Fire Prevention Week
As Fire Prevention Week approaches, Georgetown Fire Department encourages residents to "plan and practice your escape." Georgetown Fire will be hosting a series of events for Fire Prevention Month in October.

Today’s home fires burn faster than ever. In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Knowing how to use that time wisely takes planning and practice.

Georgetown Fire is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association, the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years, to promote "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape," which works to educate the public about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

**SIMPLE STEPS TO QUICKLY AND SAFELY ESCAPE A FIRE:**
- Have a fire escape plan for your home.
- Practice your escape plan.
- Make sure you have working smoke detectors.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and home escape planning, visit fire.georgetown.org or contact Georgetown Fire at (512) 930-3473.

Remember your watering schedule this fall
As we head into fall, you may notice your lawn turning brown. This is normal as Central Texas grasses go dormant during the fall and winter. There is no need to increase your irrigation times. In fact, now is the time to reduce your irrigation times by 50 percent. You can do this by using the "Seasonal Adjust" feature on your irrigation controller. Just be sure to only water on your assigned days and never water on Monday. For more information, call customer care at (512) 930-3640 or visit gus.georgetown.org/water.

**ART HOP XII**
Art Hop is an annual statewide competition that celebrates Texas artists sponsored by the Georgetown Art Center. Accepted artworks will be displayed in one of two locations: the Georgetown Art Center and the Georgetown Public Library. The exhibit runs from Sept. 27 to Oct. 26. The competition categories include 2D abstract, 2D representational, 3D, and photography. For more information, visit library.georgetown.org/art.
**CITY EVENTS**

**National Night Out**
**Oct. 1**

National Night Out, an annual event to support safe neighborhoods, is on Tuesday, Oct. 1, in Georgetown. Block parties are being organized from 6 to 9 p.m. A come-and-go host reception will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 25 at the Public Safety Operations and Training Center, 3500 DB Wood Road, for hosts to get information and party ideas. For details or to register a block party by Sept. 16, go to pd.georgetown.org/national-night-out.

**Halloween Festival**
**Oct. 24**

The City of Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a Halloween Festival on Thursday, Oct. 24, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Georgetown Community Center, 445 E. Morrow St. The Halloween Festival, now in its 25th year, will feature a free Trick-or-Treat Village, along with carnival-style games, food, entertainment, and a costume contest. For more information, visit parks.georgetown.org/halloween-festival.

**Father Daughter Dance**
**Oct. 26**

Friends of Georgetown Parks and Recreation is hosting the annual Father Daughter Dance on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Georgetown Community Center, 445 E. Morrow St. Girls ages 4 and older are invited to attend with their father or another acceptable escort, such as a granddad, uncle, or older brother. The theme is “Halloween Costume Ball,” and attendees are encouraged to wear a costume. This event features refreshments and light snacks. Professional portrait packages will be available for purchase. Tickets are $15 per person through Oct. 25, and $20 per person at the door. Visit parks.georgetown.org/fatherdaughter-dance for more information and to purchase tickets.

**Halloween safety tips**
Halloween is an exciting time for everyone. As the festivities begin, concern about safety can come to the forefront. Here are crime prevention tips from Georgetown Police Department to make your family’s night fun and ghoulish!

- Check your children’s candy before they eat it.
- Remind children to never enter anyone’s home or car.
- Set a time for trick-or-treaters to be home.
- Tie small glow sticks or use reflective tape on your child’s costume.
- Always walk, never run across a street.
- Have adults accompany trick-or-treaters.
- Only give out commercially wrapped treats.
- Do not cross streets between parked cars, in the middle of a block or diagonally through an intersection.
- Stay in populated areas and do not use back alleys or fields.

**What’s Up Georgetown?**
Want to stay up-to-date with everything happening in the City of Georgetown? Check out our new monthly “What’s Up Georgetown?” video. Follow us on YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter to learn more.

**Sign up for E-bills**
Customers can now log on to the customer self-service portal located at https://gus.georgetown.org/customer-care/bill-information/new-customer-portal/ to manage usage and payments more effectively. Once logged in, customers can pay bills, track and compare usage, and receive timely information and updates. By creating an account, customers can sign up to receive billing and service notifications and set up auto-pay by debit/credit card or bank draft.

Call customer care at (512) 930-3640 for assistance.