

Georgetown Reporter



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City Events

Summer Concerts

Music on the Square

Enjoy free live music on the Courthouse Square each Friday night in August from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Music on the Square summer concert series. Here's the lineup for August:

- August 5 - Mike Hamilton
- August 12 - Detentions
- August 19 - Adan Davila
- August 26 - Roland Waits and the Wayward Travelers

For the full summer lineup, go to VisitGeorgetown.com.

Summer Movies

Planes - August 6

The final summer movie is a special showing of *Planes* in the truck bays at Fire Station 5, 3600 DB Wood Road.

The event starts at 6:30 p.m. with a safety presentation and tour before the movie. Pack some snacks, camp chairs, and a blanket and bring the family to the last movie of the summer series brought to you by Georgetown Parks and Recreation. Parking for the event is next door at the Public Safety Operations and Training Center, 3500 DB Wood Road.

City Budget

Public hearings on the City of Georgetown proposed budget and tax rate for 2017 will be held in August and September. Major new projects include San Gabriel Park renovation phase 1, Garey Park development, FM 1460, Southwest Bypass, Downtown West, and new sidewalks. For details about the budget, go to georgetown.org. Watch budget and tax rate hearings at gtv.georgetown.org or GTV on Suddenlink channel 10 or 110.



Sculpture Show at Library

The Texas Society of Sculptors holds their ninth annual summer show at the Georgetown Public Library through September 23. The show includes 70 works of art by 29 artists and is hosted by the library with sponsorship from the City of Georgetown Arts and Culture Board.

Sculpture demonstrations will be held on Saturday, September 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Library lobby. The demonstrations are a come-and-go event, free and open to the public. Participating sculptors include Frank Maglio (metal and stone), Dar Richardson (clay), Joe Kenney (bronze), Mary Griffin (bronze), and Bill Stuewe (wood).

The Georgetown Public Library is at 402 W. Eighth Street. Get more information at library.georgetown.org.

Works accepted to the juried exhibit include "Contemplation" by Cindy Debold (top), and "Fast Break" by Michael Synatzske (bottom).

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A new 1 million gallon capacity elevated water tank is being constructed this summer north of Westinghouse Road. The new tank will increase system water storage capacity on the south side of the city.

Watering Schedule

During the hot summer months, 75% of the water consumed each day in the Georgetown water utility area is used for lawn irrigation. While the utility has enough water under contract to meet long-term growth demands, seasonal demand means that water conservation is needed in the summer months.

Irrigation is not allowed on Mondays, except by means of a handheld hose, drip irrigation, or soaker hoses. This allows for water plant maintenance and restoration of the water tank levels.

For automatic irrigation systems or hose-end sprinklers, the following schedule based on street address is in effect:

Odd addresses

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Even addresses

Wednesday, Friday, Sunday

Remember deep and infrequent watering is best for your grass, shrubs and trees as it encourages strong root growth and overall healthier landscapes. Avoid irrigating during the heat of the day. To conserve water and lower your utility bill consider watering only two days a week. See gus.georgetown.org/water for details.

Track Water and Electric Use

Want to get an email alert when your water use starts getting too high? Would you like to get a better picture of your water and electric consumption patterns? Georgetown Utility Systems offers two tools that can help.

Aqua Alerts: These emails from AquaMessenger alert you when your monthly water use hits thresholds that you determine. For example, sign up and get an Aqua Alert email if your monthly use hits 10,000 gallons, 15,000 gallons, or 19,000 gallons.

GUARD: Go online to see your consumption profile and get a better understanding of your electricity and water usage patterns. Sign up online for GUARD—Georgetown Utilities Analysis and Reporting Doorway.

Go to the Georgetown Utilities website at gus.georgetown.org to sign up. Scroll down and click on the 'Manage Your Consumption' link.

For details on tools and programs available, call (512) 930-3640 or toll free 1(888) 474-4904. Services may not be available in all areas.

Yard Trimmings Pickups

Got brush or leaves? Texas Disposal Systems picks up yard trimmings once per month, all year-round, from the curbside for customers in the city limits of Georgetown. Pickups are on your first recycle collection day of the month.

Material must be in bundles, personal container, or compostable kraft paper bags, available at hardware and grocery stores. Maximum size for each bundle is 35 pounds and four feet in length. Containers should be marked with the words 'Yard Trimmings' and the residence address. Each collection is limited to a maximum of 20 items, including any combination of kraft paper bags, personal containers, or bundles.

Yard trimmings are brought to the City's Collection Station where they are ground into mulch that is free to all Georgetown Utilities customers, while supplies last. For details or to look up your collection days, go to recycle.georgetown.org.



Bag-the-Bag Recycling

Don't throw away those plastic shopping bags or plastic wrap—recycle them!

Through the Bag-the-Bag program, City of Georgetown waste and recycling customers use a bright yellow 'stuffer bag' to collect their plastic bags and film plastics. The list of materials accepted includes grocery, produce, and newspaper bags; shrink wrap from bulk items; six-pack rings; clean cellophane; and clear bags.

When the yellow bag is full, tie it and put it in the recycling cart. While individual bags can't be processed by the Texas Disposal Systems Materials Recovery Facility, the yellow stuffer bags are easy to see and pick off the sorting line, where they are collected and recycled. Pick up yellow stuffer bags at the Customer Care office at 300-1 Industrial Avenue.