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Pictured in the photo are (left to right) Officer Fred Pitcher, Sgt. Jamieson Allen, Lt. Jim Seals, Capt. Evelyn McLean, Asst. Chief Cory Tchida, and Chief Wayne Nero.

#### SafeTrade Site

The Georgetown Police Department has joined SafeTrade, a national initiative for safely completing online transactions when meeting in person. SafeTrade encourages users of Craigslist or similar online sites to insist on "SafeTrade" by conducting transactions only at a local police or sheriff's office.

"We are in the business of protecting and this was an easy way for us to promote a safer transaction between buyers and sellers of merchandise," says Capt. Evelyn McLean of the Georgetown Police Department.

The lobby of the Public Safety
Operations and Training Center is
available during business hours as a
SafeTrade location. The parking lot
is available 24-hours. Capt. McLean
adds, "Georgetown Police
Department encourages traders to
conduct business during daylight
hours. All sales are civil matters and
officers should not be called on to
intervene."

The Georgetown Police Department is located at the Public Safety Operations and Training Center, 3500 D.B. Wood Road, Georgetown, TX, 78628.

## **Georgetown on Safest Cities List**

Georgetown is on the 2015 safest cities in Texas list, released earlier this summer by SafeWise, a home security company. Georgetown is ranked 27 among the 50 Safest Cities in Texas. The annual ranking is based on FBI Crime Report statistics. See the full list at www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-texas-2015.



### **Good Neighbor Fund**

The Good Neighbor Fund is sponsored by The City of Georgetown. The program, administered by The Caring Place, assists eligible Georgetown Utility customers who are unable to pay their utility bill. Now it's easier than ever to donate to the fund on your monthly utility bill. Make a pledge online at customercare.georgetown.org.

Each year the need far exceeds the funds available. When you sign up for The Good Neighbor Fund, the amount that you designate will be added to your monthly bill. Make a monthly pledge, change it, or discontinue at any time. Questions? Contact the City Customer Care Center at (512) 930-3640, or customercare@georgetown.org.

## What Can I Recycle?

# Yes

Cardboard (corrugated,
paperboard, paper egg cartons)
Gable-top cartons (such as milk
or juice cartons)
Glass bottles: all colors
Metal cans: aluminum, steel
Newspaper, magazines
Office paper, mailings, envelopes
Phone books
Plastics #1 - #7
Yellow Bag-the-Bag (tied closed)

\* Yellow Bag-the-Bag items include plastic bags, newspaper bags, ziplock bags, six-pack rings, plastic wrap, plastic packaging, and cereal box liners.

Please rinse out bottles, containers, or cans. For more about recycling and solid waste, including pickup schedules, go to recycle.georgetown.org.

# No

Aerosol cans
Batteries
CDs/DVDs
Containers with food
on them
Light bulbs
Loose plastic bags
Paper towels
Snack bags (such as
chip bags)
Styrofoam
Tissues
Yard waste

#### **Georgetown Public Library**



Contemplation and Infinite Possibilities sculptures

## **Sculpture Show**

The Texas Society of Sculptors holds their eighth annual summer show in the Georgetown Public Library from June 28 through September 25. The pieces pictured here, Contemplation by Julie Kemper (above), and Infinite Possibilities by Joe Kenney (right), are two of about 60 works of art included in the exhibit.

Look for award-winning pieces from the July sculpture competition, judged by Sarah C. Bancroft, who has held curatorial positions at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum and the Orange County Museum of Art.

Sculpture pieces are on display throughout the library and can be viewed during open hours. See library.georgetown.org for details.

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Summer Reading Programs

The Summer Reading Program—Every Hero Has a Story—will come to a close with a Super Grand Finale Party on August 4 at 10:30 a.m. Dance and sing with performer Joe McDermott. The winner of the iPad Mini will be announced. The children's staff will be dressed as the winning Reading Team's superheroes. Come to the finale dressed as



Avengers, Guardians of the Galaxy, and the Justice League. Kids can log their hours or books read until August 1. Join us for a fun summer finale party, even if you haven't participated in the reading program. This event is free and open to kids (ages 0 - 12) and their families.

your favorite superhero! This year's

Reading Teams consist of X-Men,

#### **Summer Concerts**

## **Music on the Square**

Music on the Square continues on Friday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring a camp chair for these free concerts on the Courthouse lawn. The August lineup:

Aug. 7 - Cowboy Nemo playing classic country

Aug. 14 - Howlin' Waters playing rock and roll

Aug. 21 - Kill the Noise playing 90's covers

Aug. 28 – Franklin's Tower playing upbeat bluegrass

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

## **August Events**

#### The Palace Theater

Hank Williams: Lost Highway, July 17 – Aug. 16 Damn Yankees, Aug. 28 – Sept. 27 Details at GeorgetownPalace.com, or call (512) 869-7469.

#### First Friday, Aug. 7

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

#### Market Days, Aug. 8

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

## Movies in the Park, Aug. 13

Parks and Recreation will be showing the movie *Big Hero 6* (PG) starting at 8:45 p.m. This free family event is at the gazebo in San Gabriel Park.

#### Live Music at the Library, August 23

Minnie and Ella Jordan play swing, hot jazz, and standards from the '20s and '30s in a free concert from 2 to 4 p.m. in the lobby of the Public Library, 402 W. Eighth Street. A gift of the Friends of the Georgetown Public Library.

## **Help Reduce Mosquito Threat**

The City of Georgetown continues to work with the Williamson County and Cities Health District to trap and test mosquitos this summer. Mosquitos are tested each week at the state health lab for West Nile Virus. No mosquitos from Williamson County have tested positive for the virus yet this year.

To help reduce mosquitos and the risk of West Nile Virus:

**Drain** plant trays, wading pools, buckets, pet dishes, and other containers.

**Defend** against mosquitos with an insect repellant.

**Dress** with long sleeves when outdoors, especially at dawn and dusk.

For more on mosquito control efforts, go to the WCCHD website at www.wcchd.org.