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.

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.

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 customercare.georgetown.org/gnf.

For details call Customer Care at (512) 930-3640, or email customercare@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.

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 sponsoring 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 engineers 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.

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 applications for Hotel Occupancy Tax grants for events occurring between October 1, 2014 and September 30, 2015. The deadline to apply is July 31, 2014.

Grants are awarded to arts, cultural, 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.