPTEMBER

9/4-Memorial Day
9/7-RECYCLE
9/12-Board Mtg
9/21-Recycle

Message from the President

By Patricia Hartley

Once upon a time in America, people in a neighborhood were close. But that was a long time ago like before I was even born and ten, even 20 years later. And that was before cell phones and advanced technology.

Growing up in Tennessee, whenever I walked to a neighborhood grocery store, I would see men playing checkers or chess on their front porches. They would happily slam their game pieces to the board when they thought they had made a major move. Ladies would sit in recreational facilities and crochet or embroider while discussing the troubles of the world. Kids would play hopscotch in the street or on a sidewalk with squares and triangles drawn with a piece of chalk.

In the wintertime, when it was too cold to be outside, the people would bring their checkers and chess boards inside and continue playing. They would also play card games such as bid whist, spades and black jack. Neighborhood kids would get together and play Monopoly, Clue or Scrabble.

Back then, everybody knew their neighbors. Not only did we know our neighbors, but we would rally to the aid of anyone who was going through a rough patch. We would greet new neighbors with a fresh baked dessert and a smile and bring gifts for newborns.

There's much to be said about the good ole days. Many singers, including Luke Combs, Miranda Lambert, Ron Pope, and Sheryl Crow make mention of those days. Recently, the Towngate board has also made mention of those days, and we want to gradually start some community social events.

In the next few months, different board members will be checking for interest in various areas. SCRABBLE. Is anybody interested in Scrabble? We're thinking about starting with a Scrabble group on a weekday afternoon once or twice a month. If you're interested, TEXT me (do not call). Even if you don't play, you could still come to the Scrabble group to meet people and socialize. I'm anxiously awaiting your texts.

Let's become the close knit community we were meant to be!



Welcome to our new Homeowners:

**Rosemary A Ogueri & Livina Ozurumba
2015 Town Court**

**Michael Weis
4118 Towngate Blvd**

**Courtney Gudger
2030 Towngate Drive**

**Youh Adriel Chima-gonzalez
2004 Town Place**

**Jacob Houston/Lauren Wright
4120 Towngate Blvd**

**Merly G Pedraza
3921 Greenway**

HAPPY SUMMER

For those of you whom I've not had the pleasure of meeting in person yet, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Maggie Dooley and I am the new Secretary on the HOA Board for our lovely Town Gate Neighborhood. Some of you may see me walking the perimeter with my two pups, Bear & Bunny. We live for our daily walks and have loved getting to meet and know so many of you in the last year of our residence here. This community is full of so many unique individuals from all walks of life and I feel blessed to have met the ones I have. How lucky are we to live in such a beautiful neighborhood full of individuals with the same taste in Square Footage! I can't wait to meet more of y'all and hope that if you see me and the hounds on our walks that you will say hello, we would love to introduce ourselves (The dogs are harmless, they are just really big!). On that note I also wanted to give a few summer tips for other pet owners, like myself, for the upcoming weather changes that come with a hot Texas summer. ☐ It's getting HOT, can you imagine being covered in fur on top of it?! Keeping your pets in shade or AC will help keep them cool in the heat and help them regulate their body temperature along with LOTS of water ☐ Timing walks: The concrete can get up to 10 degrees hotter than the air at the hottest times of the day meaning that morning and evening walks tend to be the best times. ☐ Mosquitoes: They are everywhere and they don't discriminate! Don't forget to give your pups their monthly dose of heartworm prevention. (If you don't know what I mean when I say that I'd love to recommend a few local vets for you to check out!) Happy summer, from your neighbors at "Bears House". Cheers!

ANATICS FROM ANNE

The office needs your current phone numbers. Recently it has come to light that we do not have current phone numbers on owners when we have tried to reach you. Many have done away with their land lines and only have cell phones. Please email the office at garlandtowngatehoa@gmail.com and provide me with your current phone number. If you do not receive emails from the office please send me your email address so you can be added to the list. Many times we like to send out emails about current situations in the neighborhood to keep everyone advised of what is going on in the neighborhood.

Understanding the Sprinklers

By Sheila Raines

To understand how the decision to water our yards is decided, I have gathered some information to share. Our sprinkler system is controlled and maintained by the HOA. It is a rather complex system for 175 yards, 6 control boxes and 6 electric meters. The landscape man, Randy is the only one that really understands the layout which involves a current system as well as an older system that is still in the ground but not used. That is why you might see some sprinklers in the yard not working since they are the old system. In the spring you can see the crew checking every sprinkler head for needed repairs from the winter freezes and regular maintenance. This service takes several weeks in preparation of turning on the sprinklers along with the regular maintenance of the yards, mowing, edging and trimming. To decide when to water, the HOA uses the Water Awesome App. If it rains, we do not water! We do our best to conserve water as it cost approximately \$800 to do one sprinkler run and if ran twice a week the cost would be approximately \$6400 a month for water bill. To give you an idea of the water cost for the year in Towngate neighborhood, year 2021 was \$13,329 while in 2022, the water cost was \$19,692. This cost also includes the maintenance of filling the pools.

Our sprinkler system was not designed to water the foundations so it is up to each homeowner to water their own foundation. All Garland water utility customers must follow the Garland water district restrictions on when we can run the sprinklers. April 1 through October 31, customers may water twice per week when using an in-ground sprinkler system. November 1 -March 31, customers may water once per week using an in-ground sprinkler system. Outdoor irrigation between the hours of 10 am and 6 pm is prohibited. This is to prevent excessive evaporation. Watering with a hand-held device, soaker hose or drip irrigation is allowed any time on any day as long as excessive runoff does not occur. At times a person might have to water their own yard if we have maxed out the two times a week schedule from the city. A broken sprinkler head affects all the sprinklers in that zone which means no one gets a good watering so reporting the break to the office or Sheila Raines helps speed the process of repair. Give a glance at your yard to notice repairs needed so they can be fixed promptly.



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FENCE
REPAINT
STAIN
DETERIORATION
REPAIR
PROPERTY VALUE
NEIGHBORHOOD
MISSING
SECURE
GUTTER
CONSISTENCY
FORM LETTER
HOMEOWNER
UPDATE
EXPENSE

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/5747623/>

**Congratulations to our
SPRING Yard Contest Winners
Most Colorful**

A. Privado - 4004 Towngate Blvd

**Creative Design
M/ McCaffrey—2005 Town Place**

**Best Yard
L. Phipps—2023 Town Court**

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



2023 BOARD MEMEBERS

PRESIDENT— Pat—214-546-3187

VICE PRESIDENT— Sheila-214-274-6412

TREASURER – Nate –479-530-4439

SECRETARY – Maggie—214-957-1384

LANDSCAPE – Sheila -214-274-6412

CLUBHOUSE/POOLS-Abel—214-601-7156

ARCHITECTURA-Jody—469-323-7747

PAINTING - Phillip—214-403-6075

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

**Code enforcement Danny Moore—972-485-6414
– DaMoore@garlandTx.gov**

**Neighborhood Police Officer—J.P. Morillos
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**Parking issues—972-205-2222 or
parkingquestions@garlandtx.gov**

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