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Pictured with the Blue Legacy Award for the Aqua Messenger program are (left to right) Conservation Education Specialist Shae Luther, Conservation Services Manager Kathy Ragsdale, Utilities Director Glenn Dishong, and Utility Conservation Coordinator Gabriel Dominguez.

## Aqua Messenger Wins Water Conservation Award

The Aqua Messenger program by Georgetown Utility Systems won a statewide water conservation award this year. The City won the Blue Legacy Award at the Texas Water conference in April for American

Water Works, Texas Division. The award recognized Georgetown for the conservation program in the category of cities with 50,000 – 100,000 population.

The Aqua Messenger program allows water utility customers to receive Aqua Alert emails each month at up to three water consumption levels. The trigger points are set by the customer and can be changed at any time. For example, Alerts can be sent at thresholds of 10,000, 15,000, and 20,000 gallons per month. In a pilot of the Aqua Messenger program, the use of Aqua Alerts reduced overall water demand by 9 percent.

To sign up for Aqua Alerts, go to [water.georgetown.org](http://water.georgetown.org) or call Customer Care at (512) 930-3640.

A conservation services department employee can visit your home to assess your irrigation system or help to program an irrigation system controller. Request assistance at [gus@georgetown.org](mailto:gus@georgetown.org) or call (512) 930-3640.

## Music on the Square Summer Concerts

Enjoy free live music on the Courthouse Square each Friday night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Music on the Square summer concert series. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, grab dinner-to-go from a local restaurant, and enjoy an evening of great live music. Here's the lineup for July:

- July 5** - Music provided by Downtown Georgetown Association
- July 12** - Jane Maddox as Marilyn Monroe and Mr. Thrill singing Neil Diamond hits
- July 19** - Cactus Groove plays jazz
- July 26** - Georgetown Fire Department Pipes and Drums Band

Concerts are sponsored by the Georgetown Convention and Visitors Bureau, Williamson Museum, and the Downtown Georgetown Association.

## HOT Grant Applications

The Convention and Visitors Bureau Board is accepting applications for Hotel Occupancy Tax grants for events occurring between October 1, 2013 and September 30, 2014. The deadline to apply is July 31, 2013.

Grants are awarded to arts, cultural, and sporting events that bring overnight guests to Georgetown hotels or bed and breakfast inns. For an application, go to <http://files.georgetown.org/hot-funds-reimbursement-grant-application>

## Fireworks Prohibited

By City of Georgetown ordinance, fireworks of any kind are not allowed in the city limits of Georgetown or within 5,000 feet of city limits, unless they are used

in a permitted display authorized by the Georgetown Fire Department.

**Neither the possession nor the discharge of fireworks is legal in the city limits or within 5,000 feet beyond city limits.**

Violations can lead to fines of up to \$2,000 per firework.

To view a map showing the 5,000-foot boundary, go to [files.georgetown.org/fireworks-ban-map](http://files.georgetown.org/fireworks-ban-map).

## Independence Day Holiday

**City offices closed on Thursday, July 4**

**There will be regular solid waste and recycling collection on July 4.**

## July Events

### Farmers Markets

**Sun City Market, Tuesdays**  
9 a.m. to Noon,  
2 Texas Drive at Social Center

**Georgetown Market, Thursdays** 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.,  
Church of Christ,  
1525 W. University Ave.  
Details at [www.gtfma.org](http://www.gtfma.org)

### Sertoma July 4 Celebration

Annual July 4 celebration in San Gabriel Park sponsored by the Georgetown Sertoma Club. Children's parade with bikes and wagons starts at 11 a.m. by the low-water crossing. Entertainment at the gazebo starts at noon and lasts until the fireworks begin after dark. Visit craft vendors, a children's area, and food vendors. Admission is free.

### The Palace Theater

*The Will Rogers Follies*,  
July 5 - August 4  
Details at  
[GeorgetownPalace.com](http://GeorgetownPalace.com), or call  
(512) 869-7469.

### First Friday, July 5

Downtown live music, shops, and restaurants are open late. See the Downtown Georgetown Association website at [TheGeorgetownSquare.com](http://TheGeorgetownSquare.com).

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## Fan Drive Helps to Beat the Summer Heat

The nonprofit organization Family Eldercare and the Georgetown Fire Department are working together to host the 2013 Summer Fan Drive in Georgetown. This summer-long effort collects fans for low-income residents including seniors, people with disabilities, and families with children. Funds for fans and air conditioning units also are collected.

Fans can be donated at all five Georgetown fire stations. The fans donated in Georgetown will be given to Georgetown area residents who need them.

Every summer, Georgetown firefighters respond to 911 calls for people who become overheated in their house or apartment. The resi-

dence may not have air conditioning, or it may have window units that don't cool the whole home.

The fan drive started in May and continues through August 31. Last year, Family Eldercare delivered nearly 5,300 fans and 50 air-conditioning units to almost 2,600 homes in 10 counties in Central Texas. Those eligible to receive a fan are low-income residents, including seniors who are 55 or older, persons who are disabled, and families with children. Air conditioners are available on a limited basis to those with serious medical conditions.

For details, or to donate to the Summer Fan Drive online, go to [www.FamilyEldercare.org](http://www.FamilyEldercare.org).

## Warning Sirens Tested Wednesdays

The City of Georgetown's outdoor warning sirens are tested every Wednesday at noon. On Wednesdays when there is inclement weather, tests are not done in order to avoid confusion between real alerts and system tests.

In a real emergency, such as a threatening tornado, warning

sirens are activated to alert those who are outdoors to take cover and check the local news media for more details.

### Outdoor warning siren locations:

- Ninth and Forest streets
- Paleface Drive and Reinhardt Boulevard

## July Events

### Camp Crosby, July 11 - 13

Green Bay Packers kicker and Georgetown High School graduate Mason Crosby will lead a free pep rally Friday, July 12 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the East View High School gym. Crosby and coaches from GISD and Southwestern will lead a fitness camp on Saturday, July 13. A special evening fundraiser at Roots Bistro on July 11 will feature Crosby. All proceeds benefit The Locker, a 501c3 nonprofit providing school supplies to Georgetown children in need. For details and to register for the fitness camp, go to their website at [TheLocker.info](http://TheLocker.info).

### Market Days, July 13

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).

### Summer Movies in the Park, July 18

Sponsored by Parks and Recreation. *Madagascar 3* (rated PG) shown in San Gabriel Park at the gazebo area at dusk (approx. 8:45 p.m.). Activities for children begin at 7:45 p.m. Bring your own food and/or beverage.

- Interstate 35 north of Leander Road
- James and 13th streets
- Central and Williams drives
- Berry Creek north of Briarcrest Drive
- Texas Drive and Sun City Boulevard