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Utility Bill Payment Drive-up Did you know there is a drive-up window to pay your City of Georgetown utility bill? The next time you pay your bill at the Georgetown Municipal Complex at 300-1 Industrial Avenue, give it a try. Drive-up hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Trash Collection Rules Modified

An ordinance update on solid waste and composting was approved by the city council and went into effect in September. Trash collection carts and recycling bins can be placed on the curb no earlier than 5 p.m. on the day before collection day and should be put away by 7 a.m. on the day following collection day.

Bulky waste should be placed on the curb no more than 24 hours prior to the scheduled appointment. This includes appliances, furniture, tree limbs, and other large items that do not fit in the cart. Residents may request one free bulky waste pickup

each calendar quarter by calling Texas Disposal Systems at (512) 930-1715.

Composting should be done at the rear of a property in a contained area or bin no larger than three cubic yards in size. To discourage odors or wild animals, compost piles should not include meat, bones, grease, dairy products, or pet waste.

Violations can result in a warning on first offense, then up to \$500 per day or up to \$2,000 per day for serious health or safety violations.

Daylight Saving Time ends Nov. 6

Time to change your smoke alarm batteries! A message from the Georgetown Fire Department

Thanksgiving holiday

City offices closed
Nov. 24-25
No solid waste or recycling pickup on Nov. 24. Thursday pickup slides to Friday, Friday slides to Saturday.

Wildfire Evacuations Does 9-1-1 Have Your Number?

September wildfires burned through neighborhoods across Central Texas, leaving thousands of people without a home. Many more were evacuated by public safety personnel to avoid the quickly-spreading wildfires.

ENS can only be used to notify you if your number is in the 9-1-1 database.

If you have a landline phone, you are likely in the database. However, if you don't have a landline phone in your home, but only have a mobile number, then 9-1-1 may have no way to reach you.

When an emergency evacuation is ordered, the quickest way to alert you is with the Emergency Notification System (ENS), which allows Georgetown's 9-1-1 operators to call you.

They can draw a circle on an online map, and then automatically send a phone message to thousands of homes in that area in a matter of minutes. The system is the quickest way to notify a neighborhood in the event of an emergency like a threatening wildfire, hazardous chemical spill, or flood. Messages are distributed to people via phone and email.

To give the 9-1-1 emergency communications center the ability to call you on a mobile number, you can register that number by going to <http://wireless.capcog.org>. Only authorized public safety personnel can use the system to send an emergency notification message. Residents are called only when property or human life is in jeopardy. No phone numbers are provided to the public.

This service and the 9-1-1 emergency communications database are provided by the Capital Area Council of Governments or CAPCOG, a government agency serving the 10-county region that includes Williamson County. Nearly 4,000 people in the CAPCOG region have registered mobile phones. You have the option to register multiple phone numbers to the same location, or register one mobile number to multiple addresses such as home or work.

November 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.gtffma.com
Markets held through Nov. 22.

The Palace Theater

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

Details at
GeorgetownPalace.com, or call
(512) 869-7469.

First Friday, Nov. 4

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

Animal Shelter Open House, Nov. 5

Visit our cats and dogs and meet
shelter staff, 1 to 3 p.m.,
Georgetown Animal Shelter,
110 WL Walden Drive.

Market Days, Nov. 12

Handmade arts and crafts, food,
and more on the Square from
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come to a chili
cook-off at noon that will raise
funds for the Christmas Stroll.

Details at
TheGeorgetownSquare.com.

Lighting of the Square, Nov. 25

Carolers, cookies, and hot choco-
late as Georgetown lights the his-
toric Courthouse Square for the
holiday season at 5:30 p.m.

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Georgetown
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Construction
Extravaganza entry
from last year, photo
taken by Judy Fabry.

Edible Construction Extravaganza

Announcing the Georgetown
Public Library's tenth annual
Edible Construction Extravaganza!
Gingerbread houses are fine, but
feel free to get more creative. The
only restrictions are that all build-
ing materials must be edible and
entries should not exceed 18 inches
deep by 18 inches wide. Transport
and display will be much more
successful if your entry is on a
firm base.

The Edible Construction
Extravaganza includes four
categories for original designs
made by one person:
age 8 and younger,
age 9-12, age 13-17,
and age 18 and older.

There is also a category for original
designs made by two or more per-
sons and a category for entries made
from kits, including kits that have
been enhanced.

Entries will be accepted December
2, 3, 4, and 5 from 9 a.m. (noon on
Sunday) until one-half hour before
closing (4:30 p.m. on Saturday and
Sunday and 7:30 p.m. on Monday).
The winners, selected by public vot-
ing, will be announced on
December 16. Prizes will be a \$25
gift card for each category.



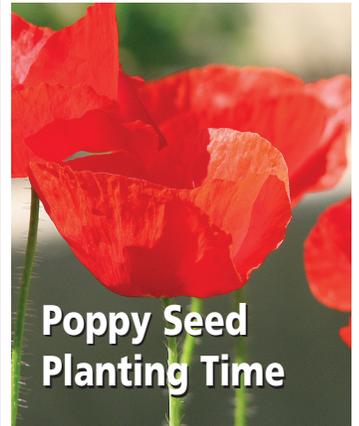
WOW Bookmobile Nears Campaign Goal

In July the City Council approved
the purchase of a bookmobile for
the Georgetown Public Library,
which will be paid for by the Friends
of the Georgetown Library. It has
been ordered and delivery is expect-
ed in December. The Friends have

raised more than \$100,000, but
still need approximately \$50,000
to meet their fund-raising goal.
Donations may be made by credit
card at wowbookmobile.org or by
check at the Georgetown Public
Library.

Aging Initiative Senior Survey

A survey of seniors age 60 or over
by the Georgetown Aging
Initiative is expected to be avail-
able online in November. The
survey will collect information
on health and social services,
transportation, and civic
engagement for senior adults.
A paper version of the survey is
available now. Go to
www.AgingInGtown.com for paper
survey locations or call Vickie
Orcutt with Family Eldercare at
(512) 628-1685.



Poppy Seed Planting Time

The Georgetown Convention and
Visitors Bureau calls on Georgetown
residents to help make the town red
with poppies in April. The goal of the
seed planting is to encourage a plenti-
ful springtime crop of Georgetown's
signature flowers to welcome visitors
to the Red Poppy Capital of Texas.

Georgetown's red poppy tradition
began when World War I veteran,
Henry Purl "Okra" Compton, sent a
packet of Flanders Field red poppy
seeds to his mother Maggie who lived
in Georgetown. She planted the first
seeds in the yard of her home on E.
Seventh Street and over time, the
poppies spread across Old Town.

Throughout October and November,
poppy seeds will be available for free
at the Visitor Information Center,
located at 101 W. Seventh Street.
Instructions are on the seed packets.