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Blue Santa Collects Toys at Stroll Parade



Georgetown Blue Santa is collecting toys for kids at the Christmas Stroll Parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 7. New, unwrapped toys will be collected by Blue Santa Elves along the parade route. Blue Santa is a program of the Georgetown Police Department to provide toys to children in need in Georgetown.

New, unwrapped toys also can be brought to donation barrels at many Georgetown locations.

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 collectable Blue Santa Elf lapel pin.

For application information, donation events, and barrel locations, go to BlueSanta.Georgetown.org.

Holiday Closings

City offices closed Dec. 24, Dec. 25, and Jan. 1, 2014

No solid waste or recycling pickup on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.

For both holidays:
Wednesday pickup slides to Thursday
Thursday slides to Friday
Friday slides to Saturday

Watering Limit: Two Days per Week

The City of Georgetown is limiting outdoor watering to two days per week and directing customers not to irrigate from noon to 7 p.m. each day. The limits were effective as of October 14.

Based on a request from the Brazos River Authority—which manages the water in Lake Georgetown and Stillhouse Hollow Lake—the City of Georgetown and three other water utilities enacted phase 1 of their Drought Contingency Plans on October 14. The following water use limits apply for City of Georgetown water customers.

For irrigation systems and hose-end sprinklers, landscape irrigation will be limited to a schedule based on the last digit of your address number:

Odd addresses

Tuesday and/or Saturday

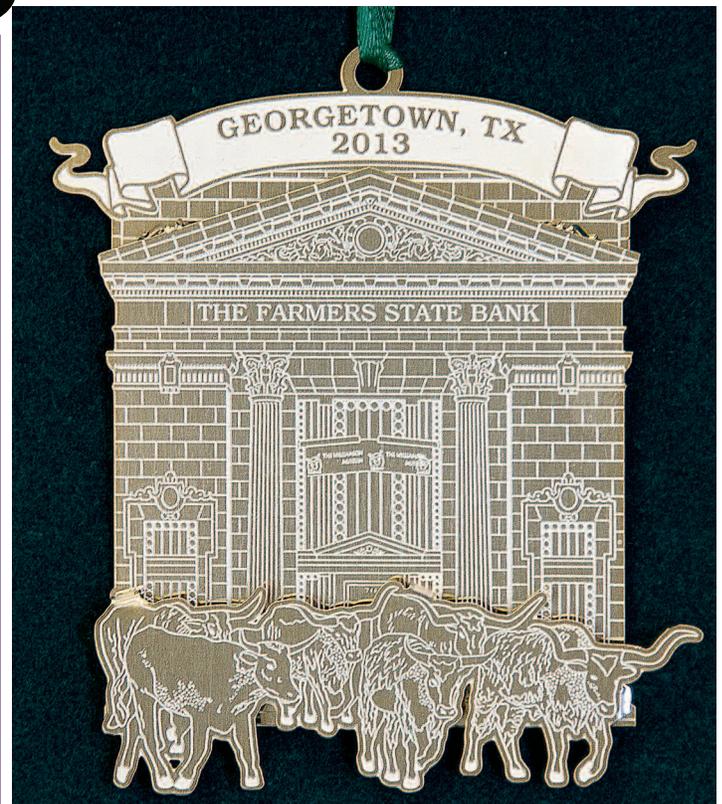
Even addresses

Wednesday and/or Sunday

No sprinkler or irrigation system use is permitted on Mondays, Thursdays, or Fridays.

Watering with a sprinkler or irrigation system is not permitted from 12 noon to 7 p.m. each day.

Watering with a hand-held hose or bucket can be done any day and at any time. Vehicle washing or filling a swimming pool can be done any day at any time. Violations of the irrigation schedule may result in fines. To sign up for emailed AquaAlerts, go to water.georgetown.org.



Collectible Christmas Ornament

A limited edition collectible brass Christmas ornament featuring the Farmers State Bank Building, home of the Williamson Museum, goes on sale in mid-November. The cost of the ornament is \$20 plus tax. The seventh annual ornament sale is a

project of the Georgetown Main Street Program. Ornaments can be purchased at the Visitors Center at 103 E. Seventh Street. All proceeds fund the “Light Up the Square” campaign to help add more holiday lighting in downtown.

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December Events

The Palace Theater

Peter Pan, The Musical,

Nov. 15 – Dec. 29

Details at

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

Candlelight Service, December 5

Enjoy this free holiday tradition in the chapel at 6 and 8 p.m. at Southwestern University. The service includes carols and music from the university chorale.

Christmas Stroll, December 6 – 7

Come to the 33rd annual downtown Christmas Stroll with 230 art and craft vendors, Bethlehem Village, Santa's North Pole and Toy Shop, and Whoo-village with free activities for children. The "Kids Helping Kids" Stroll parade starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Festival hours are 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday. Details at www.TheGeorgetownSquare.com.

Sun City Holiday Home Tour, December 6 – 8

The 13th annual home tour features six homes professionally decorated for the holidays. Tours are Dec. 6 from 4 to 7 p.m., December 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and December 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door of homes on the tour. Tickets at Sun City CA office, Visitors Center, or First Texas Bank in Sun City. Proceeds support children and youth programs. Details at www.SunCityKiwanisGT.org.

Trout Fishing Derby, December 7

Georgetown Parks and Recreation sponsors this annual fishing-fest at San Gabriel Park from 7 to 10:30 a.m.

Georgetown Public Library

Edible Construction Extravaganza

Call it the Gingerbread Contest or call it your Edible Construction Entry. Whatever you want to call it, start planning your fantasy construction for the Georgetown Public Library's twelfth annual holiday contest. All building materials must be edible and entries should not exceed 18 inches deep by 18 inches wide. (Using a firm base for the structure is recommended).

You can build it from scratch or use a kit. Contest categories for original designs made by one person are ages 8 and younger, ages 9-12, ages 13-17, and ages 18 and older. Other categories are original designs made

by two or more persons and a category for entries made from kits. After voting by the public, we will award a \$25 gift card for each category.

Bring your entries to the children's room December 6 – 9 (at least 30 min. prior to closing time). Check library hours at library.georgetown.org or call (512) 930-3551. Voting is December 11 – 15 and winners will be announced December 16.



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 10. Terms begin in March. Information and applications are available at www.georgetown.org.

Participation is open to all, but you must be registered in order to win prizes. Any trout caught wins a prize! (Prizes are first come, first serve.) Tickets are \$3. Fishing permit required for those age 17+. All registration starts at 7 a.m. on Dec. 7. Details: parks.georgetown.org.

Symphony Society Holiday Concert, December 8

Annual Georgetown Symphony Society holiday concert with the

Temple Symphony Orchestra at 4 p.m. in the GHS Klett Center. Guest artists are pianist Rich Ridenour and the Temple College Académie Musique Children's Choir. Tickets (\$30, \$25, \$5) at Georgetown HEB stores, Sun City CA office, and at the door. Details at www.gsstx.org or call (512) 864-9591. (Note: No Symphony Society concert on Nov. 18. There was an error in the Nov. issue.)

December Events

Breakfast with Santa, December 14

The 13th annual pancake Breakfast with Santa is from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Community Center, 445 E. Morrow Street. Georgetown fire-fighters will be making pancakes and sausage served with juice and coffee. Kids can have a picture taken with Santa and get up close to a fire truck. Tickets are \$6 at the door or in advance at Fire Station 5. Sponsored by the Sun City Rotary, Extended School Enrichment Program, and the Georgetown Fire Department. Proceeds benefit needy families in Georgetown.

Pancakes and Pajamas Holiday Breakfast, December 14

The Georgetown Heritage Society invites kids to wear holiday pajamas to enjoy breakfast along with story time, holiday crafts, and pictures with The Elves from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at Burger University. Tickets are \$5/child and \$7.50/adult through December 13 online and at Burger University and Grace Heritage Center. Tickets at the door (limited) \$10. Details and tickets at georgetownheritagesociety.com.

Holiday Tour of Historic Homes & Buildings, December 14 – 15

This annual Georgetown Heritage Society event features docent-led tours of Georgetown's historic buildings and homes dating to the 19th century. Hours are 12 to 5 p.m. both days. Tickets are \$15 in advance at The Escape, Georgetown Antique Mall, Sun City CA office, Visitors Center, and online at georgetownheritagesociety.com. Tickets are \$18 at the tour. Grace Heritage Center, 811 S. Main Street, (512) 869-8597.