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Fall Session Citizen Police Academy

The Citizen Police Academy is a 12-week course designed to educate the community about police protocol and procedure. The academy is taught by police officers and provides citizens an inside view of the daily activities of the Georgetown Police Department. The curriculum includes the history of policing, laws and code of criminal procedure, criminal and accident investigations, lethal and less-lethal weapons, crime scene investigations, officer safety, and the court system.

Classes are on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. starting on August 8 and ending on October 24. The first class will be held in the training room of the Georgetown Communications and Technology building at 510 W. Ninth Street, which is at the corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. and W. Ninth streets.

Applications are available at the Georgetown Police Department at 809 Martin Luther King, Jr. Street or online at files.georgetown.org/citizens-police-academy-application. Completed applications should be returned to the Georgetown Police Department as indicated on the form. The deadline to apply is July 31.

A background check will be conducted on all applicants. No one under the age of 18 is eligible to apply. For additional information or questions, call (512) 930-8457 or contact Linda Lipscomb at Linda.Lipscomb@georgetown.org.



Construction started in June on the Georgetown Behavioral Health Institute at 3101 S. Austin Avenue. The 73,500 square foot, 118-bed facility owned by Signature Healthcare Services will offer a variety of behavioral health and chemical dependency services for seniors, adults, adolescents and active duty military as well as veterans. The hospital is scheduled to open in spring 2014 and provide approximately 300 jobs.

Behavioral Health Hospitals

Rock Springs, a behavioral health hospital at 700 SE Inner Loop Road, began construction earlier this year. The 72-bed, 51,000 square foot hospital is expected to open in February 2014. The facility is one of seven Springstone hospitals in the U.S. treating adults with mental health and addiction disorders as well as mental health issues arising from geriatric conditions. Rock Springs is expected to have 150 employees.



ThunderCloud Subs Opens



ThunderCloud Subs opened their first shop in Georgetown in June. The building at 816 S. Main Street, one block south of the Courthouse Square, was formerly the fire truck bay for Fire Station 1. Constructed in 1972, the truck bay building was sold to ThunderCloud Subs last year in a bid process.

The adjacent two-story fire station building, a recorded Texas Historic Landmark built in 1892 that served as the first City Hall and fire station, is still owned by the City. City offices are on the second floor of the historic fire station and the Georgetown Art Center, opening later this summer, will be on the first floor.

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.,
Church of Christ,
1525 W. University Ave.
Details at www.gtfma.org

The Palace Theater

The Will Rogers Follies,
July 5 – August 4
A Few Good Men,
August 16 – September 8
Details at
GeorgetownPalace.com, or call
(512) 869-7469.

First Friday, August 2

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

Market Days, August 10

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

Summer Movies in the Park, August 15

Sponsored by Parks and Recreation. *Oz the Great and Powerful* (rated PG) shown in San Gabriel Park at the gazebo area at dusk (approx. 8:45 p.m.). Activities for children begin at 7:45 .pm. Bring your own food and/or beverage.

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Life Sciences Center Expands

Texas Life-sciences Collaboration Center, a biotech accelerator in a research park in south Georgetown, began construction in June on a third building to accommodate new and growing companies. The new building will include cleanroom space for the manufacture of medical devices and other biotech products.

Started in 2007, the center is now home to eight member companies: Celling BioSciences, Cleanint, DiFusion Technologies, DisperSol Technologies, Microbinc, Molecular Templates, Radix BioSolutions, and Xeris Pharmaceuticals. Those companies have a total of 62 employees earning a combined annual income of \$5 million. Total capital investment at the center is \$40 million.

Members of the Georgetown Economic Development Corporation toured the center in June and listened to an update from Michael

Douglas, executive director for TLCC. Douglas explained that the biotech companies at the center are beyond the research exploration stage, which typically occurs in a university research lab. “We’re not going to be the incubator. We are an accelerator,” said Douglas. The TLCC serves as a key step “in the commercialization chain that moves discovery from the bench to the bedside.”

Douglas also provided details on internships at TLCC for students from Austin Community College, Georgetown ISD, and Southwestern University.

Douglas joined TLCC earlier this year after serving as the director of the technology licensing office at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences BioVentures, a business incubator. Douglas has a doctorate in biochemistry and molecular biology and has been a research faculty mem-

ber at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, UT Health Science Center at San Antonio, and the University of North Carolina Medical School. He also was the associate vice chancellor for research at Washington University and held positions with a clinical diagnostics company and two pharmaceutical companies. Douglas earned undergraduate degrees in chemistry and biology from Southwestern University, where he is now Brown Wilson Scholar in the Sciences.

The initial concept of TLCC as a biotech accelerator was proposed by Kerry Oliver, CEO of Radix BioSolutions. The center was launched and funded by the City of Georgetown, Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, Southwestern University, and GREX.

Music on the Square Summer Concerts

Enjoy free live music on the Courthouse Square each Friday night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Music on the Square summer concert series. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, grab dinner-to-go from a local restaurant, and enjoy an evening of great live music. Here’s the lineup for August:

- August 2** – Classic Rock music provided by Downtown Georgetown Association
- August 9** – Children’s Entertainment by Mr. Johnny
- August 16** – Classic Country by *Cowboy Nemo*
- August 23** – Big Band Sound by *Not Past 11*
- August 30** – End of Summer Concert: Red Dirt Country by *The Denny Herrin Band*

Concerts are sponsored by the Georgetown Convention and Visitors Bureau, Williamson Museum, and the Downtown Georgetown Association.