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## Bring Toys for Blue Santa to Stroll Parade

Bring an unwrapped toy for Blue Santa to the Christmas Stroll Parade at noon on Saturday, December 3. Toys will be collected along the parade route. Each year, children in hundreds of families receive toys from Blue Santa, a program of the Georgetown Police Department.

New, unwrapped toys also can be brought to the Georgetown Police Department or to donation barrels at businesses in Georgetown.



For donation barrel sites and information on special donation events, go to [BlueSanta.Georgetown.org](http://BlueSanta.Georgetown.org).

Checks to "CPAAA Blue Santa" should be sent to the Georgetown Police Department, c/o CPAAA Programs, 809 MLK Jr. Street, Georgetown, TX, 78626. Donate \$15 or more to Georgetown Blue Santa and you'll receive a collectible Blue Santa Elf lapel pin.

For details, including application information, visit the Blue Santa website at [BlueSanta.Georgetown.org](http://BlueSanta.Georgetown.org).



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## Emergency Notices to Your Phone

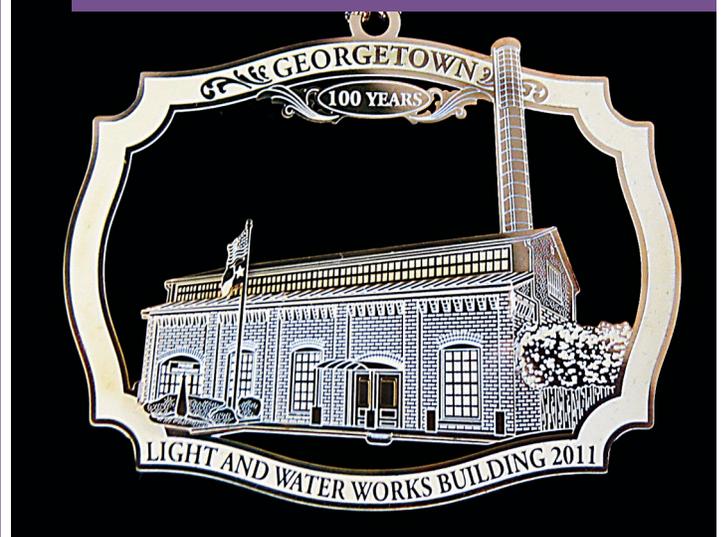
When the City of Georgetown's 9-1-1 emergency operators need to contact a neighborhood about an immediate threat to human life or property, such as a threatening wildfire or a fuel tanker spill, they can use the Emergency Notification System to quickly send a voice message to thousands of phones. This is an update to an article on this topic in the November issue.

If you only have a mobile phone, or if your home phone service is with

Suddenlink or another voice-over-IP provider, then your phone number may not be in the 9-1-1 database.

You can register a phone number at <http://wireless.capco.org>. The cell phone registry and the 9-1-1 emergency communications database are provided by the Capital Area Council of Governments or CAPCOG. If you have questions or want to register a number by phone, call the CAPCOG Homeland Security Division at (512) 916-6035.

## Collectible Christmas Ornament



A collectible brass Christmas ornament featuring the Georgetown Light and Water Works building goes on sale during the week of Thanksgiving. The Light and Water Works plant was built 100 years ago, marking the beginning of community-owned utilities in Georgetown. The building currently houses the Georgetown Police Department.

The cost of the ornament is \$20 and all proceeds will be used for the "Light Up the Square" campaign to help add more holiday lighting in downtown. The ornaments can be purchased at the Visitor Information Center at 101 E. Seventh Street. The annual ornament sale is a project of the Georgetown Main Street Program.

## GeorgetownHoliday.com

Go to [www.GeorgetownHoliday.com](http://www.GeorgetownHoliday.com) for a listing of festivals, performances, and special events during the holiday season in Georgetown.

## Co-ed Youth Basketball REGISTRATION



Registration for Georgetown Parks and Recreation co-ed youth basketball is November 12 through January 7. The fee is \$35 for Georgetown residents and \$45 for nonresidents. Leagues are for youth pre-K through 7th grade. Games are played on Saturdays at the Georgetown Recreation Center starting on January 14 for 10 weeks. Volunteer coaches are needed. For details, call the Recreation Center at (512) 930-3596.

## December Events

### The Palace Theater

*A Christmas Carol, The Musical*  
2011, Nov. 18 – Dec. 30

Details at  
[GeorgetownPalace.com](http://GeorgetownPalace.com), or call  
(512) 869-7469.

### Candlelight Service

December 1  
A holiday tradition in the chapel  
at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at  
Southwestern University. The  
service includes carols and music  
from the university chorale and  
orchestra.

### Sun City Holiday Home Tour

December 2 – 4  
The 11th annual home tour fea-  
tures seven homes professionally  
decorated for the holidays. Tours  
are December 2 from 4 to 7  
p.m., December 3 from 10 a.m.  
to 5 p.m., and December 4 from  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10  
each and may be purchased at  
any of the homes during Tour  
hours or in advance from any Sun  
City Kiwanis member, at the Sun  
City Community Association  
office, at the Visitor Information  
Center on the Square, or at First  
Texas Bank in Sun City. Proceeds  
support children and youth pro-  
grams. For details, contact Alexia  
Griffin at (512) 863-8747 or  
[vppbob@suddenlink.net](mailto:vppbob@suddenlink.net).

### First Friday

December 2  
‘Twas The Night Before Stroll on  
the downtown Square with  
Bethlehem Village, Dessert with  
the Grinch, Christmas Bistro  
Courtyard, and performances on  
the Eighth Street Main Stage  
from 6 – 9 p.m. See the  
Downtown Georgetown  
Association website at  
[TheGeorgetownSquare.com](http://TheGeorgetownSquare.com).

## New Year Notes

### Security Alarm Registration

City of Georgetown residents and business owners need to register their security alarms with the Georgetown Police Department. Permit fees are \$25 annually for both residential and commercial permits and includes three free false alarms per registration year. For more information or to renew a permit online, go to the [alarms.georgetown.org](http://alarms.georgetown.org) website, or contact Georgetown Police Department records office at (512) 930-3453 or [alarms@georgetown.org](mailto:alarms@georgetown.org).

### City Boards and Commissions

The City of Georgetown is accepting applications to fill vacant or expiring terms on the City’s boards or commissions. The deadline to apply for one of these volunteer positions is January 13. Terms begin in March. Information and applications are available at [www.georgetown.org](http://www.georgetown.org).

### Christmas Tree Recycling

From January 2 through January 31, Christmas trees will be accepted at the City of Georgetown Collection Station. Trees will be turned into garden mulch. Before you drop off your tree, please remove the tree stand and any garland, ornaments, or lights.

Mulch is available, year-round, free-of-charge at the Collection Station, located at 250 W.L. Walden Drive. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For details, call Texas Disposal Systems at (512) 930-1715.

### Phone Book Recycling

Recycle your old phone book from December 1 through January 2. Look for special containers at both HEB store locations in Georgetown. Project Re-Direct is a service provided by AT&T and HEB.

### Holiday Closings

City offices closed  
Dec. 23 & 26  
and Jan. 2, 2012  
Regular trash and recycling  
pickup on Dec. 23, 26, and 30  
and Jan. 2.

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### Christmas Stroll

December 3  
The 31st annual Christmas Stroll on the downtown Square with more than 125 art and craft vendors, Bethlehem Village, horse-drawn carriage rides, a magical new Santa’s Village including photos

with Santa, and Whooville with free activities for children. The Stroll parade starts at noon. Stroll festival hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Johnny Dee and the Rocket 88s play at 3:30 and 6 p.m. Details at [www.TheGeorgetownSquare.com](http://www.TheGeorgetownSquare.com).

## December Events

### Symphony Society Holiday Concert

December 4  
The Georgetown Symphony Society presents the Temple Symphony Orchestra in its annual Holiday Concert at 4 p.m. at the Georgetown HS Klett Center for the Performing Arts. The featured work will be Handel’s *Messiah*, with the orchestra being joined by the Temple Symphony Chorale and the San Gabriel Chorale. A free pre-concert lecture at 3:15 p.m. Tickets (\$25, \$20, students \$5) available starting November 21 at the *Williamson County Sun*, both Georgetown HEB stores, the Sun City CA office, and at the door. Call (512) 864-9591. Details at [www.gsstx.org](http://www.gsstx.org).

### Georgetown Heritage Society Holiday Home Tour

December 10 & 11  
The home tour features a diverse selection of beautifully restored historic homes in Georgetown lovingly decorated for the season. Tours are noon to 5 p.m. each day. Tickets for \$15 on sale online at [www.GeorgetownHeritageSociety.com](http://www.GeorgetownHeritageSociety.com) or in advance at The Georgetown Antique Mall, Diva, The Escape, the Visitor Information Center, and Sun City Community Association Office. On the days of the tours the tickets will be sold for \$18 only at Grace Heritage Center, 811 South Main Street. For additional information, call (512) 869-8597.

### Breakfast with Santa

December 17  
Annual pancake breakfast with Santa Claus at the Community Center, 445 E. Morrow Street, from 8 to 11 a.m. Proceeds benefit needy families in Georgetown. Sponsored by the Sun City Rotary, Extended School Enrichment Program, and the Georgetown Fire Department.