Georgetown Swirl
Saturday, March 1

Enjoy top Texas wines, sample foods from local restaurants, and add a side of live jazz music. That’s the menu for an evening of socializing and shopping on the Square at the fifth annual Georgetown Swirl from 6 to 9 p.m. Only 550 tickets are sold. The cost is $30 per person. Proceeds benefit the Main Street Program Facade and Sign Grant Program. Go to Swirl.Georgetown.org for details and tickets. Tickets typically sell out early.

Yard Trimmings Pickup

The spring collection period for yard trimmings for City of Georgetown residents only is March 3 through May 30. Collections are every-other-week. Branches should be bundled with twine and no more than four feet in length. Compostable brown paper lawn and leaf bags, available at local hardware stores, can be used for leaves, grass, or other organic material. A maximum of 20 bags or bundles can be picked up per collection.

Not sure of your yard trimmings collection days? Look up your schedule at recycle.georgetown.org, or call Texas Disposal Systems at (512) 930-1715.

Anne Frank Exhibit:
A traveling exhibit from the Anne Frank Center USA in New York opens on March 2 at the library. The 11-panel exhibit is sponsored by the Congregation Havurah Shalom of Sun City. Shown in narrative, photos, and a video, the display tells the story of Anne Frank from her birth in 1929 to her death in the Belsen concentration camp in 1945. The panels also include discussion of scapegoating, anti-Semitism, racism, ethnic cleansing, genocide, human rights, and democracy. The exhibit may be viewed any time during library hours. Prearranged docent-led tours are available for groups of 12 or more, including school groups. The exhibit text and a 28-minute video are in English and Spanish. The exhibit runs through April 27.

Spring Break:
During the week of GISD’s spring break, March 10 – 14, bring the kids to the library to check out some books and enjoy some special events. See the library’s website (library.georgetown.org) for specific times for each of the events or call 512-930-3551.

Mon, Mar 10 – (morning) A celebration of Skippyjon Jones, the loveable Siamese cat who thinks he’s a Chihuahua.

Wed, Mar 12 – (afternoon) The annual Children’s Tea Party. Put on your fancy clothes and come to the Mad Hatter’s Tea Party. Reservations and tickets are required for this popular event, which is free and open to all. See the library website or come to the Children’s Room for full details.

Thur, Mar 13 – (afternoon) Game time for tweens, ages 9 – 12. Video and board games will be available for a variety of fun.

Fri, Mar 14 – (afternoon) Teens ages 12 – 18 will upcycle “trash” to create wearables, then take to the runway in a Trashion Show.

All events at the library are free and open to the public. For details, go to library.georgetown.org.

Aquatics Award: The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Aquatics program won the Agency of the Year Award from the Texas Public Pool Council in January. The award recognized Georgetown’s aquatics program as the best in the state among cities in the medium-sized cities category. Pictured with the award banner are Kimberly Garrett, parks and recreation director, and Stephanie Darmont, aquatics coordinator.

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March Events

The Palace Theater
Cat’s, Feb. 14 – Mar. 23
Details at GeorgetownPalace.com, or call (512) 869-7469.

Symphony Society Concert, March 2
The Georgetown Symphony Society presents the Temple Symphony Orchestra in an afternoon of Great Overtures by great composers at GHS Klett Center for the Performing Arts, 4 p.m. Tickets at both Georgetown HEBs, the Sun City CA office, or at the door. Information at www.gsstx.org or at (512) 864-9591.

Fat Tuesday Games Day and Luncheon, March 4
The seventh annual event sponsored by the San Gabriel Woman’s Club. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m., games 10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at the Community Center, 445 E. Morrow Street. $20 for breakfast, lunch, games or $10 for lunch only from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Games include bridge, sanctioned duplicate bridge, dominos, canasta, Mexican train, mah jongg, or bring your own game and players. Prizes, raffles, and country store. Advanced ticket sales only. Call Sylvia at (512) 876-2076 or Bonnie at (281) 222-6686.

First Friday, March 7
Downtown live music, shops, and restaurants are open late. See the Downtown Georgetown Association website at TheGeorgetownSquare.com.

Market Days, March 8
Handmade arts and crafts, food, and more on the Square from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details at TheGeorgetownSquare.com.

Red Poppy Festival Posters
The poster for the 2014 Red Poppy Festival features a poppy painting by Betty Jameson, an artist from Austin. Jameson’s watercolor paintings have been shown in dozens of exhibitions in the U.S. and Europe over a 30-year career.

Street banners featuring Jameson’s red poppy painting will be on display downtown. Posters for the 15th annual Red Poppy Festival featuring Jameson’s painting go on sale for $5 each at the Visitor Center at 103 W. Seventh Street starting April 4. For details about the Red Poppy Festival on April 26 – 27, go to RedPoppyFestival.com.

Historic Resources Survey Map
An online, interactive map showing properties listed in the Historic Resources Survey is now available at maps.georgetown.org. The map includes houses and other structures built before 1960, as well as national register historic districts, cemeteries, and historical markers in Georgetown and its extraterritorial jurisdiction. The Historic Resources Survey was initially completed in 1984 and was updated in 2007.

Each property on the map is coded with a colored square with red for high priority, blue for medium priority, and green for low priority. Clicking on the colored square on a property will show details such as the year constructed, architect, architectural style, and building materials.

March Events

Georgetown Quilt and Stitchery Show, March 21 - 22
Presented by Handcrafts Unlimited at the Community Center in San Gabriel Park, 445 E. Morrow Street. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, admission is $6. For details, go to GeorgetownQuiltShow.org.

Citizen Police Academy
The Citizen Police Academy is a 12-week course taught by police officers and provides citizens an inside view of the daily activities of the Georgetown Police Department. The curriculum includes laws and code of criminal procedure, criminal and accident investigations, lethal and less-lethal weapons, crime scene investigations, victim services, hostage negotiations, gangs, officer safety, and the court system.

Classes are Thursdays from March 20 through June 5. Sessions are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The first class is at the Georgetown Communications and Technology building at 510 W. Ninth Street.

Applications are available at the Georgetown Police Department at 809 Martin Luther King, Jr. Street or online at files.georgetown.org/citizens-police-academy-application. Completed applications should be returned to the Georgetown Police Department. The deadline to apply is March 13.

A background check will be conducted on all applicants, who must be 18 or older. All applicants will be notified of acceptance. If the March class fills before you apply, you will be contacted about joining the next class in August 2014. For details, contact Lt. Jim Seals at (512) 930-2588 or Linda Lipscomb at (512) 930-8457 or Linda.Lipscomb@georgetown.org.