



CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 9/4-Memorial Day
- Office Closed
- 9/12-Board Mtg
- 9/14-RECYCLE
- 9/28-Recycle

OCTOBER

- 10/10-Board Mtg
- 10/12-RECYCLE
- 10/26-RECYCLE

NOVEMBER

- 11/9-RECYCLE
- 11/14-Board Mtg
- 11/23-Thanksgiving
- Office Closed
- 11/25-RECYCLE

DECEMBER

- 12-7-RECYCLE
- 12/12-Board Mtg
- 12/21-RECYCLE
- 12/25-CHRISTMAS OFFICE

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Message from the President

By Patricia Hartley

On Towngate Blvd., there is a house with its door window boarded up. And, what's more, the man known to live there has not been seen for some time. Where is he? Does anybody know?

We lost a resident, a very dear man named Jack Van Zant, whom I was privileged to know. But I was privileged to know him because he would call me and other neighbors to say "hello" and to see how we were doing. Because of his concern for me, I developed a concern for him. In the last months of his life, I learned that Jack was born in Comanche, Oklahoma, that as a young man, he joined the Navy and was stationed in San Diego. He married, had 3 sons, and when he retired from the Navy, he bought a farm in Gordonville, Texas. He started a tire business in the 1960's called Jack's Tire Service, and sometime around 1980, he moved to Towngate. In the last months of his life, I would go see him, and we would watch westerns such as Gunsmoke and the Rifleman. In December, he passed away, and I am so glad I got to know him before he said his final goodbye.

Not long after that, on a snowy day, a different neighbor invited me and another neighbor over for salad and a baked potato. He had provided various toppings for the potato and the salad. We laughed and joked and had a grand ole time. And even though it was a simple gesture, it made a very big impression on me.

We are blessed to live in a fairly safe community, so it's not taking much of a chance to take a chance to shake a hand, make friend like the Staple singers suggest or reach out and touch somebody's hand, as Diana Ross encourages us to do. Some of us are already going about checking on others, but we can all make a point to do something to show we care about our neighbors. Life should have taught us, by now, we reap what we sow.

I am still trying to find out if there is anyone who wants to play Scrabble. How about Monopoly or Backgammon or cards? Text me and let me know. It could be fun.

In the meantime, let's try to find out if we need to help someone behind a boarded up door.

Are we almost finished with the heat?

By Sheila

This has been a hot summer in Towngate and not sure if we are finished with the heat yet. Our yards are showing some stress! The water bill for our neighborhood is a high cost with Towngate sprinklers running twice a week for the month of August and September, some personal care is needed to keep a green yard. Look at your lawn and answer a question. Are your sprinklers working? Feel the grass on Thursday and Sunday morning and they should be wet. If not wet to the touch, report to the landscape board member, Sheila Raines 214-274-6412 or Town Hall 972-840-1680

The best yards are the ones that homeowners give their yard an extra watering during the week. We are entering the fall season and having a healthy yard now prepares for winter temperatures and spring growth. Most years, Towngate fertilizes a pre-emergence type of fertilizer in March when it starts to get warm and the rains have begun. Fertilizing your yard three times a year, March, July, and October, encourages healthy growth along with the extra watering. To be honest if you water extra, a healthy yard will grow and choke out the weeds. Best results from using fertilizer is to use Scott Turf Builder Southern Lawns.

Our lawn service is just that, a mow your yard and trim, and shape your bushes. The big job of raking up leaves as they fall is also in our landscape contract. Towngate does not do personal work in the yards. A little time working in your yard, extra watering once a week and fertilizing will surprise you with the results. The flower beds are yours to express your creativity.

meet your
Neighbor

Time for the Best Yard Contests

The Yard Judges are the children of the neighborhood! The kids have been excellent with every house looked at in detail and the judging responsibility has been taken very seriously. I would like to include more children to help with this project.

October 27, Friday at 6 o'clock at the Town Hall is where we are meeting for the next judging event. Parents are invited but your vote does not count! If you cannot meet and walk with us, you are welcome to go on your own and report your vote back to Sheila. The judging consists of walking or driving the property, looking at each house and then deciding which house is best for one of the three categories.

Made You Jump Happy Harvest (best fall décor) Boo Spectacular

In December we will have the Yard contest for the best yards decorated in the following categories. The Kids Panel of Yard Judges will be judging the yards on December 22, Friday at 6 o'clock, meeting at Town Hall.

Most Creative Best of Season Traditional

The yard with the most votes in a category wins the sign which is placed by the kids. The house also wins a gift card, value of \$25. Text Sheila Raines 214-274-6412 or email SheRaa27@gmail.com or leave your name and number at Towngate office 972-840-1680, to say you are coming or need information on the contests. I will call you back. The kids that participate in the judging of the yards take pride in their neighborhood; it makes me proud to watch.

Happy Fall Y'all!

By Maggie Dooley

Hello Neighbors! I hope everyone has been enjoying the cooler weather that has been blowing our way lately; I know my dogs and I have. With our regular walk schedule back on track I started to notice that there might be some miscommunication within the neighborhood regarding trash pick up guidelines and schedules for recycle, bulk pick-up etc. Now, I'll be the first to admit that getting into the weekly routine took some getting used to when I first moved here. With that being said I just wanted to take a moment to provide everyone with a refresh of information in an effort to help keep our neighborhood looking its best.

The city of Garland picks up our trash between 7am-7pm every Thursday. We are fortunate enough to have bulk pickup every Thursday as well, however, they will not pick up items if there are trash bins, utility meters or vehicles nearby or obstructing their access. Being aware of where you put these items helps ensure that they can be picked up in a timely manner as to not obstruct driveways, alleyways or over time become a fire hazard.

Recycle pick up also happens on Thursdays but only on every other Thursday and the schedule is posted on the front page. It needs to be on concrete and not on grass.

I hope everyone finds this information useful and maybe with everyone doing their part to follow the schedule provided, our alleys and the neighborhood can continue to be beautiful as ever.



**Welcome to our new Homeowners:
Amerson Properties
1913 Towngate Drive**

**Sarai Loreda & Parker Kitchens
2005 Towngate Drive**

**Cassidy Mayfield & Kayla Ponder
4006 Towngate Blvd.**

**Sergio Mendoza
4142 Towngate Blvd.**

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POOL CLOSED**

Sorry the pool is closed early this year but it is because people using the pool need to follow the rules or the privilege is canceled for all. This year has been very bad with people leaving food out, toys and clothes left there on a daily basis and generally not cleaning up after themselves. There are trash cans and a bathroom available for all.



Halloween Party at Town Hall

Saturday October 28 from 5-7.

We asking the kids to dress up!

Each Board member will have a game for the kids to play at their station and hand out candy when finished.

Individual families from the neighborhood can also hand out candy at the party with the kids playing a game at your station.

Trick or treating to follow in the neighborhood after the party.

2023-2024 HOA Board and important numbers

Welcome to the HOA Board Maggie Verastegui who is filling the Board vacancy due to a resignation.

PRESIDENT – Patricia – 214-546-3187

VICE PRESIDENT- Sheila – 214-274-6412

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SECRETARY – Maggie D.– 214-957-1384

CLUBHOUSE

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