

Georgetown Reporter

News from the City of Georgetown and Georgetown Utility Systems

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City Events

Labor Day - September 5

City offices and facilities are closed. Williams Drive Pool is open; other outdoor pools are closed. Regular solid waste and recycling collection on Labor Day.

Health and Wellness Expo - September 10

The Health and Wellness Expo will be held at the Georgetown Recreation Center, 1003 N. Austin Avenue, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and the Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department, this event is free and open to the public.

The first 100 children will receive a free bike helmet and fitting! Also: healthy cooking and fitness demonstrations, chair massages, Take10 CPR training and choking aid training, Recreation Center tours, a photo booth, and more. Door prizes at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Free medical screenings include BMI, posture analysis, balance test, blood sugar test, spinal screenings, ear health exam, and auricular therapy. Local healthcare professionals will be available to talk about their services. georgetownchamber.org/healthexpo.

Chisholm Trail SUD Board Election

Three positions on the seven-member Chisholm Trail Special Utility District Board will be on the ballot for the November 8 election. The Board no longer has water utility responsibility but must continue to exist until legally allowed to dissolve. To find out more about the election, go to www.ctsud.org.

The transfer of the Chisholm Trail service area to the City of Georgetown water utility was approved by the Public Utility Commission in December. Customers in the former CTSUD water utility area are now served by the City of Georgetown.



Maketember

Maketember takes place at the Georgetown Public Library all through the month of September. The library will offer maker-themed programs for kids, teens, and adults. An all-ages Maker Day will cap off the month-long celebration of all things DIY on September 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. See details at library.georgetown.org.



Best of Georgetown TX

Where can you find the best comfort food in Georgetown? The best meeting and event venue? The best catering? The best place to volunteer?

Tell us your favorites in September during the Best of Georgetown, TX contest. Vote online at shop.georgetown.org from September 1 to 30. Check out all the categories at bestof.georgetown.org.

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Animal Shelter Garage Sale - September 23 & 24

The 17th annual Garage Sale to benefit the Georgetown Animal Shelter will be Friday and Saturday, September 23 – 24, at the Community Center on 445 E. Morrow Street in San Gabriel Park. Sale hours are 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day. No admission fee.

This year the shelter is hosting the sale for other people to sell their wares. Proceeds benefit the animals at the Georgetown Animal Shelter. The Friends of the Georgetown Animal Shelter sponsor this annual event.

Contact the Animal Shelter at (512) 930-3592 or at animalsvc@georgetown.org. The Georgetown Animal Shelter website is pets.georgetown.org.

Go Green

Water and Electricity Use Jumps

Daily water consumption for Georgetown water customers increased from 18 million gallons in early June to more than 30 million in July. That's an increase of nearly 70 percent. Energy consumption increased 18 percent. Given these big jumps in water and electric use, customers may see a significant increase in their utility bills.

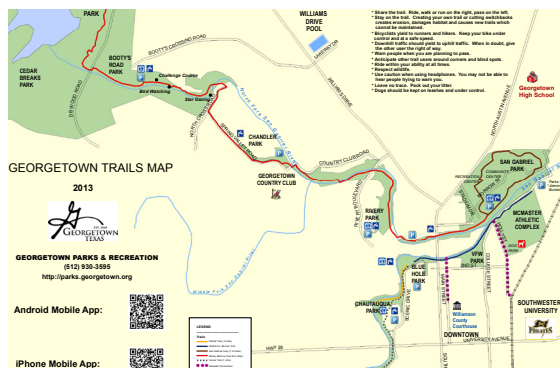
"This is a pattern we see each summer," says Leticia Zavala, customer care director for Georgetown Utility Systems. "When high temperatures hit the upper 90s or 100-degree mark, then utility bills reflect that a few weeks later."

During the hottest summer months, about 75 percent of the drinking water produced each day is used for lawn irrigation.

A few simple steps can help reduce your monthly bill. Here are some ways to save:

- Set your irrigation system to water only two days each week.
- Drop two or three minutes on the zone run times on your irrigation controller.
- Set your thermostat to 78 degrees or higher.
- Install a programmable thermostat that adjusts the temperature when you are not there.

For more ways to conserve water and electricity, go to gus.georgetown.org/conservation-programs. To see your regular watering days, go to water.georgetown.org.



City Maps Available

Large hard-copy wall maps from the City of Georgetown can now be purchased on the City's website. Maps include those showing zoning, streets, future land use, city limits and extra-territorial jurisdiction, Overall Transportation Plan, and city council districts. Maps in a 34 by 44 inch size as well as smaller sizes are available. The cost is \$20 per map. To see maps or order online, go to maps.georgetown.org/hardcopy-maps.



Sidewalk Improvements

A number of new sidewalks and new ADA sidewalk ramps are planned for 2017. Projects include improvements in Old Town, along Austin Avenue, and at signaled intersections throughout the city with \$2.2 million in proposed projects for 2017.

In July, the Streets Department made improvements to sidewalks along Seventh Street at Maple Street. The new sidewalk will provide an ADA accessible route for a Southwestern student who lives nearby and uses a power chair. Projects in 2017 will include many other locations to improve ADA accessibility. Funding for sidewalk projects was approved by Georgetown voters in the 2015 transportation bond election. For more information, go to bonds.georgetown.org.