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## November 4 Election

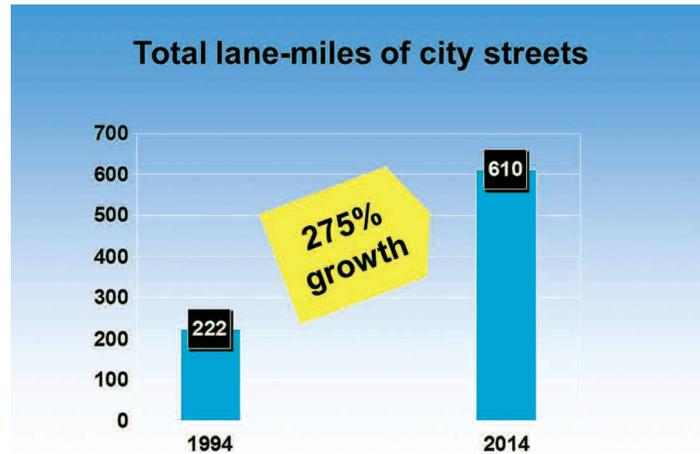
**Early Voting:**  
October 20 – 31

**Election Day:**  
November 4

Details at  
[www.georgetown.org](http://www.georgetown.org).

In 2002, 2006, and 2010, Georgetown voters approved a quarter-of-one-cent sales tax to be used only for street maintenance. This dedicated 0.25 percent sales tax has a four year sunset provision. Reauthorization of the street maintenance sales tax is on the November 4 ballot in Georgetown.

## Prop1: Street Maintenance Sales Tax



### Growth of Street Network:

Since 1994, the City's street network has grown from 222 lane miles to 610 lane miles. That's 275 percent growth in 20 years.

### Street Maintenance Funding:

The quarter-cent sales tax provides the majority of funding for street maintenance in Georgetown. Quarter-cent sales tax revenue of \$19.2 million has been dedicated to

street maintenance in Georgetown since it went into effect in 2003.

### No Increase to Tax Rate:

This proposition does not increase the sales tax rate. The measure does generate revenue to pay for maintenance on streets all over the city.

### Shoppers Pay Sales Tax:

Unlike a property tax, anyone shopping in Georgetown pays the 0.25 percent sales tax for street maintenance. This includes people shopping in stores, eating at restaurants, or making other retail purchases in Georgetown.

### Voter Approval:

If approved by voters, quarter-cent sales tax revenue for streets continues until March 2019. If it is not approved, revenue stops in April 2015.



Finance and Administration employees pictured include (left to right) in front row: Jodi Levie, Micki Rundell, and Lisa Haines; second row: La'Mar Kemp, Karrie Pursley, Terry McCord, and Becky Huff; third row: Chris Foster, Danella Elliott, Amy Fancher, Susan Morgan, and Paul Diaz.

## City Budget Wins Award for 25th Year

For the 25th consecutive year, the City of Georgetown was given a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The award was presented to the Finance and Administration

Department for the 2013/2014 budget.

GFOA rates budget documents in four categories, including how well the budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations

guide, and a communications device.

According to GFOA, "The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the government body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting."

## Daylight Saving Time Ends Nov. 2

Time to change your smoke alarm batteries.

A message from the Georgetown Fire Department.

## Thanksgiving Holiday

City offices closed Nov. 27 – 28. No solid waste or recycling pickup on Nov. 27. Thursday pickup slides to Friday, Friday slides to Saturday.

**Nov. 4 Election**  
Polling places and times:  
[wilco.org/elections](http://wilco.org/elections)

## November 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.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).

### The Palace Theater

*The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*,  
Oct. 3 – Nov. 2  
*Shrek The Musical*,  
Nov. 21 – Dec. 30  
Details at [GeorgetownPalace.com](http://GeorgetownPalace.com),  
or call (512) 869-7469.

### First Friday, November 7

Downtown live music, shops, and  
restaurants are open late.  
Best of Georgetown, TX winners  
will be announced at 704 S.  
Austin Avenue at 6:30 p.m. See  
the Downtown Georgetown  
Association website at  
[TheGeorgetownSquare.com](http://TheGeorgetownSquare.com).

### Southwestern Homecoming Parade, November 7

Come and cheer for the Pirates at  
the 2014 Southwestern  
Homecoming Parade on Main  
Street. Southwestern student  
organizations, alumni, faculty, and  
staff will ride through the Square  
at this First Friday event starting at  
5:30 p.m. A pep rally on the east  
steps of the Courthouse follows  
the parade.

### Market Days, November 8

Handmade arts and crafts, food,  
and more on the Square from 10  
a.m. to 5 p.m. Details at  
[TheGeorgetownSquare.com](http://TheGeorgetownSquare.com).



Come out to the fifth annual AirFest  
on Saturday, November 8 at the  
Georgetown Municipal Airport.  
Hours are 12 noon to 5 p.m. Find  
all the details at  
[AirFest.Georgetown.org](http://AirFest.Georgetown.org).

See the Ford Tri-Motor, a 1929  
metal aircraft that was the first mass-  
produced airliner. Book rides in the  
Ford Tri-Motor owned by the EAA  
on November 6 – 9 at the  
Georgetown Municipal Airport. (Go  
to [caa.org](http://caa.org) to book a ride.)

Get up close to WW II-era warbirds  
like the P-51 Mustang “Pecos Bill”  
fighter plane, the Douglas R4D  
Skytrain, and the C-47 Southern  
Cross, an Army version of a DC-3.  
Climb inside and tour the R4D or  
C-47 for a small fee. Take a ride in a

Vietnam-era Huey helicopter or the  
C-47 for a fee.

Pilot’s Choice Aviation and Genesis  
Flight Academy will offer flying les-  
sons for a small fee. The EAA Young  
Eagles program will offer free flights  
to youth ages 8 – 17 while seats are  
available. (Young Eagles flights will  
be 8 a.m. to noon on Nov. 8.)

Watch the precision formation flying  
team Falcon Flight perform in the  
air. More than 200 classic and vin-  
tage cars will be on the taxiway with  
the featured aircraft.

Donations to support AirFest and a  
canned food donation for The  
Caring Place are encouraged at the  
event. Get all the details at  
[AirFest.Georgetown.org](http://AirFest.Georgetown.org).

## Yard Trimmings Collections



Seasonal yard trimmings collections start on  
November 3 for residential customers in the City  
of Georgetown. Collections are every-other-week  
and alternate with recycling collection days on  
your regular solid waste collection day.

Branches should be tied in bundles no more than  
four feet long or 35 pounds. Leaves or twigs can  
be put in compostable kraft paper bags available at  
local hardware stores. There is a limit of 20 bags  
or bundles per collection day. Material in plastic  
bags will be disposed as solid waste and landfilled.

Yard trimmings collections continue through January 9. Look up your  
collection schedule by street address at [recycle.georgetown.org](http://recycle.georgetown.org)

## November Events

### Ladies Nite Out, November 20

Kick off the Shop Small business  
holiday shopping season on the  
Square at the 2nd Annual Ladies  
Nite Out, A Winter White Nite, a  
themed retail shopping event for  
women from 5 to 9 p.m.  
Businesses will offer demonstra-  
tions and personal services. Goody  
bags will be on sale prior to the  
event. Proceeds fund the Light up  
the Square holiday lighting by the  
Main Street Program. Go to  
[MainStreetGeorgetown.com](http://MainStreetGeorgetown.com) for  
details and tickets.

### Blue Santa McDonald’s Day, November 21

Eat at a McDonald’s in  
Georgetown 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and  
McDonald’s will donate 10 percent  
of sales to the Georgetown Blue  
Santa program to provide toys for  
children in need. Learn more at  
[BlueSanta.Georgetown.org](http://BlueSanta.Georgetown.org).

### Lighting of the Square, November 28

Come to the Most Beautiful Town  
Square in Texas for this annual tradi-  
tion on the Friday after Thanksgiving  
starting at 5:30 p.m. Sing along to  
Christmas carols and enjoy free  
cookies and hot chocolate as  
Georgetown lights up the Court-  
house Square for the holiday season.

### Shop Small Spree, November 29

On Small Business Saturday at 10  
a.m., four local small business  
names will be selected to be show-  
cased from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Visit all four stores to qualify for  
a drawing for a gift basket.

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