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Love 'Em or Leave 'Em Cupid's Chase 5k

Register now for the 18th annual Cupid's Chase 5k and Fun Run on Saturday, February 2. The chip-timed 5k run/walk begins at 8:30 a.m. in downtown Georgetown at Seventh and Main streets and ends at the Bark Park on Holly Street. (A shuttle will take you back to the starting line.) New this year, a 0.25-mile Kids Fun Run for children age 8 or younger starts at 8 a.m. The Kids Fun Run is a loop around the Courthouse.

For the 5k, registration received on or before January 11 is \$17 for those 13 or older and \$15 for seniors (55+) and children 12 and under. January 12 through 30, the registration cost is \$22 for all age groups. Registration at packet pickup and race day is \$25 per person for all age groups.

For the Kids Fun Run, registration on or before January 30 is \$10 per person. On packet pickup and race day, the cost is \$15 per person.

Participants in the 5k and the Kids Fun Run receive a Cupid's Chase Love 'Em or Leave 'Em T-shirt, while supplies last. Dogs on a leash are always welcome on the Cupid's Chase course.

Cupid's Chase is sponsored by Georgetown Parks and Recreation. For details about the event, including a race map, or to register online, go to cupid.georgetown.org. For details, contact Erin Ruyle at Erin.Ruyle@georgetown.org or (512) 930-8459.



The new and improved version of Fire Station 2 on Williams Drive at Central Drive is scheduled to open in February. The 8,300 square-foot facility was constructed next to the old 1,600 square foot-station, which will be torn down.

The old Fire Station 2, with 900 square feet of living quarters, was built in 1975 to be staffed by one firefighter who lived at the station with his family. It had one bathroom, a shared open dorm area, two truck bays, and a history of maintenance problems. A 2011 study determined it would be more cost effective to tear down the old station and build new instead of expanding.

New chief from Arizona

John Sullivan, an assistant fire chief from a fire department in southern Arizona, is to take the oath in January as Georgetown's new fire chief.



Fire Chief John Sullivan

Sullivan has nearly 20 years of experience with the Golder Ranch Fire District north of Tucson, Arizona. The district has eight fire stations, 154 employees, an annual budget of \$18 million, and serves a 210-square-mile area including the city of Oro Valley, Sun City Oro Valley, and the SaddleBrooke retirement community.

After a nationwide search including 90 applicants, City Manager Paul Brandenburg selected Sullivan as the top candidate. "We were looking for someone who is aggressive, innovative, a leader, a good communicator, with budget

experience, and someone who had been there already in dealing with a larger organization."

Sullivan is a certified paramedic and holds several other certifications for incident command, fire inspections, and public information. His experience also includes budgeting, ISO rating audits, fire investigations, grant administration, IT services, media relations, and community outreach.

Sullivan has a bachelor's degree in business administration from University of Phoenix and a master's degree in fire administration from Arizona State University. He graduated with honors for both degrees.

As Georgetown's fire chief, Sullivan will lead a department with five fire stations, 88 employees, and a budget of \$9.4 million. The Georgetown Fire Department serves an emergency service district encompassing 138 square miles.

Sullivan was hired following the retirement of Robert Fite in November. Fite served as fire chief for four years and recently accepted a position as fire chief in Grand Prairie. Assistant Fire Chief Clay Shell served as interim chief.

The new station was built on property the City acquired next to the old station, which allows fire trucks to exit directly onto Williams Drive, improving visibility for cross traffic. Fire Station 2 houses an engine company as well as a haz-mat unit. It provides coverage for much of the central part of the city and downtown.

The new station includes individual dorm rooms for five firefighters and space for one more in the future, plus a private dorm and an office for both a battalion chief and a lieutenant. The station includes a larger kitchen, day-room, and dining room, as well as a fitness room. Fire Station 2 was designed by KA Hickman Architecture and built by Chasco Constructors.

City of Georgetown 2012 Employee Awards



Chris Pousson
Water Services
Technical Specialist
Georgetown
Utility Systems
**Customer Service
Employee
of the Year**



John Zamarripa
Energy Services
Supervisor
Georgetown
Utility Systems
**Supervisor
of the Year**



Paul Elkins
Energy Services
Manager
Georgetown
Utility Systems
**Manager
of the Year**



Cari Miller
Tourism
CVB Manager
Convention and
Visitors Bureau
**Manager
of the Year**



Chris Foster
Utilities Financial
Analyst
Finance and
Administration
**Employee
of the Year**



Anthony Rector
Victim Services
Coordinator
Georgetown Police
Department
**Employee
of the Year**



Robert Barber
Library
Assistant
Georgetown
Public Library
**Employee
of the Year**

February Events

The Palace Theater

Dearly Beloved, Jan. 11 - Feb. 3
South Pacific, Feb. 22 - Mar. 24
Details at
GeorgetownPalace.com, or call
(512) 869-7469.

First Friday, February 1

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

Fat Tuesday Games Day, February 12

Sponsored by the San Gabriel
Woman's Club, this 6th annual
fundraiser starts with a 9:30 a.m.
breakfast and games from 10 a.m.
to 2:30 p.m. with a lunch break.
The Games Day event is at the
Community Center, 445 E.
Morrow Street in San Gabriel Park.
Games include party bridge, sanc-
tioned duplicate bridge, dominoes,
canasta, Mexican train, and
mahjongg, or bring your own
games and players. Cost is \$20 for
breakfast, lunch, and games or \$10
for lunch only. Cash prizes, door
prizes, raffle, and a country store.
Proceeds benefit high school schol-
arships and other local charities.



The annual Art for Animals benefit
for the City of Georgetown Animal
Shelter will be on Saturday,
February 9—just before Valentine's
Day. The fundraiser, sponsored by
the Friends of the Georgetown
Animal Shelter, will be from 4 to 7
p.m. at the Community Center at
445 E. Morrow Street in San
Gabriel Park.

Held previously in October, Art for
Animals: Wine, Chocolate, and
Amore, moves this year to February
and a Valentine's Day theme. At the
event enjoy art, wine or other bever-
ages, and chocolate desserts—the
perfect combination for animal
lovers. A silent auction of artwork
includes chairs turned into works-of-



With love
for our furry
friends

Art for Animals

Saturday, February 9

art in a special "chair-ity" section of
the auction.

Tickets are \$7 per person (or \$10 at
the door), which includes light
appetizers, chocolate desserts, and
beverages. Wine tickets will be sold
at the door.

This year there will be a silent auc-
tion and raffle, but no live auction.
Themed gift baskets (e.g., golf out-
ing, spa weekend) will be raffled at
the event. For \$10, each attendee
will receive 25 tickets that can be
apportioned to the available gift bas-
kets as desired.

To donate a gift basket or artwork,
contact Jackie Carey, manager at the
Georgetown Animal Shelter, at



(512) 930-3527, or by email at
Jackie.Carey@georgetown.org.

Tickets can be purchased at the
Visitor Center, 103 W. Seventh
Street; Georgetown Animal Shelter,
110 W.L. Walden Drive; or Framers
Gallery, 610 S. Main Street. The
City of Georgetown Animal Shelter
is located at 110 W.L. Walden Drive
next to the McMaster Athletic
Complex. The shelter website is
pets.georgetown.org.

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