REPORTER

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN AND GEORGETOWN UTILITY SYSTEMS



CITY EVENTS



Music on the Square

Friday night Music on the Square concerts continue in July. The free outdoor concerts on the Courthouse lawn are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Note that there is no concert on the first

July 13: Lexxi Garza

Friday in July.

July 20: Wilson String Band

July 27: The Staylyns

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Concerts are sponsored by the Georgetown Convention and Visitors Bureau and The Williamson Museum. To see the complete summer lineup, go to VisitGeorgetown.com.

Georgetown Public Library wins National Medal

The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced May 1 that the Georgetown Public Library was one of 10 recipients of the 2018 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries.

Selected from 29 national finalists, the 2018 National Medal for Museum and Library Service winners represent institutions that provide dynamic programming and services that exceed expected levels of service. Through their community outreach, these institutions bring about change that touches the lives of individuals and helps communities thrive.

To see the list of 2018 National Medal recipients and learn more about the National Medal, visit **www.imls.gov**.



HOLIDAY

City offices are closed on Wednesday, July 4.

There is regular solid waste and recycling collection July 4.

Hot tips to keep cool

Did you know that you use three to five percent more energy for each degree that your air conditioner is set below 75 degrees Fahrenheit? Here are some ways to keep cool this summer without boosting your utility bill:

- A programmable thermostat saves energy and money by running a scheduled program and allows you to avoid manual changes.
- Turn off your air conditioner before you leave home for an extended period of time. Or at least turn up the thermostat.
- Ceiling fans use less electricity than air conditioners or furnaces.
- Opening windows in the summer mornings and evenings costs nothing, but it can save on energy.
- A microwave is much more efficient at heating things up than an oven.

For more tips on energy conservation, go to **conservation.georgetown.org**.

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Sertoma July 4 Celebration

The annual Independence Day celebration sponsored by the Georgetown Sertoma Club in San Gabriel Park is Wednesday, July 4. A children's parade with decorated bikes and wagons starts at 11 a.m. by the low-water crossing. Line up starts at 10:30 a.m. Entertainment at the gazebo starts at noon and lasts until the fireworks begin after dark. Visit craft vendors, a children's area, and food vendors. Admission is free.



'The Sandlot' JULY 14

The movie "The Sandlot" (PG) will be shown in a free family event on July 20. This midsummer installment of the Sunset Movie Series will be in San Gabriel Park near the soccer fields. Bring blankets, camp chairs, and snacks for this event by Georgetown Parks and Recreation. For details, visit parks.georgetown.org/sunsetmovie-series.

Preventive street maintenance

The maintenance and repair of Georgetown city streets is a continual effort. The City uses several preventive maintenance methods in order to extend the life of city streets and avoid costlier rehabilitation projects. There are currently 734 lane miles of streets in the Georgetown city limits, which is 231 percent higher than the 222 lane miles in 1994. A complete list of maintenance types is available at **transportation.georgetown.org**.

HIGH-PERFORMANCE SURFACE SEAL: A sealant is applied to the surface of the roadway, reducing damage from UV radiation and vehicle traffic.

Cost per lane mile: \$24,600

DOUBLE-COURSE SURFACE TREATMENT: A layer of emulsion is applied to the roadway followed by a layer of small-sized gravel. A second layer is applied followed by a third layer sealant to improve the quality and life of the road surface.

Cost per lane mile: \$42,000

ULTRA-THIN BONDED WEARING COURSE: A layer of special blend asphalt is applied to the roadway to improve the quality and life of the road surface and improve skid resistance.

Cost per lane mile: \$55,000

HOT-IN-PLACE RECYCLING: This single-pass repaving process grinds up existing worn asphalt and combines the grindings with new fresh asphalt for a high-quality surface.

Cost per lane mile: \$111,000

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: \$141,000



Sprinkler system checkup

As we head into summer, sprinkler systems are used more often which increases the risk for failures in the different components. A broken nozzle, sprinkler head or underground PVC pipe could waste thousands of gallons of water in one month.

To make sure you don't have a break that is wasting water, perform a visual inspection of all irrigation zones on a regular basis. Run each irrigation zone for three to five minutes to make sure the equipment is operating properly and to make adjustments to the spray areas. And remember to replace your controller battery regularly to ensure your irrigation cycles continue to run smoothly.

For information regarding our irrigation system checkup rebate, visit **gus.georgetown.** org/water/rebate.



