



GEORGETOWN TIMES

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At the JANUARY 15TH RULES COMMITTEE meeting, revision of the GCLO Rules from 2008 began. Because the Declaration has been completed, the RC can now start discussing the updating of the present rules. The rules will be a direct extension of the Declaration. This is another big job, and the Committee has a lot of work ahead of them. After revisions are agreed upon, the rules will be presented to Council for their suggestions, advice and approval or disapproval.

Council has the final vote on approval of the rules, as per the **Code of Regulations as follows: Section IV, e;** The adoption, amendment and enforcement of Rules and Regulations governing the use of the Units and the Common Elements, including, but not limited to, parking rules.

Each rule presently stated in the 2008 GCLO Rule Revisions will be reviewed with the Declaration as the main reference, along with **Georgetown's specific needs taken into consideration.** Any legal questions and concerns will be directed to **GCLO's legal advisor.** The Rules committee consists of: JP Burgess, Chip Townsend, Beth Townsend, Bill Spina, Eric Rehak and Pat Thompson.

GCLO Monthly Meeting
February 20th, 7PM
ANNUAL MEETING

Rules Committee Meeting
February 19th, 7 PM

WANT TO JOIN THE RULES COMMITTEE?

Anyone interested in joining the Rules Committee is welcome. We need serious members who are willing to attend each meeting and give educated input. The present GCLO Rules, revised in 2008, are in place and the Committee feels they need 'tweaked' not 'redone'.

As there is so much to review, we will not spend time each meeting going over revisions already discussed, thereby updating those who do not attend. It is important to be present at the meetings. It will be each members' responsibility to keep up-to-date, review what is already in place, give productive input and ideas, and to keep in mind the GCLO rules are for the best interest of all 54 Units and residents AND to maintain the values of our property. This is a big job, an important job, and we want to complete it in a timely manner.

If you are interested in joining the Committee, please contact a Committee member.

Don't forget February 20th, the annual GCLO meeting at 7:00 PM

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on all Georgetown Lane buildings are to be replaced in 2013. This will begin in the spring as weather permits. A meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21st @ 7:00 PM for all unit owners affected by the construction, and any questions will be answered at that time. An information letter has been sent giving a description of the process. This is a

BIG project and will be a little messy, a little noisy, and maybe even a little disrupting, but the contractor is efficient and will have the job done before you know it. Thanks ahead of time for your cooperation.....this project has a major impact on the appearance of our buildings and will enhance our units and the value thereof.



Since the mail slot in the garage door is closing on February 28th, the following options are available for payment of GCLO dues to Arbors Management.



1. If you do online payments through your bank, you can add Arbors onto the payment list;
2. You can mail your payment, but it must be received by Arbors by the due date, which is the 15th of each month;
3. Contact your respective bank and have them automatically send Arbors, Inc. a check every month under a recurring payment/auto pay program.

DECLARATION NEWS: After a year of hard work, the revised/updated Declaration was approved by Council. The next step is sending copies to all residents along with a form asking for your vote to approve. You should have received this by now and if not, please contact Arbors. This is really important as approval requires 66 2/3% of owners 'yes' votes. A letter of explanation accompanies the Declaration. The updates comply with the **Pennsylvania Declaration of Condominium Act** presently in effect. Anyone wanting a copy of the present GCLO Declaration for comparison, can look online at gclo.org or contact Tom for a copy.

For Georgetown to obtain HUD and FHA loan approval for the units, we need the updated Declaration approved and filed in the Westmoreland County Courthouse, along with the plats and plans which have recently been updated for this purpose. To date, plats and plans were not complete as filed originally, therefore needed official revisions. It's been reported that at least one sale of a unit fell through because GCLO HUD/FHA approval expired. GCLO cannot get approval of HUD/FHA until our Declaration is brought up to date and filed in the Westmoreland County Courthouse. With the housing market in the 'dumps' right now, condos seem to be more difficult to acquire loans for than single family homes, therefore we need to do all we can to help sales of our units, which will in turn help property values.

It is important that everyone respond to the information you received. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact a member of Council, Tom Wagner or Bill Spina for explanations. This information is very involved and parking lot meetings and discussions with those who have not been involved in the updating process may not give you proper answers. Council members will be more than happy to talk with you as would Tom and Bill.

Council would like to complete this process ASAP and for those who do not respond, expect a visit from a Council-approved volunteer to retrieve your response. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation and remember, until GCLO votes the updated Declaration as official and has it filed in Westmoreland County, property values are negatively affected.

Rental Coordinator, GCLO/CC Community Room

Ladd Thompson, (724) 301-6784

\$50.00 rental fee, \$100 deposit returnable after inspection of room if left clean and undamaged.

TOUGHER ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING RULES THE PITTSBURGH BUSINESS TIMES

by Anya Litvak



Come Jan. 24, it will no longer be legal to throw out computers and televisions along with your weekly trash.

Pennsylvania's Covered Device Recycling Act, passed in 2010, enacts a ban on such disposals, giving new responsibilities to individual consumers and small businesses.

This past year was all about the electronics manufacturers and retailers. By January 2012, the law required manufacturers to register with the Department of Environmental Protection, report, by weight, how much they sold into the state in 2010 and submit a plan to ensure that at least 35 percent of that is properly recycled. Retailers were required to sell only those items that come from registered manufacturers, a list of 86 at last count.

In 2013, manufacturers have to show that half of what they sell here is recycled. The ban on consumer disposal is supposed to feed into the system already worked out this year, where manufacturers' recycling programs make it easy, accessible and free for individuals and small businesses with fewer than 50 employees to recycle these items.

"The whole point of the law is for the manufacturers to bear the cost of the recycling program," said Sharon Svitek, solid waste supervisor with DEP's Southwest Regional Office.

The impetus behind electronic recycling is to prevent toxic and valuable materials from being landfilled or shipped abroad where their use and disposal may pose a danger to the environment.

Many businesses already send old computers to specialized recyclers to ensure privacy. "Most of our customers are concerned about data security," said Jacob Metz, president of Evolution E-Cycling LLC.

Evolution is embarking on the certification process required to be a contractor for a manufacturer's recycling program. The company will start the process in January when it moves from its current space

in Robinson to a much bigger facility on the South Side. It will take about six months and up to \$40,000 to be approved, Metz said.

The certification also will allow Evolution to bid on government work, which would open up a huge market, Metz said.

As of this year, all retailers that sell computers, TVs and other covered devices must be able to tell consumers how to dispose of their old electronics.

Many accept old electronics even if they weren't originally purchased there.

Municipalities, environmental groups and the DEP also sponsor electronic waste collection events, and some have drop-off centers. The DEP has a list of permitted electronic recycling companies that often charge a fee for pickups and allow free drop-offs.

The shift from consumer payment to manufacturers' programs has hurt some recycling companies such as Sharpsburg-based A greenSpan Computer Recycling Inc.

"It has changed the way we acquire equipment because now we will take anything that's covered by the act for no charge as long as it's (from) an individual or small business," said T. Alan Boring, general manager and owner.

Before, A greenSpan charged a small fee — \$12 per computer monitor — to recycle from these groups. Now, Boring said, a monitor nets about \$3.

"We were hoping to make it up in the volume, but to be honest, that hasn't realized itself yet," he said.

Companies are still allowed to charge for picking up electronics, which Metz and Boring both do.



Garbage Rules

4.4 Refuse and garbage shall be placed out and disposed of in accordance with the local ordinances.

- To prevent animal foraging, refuse and garbage should be stored within the Unit or trash containers stored inside a unit fence or garage. Owners may place their bags or cans at the curb after 12 noon on the day before pick up. If cans or recycling containers remain on the street after 12 noon on the day after pick up, the containers will be disposed of.
- Garbage cans and bags may not be stored in view of the Common Elements. Garbage must be in a container that will protect it from foraging animals.



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