

# Georgetown Reporter

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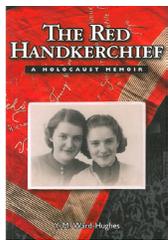
## Georgetown Public Library

**Live Music:** Minnie and Ella Jordan will perform in the Live Music at the Library series on Sunday, May 15, at 2 p.m. Minnie and Ella play swing, hot jazz, and standards from the '20s and '30s. They sing and play fiddle, guitar, tenor guitar, and mandolin. Free and open to the public, this performance is a gift of the Friends of the Georgetown Public Library.

**Art:** Georgetown ISD Student Art Exhibit at the Library is May 4 – 16, with an opening reception Wednesday, May 4 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Waterloo Watercolor Group Exhibit is May 20 – July 1, with an opening reception Friday, April 1 from 4 to 6 p.m.

**Kids:** May will feature an interactive Children's Concert in conjunction with the Georgetown Festival of the Arts on Friday, May 13 at 10:30 a.m. There also is a celebration for Dr. Seuss with a puppet show and crafts on Saturday, May 21 at 2 p.m. Both events are free and open to all ages.

**Dr. Seuss Wants You!** An exhibit featuring the WWII political cartoons of Theodor Seuss Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss, along with Seuss memorabilia from the mid-20th century, will be on display at the Library April 29 – May 25. Through his illustrations, and later in his popular children's books, he looked at discrimination, bigotry, and persecution. The exhibit is presented by Congregation Havurah Shalom of Sun City. In addition, Seuss memorabilia will be on loan courtesy of the Gregg and Michelle Phillipson Collection and Archive. The exhibit is open to the public during library hours. It is appropriate for all ages and admission is free.



**The Red Handkerchief author lecture:** Yvonne Ward-Hughes, author of *The Red Handkerchief*, will give a public talk at the Library on Sunday, May 1 at 2 p.m. At age 19, Yvonne Ward-Hughes' mother, Maria Spronk-Hughes, and Maria's 20-year-old sister Catharina Spronk-DeVries, joined a resistance group in Amsterdam and performed acts of sabotage against the Nazis. Three years later, they were arrested by the Gestapo and sent to a Nazi prison and then to the Vught concentration camp. In 1944, they were put on trial by the Nazis for sabotage. *The Red Handkerchief* is based on their story. The author will speak about her mother's and aunt's experiences and moral courage. Maria, who is now 94, will be available to answer questions and sign copies of the book. The free talk commemorates the Holocaust Day of Remembrance and is sponsored by Congregation Havurah Shalom of Sun City.

Go to [library.georgetown.org](http://library.georgetown.org) for details. The Georgetown Public Library is located at 402 W. Eighth Street in Georgetown.

May 30

## Memorial Day Closings

City offices and facilities closed

Regular solid waste and recycling collection

Outdoor pools open for the summer season on May 25 for the Memorial Day weekend and will be open through mid-August. Go to [aquatics.georgetown.org](http://aquatics.georgetown.org) for details.



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## Council District 3 Election

Incumbent John Hesser and Dwaine Boydston are on the ballot for the Council District 3 election. Early in-person voting is April 25 through May 3 and Election Day is May 7. Look up polling locations at [wilco.org/elections](http://wilco.org/elections).

## Connect with the City

What's happening in Georgetown? Go to [georgetown.org](http://georgetown.org) and sign up for a weekly e-newsletter with events and news. Look for the "Sign up for enews" link in the green footer at the bottom of the page. The City is on NextDoor and find us on Facebook at CityofGeorgetown, LivePlayGeorgetown, DowntownGeorgetown, GeorgetownTXFire, GeorgetownTXPolice, GeorgetownTexasLibrary, GeorgetownTexasParksandRecreation, GeorgetownAnimalShelter, and ArtsGeorgetown. Find out about arts and culture events at [arts.georgetown.org](http://arts.georgetown.org). The Georgetown Convention and Visitors Bureau has a regular e-newsletter with events and festivals. Sign up at [visit.georgetown.org](http://visit.georgetown.org). Or get the Explore Georgetown app on your iPhone or Android phone.



### City Events



**Chase the Chief 5k**  
The fourth annual Chase the Chief 5k and Fun Run is Sunday April 17 from 1 to 5 p.m. in San Gabriel Park.  
[chasethechief.georgetown.org](http://chasethechief.georgetown.org)



**Live Music at the Library**  
Hill Country Winds performs in the library's Live Music at the Library series on April 17 at 2:00 p.m.  
[library.georgetown.org](http://library.georgetown.org)

### Austin Avenue Bridges Public Meeting on March 31

The City of Georgetown is initiating a public involvement process for the Austin Avenue Bridges Project. The first public meeting will be held on Thursday, March 31 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth Street. This is the first of a series of meetings planned to engage and involve the public in the project for the bridges that span the north and south forks of the San Gabriel River just north of the downtown Square.

The purpose of this project is to develop a long-term plan for the Austin Avenue Bridges by evaluating possible alternatives to address safety, community, and mobility needs, ultimately developing a preferred alternative for the bridges. The bridges were constructed in 1959 and have exceeded their design life. Deterioration has occurred over time and will continue with increased traffic in the area.

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### Election for Council District 3 in May

Georgetown voters in District 3 will elect their representative on the City Council in May. Incumbent John Hesser and Dwaine Boydston are on the ballot for the District 3 election.

April 25 is the last day to register to vote before the May election. Early in-person voting for District 3 is April 28 through May 5. Election Day is May 7.

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### Street Sealant Work Suspended in Sun City

Updated, March 11: The application of street sealant in Sun City has been suspended. Inconsistency in drying times has resulted in driveway tracking and street closures that are longer than anticipated. The Street Department is working with manufacturers to find an alternative product better suited for high-volume neighborhoods.

Crews are continuing to clean driveways with excessive tracking. Residents will be notified before the application of new sealant is resumed.

Questions about this street work should be directed to Georgetown Utility Systems Customer Care at (512) 930-3640.



Questions? [info@georgetown.org](mailto:info@georgetown.org)



A xeriscaped demonstration garden on the south side of the Georgetown Public Library was designed and planted and is maintained by the Williamson County chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas.

## Xeriscaping

Adding xeriscape elements to your lawn can reduce yard maintenance time, add beauty to your home, and help you save on water. Native or drought-resistant plants such as Crape myrtle, bottlebrush, oleander, rosemary, esperanza, mimosa, bird of paradise, and lantanas perform well in our climate. Dress planting beds or walkways with native stone, river gravel, or decomposed crushed granite. Automatic irrigation may be eliminated in some areas or converted to drip irrigation. Learn more about xeriscaping, native plants, and saving water at [conservation.georgetown.org](http://conservation.georgetown.org).

## HVAC Maintenance

The heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning system in your home is one of the biggest energy users each month—especially in the summertime. Here are some ways to help your HVAC system last longer and reduce your monthly bill.

- **Install a programmable thermostat.** This helps you to set your air conditioner to a warmer temperature when leaving the home, then begin cooling a half-hour before you are due to return.
- **Schedule regular maintenance.** Tuning up your cooling system each spring and your heating system each fall will help ensure each operates at peak efficiency.
- **Change your air filters.** Experts recommend changing your filters every thirty days. A dirty filter decreases the efficiency of your HVAC system and creates a serious fire hazard.
- **Add shade for your A/C.** An A/C compressor or window unit that is shaded by an awning or tree can operate more efficiently and cut your energy costs by as much as 10 percent. Also make sure that the air flow is not restricted by any debris, enclosures, or shrubs.

## Household Hazardous Waste Vouchers

Doing some spring cleaning in the garage? Use a voucher from the City of Georgetown to safely dispose of household hazards like cans of paint or varnish, CFL light bulbs, batteries, and pesticides.

The vouchers allow residential customers with the City of Georgetown solid waste service with active accounts to dispose of household hazards at the Williamson County Recycle Center at 495 CR 156, which is northeast of Georgetown on FM 971. (Materials cannot be from a personal home business, nor a commercial account.)

Vouchers cover 100 percent disposal costs for in-City customers and 50 percent of disposal costs for out-of-City solid waste customers. One voucher per household may be requested every three months. Vouchers are redeemable for 14 days. Obtain a voucher in-person at Customer Care, Georgetown Municipal Complex, 300-1 Industrial Avenue or at the Collection Station, 250 W.L. Walden Drive. Bring a recent City of Georgetown utility bill and/or a photo ID. For details go to [recycle.georgetown.org](http://recycle.georgetown.org) or call Customer Care at (512) 930-3640.