Council Redistricting Plan

The Georgetown City Council began to look at redistricting options at a workshop meeting on June 16. At that workshop, the council provided comments on three redistricting map options provided by a law firm specializing in redistricting. At a second council workshop on June 30 the city council is expected to develop a proposed redistricting map, also known as an illustrative plan.

The existing council district lines must be redrawn so that differences in population size among the seven districts are no more than 10 percent. The City Charter specifies seven single-member districts and a mayor elected at-large.

To see plan options presented at the June 16 or June 30 workshops, or subsequent proposed redistricting maps for Georgetown, go to www.census2010.georgetown.org/redistricting.

Once the council agrees on a proposed map, it will be available for public comment at georgetown.org. To see the video replay of the June 16 or June 30 workshops, or other meetings on redistricting held this summer, go to gtv.georgetown.org.

Para información sobre la redistribución de distritos en español contacte a Cynthia Nguyen a (512) 930-3639.

Firefighters Honored for Rescue

Four Georgetown firefighters were honored at a June city council meeting for rescuing a man from a burning pickup truck. Traveling to visit his mother in Austin, Jacob Broadway, 17, was seriously injured on May 20 when his truck rolled over on its side on Interstate 35 and slammed into a post, causing the truck to catch fire. Broadway was pinned in the vehicle as it burned.

Responding quickly to the scene, firefighters extinguished the fire and used the jaws-of-life to make an opening to access Broadway. The firefighters also cut the door off the pickup to access the patient, who was removed from the pickup and treated at the scene before being taken to the hospital. Broadway sustained multiple broken bones and severe burns, but is on the road to recovery. He remains in the hospital in Houston.

City News and Alerts

News and events from the City: facebook.com/CityofGeorgetown

Email news and event alerts: lists.georgetown.org

Downtown events and news: facebook.com/DowntownGeorgetown

What's happening in town: facebook.com/LivePlayGeorgetown

Alerts on city council agenda topics like “downtown,” economic development,” or “redistricting”: government.georgetown.org/email-alerts

August Events

Farmers Markets
Sun City Market, Tuesdays
9 a.m. to Noon, 2 Texas Drive at Social Center
Georgetown Market, Thursdays
3:30 - 6:30 p.m., E. Morrow Street
Details at www.grtma.com

The Palace Theater
The Wizard of Oz, August 5 - September 4
Details at GeorgetownPalace.com, or call (512) 869-7469.

First Friday, August 5
Downtown live music, shops and restaurants are open late. See the Downtown Georgetown Association website at TheGeorgetownSquare.com.

Movie in the Park, August 11
Free showing of Karate Kid (PG) in San Gabriel Park by the gazebo starting at 8:45 p.m. Food and drinks also available for purchase. For details, call Erin Ruyler at (512) 930-8459.

Market Days, August 13
Handmade arts and crafts, food, and more on the Square from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details at TheGeorgetownSquare.com.
Discover the latest news about the city at www.georgetown.org

Cookbook Fundraiser
Tails from the Kitchen

A special cookbook, *Tails from the Kitchen*, is available at the Georgetown Animal Shelter while supplies last. Created by Friends of the Georgetown Animal Shelter volunteers, *Tails from the Kitchen* features recipes from local animal lovers for main dishes, appetizers and beverages, vegetables and side dishes, breads and rolls, desserts, and more. You’ll also find recipes for dog treats and biscuits. The cost is $15 and all proceeds benefit the shelter.

Spiral-bound for easy use, *Tails from the Kitchen* is available at the Georgetown Animal Shelter, located at 110 Walden Drive.

Martha Woodley chaired the cookbook committee that created *Tails from the Kitchen*. The cookbook is a fundraiser by Friends of the Georgetown Animal Shelter.

City council discussions and public hearings for the City of Georgetown 2011/2012 budget and tax rate are scheduled for August 9, 16, 23 and September 13 (dates are subject to change). The upcoming fiscal year starts on October 1, 2011. City council budget and tax rate hearings will be held at the Council Chamber and Courts Building, 101 E. Seventh Street. Go to www.georgetown.org for information on the budget process in July and August and details on budget and tax rate hearings.

Library Closed August 1 – 5

The Georgetown Public Library will be closed the first week of August for inventory and housekeeping. This annual event allows us to put our shelves in order and assess the condition of the collection. It is also an opportunity for moving shelving and painting, tasks that are difficult to accomplish when the library is open seven days a week.

No materials will come due during the week the library is closed, but the bookdrop will be open for your convenience. You may renew items online at library.georgetown.org. Regular hours will resume at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 6.

Call to Artists

The Red Poppy Festival planning committee is seeking submissions of artwork for consideration for the 2012 Red Poppy Festival poster. Artwork must be original and depict some facet of the Red Poppy Festival. The entry deadline is October 28, 2011. Contact Cari Miller with the Convention and Visitors Bureau at (512) 930-3585 or cari.miller@georgetown.org.

Art for Animals

The Art for Animals live and silent art auction to benefit the Georgetown Animal Shelter will be held on October 23. To donate works of art for the auction, contact Jackie Carey at (512) 930-3592 or jackie.carey@georgetown.org.

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