

GEORGETOWN CITY Reporter



VOL. II • NO. 2

A Publication of the City of Georgetown

February 2014



Jack Garey and Mayor George Garver

Garey Park Donation

The City accepted a final donation of 207 acres in December for the future development of the 528-acre Garey Park on RR 2243. The gift represents the final land donation resulting from an announcement in 2004 by Jack and Cammy Garey that they would donate their home and ranch to become a future City park. The gift also included a \$5 million matching grant to the City for the future development of the park.

Jack Garey told the council in December that the current value of the life gift, including the land, home, and the \$5 million cash gift, is \$21.5

million. The Gareys' donation is the largest gift the City has ever received. "We're deeply indebted to you and will thank you for many years to come," said Mayor George Garver.

The City completed a master plan in 2006 for the future development of Garey Park. In 2008, Georgetown voters approved \$35.5 million in parks bonds, including \$10 million to be used for the future development of Gary Park. The Parks and Recreation Department will begin the construction design work in 2014 to begin park development plans.

Cupid's Chase 5k and Fun Run

Register now for the 19th annual Cupid's Chase 5k and Fun Run on Saturday, February 1. The chip-timed 5k run/walk begins at 8 a.m. in downtown Georgetown at Seventh and Main streets and ends at the Bark Park on Holly Street. (A shuttle will take you back to the starting line.)

For the 5k, registration received on or before January 10 is \$18 for

those 13 or older and \$16 for seniors (55+) and children 12 and under. January 11 through 29, the registration cost is \$22 for all age groups. Registration at packet pick-up and race day is \$25 per person for all age groups.

The Kids Fun Run for children age 8 or younger starts at 7:30 a.m. The course is a loop around the Courthouse. Registration is \$10

before race day and \$15 on race day. T-shirts are not guaranteed if you register on race day.

Participants receive a Cupid's Chase Love 'Em or Leave 'Em T-shirt, while supplies last. Dogs on a leash are always welcome on the Cupid's Chase course.

Cupid's Chase is sponsored by Georgetown Parks and Recreation. To register online or for details, go to cupid.georgetown.org. Contact: Erin Ruyle at Erin.Ruyle@georgetown.org or (512) 930-8459.



Art for Animals



Art for Animals 2014: Wine, Chocolate, and Amore is a benefit auction on February 8. Just in time for Valentine's Day, this annual auction for animal lovers is sponsored by the Friends of the Georgetown Animal Shelter.

Art for Animals features art, chocolate desserts, and wine or coffee from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Community Center, 445 E. Morrow Street.

Admission includes a variety of chocolate desserts and gourmet coffee. Wine tickets will be available for sale at the door.

Each attendee has a chance to win a \$250 gift card (must be present to win).

Tickets are \$10 per person or \$12 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the Visitors Center, 103 W. Seventh Street; Georgetown Animal

Shelter, 110 W.L. Walden Drive; or Framers Gallery, 610 S. Main Street.

The City of Georgetown Animal Shelter is at 110 W.L. Walden Drive. The website is pets.georgetown.org.



City of Georgetown 2013 Employee Awards



Cory Tchida
Police
Department
**Manager
of the Year**



Leticia Zavala-Jones
Customer Care
**Manager
of the Year**



Clay Shell
Georgetown Fire
Department
**Manager
of the Year**



Eric Lashley
Georgetown
Public Library
**Manager
of the Year**



Andrew Spurgin
Planning and
Zoning
**Manager
of the Year**



Laura Maloy
Human
Resources
**Manager
of the Year**



Glenn Dishong
Georgetown
Utility Systems
**Manager
of the Year**

Good Neighbor Fund

The Good Neighbor Fund helps those in the community facing a crisis, such as a medical emergency or job loss. Now it's easier than ever to donate on your monthly utility bill. Make a pledge online at billing.georgetown.org.

The fund is administered by The Caring Place and provides utility bill assistance to those in need. Each year the need far exceeds the funds available.

You can donate to the Good Neighbor Fund if you are currently signed up for automatic monthly bank or credit card drafts. Make a monthly pledge, change it, or discontinue at any time. Questions? Contact the City Customer Care Center at (512) 930-3640, or customer-care@georgetown.org.

The *Georgetown City Reporter* is a publication of the City of Georgetown Public Communications Department, P.O. Box 409, Georgetown, Texas, 78627. For questions or comments, contact Keith Hutchinson, public communications manager, at (512) 930-3690 or by email at keith.hutchinson@georgetown.org.

Reporter



Sandra Arnold
Customer Care
**Employee
of the Year**



David Munk
Water Services
**Employee
of the Year**



Craig Owen
Georgetown Fire
Department
**Employee
of the Year**



Michele Harber
Georgetown
Public Library
**Employee
of the Year**



Chris Pousson
Water Services
**Customer Service
Employee
of the Year**



Nicole Abrego
Accounting
**Customer Service
Employee
of the Year**



Robert Gaylor
Parks and
Recreation
**Supervisor
of the Year**



Julie Dominguez
Code
Enforcement
**Supervisor
of the Year**



David Thomison
Water Services
**Supervisor
of the Year**

February Events

The Palace Theater

Lend Me a Tenor, Jan. 10 – Feb. 2
Cats, Feb. 14 – Mar. 23
Details at
GeorgetownPalace.com, or call
(512) 869-7469.

First Friday, February 7

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

Symphony Society Concert, February 16

The Georgetown Symphony Society presents the Round Rock Symphony in *A Spanish Fantasy* of works by Richard Strauss, Rimsky-Korsakov and Joaquin Rodrigo, featuring guitarist Thomas Echols at the GHS Klett Center for the Performing Arts at 4 p.m. Free pre-concert lecture by Dr. Ellsworth Peterson at 3:15 p.m. in the Little Theatre. Tickets available at both Georgetown HEBs or at the door. Information and ticket pricing at www.gsstx.org or at (512) 864-9591.