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## FM 1460 Project Breaks Ground

Construction on the FM 1460 project gets underway in November. The two-year project by the Texas Department of Transportation involves building a four-lane road in the 3.5 mile segment from Quail Valley Drive to University Boulevard.

FM 1460 is a key north-south arterial between Georgetown and Round Rock. Currently FM 1460 is a two-lane road with no shoulders.

The new four-lane road with turn lanes will provide increased safety and mobility between the hospitals and higher education facilities in Round Rock and residential and employment areas in Georgetown.

Georgetown residents voted to approve transportation bonds in

2008 authorizing funds for the project. The total cost of the project is \$34.7 million, including \$13 million from the City of Georgetown, \$11.4 million in federal funding, \$7.8 million in state funding, and \$2.6 million from the City of Round Rock and Williamson County.



## Collectible Christmas Ornament

A limited-edition collectible brass Christmas ornament featuring the Cullen Building at Southwestern University is now on sale. The cost of the ornament is \$20 plus tax. The ninth annual ornament sale is a project of the Georgetown Main Street Program. Ornaments can be purchased at the Visitors Center, 103 W. Seventh Street. All proceeds fund Main Street projects and the Façade Fund Grant Program.



## 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 5. 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.



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](http://BlueSanta.Georgetown.org).



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

## 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 8. Terms begin in March. Information and applications are available at [www.georgetown.org](http://www.georgetown.org).

## Holiday Closings

City offices closed Dec. 24, Dec. 25, and Jan. 1, 2016

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

### The Palace Theater

*Beauty and the Beast*,  
Nov. 20 – Dec. 30  
Details at [GeorgetownPalace.com](http://GeorgetownPalace.com),  
or call (512) 869-7469.

### Candlelight Service, December 3

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 4 – 5

Come to the 35th annual downtown Christmas Stroll with art and craft vendors, Bethlehem Village, Santa's North Pole and Toy Shop, and Whoo-village with free activities for children. The Stroll parade starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Photos with Santa 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 to 7 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](http://www.TheGeorgetownSquare.com).

### Sun City Holiday Home Tour, December 4 – 6

The annual Kiwanis Holiday Home Tour features seven homes professionally decorated for the holidays. Tours are Dec. 4 from 4 to 7 p.m., Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Dec. 6 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.SunCityGTKiwanis.org](http://www.SunCityGTKiwanis.org).

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## Georgetown Public Library

**Art:** The exhibit *Beyond Wax: Encaustic Art* by Carolyn Todd, Barra Gustafson, and NJ Weaver will be on display November 30 through December 26. This exhibit features a wide array of innovative paintings, monoprints, collages and assemblages created in the encaustic (beeswax) medium.

**Kids:** The annual Gingerbread Extravaganza is a holiday tradition at the Library. Each year creative structures made of ginger bread and other edible items are submitted and



displayed. Go to [library.georgetown.org](http://library.georgetown.org) to see the contest rules, details on when to submit entries, and the dates for contest voting. Check out the calendars at [library.georgetown.org](http://library.georgetown.org) for holiday festivities for kids, tweens and teens.

## Seasonal check: Irrigation Systems

During the winter months when grasses are dormant, the City's Conservation Department encourages you to turn off your irrigation system. You'll save on water and lower your utility bill.

When you turn off your system for the winter, it's also a good time to replace the battery on the controller. For tips on water conservation and optimizing your irrigation system, go to the water conservation pages at [conservation.georgetown.org](http://conservation.georgetown.org).

### Symphony Society Holiday Concert, December 6

The Georgetown Symphony Society presents the Temple Symphony Orchestra in its annual concert, *Home for the Holidays*, with soprano Priscilla Santana and baritone David Small, 4 p.m., Klett Center for the Performing Arts, 2211 N. Austin Ave. Details and tickets at [gsstx.org](http://gsstx.org) or call (512) 864-9591.

### Trout Fishing Derby, December 12

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. 12. Details: [parks.georgetown.org](http://parks.georgetown.org).

### Breakfast with Santa, December 12

The 15th 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 Support Services Office at the Public Safety Operations and Training Center, 3500 DB Wood Road. Sponsored by the Sun City Rotary, Extended School Enrichment Program, and the Georgetown Fire Department. Proceeds benefit needy families in Georgetown.

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### Jingle Bell Ride, December 12

The Jingle Bell (Bicycle) Ride starts at 6 p.m. at Blue Hole Park. This four-mile family ride on the hike and bike trail in San Gabriel Park will raise funds to support local and international projects. Sponsored by Georgetown Sunrise Rotary. Sign up online at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). Search for "Georgetown Jingle Bell Ride."

### Holiday Home Tour, December 12 – 13

The annual Georgetown Heritage Society Holiday Home Tour will feature four homes and one office building on Main Street. 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](http://GeorgetownHeritageSociety.org). Tickets are \$20 at the tour. Grace Heritage Center, 811 S. Main Street, (512) 869-8597..



### Live Music at the Library, December 20

The Austin Flute Project is a quartet that pushes the boundaries of flute chamber music. From 2 to 4 p.m. in the lobby at the Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth Street. Free and open to the public, this performance is a gift of the Friends of the Georgetown Public Library. Details at [library.georgetown.org](http://library.georgetown.org)