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Red Poppy Festival April 28 – 29

The Red Poppy Festival, a musical celebration of spring and Georgetown's signature red poppies, bursts onto the downtown Square the weekend of April 28 – 29.

The Saturday night concert features country singer Johnny Lee at 7 p.m. and Texas country singer and songwriter Cory Morrow at 9:30 p.m. Groove Knight plays favorites from the 60s, 70s, and 80s in a special Friday night concert on April 27 at 7 p.m.

There is no admission charge for the concerts or other festival activities such as the car show, parade, children's area, or vendor booths.

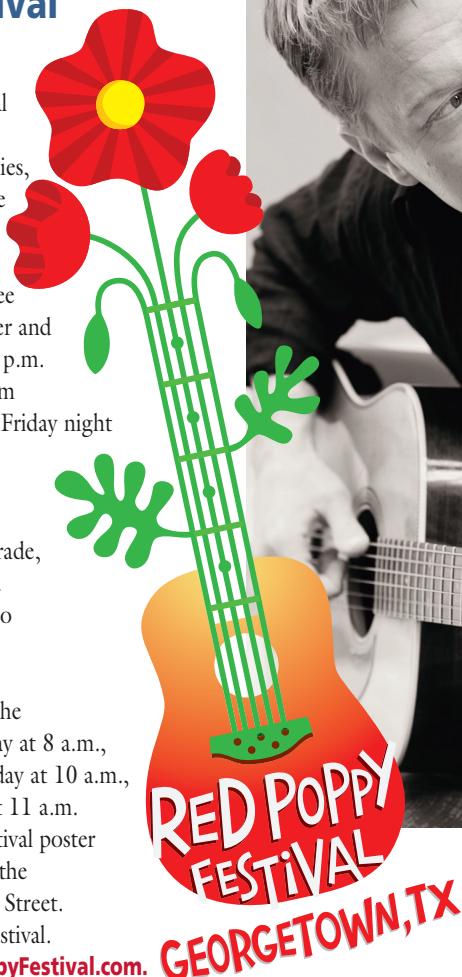
For a full schedule of events, go to RedPoppyFestival.com.

Other festival highlights include the **Red Poppy Bike Ride** on Saturday at 8 a.m., the **Red Poppy Parade** on Saturday at 10 a.m., and the **Car Show** on Saturday at 11 a.m.

The official 2012 Red Poppy Festival poster will be on sale starting April 1 at the Visitor Center at 103 W. Seventh Street.

T-shirts will be available at the Festival.

For all the details, go to RedPoppyFestival.com.



Texas country singer and songwriter Cory Morrow performs Saturday at 9:30 p.m.

Teen Court Featured in Professional Seminar

The City of Georgetown Teen Court was the focus of an educational conference in February as municipal court professionals from across Texas observed Georgetown's young attorneys and jury members in action. Municipal court employees from 12 cities attended the conference by the Texas Municipal Court Education Center.

Students from Georgetown High School and East View High School volunteer their time to serve as attorneys and jury members for Georgetown Teen Court, which is



typically held two evenings each month during the school year. As Judge Randy Stump explains, Teen

Court is a real court with real cases and consequences that is a part of the local court system.

Good Neighbor Fund Donate Now Online

Every month, the Good Neighbor Fund collects donations from City of Georgetown utility customers to help those in the community facing a crisis, such as a medical emergency or job loss. The fund is administered by The Caring Place and provides utility bill assistance to those in need. Each year the demand for assistance far exceeds the funds available.

Now customers can donate to the Good Neighbor Fund, even if they are currently signed up for automatic monthly bank or credit card drafts. Customers can make a monthly pledge and change or discontinue that pledge at any time. Call the Utility Office at (512) 930-3640, or email at billing@georgetown.org for more information. A copy of the pledge form is on the Utility Office website at billing.georgetown.org/gnf.

Students serving as Teen Court attorneys this semester are pictured at left. Front row, left to right are Haleigh Blackwell, Lisa Carlton, Tristan Martinez, Ginny Stuart, Taylor Winden, Michelle Kuroda, Austin Stevens, and Kyle Jenkins. Back row, left to right are Ally Barron, Gabby Hernandez, Stefanie Schutz, Jessica Sovereen, Winston Cole, Jack Walters, Travis Temple, Zach Ford, Jacob Solis, Judge Randy Stump, and Tina Heine, deputy court clerk and juvenile case manager for Georgetown Municipal Court. Teen attorneys not pictured include Tim Cole, Tori Hansen, and Emily Henry.

April Events

The Palace Theater

The Dixie Swim Club,
April 6 – 29 Details at
GeorgetownPalace.com, or call
(512) 869-7469.

First Friday, April 6

Downtown live music, shops and restaurants are open late. See the Downtown Georgetown Association website at TheGeorgetownSquare.com.

Market Days, April 14

Handmade arts and crafts, food, and more on the Square from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details at TheGeorgetownSquare.com

Choral Concert, April 19

Faith in Action Caregivers-Georgetown will hold its annual Choral Concert at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 1333 W. University Avenue. Proceeds help us provide transportation and support services for Georgetown area seniors.

Animal Shelter Garage Sale, April 20 - 21

The 13th annual sale will be at the Community Center in San Gabriel Park from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. All proceeds benefit animals at the Georgetown Animal Shelter. If you have items to donate, contact the shelter at (512) 930-3592 or by email at animalsvc@georgetown.org.

Beethoven Concert, April 29

The Georgetown Symphony Society's Afternoon of Beethoven concert features the Temple Symphony Orchestra performing Symphony No. 8 and the Concerto for Violin in D Major with guest violinist Jenna Sherry. The concert at 4 p.m. is at the Klett Center for the Performing Arts at Georgetown High School. Tickets are \$25 or \$20 for adults and \$5 for students and available at the Williamson County Sun, both Georgetown HEB stores, the Sun City CA office (residents only), or at the door. For details, call (512) 864-9591 or go to www.gsstx.org.

CARTS Bus Stop in Downtown Georgetown

Bus service is now available from a downtown Georgetown bus stop with 10 daily departures each weekday to Austin, Round Rock, or Taylor. Bus service by the Capital Area Rural Transportation System started in February at a stop one block from the Courthouse Square.

The new downtown stop at Ninth and Main streets next to Grace Heritage Center is the second CARTS bus stop in Georgetown. CARTS opened a bus station at 3620 S. Austin Avenue in 2010.

CARTS bus service from the down-

town stop at Ninth and Main streets will serve three routes including the CARTS Metro Connector to downtown Austin, the Interurban Coach I-35 Yellow Route with stops in Round Rock, Capital Metro Tech Ridge Station, Austin, Kyle, and San Marcos, and the Taylor Interurban Red Route to Taylor, Hutto, and Round Rock.

Bus fares are \$2 for a one-way fare in one county or a Metro Connector route, or \$4 for one-way trips anywhere in the CARTS district. An all-day pass is \$6. Seniors 65 or older or persons with disabilities ride for half-fares.

If you're catching the bus, you can bike-and-ride since CARTS buses have easy-to-use front-mounted bike racks.

For more information and detailed schedules, go to RideCARTS.com or call (512) 478-7433.



Von Dyess is a driver for CARTS on the route from downtown Georgetown at 9th and Main Streets to Austin.

Georgetown Reads! 2012

Georgetown Reads! is the one-book, one-community project of the Georgetown Public Library. The Georgetown Reads! 2012 selection is *Listening is an Act of Love*, edited by Dave Isay. This book is a compilation of a few of the stories from the StoryCorps project as heard on National Public Radio and archived at the Library of Congress. The Georgetown Public Library will have multiple copies available to check out starting May 1. Events planned

throughout the month of May to celebrate *Listening is an Act of Love* include:

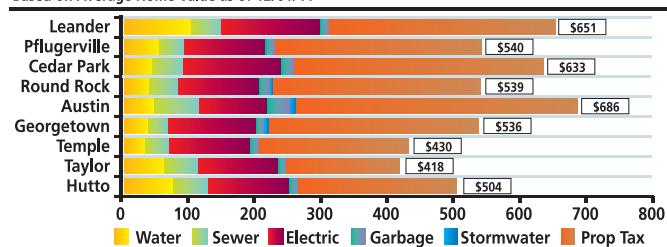
- Oral history workshop by Dr. Stephen Sloan from Baylor University
- Check out a Human Book during our Human Library days—living, breathing books to check out
- An evening celebrating *Listening is an Act of Love*
- “Cooking is an Act of Love”

- cooking demonstration
- “Scrapbooking is an Act of Love” workshop
- An opportunity to record an interview with a loved one

You will need to sign up in advance to participate in the scrapbooking workshop or to reserve an interview slot. Please call the library at (512) 930-3551 or go to library.georgetown.org for more information about Georgetown Reads! 2012.

Combined Total Monthly Utility and Tax Expense

Based on Average Home Value as of 12/01/11



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