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## Georgetown Swirl Saturday, March 7

Sip, Savor, Shop... and swirl around the Square at the sixth annual Georgetown Swirl from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy an evening of shopping in downtown Georgetown while sampling Texas wines and dining on cuisine from local restaurants. Live jazz music will help set the festive mood. Swirl goers also will find one-of-a-kind gifts and samples of rich desserts and coffees at participating retailers.

Only 550 tickets are sold and typically sell out in advance. The cost is \$45 per person. Go to [Swirl.Georgetown.org](http://Swirl.Georgetown.org) for details and tickets. (Event tickets sold online only.) All proceeds benefit the Main Street Program Facade and Sign Grant Program.



## Public Safety Operations and Training Center



The Georgetown Police Department and Fire Administration moved to the new Public Safety Operations and Training Center at 3500 DB

Wood Road on February 2. The facility is the new home for the Police Department, the City's emergency operations center, emergency

communications, and other public safety functions. Watch for details at [georgetown.org](http://georgetown.org) about a public open house for the new center.

## Alarm Permit Renewals

If you have a security alarm on your home or business, you can now renew your annual alarm permit online at [alarmpermits.georgetown.org](http://alarmpermits.georgetown.org). The annual alarm permit registration is \$25. Paper applications also are available at [alarmpermits.georgetown.org](http://alarmpermits.georgetown.org) or stop by a City office to pick one up.

## Citizen Police Academy

The Citizen Police Academy is a 10-week course taught by police officers. The Academy provides an inside view of the Georgetown Police Department. The curriculum includes laws and code of criminal procedure, criminal and accident investigations, weapons, crime scene investigations, victim services, hostage negotiations, gangs, officer safety, and the court system.

Classes are Thursdays from March 26 through May 28. Sessions are 6 to 8 p.m. in the training room at the new Public Safety Operations and Training Center at 3500 DB Wood Road. Download an application at [cpa.georgetown.org](http://cpa.georgetown.org) or stop by the Police Department. The deadline to apply is March 13. A background check will be conducted on all applicants, who must be 18 or older.

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## Georgetown Public Library Spring Break Activities

During the week of Georgetown ISD spring break March 16 – 20, bring the kids to the library to read, check out books or DVDs, and participate in these free events.

**Frozen party:** Join us on Monday, March 16 at 1 p.m. for a *Frozen* party. Enjoy frozen crafts, treats and watch the sing-a-long version of the movie. Children are invited to come in costume, *Let it Go*, and sing with the movie.

**Children's Tea Party:** The annual Children's Tea Party is on Wednesday, March 18 at 2 p.m. Put on your poodle skirts and leather jackets and join us for a 1950's sock hop! This theme was chosen to kick off a year of celebration for the Georgetown Public Library's 50th anniversary. Registration is required. Stop by the Children's Desk beginning March 2 to sign up. Free tickets while supplies last.

**Lego Day:** Come over on Friday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for Lego Day. Drop in to build, create, and race Legos with Learning Fun 101!

Visit the library website at [library.georgetown.org](http://library.georgetown.org) for details or call (512) 930-3551.

## March Events

### The Palace Theater

*Anything Goes*, Feb. 27 – Mar. 29  
Details at [GeorgetownPalace.com](http://GeorgetownPalace.com), or call (512) 869-7469.

### First Friday, March 6

Downtown live music, shops, and restaurants are open late. See the Downtown Georgetown Association website at [TheGeorgetownSquare.com](http://TheGeorgetownSquare.com).

### Family Pops Concert, March 8

The Georgetown Symphony Society presents the Temple Symphony Orchestra performing *Rhapsody in Blue* and other Gershwin favorites at 4 p.m., GHS Klett Center for the Performing Arts. Details & tickets at [www.gsstx.org](http://www.gsstx.org) or (512) 864-9591.

### Market Days, March 14

Handmade arts and crafts, food, and more on the Square from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details at [TheGeorgetownSquare.com](http://TheGeorgetownSquare.com).

### Georgetown Quilt and Stitchery Show, March 27 – 28

At the Community Center in San Gabriel Park 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day featuring a silent auction, tea room, scissor sharpening, vendors, and a raffle quilt. Admission \$6. For details go to [www.HandcraftsUnlimited.com](http://www.HandcraftsUnlimited.com).

### Eggstravaganza, March 28

Free annual egg hunt with 25,000 candy eggs at McMaster Athletic Complex on N. College Street. The start horn sounds promptly at 9 a.m. Arrive by 8:45 a.m. Age categories are 2 and under, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-10. Each age division has their own hunt.

## Green Waste Collection

For City of Georgetown residents in the city limits, seasonal curbside yard trimmings or green waste pickups start March 2 and continue through May 29.

Collections are every-other-week. Branches should be bundled with twine and no more than four feet in length. Compostable brown paper lawn and leaf bags can be used for leaves, grass, or other

organic material. Containers marked as "yard" also can be used. A maximum of 20 bags, bundles, or containers can be picked up per collection.

Not sure of your yard trimmings collection days?

Look up your schedule at [recycle.georgetown.org](http://recycle.georgetown.org), or call Texas Disposal Systems at (512) 930-1715.

## Tax Return Help

### Public Library

Through tax day on April 15, volunteers will offer free and confidential tax preparation assistance at the Georgetown Public Library at 402 W. Eighth Street at these times:

Tues. and Thurs., 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 12 to 4 p.m.  
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Volunteers will help prepare e-file or mail-in returns, prior year returns, amended returns, or extensions and help you find answers to tax questions. Bring a copy of your return from last year if possible since, for e-filers, the AGI number (bottom line on front of 1040/A/EZ) is your verification PIN for this year. This volunteer service is provided without regard to income level. Appointments are on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Williamson County Financial Stability Coalition

Free and confidential tax preparation help is available from IRS-certified preparers to those who qualify. No appointment is necessary.

The Williamson County Financial Stability Coalition, a community-wide effort led by United Way of Williamson County, is sponsoring the assistance. IRS-certified volunteers will be available to the elderly and households earning less than \$53,000 in 2014 across Williamson County. Taxpayers are eligible to have their 2014 federal income tax returns filed at no charge at these sites in Georgetown:

### Farmers Markets

**Sun City Market, Tuesdays**  
9 a.m. to Noon,  
2 Texas Drive at Social Center

### The Caring Place Annex,

2001 Railroad Street  
January 28 through April 15  
Wednesdays from 12 to 8:30 p.m.  
Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Sun City Cowan Creek Amenity Center,

1433 Cool Spring Way  
January 30 through April 10  
Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All returns are filed electronically. For a list of items to bring to an appointment or additional information, visit [WilcoFreeTaxPrep.org](http://WilcoFreeTaxPrep.org) or email [info@unitedway-wc.org](mailto:info@unitedway-wc.org) or call (512) 255-6799.

**Georgetown Market, Thursdays**  
3:30 - 6:30 p.m., Church of Christ,  
1525 W. University Ave.  
Details at [www.gtfma.org](http://www.gtfma.org)

**Wolf Ranch Farmers Market, Saturdays**  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,  
Wolf Ranch Town Center,  
1015 W. University Avenue,  
[WolfRanchFarmersMarket.com](http://WolfRanchFarmersMarket.com).