Applications for spring Citizen Police Academy being accepted

GEORGETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Interested individuals can now apply for the spring Citizen Police Academy—a 10-week course taught by police officers to educate citizens about police and fire department protocols and procedures. Weekly classes will be held on Thursday evenings from March 26 through May 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the training room of the Public Safety Operations and Training Center, 3500 DB Wood Road. There is no charge, but seating is limited, and applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications are available at the PSOTC or by emailing a request to randy.mcdonald@georgetown.org. The deadline to apply is March 2.

Shape your future

2020 CENSUS

Look for a mailing from the U.S. Census Bureau in March, and respond to the survey online, by phone, or by mail. The 2020 Census marks the first time you will have the option to respond online. Everyone living in the U.S. is required by law to be counted in the 2020 Census.

You will be asked a few simple questions, such as age, sex, and the number of people who live in your home, including children. Your personal information is confidential and cannot be shared with anyone, including any government agencies or law enforcement. The Census will never ask you for your social security number, money or donations, or credit card numbers.

Census data are used to adjust electoral districts and shape how federal money is spent for roads, schools, health clinics, student loans, housing, and fire departments. Learn more at 2020census.gov.

Junior Police Academy registration on March 28

GEORGETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Registration for the Junior Police Academy will be between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. on March 28 at the Public Safety Operations and Training Center, 3500 DB Wood Road. The summer camp is for Georgetown ISD students, ages 8 to 12 years old. During each session, junior cadets will be introduced to physical training, such as obstacle courses, self-defense tactics, handcuffing, marching and rappelling. Sessions are June 8–11, June 15–18, June 29–July 2, July 19–23 and July 27–30. Applications will be available starting Feb. 3. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Spring break camps

GEORGETOWN PARKS AND RECREATION

The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department is offering a variety of spring break camp opportunities for children and teens ages 5 to 18 years old. Choose from one of six camps: Adventure, Basketball, Challenger Sports Soccer, Goodwater Day, Junior Tennis Academy and Tennis camps. Ages, costs, and times vary by camp. All camps are Monday through Friday, March 16-20. Registration begins Jan. 31. For more information and to register, visit parks.georgetown.org/camp.
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Georgetown Swirl
MARCH 7
The 11th annual Georgetown Swirl is March 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy an evening of shopping and live jazz music in downtown Georgetown, while sampling Texas wines and cuisine from local restaurants. The cost is $50 per person. VIP tickets are $125 each with special benefits. Go to swirl.georgetown.org for details and tickets. Proceeds benefit the Main Street Program Facade and Sign Grant Program.

Chase the Chief 5K and Hammerlun Fun Run
MARCH 8
Participants will get the chance to chase Georgetown Police Chief Wayne Nero during the 7th annual Chase the Chief 5K and Hammerlun Fun Run on March 8 at East View High School, 4490 E. University Ave. Packet pickup is from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on March 6 at the Public Safety Operations and Training Center, 3500 DB Wood Road. Race day registration and packet pickup start at noon at the East View athletic fields. To register for the Chase the Chief 5K and Hammerlun Fun Run, go to chasethechief.georgetown.org.

Bulky waste pickups
As the weather turns warmer, many of us start thinking about spring cleaning. But what should you do with bulky items you need to discard?

Larger trash items known as bulky waste that do not fit into your cart may not be left at the curbside as part of your regular trash collection. These bulky waste items include furniture, mattresses, toilets, refrigerators, washers/dryers, and other items that don’t fit in the solid waste cart. However, in-city residents are allowed two free bulky waste curbside pick-ups per year. Those who live outside city limits pay $28 per cubic yard.

GUIDELINES FOR CURBSIDE BULKY WASTE PICKUP:
- Pickups are normally scheduled on Saturdays. Do not place items curbside more than 24 hours before your scheduled collection.
- A $45 Freon removal and handling charge will be charged to your utility account per refrigerator, freezer, air conditioning unit, or other appliance containing Freon.
- The volume allowed per pickup is up to three cubic yards.
- Unacceptable bulky waste items include, but are not limited to, tires, vehicle batteries, televisions, hazardous materials, and construction waste such as bathtubs, cabinetry, or sheet rock.

To schedule a curbside bulky waste pickup, call Texas Disposal Systems at (512) 930-1715. Visit recycle.georgetown.org for details on solid waste and recycling programs.

Conserve water this spring
Did you know during the spring and summer months, outside water use can account for more than 70% of your entire water bill? Improper irrigation controller settings can often be the cause of a high water bill.

Make sure your system is set for no more than two days per week according to the following schedule:

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And remember: No automatic irrigation allowed on Mondays. Visit water.georgetown.org for more information.

Sign up for emergency alerts
Be sure to register to receive emergency notifications from your local emergency response team. Be among the first to receive critical community alerts regarding natural disasters, weather warnings, evacuation notices, boil water notices, and missing child reports. Register to get emergency warnings by email, text, or phone at WarnCentralTexas.org.