November 4 Election

Early Voting: 
October 20 – 31

Election Day: November 4

Details at www.georgetown.org.

In 2002, 2006, and 2010, Georgetown voters approved a quarter-of-one-cent sales tax to be used only for street maintenance. This dedicated 0.25 percent sales tax has a four year sunset provision. Reauthorization of the street maintenance sales tax is on the November 4 ballot in Georgetown.

Prop 1: Street Maintenance Sales Tax

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Growth of Street Network:
Since 1994, the City’s street network has grown from 222 lane miles to 610 lane miles. That’s 275 percent growth in 20 years.

Street Maintenance Funding:
The quarter-cent sales tax provides the majority of funding for street maintenance in Georgetown. Quarter-cent sales tax revenue of $19.2 million has been dedicated to street maintenance in Georgetown since it went into effect in 2003.

No Increase to Tax Rate:
This proposition does not increase the sales tax rate. The measure does generate revenue to pay for maintenance on streets all over the city.

Shoppers Pay Sales Tax: Unlike a property tax, anyone shopping in Georgetown pays the 0.25 percent sales tax for street maintenance. This includes people shopping in stores, eating at restaurants, or making other retail purchases in Georgetown.

Voter Approval: If approved by voters, quarter-cent sales tax revenue for streets continues until March 2019. If it is not approved, revenue stops in April 2015.

Daylight Saving Time Ends Nov. 2
Time to change your smoke alarm batteries.
A message from the Georgetown Fire Department.

Thanksgiving Holiday
City offices closed Nov. 27 – 28
No solid waste or recycling pickup on Nov. 27. Thursday pickup slides to Friday, Friday slides to Saturday.

City Budget Wins Award for 25th Year

For the 25th consecutive year, the City of Georgetown was given a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The award was presented to the Finance and Administration Department for the 2013/2014 budget.

GFOA rates budget documents in four categories, including how well the budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device.

According to GFOA, “The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the government body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.”

Nov. 4 Election
Polling places and times: wilco.org/elections
Discover the latest news about the city at www.georgetown.org

November 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.gfma.org
Wolf Ranch Farmers Market, Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wolf Ranch Town Center, 1015 W. University Avenue, WolfRanchFarmersMarket.com.

The Palace Theater
The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, Oct. 5 – Nov. 2
Shrek The Musical, Nov. 21 – Dec. 30
Details at GeorgetownPalace.com, or call (512) 869-7469.

First Friday, November 7
Downtown live music, shops, and restaurants are open late.
Best of Georgetown, TX winners will be announced at 704 S. Austin Avenue at 6:30 p.m. See the Downtown Georgetown
Association website at TheGeorgetownSquare.com.

Southwestern Homecoming Parade, November 7
Come and cheer for the Pirates at the 2014 Southwestern Homecoming Parade on Main Street. Southwestern student organizations, alumni, faculty, and staff will ride through the Square at this First Friday event starting at 5:30 p.m. A pep rally on the east steps of the Courthouse follows the parade.

Market Days, November 8
Handmade arts and crafts, food, and more on the Square from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Details at TheGeorgetownSquare.com.

November Events

Ladies Nite Out, November 20
Kick off the Shop Small business holiday shopping season on the Square at the 2nd Annual Ladies Nite Out, A Winter White Nite, a themed retail shopping event for women from 5 to 9 p.m.
Businesses will offer demonstrations and personal services. Goody bags will be on sale prior to the event. Proceeds fund the Light up the Square holiday lighting by the Main Street Program. Go to MainStreetGeorgetown.com for details and tickets.

Blue Santa McDonald’s Day, November 21
Eat at a McDonald’s in Georgetown 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and McDonald’s will donate 10 percent of sales to the Georgetown Blue Santa program to provide toys for children in need. Learn more at BlueSanta.Georgetown.org.

Lighting of the Square, November 28
Come to the Most Beautiful Town Square in Texas for this annual tradition on the Friday after Thanksgiving starting at 5:30 p.m. Sing along to Christmas carols and enjoy free cookies and hot chocolate as Georgetown lights up the Courthouse Square for the holiday season.

Shop Small Spree, November 29
On Small Business Saturday at 10 a.m., four local small business names will be selected to be showcased from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Visit all four stores to qualify for a drawing for a gift basket.

Yard Trimmings Collections
Seasonal yard trimmings collections start on November 3 for residential customers in the City of Georgetown. Collections are every-other-week and alternate with recycling collection days on your regular solid waste collection day.
Branches should be tied in bundles no more than four feet long or 35 pounds. Twigs can be put in compostable kraft paper bags available at local hardware stores. There is a limit of 20 bags or bundles per collection day. Material in plastic bags will be disposed as solid waste and landfilled.
Yard trimmings collections continue through January 9. Look up your collection schedule by street address at recycle.georgetown.org

P-51 Pecos Bill Mustang.
Photo credit: Tyson V. Riner

Come out to the fifth annual AirFest on Saturday, November 8 at the Georgetown Municipal Airport.
Hours are 12 noon to 5 p.m. Find all the details at AirFest.Georgetown.org.

See the Ford Tri-Motor, a 1929 metal aircraft that was the first mass-produced airliner. Book rides in the Ford Tri-Motor owned by the EAA on November 6 – 9 at the Georgetown Municipal Airport. (Go to eaa.org to book a ride.)

Get up close to WWII-era warbirds like the P-51 Mustang “Pecos Bill” fighter plane, the Douglas R4D Skytrain, and the C-47 Southern Cross, an Army version of a DC-3. Climb inside and tour the R4D or C-47 for a small fee. Take a ride in a Vietnam-era Huey helicopter or the C-47 for a fee.

Pilot’s Choice Aviation and Genesis Flight Academy will offer flying lessons for a small fee. The EAA Young Eagles program will offer free flights to youth ages 8 – 17 while seats are available. (Young Eagles flights will be 8 a.m. to noon on Nov. 8.)
Watch the precision formation flying team Falcon Flight perform in the air. More than 200 classic and vintage cars will be on the taxiway with the featured aircraft.
Donations to support AirFest and a canned food donation for The Caring Place are encouraged at the event. Get all the details at AirFest.Georgetown.org.

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