

Georgetown Reporter

News from the City of Georgetown and Georgetown Utility Systems

City Events



Sept. 4-25 Art Guild Exhibit at Library

The Williamson County Art Guild exhibits 60 works

of art at the Georgetown Public Library Sept. 4-25, including 'It Takes a Worried Lion' by Lowana Carter (pictured above).

Sept. 4 Labor Day

- 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. 9 K-9 Kerplunk

Join the Georgetown Parks and Recreation department for a pool paw-ty. Friendly dogs and their owners are invited to an end of summer swim party at the Georgetown Recreation Center outdoor pool on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Just \$5 per dog, and humans get in free. Pet owners must show proof of current rabies vaccine upon entry. See full details and event rules at parks.georgetown.org.

Health and Wellness Expo

The third annual Georgetown Health and Wellness Expo is at the Georgetown Recreation Center, 1003 N. Austin Avenue on Saturday, Sept. 16. This free, public event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. is sponsored by the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and the Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department.

The first 100 children at the expo can receive a free bike helmet and fitting. Other activities include healthy cooking and fitness demonstrations, chair massages, Take 10 CPR training and choking aid training, Recreation Center tours, a photo booth, and more. Door prizes will be given away at 11:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. — must be present to win.

Free medical screenings include blood pressure, BMI, grip strength, posture analysis, balance test, blood sugar test, eye exam, spinal screenings, ear health exam, and auricular therapy. A number of local healthcare professionals also will be at the expo with information about their services. Visit the expo website at georgetownchamber.org/healthexpo.



Animal Shelter Retail Sale

The 18th annual sale to benefit the Georgetown Animal Shelter is called Retail for Tails and will be Friday and Saturday, Sept. 22-23 at the Community Center, 445 E. Morrow Street in San Gabriel Park. Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. No admission fee.

This year the shelter is hosting the sale for other people to sell their wares. 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 at (512) 930-3592 or at animalsvc@georgetown.org. The Georgetown Animal Shelter website is pets.georgetown.org.



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'Star Wars' in the Park

Come to the soccer fields at San Gabriel Park for an out-of-this-world experience. The Parks and Recreation department and the Georgetown Public Library are partnering to screen 'Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens' on Saturday, Sept. 16 at sundown. Arrive at 6:30 p.m. to get a good seat and to make some fun crafts, like a TIE fighter balloon ship or a glow stick lightsaber. This event is for all ages, open to the public, and free. Costumes are encouraged.



Sept. 17

Live Music at the Library

Peter Fletcher, classical guitarist, performs Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. at the Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth St.



Best of Georgetown, TX

Where can you find the best kid-friendly restaurant in Georgetown? Where is

the best live entertainment? The best hotel or bed and breakfast? The best boutique?

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

Go Green

Summer Watering

During the summer months, outside water use can account for 70 percent or more of your entire water bill. Adjusting the irrigation controller settings for the season can help manage your summer usage and avoid higher water bills.

Trying to keep your lawn green during the hottest summer months can lead to over-watering. Turf grass has the ability to go dormant during the hottest summer months.

Summer dormancy is a normal response to the stress of heat. Most turf grass plants can stay in a dormant state for a period of time without harm. By watering deeply once every two or three weeks during this dormant state, you can insure the turf grass remains healthy. Once you resume regular watering, it will green up again.

Now is a great time to have your irrigation controller professionally inspected to make sure it's set properly. To help defray this cost, Georgetown Utility Systems is offering a \$75 rebate for residential homeowner water customers who choose to have their system checked out by a licensed irrigator. Learn more by visiting us on the web at gus.georgetown.org/water/rebate.

Thermostat Settings

Summer weather has arrived, and as temperatures rise, air conditioning units work harder to keep us cool. Customers may notice an increase in energy usage during the summer months.

For example, in the spring, your air conditioning was set at a constant 76 and may have turned on 3-4 times per hour. In the summer, your air conditioner has to work much harder to maintain that constant temperature inside as temperatures increase outside. Your unit may start and run 6-8 times per hour, or possibly more. In this example, the unit is running at least twice as much as it did in the spring, which shows up on your energy bill.

Setting your thermostat above 78 degrees can save as much as 5 percent on your energy bill. The closer the inside temperature is to the outside temperature, the less your unit will have to run.

Consider having your bill averaged throughout the year. You will pay about the same every month and those high spikes in the summer months will be minimized.

For more information, contact Customer Care at (512) 930-3640.