



The Georgetowner

A monthly Georgetown Community Services Association
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CSA Website:

www.georgetowncsa.com

May Calendar of Events

May 6	7:30	ARB Meeting (SS)
May 13	7:45	BOD Meeting (SS)
May 10		Community Yard Sale
May 20	7:30	ARB Meeting (SS)

ARB Violation Summary Thru March 31, 2014

Total new violations	421	YTD	814
Total violations repaired	389	YTD	828
Hang Tags issued	67	YTD	153
Letters mailed	439	YTD	629
Issues referred to GM/atty	11/66	YTD	188

Total current violations at the end of March 421

Largest number of single home violations: Siding Repair
Largest number of parcel violations: Trashcans not enclosed

Feral Cats

Did you know that one female cat and her offspring can create as many as 420,000 cats in 7 years? Did you also know that some feral cats in Chatham County may carry rabies? Further, when someone puts out food for these cats, other animals that potentially carry disease are drawn to that location? With these things in mind, the Association strongly recommends that residents do not feed or approach feral cats. Further, residents need to note that it is against County regulations to feed or provide sustenance to any animal, dog, or cat upon public property or private property of others without express permission of the animal and property owner. This includes all Association green space, lagoons, and other common areas.

Fitness Center Equipment Overhaul

As some have noticed, we have trouble getting the correct parts to fully repair one of our two treadmills. Even when you buy good refurbished equipment like we did 3 years ago, manufacturers don't maintain stocks of every part for older models. In the case of this treadmill, an electronic board had to be remanufactured. The newest part is due in on April 22nd. Hopefully, that will make the machine fully functional. We appreciate your patience on this.

Collections Procedures

As a reminder, the Association implemented revised collections procedures in 2012. Please note that payments are due on the first of each month and become past due after 30 days and finance charges begin to accrue. When an account becomes over 60 days past due, the remainder of that year's assessments are added to the account and are due in full at that point. Once the remainder of the year's assessments has been posted, it will not be removed in trade for partial payments. Accounts over 60 days in arrears will also receive a Lien Warning Notice and if the account is not paid in full within 10 days, a lien will be filed against the property. Subsequent collection actions include filing law suits and garnishment actions as needed. The cost of collection actions, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees, court fees, and admin fees will be posted to past due accounts at the appropriate point in the process.

Monthly Payment E-mail Reminders

If you would like to receive a monthly e-mail reminding you that the monthly assessment is due, please let us know via e-mail. Our address is:

gm@georgetowncsa.com

Storm Drains

Please do not sweep, blow or dump leaves or debris into the street storm drains. Keeping storm drains clear is important to help protect the properties in our neighborhoods from potential flooding. It also helps protect wildlife and the environment downstream. Please note, and alert your yard care contractor, that "any and all persons who (shall) injure, obstruct or otherwise interfere with (said) drainage canals or public drains" shall be in violation of County Ordinance 15-406 and risks being charged and taken before the State Court in Chatham County. Also note that allowing any hazardous fluid or materials, such as motor oil or radiator fluid (et al) to enter the storm drain violates State and Federal regulations which can result in prosecution, stiff fines, and/or prison time.

Banquet Rooms Available for Rent

As a reminder, the Association has two nice banquet rooms available for weekend rental. Rentals are available from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 on Fridays, and from 8:00 a.m. -10:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Pricing information and a copy of the contract can be obtained at the office or at our web site: www.georgetowncsa.com.

GCSA Board Members

Richard Lindsey (President)
Mike Richardson (Vice President)
Warren Smith (Sec/Treasurer)
Robin Byers
Butch Braddy
Renee Rabbitt
Barbara Rubin
John Thompson
David Campbell

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Robin Byers
Ray Sili
Mike Richardson
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Mike Yardman (Coordinator)



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Mission Statement

To preserve and enhance property values and amenities by maintaining common property, collecting and disbursing assessments, promoting safety and welfare of residents, and enforcing governing documents.

Vision Statement

To become a world-class Homeowners Association that is characterized by wise resource management, proactive problem resolution, superior amenities, and top-notch member service.

Core Values

We are member oriented.
We operate with courtesy, sensitivity, and integrity
We are committed to excellence.
People are our most importance resource.
We work as a team and advocate teamwork.

President's Corner

As discussed in previous newsletters, the Board is currently in the process of updating our Strategic Plan and we are looking for homeowner input as we develop goals and objectives for the next five years. This is a great opportunity to help shape future budgets and initiatives. I encourage you to attend the next meeting on May 13th and be a part of the discussion. Meanwhile, I want to remind you that the annual Board election process has begun. There are five (of nine) seats up for election. If you are interested in running, please obtain a candidacy petition sheet at the Association Office, or print one from our web site: www.georgetowncsa.com. The petition sheets are due April 25th. The ballots will be mailed out in May and are due back by Monday, June 9th. Best regards, Rich Lindsey, Association President

2014 Key Event Calendar

April 25 th	Election Candidate Petitions Due
May 10 th	Community Yard Sale 8:00A
May 26 th	Office and Fitness Center Closed
May 26 th	Pool Season Opens
June 9 th	Election Ballots Due
June 10 th	Annual Meeting of Members
July 4 th	Office and Fitness Center Closed
Sept 1 st	Office and Fitness Center Closed
Sept 1 st	Pool Season Closes at 8 p.m.
Sept 6 th	Community Yard Sale
Sept 9 th	Parcel Budget Hearings 6:30 p.m.
Oct 4 th	CSA Budget Hearing 7:00 p.m.
Oct 31 st	Fallfest/Halloween Party
Nov 27-28 th	Office and Fitness Center Closed
Dec 13 th	Breakfast with Santa
Dec 30 th	Office and Fitness Center closes at noon
Dec 31 st	Office and Fitness Center Closed

Annual Elections

The annual election for Board of Directors is underway. Anyone interested in running for one of the five open seats can come by the office and pick up a Candidacy Petition. A copy of the petition may also be printed from our web site: www.georgetowncsa.com. Completed petitions must be returned by April 25th. Ballots will be mailed on May 6th and are due back by June 9th. Ballots will be counted and the results announced at the Association's Annual Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Spring Yard Sale

The Association will be sponsoring the spring yard sale at the Southside Clubhouse on Saturday, May 10th. Participation is free to all Association residents, but you must pre-register in the Office no later than Thursday, May 8th. The number of slots is limited and will be filled on a first-come basis.

Yard Waste Pick-up

Please help keep the neighborhoods looking nice (and enhance property values) by keeping the leaves and pine straw picked up. Chatham County Public Works Department picks up yard waste curb-side every Monday. Clippings, leaves, and/or straw must be put in reusable containers or in paper bags (available at hardware stores). Cut up limbs and brush may be placed neatly at the curb for pick-up. The use of plastic bags is not authorized. Yard waste may not be placed curb-side earlier than 6 p.m. on Sundays.

LED Lighting for Tennis Courts

After some administrative delays, the LED lighting for the tennis courts is now being manufactured and scheduled to be installed before the end of April. The LED lights are significantly more energy efficient than the metal halide lighting they are replacing. Given that some of the current fixtures were failing and are beyond economical repair, it was a good time to switch to LED lighting.

Soliciting in GCSA Neighborhoods

As the weather gets warmer, we will likely experience an increase in soliciting in our neighborhoods. This soliciting can come in the form of unexpected knocks on the door, to advertisements being thrown in your yards or put in (or on) our mailboxes. Solicitation is banned in our townhome and duplex communities, and it is discouraged in our single-family home neighborhoods. Any solicitor must have a business license or permit issued by Chatham County or the City of Savannah. Religious entities simply handing out literature are not required to have permits. Here are some things you can do to deter or respond to solicitors: (1) Residents who hear unexpected knocks on the door should verify who is there before opening the door. If the caller is unwanted, the resident should yell through the door for the caller to leave. If the resident chooses to open the door and confront the caller, the resident should demand to see the caller's license or permit. If he/she is soliciting something and cannot produce a license or permit, the resident should call the Police and report the solicitor. If at any time the resident senses danger or suspicious activity, he/she should likewise call the Police (911). (2) residents should contact the Postal Inspector when solicitors, or either handbill or ad solicitors put advertising in or on their mailbox; (3) residents who receive unwanted PennySavers and other advertisements thrown onto their property should contact those entities directly and request they be deleted from distribution; and (4) residents should post "No Solicitation" decals on their doors. If any person comes onto your property without permission and fails to leave upon your request, you can call the Police and report a trespassing violation.

Pet Waste Pick-up

As a reminder, Chatham County Ordinances require dog owners to have a leash on their pet when located outside the confines of their house or fenced yard. The ordinances also require owners to both carry and utilize equipment (such as plastic bags) to pick up after their pets do their "business."