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New Sidewalk to Mitchell Elementary

A sidewalk nearly a mile long that provides the only safe route for walkers and bicyclists to get to Mitchell Elementary School officially opened October 8. The opening event was held on International Walk or Bike to School Day. A federal grant of \$545,208 through the Safe Routes to Schools program

funded the sidewalk from Mitchell Elementary to Belmont Drive along SE Inner Loop. Officials cutting the ribbon on the new sidewalk included Mitchell Principal Rob Dyer (with scissors), Congressman John Carter, Williamson County Commissioner Valerie Covey, and Mayor Dale Ross.



The Georgetown Main Street Program encourages you to Shop Small and Shop Georgetown during the holiday season.

Life-Sciences Center Lands Federal Grant

The Texas Life-Sciences Collaboration Center received a federal grant in October to assist in the recruitment of foreign companies to Georgetown. The \$300,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration will support a center within TLCC to facilitate relocation of foreign life science manufacturing companies, with particular focus on Korean companies. Georgetown Mayor Dale Ross, Congressman

John Carter, and Michael Douglas, executive director of TLCC, spoke at the grant announcement on October 9 in the new TLCC building currently under construction. The new facility will include clean-room manufacturing space for the production of biotech materials, implant devices, pharmaceuticals, and other products.



Collectible Christmas Ornament

A limited-edition collectible brass Christmas ornament featuring the Old Williamson County Jail goes on sale in mid-November. The cost of the ornament is \$20 plus tax.



The eighth annual ornament sale is a project of the Georgetown Main Street Program. Ornaments can be purchased at the Visitors Center at 103 E. Seventh Street.

All proceeds fund the "Light Up the Square" campaign to help add more holiday lighting in downtown.

City Boards and Commissions

The City of Georgetown is accepting applications to fill vacant or expiring terms on the City's boards or commissions. The deadline to apply for one of these volunteer positions is January 9. Terms begin in March. Information and applications are available at www.georgetown.org.

Holiday Closings

City offices closed Dec. 24, Dec. 25, and Jan. 1, 2015

No solid waste or recycling pickup on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. For both holidays: Thursday pickup slides to Friday Friday slides to Saturday

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

The Palace Theater

Shrek The Musical,
Nov. 21 – Dec. 30
Details at GeorgetownPalace.com,
or call (512) 869-7469.

Candlelight Service,

December 4
Enjoy this free holiday tradition in the chapel at 6 and 8 p.m. at Southwestern University. The service includes carols and music from the university chorale.

Christmas Stroll,

December 5 – 6
Come to the 34th annual downtown Christmas Stroll with art and craft vendors, Bethlehem Village, Santa's North Pole and Toy Shop, and Whoovillage with free activities for children. The Stroll parade starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Photos with Santa 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Festival hours are 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday. Details at www.TheGeorgetownSquare.com.

Sun City Holiday Home Tour,

December 5 – 7
The annual Kiwanis Holiday Home Tour features six homes professionally decorated for the holidays. Tours are Dec. 5 from 4 to 7 p.m., Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Advance tickets are \$10 at Sun City CA office or First Texas Bank in Sun City. Tickets \$15 at the door. Proceeds support children and youth programs. Details at www.SunCityKiwanisGT.org.



Georgetown Public Library

Edible Construction Extravaganza

The 13th annual Edible Construction Extravaganza, a.k.a., the Gingerbread Contest, is a holiday tradition at the Georgetown Public Library. It's time to start planning your edible edifice. All building materials must be food products. Entries should not exceed 18 by 18 inches. A firm base for the structure is recommended.

Builders can create original designs or use a kit. Contest categories for original designs made by one person are ages 8 and younger, ages 9-12, ages 13-17, and ages 18 and older.

Other categories are original designs made by two or more persons and a category for entries made from kits, including kits that have been enhanced. After voting by the public, the library will award a \$25 gift card for each category.

Bring your entries to the children's room at the library December 5 – 8 (at least 30 min. prior to closing). Check library hours at library.georgetown.org or call (512) 930-3551. Voting is December 9 – 14 and winners will be announced December 15.

Blue Santa Collects Toys at Stroll Parade

Georgetown Blue Santa is collecting toys for kids at the Christmas Stroll Parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 6. New, unwrapped toys will be collected by Blue Santa Elves along the parade route. Blue Santa is a program of the Georgetown Police Department to provide toys to children in need in Georgetown. New, unwrapped toys also can be brought to donation barrels at many Georgetown locations.



Programs, 809 MLK Jr. St., Georgetown, TX, 78626. Donate \$15 or more to Georgetown Blue Santa and you'll receive a collectable Blue Santa Elf lapel pin. For application information, donation events, and barrel locations, go to BlueSanta.Georgetown.org.

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Checks to "CPAAA Blue Santa" should be sent to the Georgetown Police Department, c/o CPAAA

Trout Fishing Derby,

December 6
Georgetown Parks and Recreation sponsors this annual fishing-fest at San Gabriel Park from 7 to 10:30 a.m. Participation is open to all, but you must be registered in order to

win prizes. Any trout caught wins a prize. (Prizes are first come, first serve.) Tickets are \$3. Fishing permit required for those age 17+. All registration starts at 7 a.m. on Dec. 6. Details: parks.georgetown.org.

Symphony Society Holiday Concert,

December 7
Annual Georgetown Symphony Society holiday concert with the Temple Symphony Orchestra at 4 p.m. in the GHS Klett Center. Guest performances by the San Gabriel Chorale and the Temple College Chorale. Tickets (\$30, \$25, \$5) at Sun City CA office, at the door, and at www.gsstx.org, or call (512) 864-9591.

Breakfast with Santa,

December 13
The 14th annual pancake Breakfast with Santa is from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Community Center, 445 E. Morrow Street. Georgetown firefighters will be making pancakes and sausage served with juice and coffee. Kids can have a picture taken with Santa and get up close to a fire truck. Tickets are \$6 at the door or in advance at Fire Station 5. Sponsored by the Sun City Rotary, Extended School Enrichment Program, and the Georgetown Fire Department. Proceeds benefit needy families in Georgetown.

Holiday Home Tour,

December 13 – 14
The annual Georgetown Heritage Society Holiday Home Tour will feature five homes in Georgetown's new Olive Street Historic District. This year the event will include a Saturday evening candlelight tour amid the glow of holiday lights, Christmas carolers, and food trucks. Saturday hours are 1 to 8 p.m. and Sunday hours are 12 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance at Artisans Connect Gallery, The Escape, Georgetown Antique Mall, Sun City CA office, Visitors Center, and online at georgetownheritagesociety.org. Tickets are \$20 at the tour. A holiday tour preview party on Friday, December 12 will include a Jazz band, food, and cocktails at a mid-century home on Olive Street. (Preview party tickets are \$60 and must be purchased in advance.) Grace Heritage Center, 811 S. Main Street, (512) 869-8597.