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Coming next year

Public Safety Operations and Training Center

Construction on the new Public Safety Operations and Training Center—approved by the voters in 2011—got underway in August. The center will be next to Fire Station 5 on D.B. Wood Road.

The facility includes a 76,000 square-foot, two-story building for the Georgetown Police Department including offices, evidence storage, and a physical agility training room. The main building also includes Fire Administration offices, the emer-

gency communications (911) center, and an emergency operations center. Other elements of the facili-



ty include a driving track, indoor tactical training building, and an enclosed firing range.

The facility will feature a number of sustainable design features such as LED lights in parking lots, fixed window louvers to deflect direct sun, and high-efficiency roofing, heating, and air conditioning systems.

The new facility replaces the current main police department building at 809 Martin Luther King,

Jr. Street, which is the 12,200 square foot former power plant and water works building built in 1910.

The architectural design team for the center includes Architects Design Group from Winter Park, Florida and KAH Architecture from Round Rock. Bartlett Cocke General Contractors, headquartered in San Antonio, is the construction contractor. The \$29.3 million facility is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2014.

District 2 Election

A special election for council District 2 will be held in November after Troy Hellmann stepped down in July. District 2 includes the south-west and west areas of Georgetown. Bonnie Stump has filed to run in the District 2 election and Keith Brainard also has announced that he will run.

The last day to register to vote for the November election is October 7. According to the Texas Secretary of State, a photo ID will be required for voting in the November 5 election. For details, go to votetexas.gov.

Early in-person voting will be Oct. 21 – 26 and Oct. 28 – Nov. 1. Election Day is Nov. 5. For early voting times and locations and vote center locations on Election Day, go to wilco.org/elections.

Websites Named Tops in the State

RedPoppyFestival.com won for best website and VisitGeorgetown.com won for best mobile site at the Texas Association of Convention

and Visitors Bureaus annual conference in August. Both sites were designed by City of Georgetown Webmaster Erin McDonald and Rhyme and Reason, a design firm in Atlanta. Content was provided by Marcy Renneberg in the Georgetown Convention and Visitors Bureau. The sites employ responsive design, which delivers a website content optimized for any type of device, including smart-phones, tablets, or computers.



Red Poppy Call to Artists

The Red Poppy Festival planning committee is issuing a call to artists for the 2014 Red Poppy Festival artwork. The deadline to enter is November 1. The winning art will be used for the official festival poster.

The winning artist also will receive a \$500 cash award, free booth

space at the 2014 festival, a high-resolution art scan, and an artist's reception on the First Friday in April 2014. The artwork also will be featured in banners around the Georgetown Square. There is no fee to enter. For details or to enter the contest, go to RedPoppyFestival.com.

October 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.gtfgma.org

The Palace Theater

The Music Man,
Sept. 27 – Oct. 27
Details at
GeorgetownPalace.com, or call
(512) 869-7469.

National Night Out, October 1

Sponsor an evening block party from 6 to 9 p.m. to show neighborhood support against crime. Register your block party with the Georgetown Police Department to have an officer attend your event. Go to pd.georgetown.org/programs-services/national-night-out for an online application or contact Sgt. Erik Grasse, at (512) 930-2594 or erik.grasse@georgetown.org.

First Friday, October 4

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

Harvest Fest, October 5

This 55th annual event at the Community Center includes a traditional turkey and dressing meal, crafts, children's activities, a Swedish bake sale, and live and silent auctions. Sponsored by St. John's United Methodist Church. Doors open at 10 a.m. Meals served 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Benefits BiG in Georgetown and Williamson-Burnet County Opportunities. For details, call (512) 863-5886.



City Lifeguards Second in State

Four City of Georgetown lifeguards placed second in a statewide team competition this summer. Pictured left to right above are Stephanie Darimont, aquatic coordinator for Parks and Recreation, with City lifeguards Aaron Duke, Madison Smith, Kate Krause, and Hunter Boyd. The four represented the City of Georgetown as Team Code Red Cross at the State Lifeguard Competition held in Corpus Christi on July 24.

The competition involved four scenarios scored by judges including

cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, a spinal injury, and a group scenario.

The Georgetown team came in first place overall at the regional Central Texas Lifeguard Competition held in New Braunfels on July 15. The top three lifeguard teams from four regional competitions across the state earned one of 12 spots at the statewide level. Some 80 teams statewide took part in the competition this year.

Market Days, October 12

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

Chisholm Trail Days, October 19

Sponsored by the Williamson Museum in San Gabriel Park, the event starts at 8 a.m. with a cowboy breakfast, living history demonstrations, chuckwagons, blacksmiths, live music, cowboy poetry, and children's corral. An authentic longhorn cattle drive on the banks of the San Gabriel River is at noon. The 2nd annual

Cattleman's Ball on Saturday is from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Community Center. Tickets are \$50 for the ball. Details at upthechisholmtrail.org or call (512) 943-1670.

Halloween Festival, October 24

Sponsored by the Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department, the 19th annual Halloween event takes place in San Gabriel Park. Hayrides begin at the Community Center at 5:30 p.m. Ticket sales end at 8 p.m. Tickets for children 5 or older and adults are \$2. Children under 5 are \$1. Trick-or-treat Village

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will be set up in front of the Community Center and the carnival is inside from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. There's also a costume contest for the kids. A free Movie in the Park showing of Casper (PG) in San Gabriel Park and starts at 6:45 p.m. Get all the details at events.georgetown.org.

Georgetown Art in the Square, October 26 – 27

The Square is turned into an outdoor art gallery in this fifth annual event. You'll see works from fine artists in a wide range of media including clay, drawing, sculpture, painting, jewelry, fiber, and metal. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Details at artinsquare.com. Sponsored by the City of Georgetown and the Arts and Culture Board.

Van Cliburn Pianist in Recital, October 27

The Georgetown Symphony Society proudly presents a recital by Sean Chen, Crystal Medalist in the 2013 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. GHS Klett Center for the Performing Arts, 4 p.m. Free pre-concert lecture by Dr. Ellsworth Peterson at 3:15 p.m. in the Little Theatre. Tickets available at the door. Information and ticket pricing at www.gsstx.org or at (512) 864-9591.

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