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CITY EVENTS

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SEPT. 7

Friendly dogs and their people are invited to an end-of-summer swim party at the Georgetown Recreation Center outdoor pool on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$5 per dog—humans get in free. Cash or check only. To enter, you must bring proof of current rabies vaccine. See full details and rules at parks.georgetown.org.



Texas Society of Sculptors show and demos

The Georgetown Public Library will host a sculpture demonstration featuring several sculptors showcasing their techniques and processes in clay, bronze, wood, stone, and glass. The free event will be held in the library lobby, 402 W. Eighth St., on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The sculptors are all artists with work in the 12th Texas Society of Sculptors' annual summer show. The competitive, juried exhibit is a popular tradition in Georgetown that includes sculptures throughout the library building on both the first and second floors. Most pieces in the exhibit are available for purchase.

This year's exhibit, which includes 72 works of art, opened in June and lasts through Saturday, Sept. 20. Prizes funded by the City of Georgetown Arts and Culture Board were awarded for first, second, and third place, as well as three Honorable Mentions. There were also special Librarians' Choice and People's Choice awards given. Winners of this year's awards are marked with ribbons.



Household hazardous waste vouchers

The City is initiating a new program this month for collection of household hazardous wastes such as antifreeze, fertilizer, motor oil, paint, pesticides, pool chemicals, or solvents. Georgetown city residents will be able to receive a voucher from the City of Georgetown to take household hazardous waste items to a facility in Round Rock. Find out more about the new household hazardous waste vouchers at recycle.georgetown.org.

Email Georgetown Customer Care at customercare@georgetown.org to request information or a voucher.

Visit Round Rock's household hazardous waste site to learn about collection events and acceptable materials: roundrocktexas.gov/departments/utilities-and-environmental-services/solid-waste-recycling/household-hazardous-waste-disposal.



Best of Georgetown TX

Where can you find the best lunch spot in Georgetown? Where is the best live entertainment? The best coffee or tea?

Tell us your favorites in the month of September during the Best of Georgetown, TX contest. See full details and contest rules at bestof.georgetown.org.

Preventing falls

For people age 65 and older, falls are the number one cause of injury, hospital visits due to trauma, and fatalities from an injury. Here in our community last year, the Georgetown Fire/Medical Department responded to 1,309 falls and 603 lift assists, which represents nearly 20 percent of all fire or EMS responses.

Falls are a serious issue for aging residents, but they are not inevitable.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FALLS AND AVOID SERIOUS INJURY:

- Take your time. Get out of chairs slowly. Sit a moment before you get out of your bed. Stand and get your balance before you walk.
- Keep stairs and walking areas clear. Remove electrical cords, shoes, clothing, books, magazines, and other items that may be in the way of foot traffic.
- Improve the lighting inside and outside your home. Use night-lights or a flashlight to light the path between your bedroom and the bathroom. Turn on the lights before using the stairs. Lighting from both the top and the bottom of stairways is important.
- Use non-slip mats. Non-slip mats increase safety in the bathtub and on shower floors. Have grab bars installed on the wall next to the bathtub, shower, and toilet.
- Be aware of uneven surfaces. Use only throw rugs that have rubber, non-skid backing. Consider non-skid pads under rugs. Be aware of uneven sidewalks and pavement outdoors.
- Wear sturdy, well-fitting shoes. Low-heeled shoes with non-slip soles are best. These are safer than high heels, thick-soled athletic shoes, slippers, or stocking feet.
- Begin an exercise program. As we get older, doing regular strength, balance, and flexibility exercises protects our health and independence as well as preventing falls.

For more information or to schedule a Fall and Fire Prevention class, contact Georgetown Fire at **(512) 930-3473** or fire@georgetown.org. Learn more about preventing falls from the National Fire Protection Association at nfpa.org.

Utility outage notices

The results of the communications survey completed earlier this year concluded that the most preferred way for City of Georgetown utility customers to receive information regarding things like water or electric outages was through text messaging. Coming in a close second was email.

To that end, updating your phone number and/or email address will make it easier for your City utilities to get important information to you as quickly as possible.

THERE ARE THREE OPTIONS FOR UPDATING YOUR INFORMATION:

- Log on to your online account and go to "My Info" to make the update(s).
- Send an email to customercare@georgetown.org. Include your name, address, account number (if available), and the information you want updated.
- Call Customer Care at **(512) 930-3640** and one of our Customer Care representatives will be glad to make the update for you.

Additionally, you can always visit the City website, georgetown.org, for the latest updates on area outages. Just click on the "Utility Outage Map" located on the right side of the home page.

LABOR DAY CLOSINGS

City offices and facilities will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2.

There will be no GoGeo bus service.

Williams Drive Pool will be open, but other outdoor pools will be closed.

There will be regular solid waste and recycling collection on Monday.