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The City uses several preventive maintenance methods in order to extend the life of city streets and avoid more costly rehabilitation projects.

Preventive Street Maintenance

The maintenance and repair of Georgetown city streets is a continual effort. Every three years, a special vehicle travels city streets and scores the quality of the roadway surface. On an annual basis, the City Transportation Division uses those scores to identify streets to be resurfaced or reconstructed.



Crack seal

Tar is injected into cracks in roadways, preventing further damage from moisture seeping into the road base. **Cost per lane mile: \$500 - \$1,500**

Sealant

A sealant is applied to the surface of the roadway, reducing damage from UV radiation and vehicle traffic. **Cost per lane mile: \$6,700**

Chip seal

A layer of emulsion is applied to the roadway followed by a layer of small-sized gravel. A sealant can be applied as a final layer to improve the quality and life of the road surface. **Cost per lane mile: \$17,600**

Asphalt overlay

A new layer of asphalt is applied to the roadway. The road is usually milled first to ensure the alignment of the edge of the road surface with the curb. **Cost per lane mile: \$84,500**

Rehabilitation

The existing pavement and base layers of gravel are removed in order to completely reconstruct a road. New curbing, drainage features, base layers, and asphalt are constructed.

Cost per lane mile: \$1.4 million

Did you know?

There are currently 610 lane miles of streets in the Georgetown city limits. This figure is 175 percent higher than the 222 lane miles in 1994.

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0.25 Percent Sales Tax for Street Maintenance

A dedicated 0.25 percent sales tax for street maintenance must be reauthorized by Georgetown voters every four years. The dedicated sales tax was approved in 2002 and was re-approved by the voters in 2006 and 2010.

Early Voting: October 20 – October 31
Election Day: November 4

Lifeguards Win 1st and 2nd in State



Lifeguard teams from the City of Georgetown took the top two spots in the state lifeguard competition at the Summer Games of Texas in August. Team Dauntless took first place and Team ReGuardless won second place. Team Four Bravery from Georgetown also qualified as one of 12 teams to compete in the state tournament. The lifeguards were honored at the August 12 City Council meeting.

Pictured (left to right) are lifeguards Baylee Hill, Emily Sargeant, Trevor Springer, and Jack McLean, Mayor Dale Ross, Mayor Pro Tem Rachael Jonrowe, lifeguards Kate Krause, Sydney Sorenson, Saige Culbertson, and Mason Sheppard, and Aquatic Coordinator Stephanie Darimont. (Lifeguards on the teams not pictured include Trevor Carey, Cameron Speegle, Hunter Boyd, and Bailey Vandegrift.)

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

First Friday, October 3

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

Art Hop, October 3 – 31

The sixth annual juried art show at several downtown locations. Celebrate the Art Hop winners at an artist reception from 3 to 5 p.m. on October 11 at the Georgetown Art Center, 816 S. Main Street. Details at GeorgetownArtWorks.org.

The Palace Theater

The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas,
Oct. 3 – Nov. 2
Details at GeorgetownPalace.com,
or call (512) 869-7469.

National Night Out, October 7

Sponsor an evening block party from 6 to 9 p.m. to show neighborhood support against crime. Register your block party with the Georgetown Police Department to have an officer attend your event. Go to pd.georgetown.org/programs-services for an online application, or contact Sgt. Erik Grasse at (512) 930-2594 or erik.grasse@georgetown.org.

Market Days, October 11

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



National Board Appointment:

Micki Rundell, chief financial officer for the City, will be serving as the Texas state representative on the board of the Government Finance Officers Association, a national organization representing 18,000 finance professionals in federal, state, and local government. Rundell is serving a two-year appointment as the liaison between the national board and the state board of the Government Finance Officers Association of Texas.

Utility Payments

Drive-Through Closes Oct. 1

As more City of Georgetown utility customers pay their bills online, the number of customers using the drive-through window at the Georgetown Municipal Complex has declined steadily. Currently less than 1 percent of utility payments are made at the drive-through window.

Due to this change in usage, the Customer Care Department will no longer staff the drive-through window to provide receipts for customers. This change will take effect October 1, 2014. This change will allow Customer Care to allocate staff resources more effectively within the department.

Customers will continue to have many options for paying a utility bill:

Drop Boxes: Payments placed in drop boxes at the Georgetown Municipal Complex (300-1 Industrial Ave) and City Hall (113 E. Eighth St) are collected each business day. Collection times are listed on drop boxes.

Lobby: Pay with cash, check, or credit card at the lobby window in the GMC.

Online: Pay at customer-care.georgetown.org with a debit card, Visa, Discover, or MasterCard.

By phone: Call the Customer Care Center at (512) 930-3640 to pay with a debit card, Visa, or MasterCard using our automated telephone bill pay option 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week.

Mail: Mail in your utility payment using the return envelope in your bill.

Alternate payment locations: Pay at Gus's Drugstore (702 E. University Ave), First Texas Bank (three Georgetown locations), or HEB (two Georgetown locations)

Automatic draft: Call (512) 930-3640 or go online to customer-care.georgetown.org to sign up for monthly automatic payments with a credit card or bank account.

Automatic bill pay: Pay online via your bank or credit union.

For more information about paying your City of Georgetown utility bill, go to customer-care.georgetown.org.



Cart-and-Zero-Bags Starts Oct. 1

Starting on October 1, material for solid waste collection needs to fit into your solid waste cart. The new cart-and-zero-bags limit for trash items is part of the City's solid waste contract. Until Oct. 1, there is a cart-plus-1-bag limit for the solid waste cart. The new cart-only limit for solid waste is part of the City's effort to increase recycling.

Pickup of recycling carts will continue on the every-other-week schedule. Seasonal yard trimmings collections for in-city customers start in November. For more information about solid waste or recycling, go to recycle.georgetown.org.

October Events

Chisholm Trail Days, October 17 – 18

Sponsored by the Williamson Museum in San Gabriel Park, the event starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday with a cowboy breakfast, living history demonstrations, Sam Bass Shoot-Out, chuckwagons, live music, and children's corral. A longhorn cattle drive on the banks of the San Gabriel River is at noon. The 3rd annual Cattleman's Ball honoring Jack Garey on Saturday is from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Community Center. Tickets are \$75 for the ball. Details at UpTheChisholmTrail.org or call (512) 943-1670.

Halloween Festival, October 23

The 20th annual Halloween event in San Gabriel Park is sponsored by the Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department. Hayrides start at the Community Center at 5:30 p.m. Ticket sales end at 8 p.m. Tickets for children 5 or older and adults are \$2. Children under 5 are \$1. Trick-or-treat Village will be in front of the Community Center and the carnival is inside from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. There's also a costume contest for the kids. A free Movie in the Park showing of *ParaNorman* (PG) starts at 6:45 p.m. Get all the details at events.georgetown.org.

Georgetown Symphony Society Concert, October 26

Fei-Fei Dong, finalist in the 14th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, in recital at 4 p.m. at GHS Klett Center for the Performing Arts. For details and ticket information, call (512) 864-9591 or email GSSTX.07@gmail.com. Details at the website: www.gsstx.org.