

GEORGETOWN CITY Reporter

VOL. 10 • NO. 4

A Publication of the City of Georgetown

April 2012



Good Neighbor Fund Donate Now Online

Every month, the Good Neighbor Fund collects donations from City of Georgetown utility customers to help those in the community facing a crisis, such as a medical emergency or job loss. The fund is administered by The Caring Place and provides utility bill assistance to those in need. Each year the demand for assistance far exceeds the funds available.

Now customers can donate to the Good Neighbor Fund, even if they are currently signed up for automatic monthly bank or credit card drafts. Customers can make a monthly pledge and change or discontinue that pledge at any time. Call the Utility Office at (512) 930-3640, or email at billing@georgetown.org for more information. A copy of the pledge form is on the Utility Office website at billing.georgetown.org/gnf.

Red Poppy Festival April 28 – 29

The Red Poppy Festival, a musical celebration of spring and Georgetown's signature red poppies, bursts onto the downtown Square the weekend of April 28 – 29. The Saturday night concert features country singer Johnny Lee at 7 p.m. and Texas country singer and songwriter Cory Morrow at 9:30 p.m. Groove Knight plays favorites from the 60s, 70s, and 80s in a special Friday night concert on April 27 at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge for the concerts or other festival activities such as the car show, parade, children's area, or vendor booths. For a full schedule of events, go to RedPoppyFestival.com.

Other festival highlights include the **Red Poppy Bike Ride** on Saturday at 8 a.m., the **Red Poppy Parade** on Saturday at 10 a.m., and the **Car Show** on Saturday at 11 a.m. The official 2012 Red Poppy Festival poster will be on sale starting April 1 at the Visitor Center at 103 W. Seventh Street. T-shirts will be available at the Festival. For all the details, go to RedPoppyFestival.com.



Texas country singer and songwriter Cory Morrow performs Saturday at 9:30 p.m.

Teen Court Featured in Professional Seminar

The City of Georgetown Teen Court was the focus of an educational conference in February as municipal court professionals from across Texas observed Georgetown's young attorneys and jury members in action. Municipal court employees from 12 cities attended the conference by the Texas Municipal Court Education Center.

Students from Georgetown High School and East View High School volunteer their time to serve as attorneys and jury members for Georgetown Teen Court, which is



typically held two evenings each month during the school year. As Judge Randy Stump explains, Teen

Court is a real court with real cases and consequences that is a part of the local court system.

Students serving as Teen Court attorneys this semester are pictured at left. Front row, left to right are Haleigh Blackwell, Lisa Carlton, Tristan Martinez, Ginny Stuart, Taylor Winden, Michelle Kuroda, Austin Stevens, and Kyle Jenkins. Back row, left to right are Ally Barron, Gabby Hernandez, Stefanie Schutz, Jessica Sovereign, Winston Cole, Jack Walters, Travis Temple, Zach Ford, Jacob Solis, Judge Randy Stump, and Tina Heine, deputy court clerk and juvenile case manager for Georgetown Municipal Court. Teen attorneys not pictured include Tim Cole, Tori Hansen, and Emily Henry.

April Events

The Palace Theater

The Dixie Swim Club,
April 6 – 29 Details at
GeorgetownPalace.com, or call
(512) 869-7469.

First Friday, April 6

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

Market Days, April 14

Handmade arts and crafts, food,
and more on the Square from 9
a.m. to 4 p.m. Details at
TheGeorgetownSquare.com

Choral Concert, April 19

Faith in Action Caregivers-
Georgetown will hold its annual
Choral Concert at 7 p.m. at First
Baptist Church, 1333 W. University
Avenue. Proceeds help us provide
transportation and support services
for Georgetown area seniors.

Animal Shelter Garage Sale, April 20 - 21

The 13th annual sale will be at the
Community Center in San Gabriel
Park from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each
day. All proceeds benefit animals at
the Georgetown Animal Shelter. If
you have items to donate, contact
the shelter at (512) 930-3592 or by
email at animalsvc@georgetown.org.

Beethoven Concert, April 29

The Georgetown Symphony Society's
Afternoon of Beethoven concert fea-
tures the Temple Symphony
Orchestra performing Symphony No.
8 and the Concerto for Violin in D
Major with guest violinist Jenna
Sherry. The concert at 4 p.m. is at
the Klett Center for the Performing
Arts at Georgetown High School.
Tickets are \$25 or \$20 for adults and
\$5 for students and available at the
Williamson County Sun, both
Georgetown HEB stores, the Sun
City CA office (residents only), or at
the door. For details, call (512) 864-
9591 or go to www.gsstx.org.

CARTS Bus Stop in Downtown Georgetown

Bus service is now available from a
downtown Georgetown bus stop
with 10 daily departures each week-
day to Austin, Round Rock, or
Taylor. Bus service by the Capital
Area Rural Transportation System
started in February at a stop one
block from the Courthouse Square.

The new downtown stop at Ninth
and Main streets next to Grace
Heritage Center is the second
CARTS bus stop in Georgetown.
CARTS opened a bus station at
3620 S. Austin Avenue in 2010.

CARTS bus service from the down-

town stop at Ninth and Main streets
will serve three routes including the
CARTS Metro Connector to down-
town Austin, the Interurban Coach
I-35 Yellow Route with stops in
Round Rock, Capital Metro Tech
Ridge Station, Austin, Kyle, and San
Marcos, and the Taylor Interurban
Red Route to Taylor, Hutto, and
Round Rock.

Bus fares are \$2 for a one-way fare
in one county or a Metro Connector
route, or \$4 for one-way trips
anywhere in the CARTS district.
An all-day pass is \$6. Seniors 65 or
older or persons with disabilities
ride for half-fares.

If you're catching the bus, you can
bike-and-ride since CARTS buses
have easy-to-use front-mounted
bike racks.

For more information and detailed
schedules, go to RideCARTS.com
or call (512) 478-7433.



Von Dyess is a driver for CARTS on the route from downtown Georgetown
at 9th and Main Streets to Austin.

Georgetown Reads! 2012

Georgetown Reads! is the one-book,
one-community project of the
Georgetown Public Library. The
Georgetown Reads! 2012 selection
is *Listening is an Act of Love*, edited
by Dave Isay. This book is a compi-
lation of a few of the stories from
the StoryCorps project as heard on
National Public Radio and archived
at the Library of Congress. The
Georgetown Public Library will have
multiple copies available to check
out starting May 1. Events planned

throughout the month of May to
celebrate *Listening is an Act of Love*
include:

- Oral history workshop
by Dr. Stephen Sloan from
Baylor University
- Check out a Human Book during
our Human Library days—living,
breathing books to check out
- An evening celebrating
Listening is an Act of Love
- “Cooking is an Act of Love”

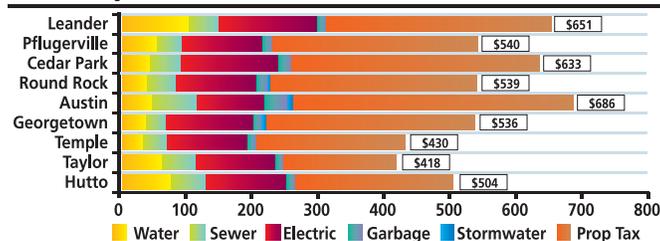
cooking demonstration

- “Scrapbooking is an Act of Love”
workshop
- An opportunity to record an
interview with a loved one

You will need to sign up in advance
to participate in the scrapbooking
workshop or to reserve an interview
slot. Please call the library at
(512) 930-3551 or go to
library.georgetown.org for more
information about Georgetown
Reads! 2012.

Combined Total Monthly Utility and Tax Expense

Based on Average Home Value as of 12/01/11



The *Georgetown City Reporter* is a publication
of the City of Georgetown Public
Communications Department,
P.O. Box 409, Georgetown, Texas, 78627.
For questions or comments, contact Keith
Hutchinson, public communications
director, at (512) 930-3690 or by email
at keith.hutchinson@georgetown.org.

GEORGETOWN CITY
Reporter