

Town of Georgetown's Take Note



Important Phone Numbers:

Town Hall:

(302) 856-7391

Planning Department:

(302) 853-0104

Public Works:

(302) 856-6045

Sewer Department:

(302) 856-7377

- ◆ Sewer Emergency
Beeper No.
(302) 441-7377

Water Department:

(302) 856-9529

- ◆ Water Emergency
Beeper No.
(302) 441-6046

Non Emergency Police Dept.

(302) 856-6613

Fire, Ambulance, Police—911

Sussex County:

(302) 855-7700

Georgetown State Service

Center: (302) 856-5574

Health & Social Services:

(302) 856-5355

Town Hall Office Hours:

Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Letter from the Mayor:

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time to read our first newsletter. One of my initiatives as Mayor is to better inform the residents of Georgetown on what's happening with your local government.

Meet your new Mavor and Council

Town Council meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month starting at 7:00 p.m. The Council encourages all residents to attend the meetings, give us your feedback on issues we are discussing, or to provide comments on anything that is happening in the Town.

Become Involved

The Town Council is always looking for ideas on how to improve the Town of Georgetown. There are boards, commissions, and committees that the Town uses to involve the public in the decision making process that guides how Georgetown grows. I would encourage anyone who would like to be a part of those processes to contact Town Hall. Our staff there will be more than happy to answer questions for you.

We hope you find this first edition newsletter very informative and useful.

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Debris Pick Up...

The Town of Georgetown's Public Works Department picks up yard waste every Monday.

All brambles, sticks, tree trimmings and the like shall be securely tied together in bundles. Each bundle shall not exceed four feet in length, 36 inches in diameter or 50 pounds in weight.

*Please have yard waste placed at the curb no later than 6:30 a.m. on Monday mornings.

Town Office Closings.....

Independence Day Monday, July 5, 2010

*Labor Day Monday, September 6, 2010

*Trash pick up will be delayed by one day the week of September 6, 2010 (Labor Day).

New Fee Changes

Delaware Solid Waste Authority has approved a landfill price increase effective July 1, 2010. The tipping fee at the landfill will be changing. This is a 40% increase in disposal cost. Therefore, the Town of Georgetown's trash rate will increase to \$51.00 per quarter per container.

CCR Water Report...

The Consumer Confidence Report will not be mailed this year. Copies are available for review at the Georgetown Post Office, Georgetown Public Library, and Town Hall, 39 The Circle, Georgetown, Delaware 19947. You may also review the CCR water report on the Town's website at www.georgetowndel.com.

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Water Wise Tips....

- ◆ If your toilet flapper doesn't close after flushing, replace it.
- ◆ When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- ◆ Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- ◆ Water your lawn and garden in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.
- ◆ We're more likely to notice leaks indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor faucets, sprinklers and hoses for leaks.
- ◆ Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.
- ◆ Upgrade older toilets with water efficient models.
- ◆ When running a bath, plug the tub before turning the water on, then adjust the temperature as the tub fills up.
- ◆ Teach your children to turn off faucets tightly after each use.
- ◆ Know where your master water shut-off valve is located. This could save water and prevent damage to your home.
- ◆ Use a commercial car wash that recycles water.

New Ordinances:

§ 116-31 Exterior structures.

The exterior of a structure shall be maintained structurally sound and sanitary so as not to pose a threat to the health and safety of the occupants and so as to protect the occupants from the environment. All wood and metal surfaces, including but not limited to, window frames, doors, door frames, cornices, porches and trim shall be maintained in good condition. **Peeling, flaking, and chipped paint shall be eliminated and surfaces repainted.** All cornices, belt courses, corbels, terra cotta trim, wall facings and similar decorative features shall be maintained in good repair with proper anchorage and in a safe condition.

§ 116-147 Addressing of buildings. - Please help emergency personnel!

It shall be the duty of each owner or occupant of each building or structure to place or cause to be placed thereon, in a place near the main entrance, in a manner visible from the street and in a contrasting color with the building or structure, numbers which shall not be less than three inches high showing the Town-approved street numbers of the building or structure.

§ 165-6.2 Deposit and accumulation of grass clippings.

It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly cause grass clippings or other debris or waste produced in conjunction with yard maintenance or gardening onto the streets, alleys, and other public roads of the Town of Georgetown. A homeowner is responsible to ensure that any persons hired to cut his/her grass or maintain his/her yard abide by this section. Any grass or waste which inadvertently is caused to enter the streets or alleys of the Town shall be promptly removed; there is no grace period within which to remove grass clippings, other debris or waste.

§ 165.7 Height limit of other vegetation.

Please remember the growth of any other vegetation more than **eight inches** in height except for trees, flowers or other ornamental plants, and such growth is hereby declared to be detrimental to the public health, safety and general welfare of the property owners and residents of the Town of Georgetown and a common and public nuisance.

For further information regarding these ordinances, please refer to the Town of Georgetown's Code located on our website, www.georgetowndel.com.

Questions or concerns? Please feel free to contact us at Town Hall, or your local councilmember.

Members of Council

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Fax Number: (302) 856-6348