

Early Voting STARTS April 27

Transportation Bond Election

A bond election to fund transportation projects will be on the ballot May 9 for Georgetown voters. (Final action by the City Council to call the election is expected as this issue goes to press.)

The bond election would authorize \$105 million to fund 20 transportation projects over the next 10 years. The design and construction of 10 projects and engineering work for an additional 10 projects would be funded.



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Engineering and construction: Projects include new roads or bridges, widening existing roads, intersection improvements, and sidewalks:

- Northwest Boulevard Bridge over Interstate 35
- Rivery Boulevard extension (Williams Drive to Northwest Boulevard)
- I-35 northbound frontage road (Williams Drive to Lakeway Drive)
- Southwest Bypass (Wolf Ranch Parkway to Leander Road)
- Wolf Ranch Parkway (DB Wood Road to Southwest Bypass)
- DB Wood Road (University Avenue to Oak Ridge Drive)
- Leander Road (Southwest Bypass to River Ridge Drive)
- Southwestern Boulevard (Raintree Drive to SE Inner Loop)
- Intersection and safety improvement pool (\$5 million)
- Sidewalk and ADA accessibility pool (\$10 million)

Engineering: Projects include engineering and design for widening existing roads and bridges:

- Leander Road Bridge over I-35
- NE Inner Loop (Stadium Drive to FM 971)
- Stadium Drive (Austin Avenue to NE Inner Loop)
- University Avenue (Haven Lane to 130 Toll Road)
- Southwest Bypass (Wolf Ranch Parkway to University Avenue)
- Williams Drive (Rivery Boulevard to I-35)
- I-35 southbound frontage (Williams Drive to Rivery Boulevard)
- SE Inner Loop (University Avenue to I-35)
- Shell Road (Williams Drive to Shell Spur)
- DB Wood Road (Oak Ridge Drive to Lake Overlook Drive)

Completion of engineering and design work enables a project to be eligible for funding from other local, state, or federal sources when they are available.

Early in-person voting is April 27 through May 5.
Election Day is May 9. The last day to register to vote is April 9.
For more information, go to georgetown.org.

City Council Election

The May City Council election includes races for District 1 and District 5. Early in-person voting is April 27 through May 5. Election Day is May 9. The last day to register to vote is April 9.

Anna Eby has filed to run for District 1 and Ty Gipson and Paul Nadeau have filed for District 5.

Incumbents Patty Eason, District 1 and Jerry Hammerlun, District 5 have each announced they will not seek re-election.

For updates about the city council election, go to georgetown.org. View council district maps at files.georgetown.org/council-district-maps.

2008 Road Bond Update

Georgetown voters approved \$46 million for five road projects in 2008. Below is a status report.

Complete:

- Sam Houston Avenue (SE 1)
- DB Wood Road (at Williams Drive intersection)

Construction-Ready:

- FM 1460 (March start date)
- FM 971 at N. Austin Avenue intersection (winter 2016 start date)

Designed:

- FM 971 (Gann Street to NE Inner Loop; construction pending state or federal funding)
- SH 29 routing study complete

Future:

- Berry Creek Drive (pending development)

Spring cleaning Bulky Waste Pick-up

City of Georgetown residents are allotted two free bulky waste pick-ups each year. Bulky waste includes excess yard material, couches, appliances, or large items that won't fit in your cart. Unacceptable bulky waste includes items such as tires, vehicle batteries, televisions, hazardous materials, and construction waste such as bathtubs, cabinetry or sheet rock.

To schedule a bulky waste pick-up, call Texas Disposal Systems at (512) 930-1715. Visit recycle.georgetown.org for more information.

April 24 - 26

Red Poppy Festival

Join in Georgetown's celebration of spring at the 16th annual Red Poppy Festival on the downtown Square April 24 - 26. The Saturday night concert and street dance starts at 7 p.m. with Two Tons of Steel, followed by John Michael Montgomery at 9 p.m. A Friday night kick-off concert at 7 p.m. on April 24 features Dysfunkshun Junkshun.

There is no admission charge for the concerts or other festival activities such as the car show, parade,



John Michael Montgomery

children's area, or vendor booths. 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 2015 Red Poppy Festival poster will be on sale for \$5 each starting April 3 at the Visitors Center at 103 W. Seventh Street. T-shirts will be available at the Festival. For a full schedule and all the details, go to RedPoppyFestival.com.



The third annual Chase the Chief 5K and Fun Run is Sunday, April 12 from 1 to 5 p.m. in San Gabriel Park. The event is sponsored by the Georgetown ISD Council of PTAs and the Georgetown Police Department and presented by the Georgetown Health Foundation. Chase the Chief features a 5K, a 3/4-mile Fun Run, and Tot Trot. Other activities include music, police department obstacle courses, a fitness fair, a GISD School Nurses' Fair, and healthy foods and snacks. Registration is \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. For details or to register, go to GeorgetownCouncilPTA.org.

Sign Provides History at Cemetery

Established in 1906, the Citizen's Memorial Garden Cemetery on Memorial Drive is the final resting place for generations of African American residents of Georgetown. The cemetery is on the north side of University Avenue near Wolf Ranch Parkway.

A 2013 survey of the seven-acre cemetery revealed at least 511 unmarked graves, as well as 306 plots with headstones. Unmarked graves may have had metal plaques that deteriorated or were removed, had markers that were not inscribed, or markers which lettering has weathered away. A new interpretive



sign at the cemetery provides historical information and identifies marked graves with a listing of names and shows white squares in the locations of unmarked graves.

The survey and interpretive sign were funded by a \$7,000 grant from the Texas Historical Commission and a \$7,000 match from the City of Georgetown.

April 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.gtfgma.org

Wolf Ranch Farmers Market, Saturdays
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,
Wolf Ranch Town Center,
1015 W. University Avenue,
WolfRanchFarmersMarket.com.

First Friday, April 3

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

Market Days, April 11

Handmade arts and crafts, food, and more on the Square from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details at TheGeorgetownSquare.com.

The Palace Theater

Spamalot, April. 17 - May 17
Details at GeorgetownPalace.com, or call (512) 869-7469.

Season Finale Concert, April 26

The Georgetown Symphony Society presents the Temple Symphony Orchestra performing Beethoven, Arutiunian, and Tchaikovsky with David Scott on trumpet at 4 p.m., GHS Klett Center for the Performing Arts. Details and tickets at www.gsstx.org or call (512) 864-9591.

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