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## Protect the Environment Spring Cleaning

If you're cleaning out the garage or doing some other spring cleaning, be aware of certain household hazardous waste items that should not be put in the regular trash. These items often will be labeled with words such as caution, toxic, poison, corrosive, or danger.

Proper disposal of these items will ensure that solid waste workers are not harmed and that groundwater is not contaminated.

To dispose of these items safely, request a household hazardous waste voucher at



Examples include aerosol spray cans, antifreeze, fluorescent lights tubes, household cleaners, lithium batteries, mercury thermometers, motor oil or transmission fluid, paints and stains, pesticides and poisons, pool and spa chemicals, thinners and solvents, and vehicle batteries.

recycle.georgetown.org. Vouchers allow City residents to dispose of these items at no cost or reduced cost at the Williamson County Recycle Center located on County Road 156 northeast of Georgetown. Go to recycle.georgetown.org for details.

## Pet Projects



## Paws for Mardi Gras Dog Walk on March 26

The third annual Paws for Mardi Gras dog walk will be held on Saturday, March 26 in San Gabriel Park. The route is one lap around the hike and bike trail in the park and starts and ends at the gazebo.

## Free Spay or Neuter Clinics for Cats

The Georgetown Animal Shelter will host free spay or neuter clinics for free-roaming cats (cats that go outside) on March 19 and April 9. Appointments are required on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the Animal Shelter to make an appointment at (512) 930-3592. Space is limited.

Paws for Mardi Gras is a family-friendly event that begins with a Blessing of the Pets at 10 a.m., rain or shine. Wear your goofiest human and canine costumes for a parade and costume contest that starts at the gazebo after the dog walk. There will be prizes for the biggest dog, smallest dog, best person costume, best dog costume, and best dog trick.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the event at the gazebo in San Gabriel Park, or register online at paws.georgetown.org. You also can register at the Georgetown Animal Shelter, located at 110 W.L. Walden Drive. Entrants receive a Paws for Mardi Gras T-shirt, a bandana for each dog, and Mardi Gras beads for people and dogs. Proceeds benefit the shelter.

For details, contact Jackie Carey, animal services manager, at jackie.carey@georgetown.org or (512) 930-3527, or go to the event website at paws.georgetown.org.

## Garage Sale Signs



This is definitely not legal.

Residents holding a garage sale are allowed to put up signs to direct people to a sale. One sign can be placed on your property where the garage sale is to be held, and with the permission of the other property owners, up to two signs may be placed on private property not more than 1,000 feet from your house. Garage sale signs should not exceed four square feet and no attachments to signs are allowed, such as balloons or streamers.

Garage sale signs should be placed at least ten feet back from the curb or pavement. Signs should not be

placed on public property or in the road right-of-way easement, in road medians, or in the line-of-sight at intersections. Signs should not be attached to utility poles, street signs, or traffic signs.

Signs should not be posted more than 24 hours prior to the beginning of the sale and should be removed within 24 hours after the sale. For questions or more information, contact the City's Code Enforcement Office at codeenforcement@georgetown.org or (512) 930-3606.

## Parks and Recreation

### Spring Break Camps

Georgetown Parks and Recreation is offering several spring break camps, including Camp Goodwater, Fencing Camp, Junior Tennis Academy, Krav Maga Junior Camp, Sports Spectacular Camp, Teen Adventure Camp, Teen Speed and Agility Training Camp, and a Tennis Camp. For details or to register, go to [parks.georgetown.org](http://parks.georgetown.org) or call (512) 930-3595.

## March Events

### The Palace Theater

*Evita*,

Feb. 18 – Mar. 20

Details at [GeorgetownPalace.com](http://GeorgetownPalace.com), or call (512) 869-7469.

### First Friday, March 4

Downtown live music, shops and restaurants are open late.

See the Downtown Georgetown Association website at [TheGeorgetownSquare.com](http://TheGeorgetownSquare.com).

### Fat Tuesday Games and Luncheon, March 8

Fundraiser sponsored by the San Gabriel Woman's Club from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Games include party bridge, sanctioned duplicate bridge, dominoes, canasta, Mah Jongg, Mexican Train, or "bring your own game and players."

Cash prizes, door prizes, raffles, and a country store. Advanced ticket sales only, deadline March 1.

Call (512) 863-8269.

### Market Days, March 12

Handmade arts and crafts, food, and more on the Square from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details at [TheGeorgetownSquare.com](http://TheGeorgetownSquare.com).

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## Spring Break Activities at the Library

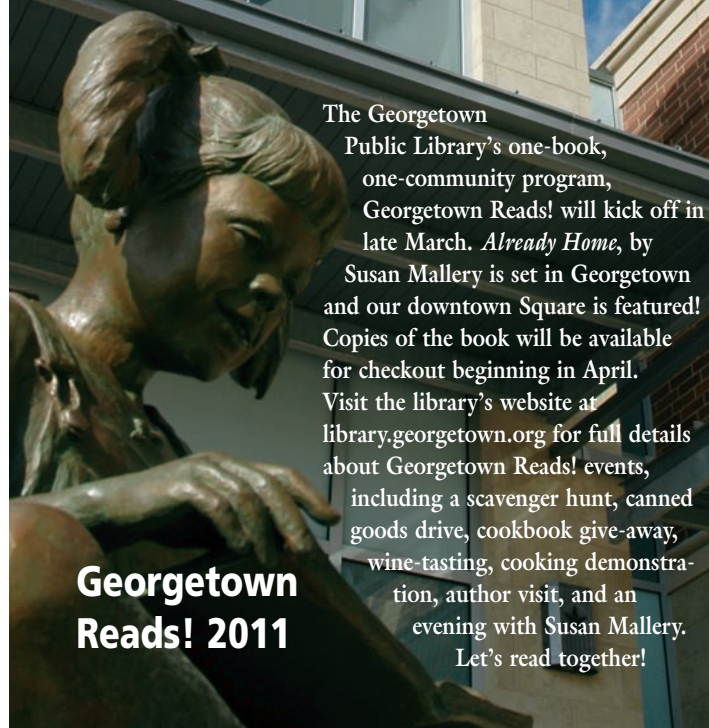
*If you're looking for some fun for the kids during spring break consider what will be happening at the Georgetown Public Library, March 14 – 17:*

**Monday:** Do-It-Yourself Art Extravaganza, 10 a.m. to noon

**Tuesday:** Homegrown Talent Show, 10 a.m. to noon

**Wednesday:** Tea Time (tea party for children), afternoon, check library website ([library.georgetown.org](http://library.georgetown.org)) for time and details

**Thursday:** Flute Sweet and Tickletoon, a performance that includes comedy, storytelling and musical theatre, 10 a.m. to noon



## Georgetown Reads! 2011

The Georgetown Public Library's one-book, one-community program, Georgetown Reads! will kick off in late March. *Already Home*, by Susan Mallery is set in Georgetown and our downtown Square is featured! Copies of the book will be available for checkout beginning in April. Visit the library's website at [library.georgetown.org](http://library.georgetown.org) for full details about Georgetown Reads! events, including a scavenger hunt, canned goods drive, cookbook give-away, wine-tasting, cooking demonstration, author visit, and an evening with Susan Mallery. Let's read together!

## Red Poppy Artwork



An oil painting of red poppies by Patricia A. Lyle will be featured in the poster for the 2011 Red Poppy Festival. Lyle paints and teaches classes in her studio in Round Rock. Her work has been exhibited in dozens of galleries and venues across Central Texas and can be seen on her website at [patricia-lyle.com](http://patricia-lyle.com). The 2011 Red Poppy Festival will be held on the downtown Square April 16 – 17.

## Daylight Savings Time starts March 13

### Time to Change Your Smoke Detector Batteries

A working smoke alarm is your family's first line of defense in the case of fire.

*A message from the Georgetown Fire Dept.*

## Teen Court Takes Spotlight Again

For the second time in three years, the Georgetown Teen Court has won the Spotlight Award from the Teen Court Association of Texas. Each year, the award is given to the best of 75 teen court programs in

the state that have shown the most progress, innovation, and achievement. The Georgetown Teen Court program, currently in its eighteenth year, this year has 18 jurors and 23 attorneys who try cases before

Municipal Court Judge Randall Stump.

