



# Griffin Gate

April 2018

OFFICE HOURS  
8:30AM - 12:00PM  
1:00PM - 5:00PM

CLOSED FOR LUNCH  
12:00PM-1:00PM

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## PROPERTY MANAGER

By: Kenny Speakes

Hillenmeyer has already applied their pre-emergent chemical and fertilizer as they anticipate beginning their spring clean-up. They will be blowing out the leaves from shrubbery, picking up limbs and basically cleaning up the community in preparation of beginning the mowing season. All of their work will surely be hindered due to the forecast of several days of rainfall.

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

By: Sharon Crissey

There has been a defibrillator purchased and placed in the exercise room. The device is portable so that it can be used elsewhere. There are verbal instructions that walk you through the process, but we thought residents may feel more comfortable with a demonstration. The Lexington Fire Department will be at the clubhouse on Wednesday, April 25th at 3:00 p.m. to provide this service.





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**SAFETY/SECURITY**  
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SAFETY/SECURITY COMMITTEE

By: David Huff

The Security Committee continues to work diligently to make Griffin Gate one of the safest neighborhoods in Lexington. The committee is continuing to look at various security updates/enhancements that we believe will make the community safer. The committee will be submitting a list of recommendations to the Board and the residents regarding enhancements to the security policies and procedures in the near future. There will be a Town Hall meeting on April 11th at the clubhouse for residents to voice their support/concerns for the recommended enhancements.

There will be hardware upgrades made to the entrances, gates, and guardhouses over the next month or so. This may cause some inconvenience for a day or two. Please be patient as we make these upgrades.

As a courtesy to your neighbors, please remember to pick up your pet's waste and place it in the waste containers located throughout the neighborhood. We are also experiencing theft of the waste bags that are being provided at the various pet waste stations.

The visitor parking is not to be used by residents unless the resident's driveway is full and only then for short durations. It has been reported that residents are using the visitor parking as their own personal parking lot. Please adhere to the parking regulations as written in the rules and regulations of the neighborhood.

Any problems or complaints regarding safety or security in the neighborhood should be reported to Kenny Speakes. Kenny will investigate and then take appropriate action. If assistance or direction is needed from the committee or the Board he will seek that before proceeding.

Thank you.





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**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

By: Susan Shepherd

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Susan Shepherd

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The Social Committee Meeting will be APRIL 27th in the Clubhouse at 5:15 PM.

**RESIDENT'S NIGHT/TACO NIGHT**

**WHEN: APRIL 13th**

**TIME: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**EVENT: MAKE YOUR OWN TACOS**

**COST: FREE!!! INGREDIENTS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

**COME OUT AND ENJOY A FREE MAKE YOUR OWN TACO NIGHT WITH THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND YOUR NEIGHBORS.**



**APRIL 27th  
(6:30p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)**



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GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

By: Brenda Lampton



GARDEN CLUB  
COORDINATOR

Brenda Lampton  
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### OTHER GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The next Garden Club Board Meeting will be Monday, April 2nd at 9:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse boardroom. All Garden Club members are welcome to attend.

The next Program and Social Committees meeting will be Monday, April 2nd at 10:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse boardroom. We will continue planning for our March Salad Luncheon outing and events for Spring and Summer.

Your input and ideas are always welcome!

*The purpose of the Garden Club is to stimulate an interest in gardening AND in the beautification of our community.*

### *THREE 18TH CENTURY GARDENS AND A LUNCHEON*

*There were 25 Griffin Gate Garden Club members and guests in the Clubhouse on Wednesday, March 21 participating in a delicious Salad Luncheon. GG resident Rob Magrish spoke on the restoration of the historical gardens located at the William Paca House in Annapolis, MD, the Governor's Palace in Williamsburg, VA, and Tryon Palace in New Bern, NC.*

*To compliment Rob's subject matter, we prepared 5 extra Colonial era dishes. These included: Christiana Campbell's Tavern Slaw, Johnnycakes, Cardamom Sweet Potatoes, Shield's Tavern Ginger Snaps, and Colonial Macaroons. These were added to the many salad dishes prepared by garden club members on the buffet table in the boardroom.*

*After lunch, Rob began his talk by telling us that all 3 gardens were well known in their time but have since deteriorated, destroyed, covered up, built over, or buried. Historical groups that desired to recreate these pieces of history used research and archeology, then excavation, to find and restore these sites.*

*William Paca, one of the co-signers of the Declaration of Independence and a Governor of Maryland built a house for his wife in Annapolis in 1763. As the centuries passed, property owners made a hotel out of the house and the gardens were filled in. In 1965, there were enough funds available to begin the 25 year long archaeological dig and restoration. As trenches were excavated, plant fragments were found and analyzed. Colonial gardens were always shaped as formal terraces and parterres around the house, and then naturally diverted down pathways toward the nearby river or stream. In order to maintain the green-space, a person experienced with a scythe trimmed the lush grass.*

*The Governor's Palace in Williamsburg, VA was built in 1722. The first resident there was Governor Alexander Spotswood.*

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By: Brenda Lampton

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Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson also resided in the estate. It burned in 1781. Centuries later there was a school on the property when the reconstruction of the original palace began. Funding was provided by the Rockefeller Foundation.

Research and archeology played a major role. Thomas Jefferson had a plan drawn of the property. There were parterres as a natural progression to the terraces where the garden flowed down to the grand canal and fishpond. A discovered mound that contained the ice house and part of the garden had been used as a gravesite. Arthur Schurcliff was in charge of restoring these gardens. Not known to be a Purist, he included the Chinese Bridge element, but added 1930's touches, such as the crepe myrtle plant.

Tryon Palace in New Bern was the Colonial capital of North Carolina. It was built in 1767 by John Hawkes who was the cutting edge architect for that time. Reconstruction began in 1959. Documentation and archeology showed that the kitchen wing of the house had burned, but the stable wing had survived. Morley Jeffers Williams was hired to rebuild the gardens in the 18th century style with parterres and terraces with the same natural progression down to the river. These gardens were maintained until 1992 as the assumed restoration of the original plans. Sometime later the original garden plans were discovered at the University of Venezuela in Caracas. After discovering that the existing gardens were not a recreation of the original foot-print, a debate began over what to do. At present, nothing has yet been decided. There remains the issue of donor money having funded the current gardens, including naming rights for different areas.

Rob also provided us with a plant list for all 3 Colonial Gardens. The three lists show many of the same plants. Many of these were originally sourced from Bartram's in Philadelphia. These include trees such as Red Maple, Pecan, and Flowering Dogwood; Shrubs such as American boxwood and Yaupon holly; and Perennial flowers such as Vinca and Fox glove.

#### GAZEBO GARDEN GAB

Have you visited, or heard of, John Bartram's Gardens in Philadelphia, PA? John Bartram purchased 102 acres from Swedish settlers in 1728, and systematically began gathering the most varied collection of North American plants in the world. His travels—by boat, horseback, and by foot—took him all over North America. He collected seeds and plant specimens, and his garden was a source of inquiry and pleasure for the above Colonial garden owners including Thomas Jefferson and George Washington. His seed and plant business survived him and continues to thrive under the care of three generations of Bartrams.

More history at: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/the-story-of-bartrams-garden-13572809/>



# Griffin Gate

The Standing Committees of Griffin Gate Association:  
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

The Board invites residents to its Workshop Meeting on Tuesday, April 10th @ 7:00 PM.

The Board Meeting for April is on Thursday, April 12th @ 7:00 PM.

Please Come!

## Committee Meetings

MAINTENANCE	April 2nd @ 5:30 PM
LANDSCAPE	April 2nd @ 5:30 PM
SECURITY	April 3rd @ 6:00 PM
ACDR	April 5th @ 6:00 PM
FINANCE	April 10th @ 6:30 PM
SOCIAL	April 27th @ 5:15 PM



## NEW NEIGHBORS

**1025 GG– Steven & Sherry Rosenalt**  
**1052 GG– Stephen & Angela Owens**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## April

- April 1st: Happy Easter Everyone!
- April 1st: HOA Payments Due
- April 2nd: Maintenance/Landscape Meeting- (5:30 p.m.)
- April 2nd: Garden Club Board Meeting (9:30 a.m.)
- April 2nd: Garden Club Social Committee Meeting (10:00 a.m.)
- April 3rd: Security Committee Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- April 5th: ACDR Committee Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- April 5th: Bridge (1:00 p.m.— 4:00 p.m.)
- April 6th: Resident's Night (6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.)
- April 7th: Chat N' Chew (9:30 a.m.)
- April 10th: Finance Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- April 10th: Workshop Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- April 12th: BOD Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- April 13th: Resident's Night (6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.)
- April 14th: Chat N' Chew (9:30 a.m.)
- April 17th: Griffin Gate Reader's Club (4:00 p.m.)
- April 19th: Bridge (1:00 p.m.— 4:00 p.m.)
- April 20th: Resident's Night (6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.)
- April 21st: Chat N' Chew (9:30 a.m.)
- April 25th: Defibrillator Demonstration (3:00 p.m.)
- April 27th: Social Committee Meeting (5:15 p.m.)
- April 27th: Resident's Night (6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.)
- April 27th: Bingo (6:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.)
- April 28th: Chat N' Chew (9:30 a.m.)

