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Halloween Contest and Trick or Treat

By Rene

Another HOT summer is on it's way out and we are finally going to get some cooler air. This means it's time to start thinking about how to decorate your lawn for the contest. We will have the judging on October 17. The categories are:



Day of the Dead

Boo Spectacular

Made Me Jump!



We can't wait to see everyone's yard. Also I would like to talk to you about trick or treating for the kids. I know we can't hold our traditional Halloween party but I think each neighbor that chooses to should do something. We are going to have to think outside of the box this year. You can always Google ideas or Pinterest also has good ideas. For example, we are going to sit in front yard and put some candy in little bags on a card table. That way we are outside, everything is prepackaged and put on table so it is contactless. This way the kids can still have some kind of normalcy. Of course weather permitting. Please remember this is just an idea and NOT MANDATORY.



SWIMMING POOL CLOSING

It has been a good swimming season and hope all have enjoyed using the pools. The pools will be closed effective October 1 and will reopen sometime in May 2021. All cards will be deactivated effective October 1.



Welcome to our new Homeowners:

**Shunte Clemons
Helen Chia
Nancy Blakely, Cherze
and Johathon**

ANTICS FROM ANNE

2020 is a year we would all like to forget and one that many of us never imagined would happen in our lifetime. One of my friends said the most useless purchase he had ever made was a 2020 planner and I am sure we can all relate to that. Life at Towngate has continued and there still seems to be the normal happenings of people not picking up after their pets, parking issues, and in general not following the rules. Please be ever mindful of your neighbors and considerate of one another.

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



PARKING

By Laura

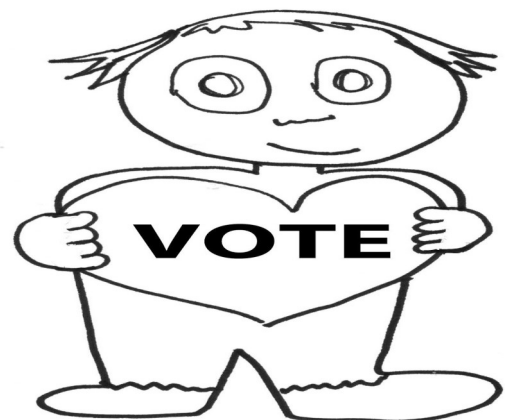
As most of you have already noticed, we have very limited parking in front of our homes in the Towngate community. Some households have more than two vehicles and there is just not enough space available for everyone with multiple cars to park on the street close to your residence without limiting space for others. It is recommended that any extra vehicles, including unused vehicles, should either be parked in a garage or on one of the non-busy side streets such as Court Way. Friendly conversations with neighbors on your street can be very beneficial to work out some of the crowded situations some have experienced. Being a courteous neighbor can make all the difference in creating a respectful and pleasant community.



PAINTING

By Jack

Just a reminder that if you do needed repairs the HOA will furnish the paint. Contact the office to pick it up. If you have done insurance repairs your insurance company paid for your paint so the HOA will not furnish the paint. Make sure if you buy paint you get the correct color as there are only 7 approved colors for trim and one color for the exterior walls.



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.

LANDSCAPE

By Bridget

Hello Towngate Community, we have had a hot summer and I received several requests to repair broken sprinklers heads, to add sod, trim trees, just to name a few high-volume requests that were addressed. Now that the weather is cooling down, the requests are slowing down. I want to take this time to thank you for your involvement in ensuring your yards received the proper care/watering, which in turn ensured our community yards collectively, look good and were well maintained. Please notice, when entering the Towngate Community on Towngate Boulevard, we have removed the shrub and added a rock garden to update the entrance to, also we added vines the trees on the Town Hall grounds.

Just to reiterate: Your Homeowner Association fees pay for, but not limited to the following:

- Mowing – once a week
- Edging – once a week
- Watering (lawn, trees, shrubs) – once to twice a week
(summer months)
- Trimming shrubs
- Pruning trees
- Replacing trees and shrubs when necessary
- Spraying and fertilizing shall be done as required

Keeping in mind during your inspection; (a) the Contractor will perform the above listed upkeep for each Homeowner at the same time, (b) the Contractor does not accommodate special request, (c) the upkeep is specific to the front lawn only (back lawns are maintained by the homeowners), (d) budget dictates what will and can be done annually.



Architectural Committee Notes by Patricia

Corona virus has caused problems for all of us. We did not cause this problem, but we all have to deal with it the best we can. So we all sort through available information and resources, and then hopefully make decisions based on facts, not fiction. Likewise, we must make the best decisions for taking care of our homes, making necessary repairs and even indulging in arbitrary updates and improvements when we can. However, what we absolutely must not do is ignore communications from Towngate. We must do the best we can to do what is required. Meanwhile, I offer one of my favorite poems as encouragement.

Invictus

William Ernest Henley - 1849-1903

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.



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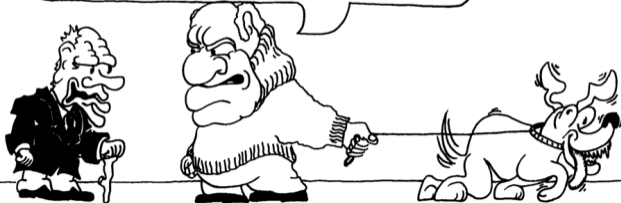
Tennis court gate code: CZ2006

Fall Time

By Amalia

With the summer over, and now entering fall, the weather is changing. It is walking, running weather. Let's enjoy the great weather and our great neighborhood. Get the kids and the pets out of the house!

MY DOCTOR TOLD ME TO WALK TWO MILES
A DAY AND TAKE HIS DOG WITH ME.



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