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## Downtown Master Plan Update

An update of the Downtown Master Plan is now underway to account for development since 2003, revisit the original goals and framework of the plan, and consider new ideas. A public involvement process on the Downtown Master Plan update started in August and will continue through February 2014.

Adopted 10 years ago, the Downtown Master Plan is the City's guiding framework for new development and redevelopment in the Downtown Overlay District. The plan guides street and streetscape projects, wayfinding signs, and new development.

Public projects since 2003 include the Courthouse renovation, the new public library on Eighth Street, public artwork on the Square, and pedestrian or streetscape projects on Austin Avenue, Main Street, and Church Street. New commercial development includes Tamiro Plaza, Monument Café, El Monumento, the Gold's building, Quenan's Jewelry, and town homes on Main Street.

For details on the Downtown Master Plan update, including documents and project meetings and dates, go to [dtmasterplan.georgetown.org](http://dtmasterplan.georgetown.org).

## Labor Day Monday, Sept. 2

City offices and facilities are closed.

Williams Drive Pool is open, other outdoor pools are closed.

Regular solid waste and recycling collection on Monday.



What restaurant has the best comfort food in Georgetown? What's the best charity organization? The best local attraction?



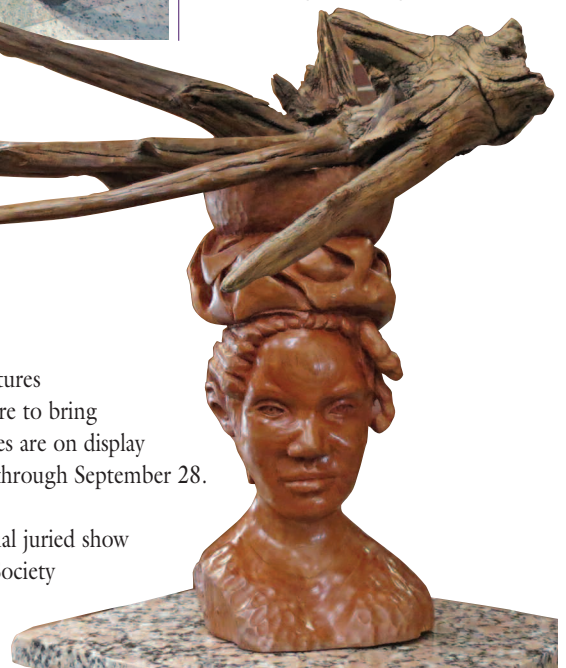
Tell us your favorites in the month of September during the Best of Georgetown, TX contest. Vote in the Best of Georgetown, TX contest online at [shop.georgetown.org](http://shop.georgetown.org) from September 1 to 30. Check out all the categories at [Bestof.Georgetown.org](http://Bestof.Georgetown.org).

## Georgetown Public Library Sculpture Show

Whimsical, thought-provoking, and fun—the sculptures on display at the Georgetown Public Library are sure to bring some smiles and double-takes. More than 100 pieces are on display at the library through September 28.



The fifth annual juried show by the Texas Society of Sculptors includes pieces by 42 artists. Sculptures in wood, bronze, ceramic, and marble are on display, as well as unusual artworks in Styrofoam, peanut shells, and other mixed media. The sculptures, most of which are for sale, can be found in the lobby and on the second floor of the library, 402 W. Eighth Street.



## September 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](http://www.gtfma.org)

### The Palace Theater

*A Few Good Men,*  
Aug. 16 – Sept. 8  
*The Music Man,*  
Sept. 27 – Oct. 27  
Details at  
[GeorgetownPalace.com](http://GeorgetownPalace.com), or call  
(512) 869-7469.

### Art Hop, Sept. 6 – Oct. 13

The sixth annual juried art show at several downtown locations. Celebrate the Art Hop winners at an artist reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on September 15 at the Georgetown Public Library. Details at [GeorgetownArtWorks.org](http://GeorgetownArtWorks.org).

### First Friday, Sept. 6

Downtown live music, shops, and restaurants are open late. See the Downtown Georgetown Association website at [TheGeorgetownSquare.com](http://TheGeorgetownSquare.com).

### Southwestern Pirates Pep Rally and Concert, Sept. 6

Join Southwestern University to celebrate the first football game in 63 years at a pep rally and concert on the downtown Square from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The event will be on Eighth Street on the Square. For details, go to [southwestern.edu](http://southwestern.edu).

## Mosquito Control Effort Targets West Nile Risk

This summer, the City of Georgetown and the Williamson County and Cities Health District began collaborating on a new targeted effort to reduce the risk from mosquitos that carry West Nile virus. The joint initiative is the first of its kind in Williamson County.

Mosquitos from six locations are trapped each week by a City of Georgetown employee and transported by Health District employees to the Texas Department of State Health Services lab in Austin. The weekly testing continues through the summer.

The City also is using larvicide disks in drainage ponds and other areas with standing water to kill mosquito larvae before they hatch to the adult insect.

In the past, the City's transportation department sprayed a pesticide to kill adult mosquitos in public parks and, years ago, in residential areas. The new mosquito trapping and testing program developed in the past year is targeted to identify areas with mosquitos that carry the West Nile virus.

If mosquitos from an area test positive for the virus, additional steps can be taken, such as searches for stand-



**Curtis Benkendorfer with the City of Georgetown transportation division collects mosquitos in traps like this one. The mosquitos are collected in six locations each week and tested for West Nile virus.**

ing water, increased use of larvicides, or additional public information about reducing breeding areas and the risk of exposure. If testing shows significantly increased exposure risk to the West Nile virus, then ground-based pesticide fogging or aerial pesticide spraying can be considered.

This program is only one element in reducing the risk from West Nile virus. Residents play an important role and can "Fight the Bite" by draining water from flower pots or other reservoirs, dressing in long pants and sleeves when outdoors, reducing outside activity at dusk or dawn, and using DEET bug spray.

### ShobouCon, Sept. 7

ShobouCon, a mini Manga/Anime convention for teens and families, will be from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Georgetown Public Library. This year's fun includes fan panels lead by local teens, Taiko drumming, voice actress Tiffany Grant, a Maid Cafe staffed by Kira Kira Entertainment, video games, anime screenings, a fan art dis-

play, and crafts. Cosplay is encouraged! ShobouCon is free and open to teens and families. Details at [teenspace.georgetown.org](http://teenspace.georgetown.org).

### Senior Adult Dance, Sept. 13

At the Community Center 6 to 9 p.m. \$5 per person at the door. Music includes Big Band, Classic Country, Doo Wop, and the 40's,

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50's, 60's and 70's. Light refreshments served. RSVP's appreciated but not required. RSVP to (512) 930-1367 or [robert.staton@georgetown.org](mailto:robert.staton@georgetown.org) by September 9.

### Market Days, Sept. 14

Handmade arts and crafts, food, and more on the Square from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details at [TheGeorgetownSquare.com](http://TheGeorgetownSquare.com).

### Brahms and Tchaikovsky Concert, Sept. 15

The Georgetown Symphony Society presents the Temple Symphony Orchestra in an afternoon of works by Brahms and Tchaikovsky, 4 p.m., GHS Klett Center for the Performing Arts. Joining the orchestra will be Cellist Coleman Itzkoff. Tickets at Georgetown HEBs, Sun City CA office, or at the door (\$30 premium, \$25 general, \$5 students). Season tickets (six concerts for the price of five) sold through September 15. For details call (512) 864-9591 or go to [www.gsstx.org](http://www.gsstx.org).

### Williamson County Wine & Food Festival, Sept. 20

Ten central Texas wineries and several local restaurants will be at this festival from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center, 445 E. Morrow Drive. Tickets are \$30 per person available at [LocalWineEvents.com](http://LocalWineEvents.com) (must be 21 older). Only 350 tickets available. The event is a fundraiser for the Downtown Georgetown Association.

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