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Marsha Farney, Texas state representative for District 20, presented a resolution at the May 13 City Council meeting honoring Mayor George Garver for his service to Georgetown. "Mayor Garver has worked diligently to maintain Georgetown's reputation as an excellent place to live, work, and to raise a family," said Farney. "While overseeing a number of important initiatives to promote the city's positive growth, highly-regarded for his courteous, poised style of governing, he brought council members together in the spirit of respectful collaboration to find solutions to community issues." Garver was elected in 2008 and served two terms as mayor.

Good Neighbor Fund: Donate Online

The Good Neighbor Fund allows utility customers to donate financial assistance to those facing a medical crisis or other emergency. The fund is a program sponsored by Georgetown Utility Systems and administered by The Caring Place.

Each year, the demand for assistance far exceeds donations. The Caring Place dedicates proceeds from the resale shop, other donations, and fundraising to close the gap and meet the need. Your donation to the Good Neighbor Fund can help The Caring Place provide this emergency assistance.

You can make a monthly pledge online. Change or discontinue it any time. It only takes a minute to fill

out the online form at customer.care.georgetown.org/gnf. For details call Customer Care at (512) 930-3640, or email customer.care@georgetown.org.

Summer Concerts Music on the Square

The Music on the Square summer concert series continues on Friday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Here's the July lineup:

- July 4:** Jo Ellen and the Box of Chocolates
- July 11:** Annie & Kate
- July 18:** The Second Line Jazz Band
- July 25:** Bill Harris (Neil Diamond hits)

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

Summer Fan Drive Helps Neighbors

The Georgetown Fire Department and The Caring Place are teaming up with Family Eldercare for the 2014 Summer Fan Drive. The goal of the 24th annual event is to collect new fans for low-income residents including seniors, people with disabilities, and families with children. Every summer, Georgetown firefighters respond to 911 calls for people who become overheated in their house or apartment.

Donations: New fans can be donated at all five Georgetown fire stations. The fans donated in Georgetown will be given to Georgetown area residents who qualify. Monetary donations are accepted on the Family Eldercare Summer Fan Drive website at www.SummerFanDrive.org.

Apply: Those eligible to receive a fan are low-income residents, including seniors who are 55 or older, persons who are disabled, and



families with children. To apply to receive a fan, go to www.SummerFanDrive.org, or call the Fan Drive phone number at (512) 459-4326.

Pickup: If you have applied for a fan and are approved to receive one, the pickup location in Georgetown is The Caring Place, 2000 Railroad Street, Georgetown, TX, 78626. Distribution to those who are approved will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays through August 14. Pickup locations for other cities in Central Texas can be found at www.SummerFanDrive.org.

The fan drive started in May and continues through August 31. Last year, Family Eldercare delivered nearly 5,600 fans to more than 3,000 households in 11 counties in Central Texas. For details, or to donate to the Summer Fan Drive online, go to www.SummerFanDrive.org.

Fireworks Prohibited

By City of Georgetown ordinance, fireworks of any kind are not allowed in Georgetown city limits or within 5,000 feet of city limits, unless they are used in a permitted display authorized by the Georgetown Fire Department. Possession or discharge of fireworks is illegal in these areas. Violations can lead to fines. To see a map of the 5,000-foot boundary, go to files.georgetown.org/fireworks-ban-map.

July 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

Buddy—The Buddy Holly Story,
June 27 – August 3
Details at
GeorgetownPalace.com, or call
(512) 869-7469.

First Friday, July 4

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

Sertoma July 4 Celebration

The annual Independence Day
July 4 celebration sponsored by
the Georgetown Sertoma Club in
San Gabriel Park is on Friday.
Children's parade with bikes and
wagons starts at 11 a.m. by the
low-water crossing.
Entertainment at the gazebo
starts at noon and lasts until the
fireworks begin after dark. Visit
craft vendors, a children's area,
and food vendors. Admission is
free.

Ice Cream Social, July 9

Parks and Recreation is sponsor-
ing an Ice Cream Social at the
Teen Center in the Recreation
Center from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The
event is open to everyone and
honors Parks and Recreation
Month in July.

Market Days, July 12

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



Weight Limit for Austin Avenue Bridges

A weight limit has been placed on
the Austin Avenue bridges over the
two forks of the San Gabriel River in
Georgetown. The weight limit went
into effect in May after a preliminary
examination of the bridges by engi-
neers from the Texas Department of
Transportation.

The maximum gross weight for each
bridge is 48,000 pounds or 24 tons.
The weight limit for a tandem axle
on a vehicle is 21,000 pounds or
10.5 tons. The City of Georgetown
and TXDOT are evaluating any
future actions that may be needed in
order to insure the integrity and
useful life of the bridges.



City Annual Report

The City of Georgetown Annual
Report for the 2013 fiscal year is
available online at files.georgetown.org/annualreport. A limited
number of free printed copies
of the annual report are available
at the Georgetown Public Library,
402 W. Eighth Street. The 18-

page report covers the five focus areas
that define the City of Excellence
strategic goal: Economic
Development, Public Safety,
Signature Destination,
Transportation, and Utilities. A final
section includes financial information
about the City of Georgetown.

July Events

Movies in the Park, July 17

Parks and Recreation will be
showing the movie *Saving Mr.
Banks* (PG-13) starting at 8:45
p.m. This free family event with
free popcorn is at the gazebo in
San Gabriel Park. Before the
movie from 6 to 8 p.m. there is
free swimming at the Splash Pool
at the Recreation Center.

Independence Day Holiday

City offices closed on
Friday, July 4

There will be regular
solid waste and recycling
collection on July 4.

HOT Grant Applications

The Convention and Visitors
Bureau Board is accepting appli-
cations for Hotel Occupancy Tax
grants for events occurring
between October 1, 2014 and
September 30, 2015. The dead-
line to apply is July 31, 2014.

Grants are awarded to arts, cul-
tural, and sporting events that
bring overnight guests to
Georgetown hotels or bed and
breakfast inns. For an application,
go to [files.georgetown.org/hot-
funds-reimbursement-grant-
application](http://files.georgetown.org/hot-funds-reimbursement-grant-application).

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