Sidewalk Projects

This summer, the City is constructing new sidewalks in many locations to improve pedestrian accessibility. Many of the sidewalk projects are in locations that will provide safer routes for children to get to and from schools. Many of these projects will be completed before school starts at the end of August.

1. Holly Street (College Street to Brendon Lee Lane)
2. S. Austin Avenue (Fifth Street to Second Street)
3. Woodview Drive (Rockcrest Drive to Woodmont Drive)
4. Scenic Drive (Leander Road to University Avenue)
5. Bridge Street, W. 18th Street, and 19th Street (near Carver Elementary)
6. E. 18th Street (Church Street to Pine Street)
7. Maple Street (16th Street to 19th Street)
8. E. 18th Street (Mimosa Street to Pecan Street)
9. SE Inner Loop and Rockride Lane (Churchill Farms Drive to Mitchell Elementary School)
10. S. Austin Avenue (Seventh Street to Eighth Street)

Some of these sidewalk projects were funded with a Community Development Block Grant, which is a federal program for community projects in lower income neighborhoods. The sidewalk along Scenic Drive from 17th Street to University Avenue is partially funded with parks bonds approved by voters in 2008.

Bulky Waste Pickup

Large items that do not fit in the solid waste cart require scheduling a special pickup. These bulky waste items include furniture, mattresses, toilets, or appliances. City residents may request a free curbside bulky waste pickup every three months. (The total volume limit per free pickup is 8 feet by 8 feet by 8 feet.)

Another one-block project will widen an existing sidewalk on the Square. The sidewalk on the west side of S. Austin Avenue will be expanded from Seventh Street to Eighth Street by extending the sidewalk into existing parallel parking spaces. The wider sidewalk area will include benches, and increased space for outdoor café seating with tables and chairs under umbrellas.

The proposed downtown Austin Avenue sidewalk expansion has space for outdoor seating.

Bulky waste collections occur on Saturdays. Residents should call Texas Disposal Systems at (512) 930-1715 to schedule a bulky waste pickup. Items should not be placed at the curb more than 24 hours before a scheduled collection, by ordinance.

City residents also may bring bulky waste items to the Collection Station at 250 WL Walden Drive. Non-residents may bring items to the Collection Station for a fee. Charges may apply for some items due to special handling. See recycle.georgetown.org for details on bulky waste, solid waste, and recycling services.
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.,
New location:
Church of Christ parking lot,
1525 W. University Avenue
Details at www.gfma.com

First Friday, August 3
Downtown live music, shops and restaurants are open late. See the Downtown Georgetown Association website at TheGeorgetownSquare.com.

Movie in the Park, August 9
Georgetown Parks and Recreation and Suddenlink are co-sponsoring a free Movie in the Park on August 9. Dr. Seuss’s The Lorax will be shown on an outdoor screen near the gazebo in San Gabriel Park. Activities for kids start at 7 p.m. and the movie starts at approximately 8:45 p.m.

The Palace Theater
A Chorus Line,
August 10 – September 9
Details at GeorgetownPalace.com, or call (512) 869-7469.

Market Days, August 11
Handmade arts and crafts, food, and more on the Square from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details at TheGeorgetownSquare.com

Several City employees completed a 12-week program this year called Step Up and Scale Down. Sponsored by the Employee Wellness Committee, the program was taught by Madelena Johnson, an extension agent with the Texas AgriLife Extension Office in Williamson County. Each week, employees shared lunch together while learning about healthy eating choices and ways to increase daily physical activity. Participants also checked their body weight each week and shared successes for an active and healthy lifestyle.

Budget Hearings
Public hearings on the proposed City budget for the 2012/2013 fiscal year are planned for August and September. The new fiscal year begins October 1, 2012. These dates are tentatively scheduled for public meetings in which the city council will listen to public input on the proposed budget and tax rate.

Each of these meetings is scheduled to be held in the Council Chamber and Courts Building at 101 E. Seventh Street. Check the City of Georgetown website at georgetown.org for meeting times and to confirm meeting dates. Budget documents and videos of budget hearings and deliberations also will be available at georgetown.org.

August 13: First public hearing on the proposed tax rate
August 14: Second public hearing on the proposed tax rate
August 28: Public hearing on proposed budget and first reading of budget ordinances
September 11: Second reading of budget ordinances

Tax Help at Library
Volunteers at the Georgetown Public Library are available for tax assistance during the year for amended federal income taxes returns, prior year returns, or state income tax returns from other states. Ask at the Circulation Desk about tax help with volunteers.

Senior Adult Dance August 31
If you’re 55 or better, come out to the Senior Adult Dance at the Community Center on Friday, August 31. The dance is from 6 – 9 p.m. and is sponsored by Georgetown Parks and Recreation and The Cottages at Chandler Creek. Cost is $5 per person. The DJ’s playlist for the dance includes big band, classic country, doo wop, and hits from the 40’s, 50’s, 60’s, and 70’s. Dress is casual and light refreshments will be served. RSVP by August 27 to Robert Staton at (512) 930-1367 or robert.staton@georgetown.org.

Officer Receives Lifesaver Award
For the second time in three years, Georgetown Police Officer Erik Grasse was honored for his life-saving actions. Grasse was given the Lifesaver Award after he resuscitated a man who was not breathing.

Grasse responded to a call on May 11 after a report of a man down on Interstate 35 near Texas 195. He was the first officer on the scene and quickly determined that the man had a pulse, but was not breathing. Grasse immediately began rescue breathing for the man until EMS arrived. Shortly after EMS arrived, the man began breathing on his own.

In 2009, Officer Grasse was given the Distinguished Service Medal after he pulled an unconscious woman from a vehicle submerged in a pond in Sun City.