Board Meeting
February 22, 2024
@ 3:00 PM
210 West 18th Street
GHA Conference Room

FEBRUARY 2024
The GHA Communicator
A monthly Newsletter for Stonehaven, Shady Oaks, and Section 8 Residents
Our Offices will be closed on Monday, February 19, in Observance President’s Day.

What is Valentine's Day?

**DEFINITION** Valentine’s Day is a celebration of love that is observed every year on February 14.

https://www.brides.com/history-of-valentines-day-5217490

FEBRUARY IS OFTEN KNOWN FOR BEING A MONTH DEDICATED TO AND ALL ABOUT LOVE.

But February is not just about valentines. It can also be a month for self-love, self-care, fostering relationships with family and friends, and loving others.

The history of Valentines can be a little sketchy, but there are a few details we know for sure: The holiday goes back to the third century, the period 200 to 300 AD when the Roman Empire ruled the world. During this time there were two Saints named Valentine who performed heroic acts that made them martyrs within the Christian religion. These two saints were both beheaded by the Romans, one for performing illegal marriages of young couples and the other for preaching Christianity before it was legal. The name "Valentine's Day" probably comes from one or both of them.

President’s Day is February 19, 2024

*The Georgetown Housing Authority employs imaginative solutions to provide quality affordable homes, communities, and opportunities for self-sufficiency through innovative collaboration with public and private enterprises.*
In order to prevent an accident, we are asking parents to pick up these items after use and store them away, otherwise we will pick them up and dispose of them.

### Safety Concern With Children’s Toys Left In Yards, Sidewalks and Streets

It is NOT acceptable to leave toys scattered around yards, walkways and streets. We are seeing pools, bicycles, basketball-goals, and toys scattered.

**Potential Hazards Are:****

1. A motor vehicle could accidently run over a child who may be trying to get their toy.
2. Toys can be a trip hazard. Delivery personnel like Amazon, UPS, or Federal Express might have trouble walking around toys left on sidewalk. In case of a fire, Georgetown Fire Department or attending personnel might trip over a toy in the dark.
3. A pet could get tangled up or caught in some kind of toy.
4. If a child or person is injured there is a potential for increased renters insurance for residential properties.
5. Children can drown in a 5-gallon bucket of water.

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1st TUESDAY Coffee with Dahlia

“To Educate and Encourage Resident Council Participation”

1st Tuesday of EACH MONTH - 9:30a
ALC Building — Behind GHA Office

*BINGO*

All were winners!

HAPPENINGS AT THE CENTER

WINNERS

MEXICAN TRAIN TOURNAMENT
Low: Penny Howe
High: Marie Puente
42 TOURNAMENT
Need players

SKIP-BO TOURNAMENT
1ST PLACE: Agnes Fernando
2ND PLACE: Mina Krupa

Happy Birthday

We invite anyone over 50+ of age to join us at the Center for soup and/or different games. Please come!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
13 Ruben & Norma Perales

To everyone celebrating an anniversary, may you have many more.

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FEBRUARY 2024

OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 8AM TO 4PM
STONENHAVENCENTER1@gmail.com

Groundhog Day
February 2, Wednesday
How much longer will the cold weather last??

Valentine’s Day
February 14, 2024
The Sweetest Rewards

To laugh often;
To appreciate beauty;
To find the best in others;
To leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;
To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded.

Happy Valentine’s Day to each of you!
We love you!

Come shop at the Senior Center. We have treasures waiting for you!

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THURSDAY, FEB 1 & 15
THURSDAY, FEB 29TH

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL (must sign-up for Lunch w/ Pat or Dahlia for head count)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 11:00A—12:30P
SENIOR CENTER

Neighborhood Watch Meeting
THURSDAY, February 22, 2024
4:00 - 5:00pm

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FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
OLD CARVER ELEMENTARY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GEORGETOWN

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Neighborhood Watch Meeting
THURSDAY, February 22, 2024
4:00 - 5:00pm
Section 8 Coordinator
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One Day a Week Watering in Effect

A friendly reminder to all residents that the City of Georgetown is still under watering restrictions. Please do not leave water running and make sure to water only on those days designated by your address.

How to Get Rid of Sowbug and Pillbug Effectively

1. Apply Insect Killer Granules around foundations, lawns and landscaped areas.
2. Scatter Monterey Ant Control, containing iron phosphate and Spinosad, evenly over the soil and problem areas.
3. Clear dead plants to remove their food source so they don’t breed excessively.

Smoke Detector Policy

If you dismantle a Smoke Detector, you will get charged $40.
Please Do Not Dismantle

The Smartest Type of Phishing—Social Engineering

Social Engineering is one of the most difficult types of phishing to detect because it can take place over several months of gaining your trust and can masquerade as someone you already know. They can use fake emails to pose as your boss, your family, or people you trust to trick you into giving out information.

To avoid hackers using social engineering, use the “hover trick.” Hover over the email address of every email you receive. If you see spelling and grammar mistakes or weird wording, or you are not sure, contact the sender and verbally just to make sure.

There is a hacker attack every 39 seconds

A Clark School study at the University of Maryland was one of the first to be able to quantify the near constant rate of hacker attacks of computers with Internet access – every 39 seconds on average, affecting one in three Americans every year – and the non-secure usernames and passwords we use give attackers more chance of success.
In keeping with the mission of the Georgetown Housing Authority, the GHA-ALC has partnered with community organizations who are dedicated to serving our residents and community to help them develop literacy and life skills using a supportive and holistic approach, so that they can realize their fullest potential.

Office Hours By Appointment. Please Call or Email to Schedule. (512) 869-0497 info@literacycouncilwilco.org

APREnda INGLES (ESL)
Esta invitado a unirse con a nosotros para aprender a hablar o escribir Inglés con mayor fluidez en 2024! Tenemos clases para primer o segundo nivel. También tenemos tutoría específica para exámenes de ciudadanía estadounidense, exámenes GED, entrevistas de trabajo, currículums, etc. Comuníquese con Pauline Fong por mensaje de texto o voz al 650-784-9176 o por correo electrónico: Pauline.eslwilco@gmail.com si tiene alguna pregunta.

Come and join us to learn to speak or write English more fluently in 2024! Beginners and Intermediate classes available. Specific tutoring for U.S. Citizenship exams, GED exams, Job Interviews, Resumes, etc. is also available. Please contact Pauline Fong by text or voice at 650-784-9176

FREE DINNER and a MOVIE:
Monday, February 12th 3:30p
When florist Helen (Danica McKellar) meets a dreamy mystery man (Damon Runyon) at a masquerade ball, she and her friend Henry (Cameron Mathison) set out to find him.

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FAMILY COUNSELING | FATHERHOOD | FAMILY PRESERVATION
STARRY’s goal is to be a beacon of light for children, youth, and families in the midst of life’s challenges, both big and small. STARRY’s counselors, direct care workers, and case managers guide youth and families toward the hope of a better tomorrow. STARRY nurtures children, strengthens families, and restores hope by providing supportive services through trauma-informed Counseling, Family Support, Fatherhood, and Family Preservation services.

Driving Change, Delivering Results
Faith in Action Georgetown

IF YOU ARE 65 YEARS OR OLDER AND WANT TO REGISTER FOR FAITH IN ACTION’S TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, PLEASE CALL BECKY AT 512
The amount of food you receive is **NOT** based on the number of people in your family. If you have any questions or concerns please call Nikita Goodwin (512) 966-7164. The Food Pantry is open Saturdays from 10AM-12PM. You may sit inside the building when the doors are unlocked. Please be signed-in by 11:00a or you will NOT be processed for food.

**RESIDENT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Activity Learning Center**  
**Wednesday, FEBRUARY 7, 2024. 1:00 pm**  
(Behind Main GHA Office)

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**JOB ALERTS—DO A GOOGLE SEARCH**

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**Central Texas Philharmonic**

Rodney A. & Mary Klett Performing Art Center  
2211 N Austin Ave, Georgetown, TX

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024**  
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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**“The Heidi Chronicles”** paints a poignant portrait of a woman’s journey to find her own voice and place in a rapidly changing world.

- **Location**: Alma Thomas Fine Arts Center  
- **Date & Time**: 2:00pm CST February 25

**The Heidi Chronicles** runs February 16-18 and 23-25 in the Jesse H. and Mary Gibbs Jones Theater. **FRIDAY and SATURDAY evenings at 7:30 p.m. and SUNDAY at 2:00 p.m.**

Tickets are free for Southwestern students, faculty, and staff. Discounts are available for teachers, students, military, and seniors. [www.southwestern.edu/tickets](http://www.southwestern.edu/tickets)