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## Public Safety Operations and Training Center Grand Opening



Mayor Dale Ross and City Council members cut the ribbon on July 10 to officially mark the grand opening of the City's new Public Safety Operations and Training Center at 3500 DB Wood Road.

The 76,000 square-foot main building of the new center houses all Police Department employees as

well as Fire Department administration, fire and life safety, plans review, and Code Enforcement employees. The center also houses the City's emergency operations center, 911 emergency communications center, crime lab, secure interview suite, volunteer area, victim services area, fitness area, locker rooms, defensive tactics training room, and large training room.

Training elements of the facility include a 17,000 square-foot tactical building with classrooms and reality-based training bay, as well as a slow-speed driving track.

Georgetown voters approved funding for the \$29.3 million facility in a bond election in 2011.

## Rain Barrel and Compost Bin Sale

Rain barrels and compost bins are for sale online through City of Georgetown Conservation Services. Rain barrels are available in a 50-gallon size for \$69 or a 65-gallon size for \$106. The deadline to order is September 13.

City of Georgetown utility customers will be eligible for a \$15 credit on your utility bill with an online rain barrel order. (One \$15 credit is available per utility account.) When you order online, you will be given a link at the bottom of the order form for a rebate application. Fill out and submit the application and the amount will be credited to your City of Georgetown utility account after you pick up your rain barrel. Compost bins also are available for \$65 each. (No credits available on compost bins.)

Rain barrels or compost bins ordered by the September 13 deadline can be picked up on Saturday, September 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Administration Building, 1101 N. College Street.

To order a rain barrel or compost bin, go to [RainBarrelProgram.org/Georgetown](http://RainBarrelProgram.org/Georgetown).

## Scenic City Certification

Georgetown is one of 58 cities in Texas to be awarded Scenic City certification. Georgetown was initially certified as a gold-level Scenic City in 2010 and was one of 20 cities to be certified or re-certified this summer.

The Scenic City program includes a variety of criteria such as parkland designation, landscaping, historic preservation, sign restrictions, litter prevention, and other standards for public places. Achieving the Scenic City certification recognizes regula-



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tions and programs that improve property values and help to attract new businesses. Scenic Texas, the sponsor of the cer-



tification program, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing the visual character of Texas.

## Labor Day

Monday, September 7

City offices and facilities are closed.

Williams Drive Pool is open, other outdoor pools are closed.

Regular solid waste and recycling collection on Monday.

## Sept. Events

### The Palace Theater

*Damn Yankees,*

Aug. 28 – Sept. 27

Details at

[GeorgetownPalace.com](http://GeorgetownPalace.com), or call (512) 869-7469.

### Senior Adult Dance, Sept. 4

A dance for those 55+ will be at the Community Center, 445 E. Morrow Street from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person, with registration at the Recreation Center until September 3 or at the door on September 4. Light refreshments and drinks provided. For more information contact Robert Staton at (512) 930-1367.

### First Friday, Sept. 4

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

### Market Days, Sept. 12

Handmade arts and crafts, food, and music on the Square from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details at [TheGeorgetownSquare.com](http://TheGeorgetownSquare.com).

### Georgetown Symphony Society Concert, Sept. 13

GSS launches its 16th season with a concert by the Temple Symphony Orchestra and guest violinist Ricardo Gómez at 4 p.m. at GHS Klett Center for the Performing Arts. For information on season tickets (seven concerts for the price of six) or individual tickets, go to [gstx.org](http://gstx.org) or call (512) 864-9591.

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You may have noticed a colorful new mural featuring jackalopes and an armadillo in downtown off the Square. Muralist Joseph Magnano was commissioned by the Arts and Culture Board to create the artwork on the back wall of the 1870 Shaffer Saddlery building at 711 S. Main Street. Magnano's design was selected from the nine proposals that were submitted.

### Georgetown Public Library Sculpture Show

The Texas Society of Sculptors summer show continues at the Georgetown Public Library through September 25. **Free sculpture demonstrations** will be held in the lobby of the library on Saturday, September 19 at 1 p.m. Several

sculptors whose work is in the show will demonstrate their techniques and processes in sculptural mosaics, modeling in wax and clay, and the creation of bronze sculpture. All are invited to attend.

### Best of Georgetown TX



Where is the best place to take kids in Georgetown? Where is the best lunch spot? The best dessert? The best wedding venue?

Tell us your favorites in the month of September during the Best of Georgetown, TX contest.

**Vote online at [shop.georgetown.org](http://shop.georgetown.org)** from September 1 to 30. Check out all the categories at [Bestof.Georgetown.org](http://Bestof.Georgetown.org).



**Going Up:** The first few floors are in place for the Sheraton hotel at the Rivery development. The Sheraton Georgetown Texas Hotel and Conference Center is on track to open by the end of 2016.

## Sept. Events

### Live Music at the Library, Sept. 20

Cactus Groove will perform jazz music served up smooth, prickly, and hot in a free concert from 2 to 4 p.m. in the lobby of the Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth Street. The concert is a gift of the Friends of the Georgetown Public Library.

### Georgetown Wine and Music Festival, September 26

At this fall festival on Main Street on the Courthouse Square, wineries will offer tastings with live music sponsored by the Downtown Georgetown Association. Hours are 4 to 8 p.m. Details at [TheGeorgetownSquare.com](http://TheGeorgetownSquare.com).

### Animal Shelter Garage Sale

The 16th annual Garage Sale to benefit the Georgetown Animal Shelter will be Friday and Saturday, September 18 – 19 at the Community Center, 445 E. Morrow Street in San Gabriel Park. Sale hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday and Saturday with no admission fee.

Sale proceeds benefit the animals at the Georgetown Animal Shelter. The annual event is sponsored by the Friends of the Georgetown Animal Shelter.

Contact the Animal Shelter by phone at (512) 930-3592 or by email at [animalsvc@georgetown.org](mailto:animalsvc@georgetown.org). The Georgetown Animal Shelter website is [pets.georgetown.org](http://pets.georgetown.org). The shelter is located at 110 W.L. Walden Street next to the McMaster Athletic Complex.