

Georgetown Reporter

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City Events

April 8

Easter Eggstravaganza

The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department hosts the annual Easter egg hunt at San Gabriel Park. Children are grouped by age to hunt for 25,000 candy eggs, including a grand prize egg for each age division. Age divisions are 2 and younger, 3-5, and 6-8. Participants should arrive at San Gabriel Park at 8:45 a.m. Egg hunts for age 2 and younger will begin at 9 a.m., ages 3-5 at 9:15 a.m. and ages 6-8 at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call (512) 930-8459 or visit parks.georgetown.org/eggstravaganza.



Georgetown Public Library

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Congregation Havurah Shalom and the Georgetown Public Library will mark Holocaust Remembrance Day with a screening and discussion of the documentary film "Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War", followed by a moderated discussion Sunday, April 23, at 1 p.m. "Defying the Nazis" tells the story of Waitstill and Martha Sharp, an American minister and his wife. Over the course of two years, the Sharps made journeys to Europe where they rescued numerous refugees fleeing the Nazi occupations in Europe. "Defying the Nazis" explores the Sharps' work as well as the toll of their efforts on their own lives and those of their children, who were left in the care of their congregation in Massachusetts. A moderated discussion will follow the film. This event is free for the community, and does not require registration.



Georgetown ISD annual student art exhibit

More than 300 pieces of art from Georgetown ISD students in grades kindergarten through 12th will be on display at the Public Library April 4-12. There will be an opening reception Wednesday, April 5, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. honoring the artists and their families.

Artwork from elementary and middle school students will be showcased on the first floor of the library, and the second floor gallery space will showcase high school students' work. For details go to library.georgetown.org.

Library joins Assistance League for joint fundraiser

The Georgetown Public Library and Assistance League of Georgetown Area will host *An Evening in Paris* fundraiser Saturday, April 8, from 6-8 p.m. in the library. The event will feature live music and raffle items, including an oil painting and a trip for two to Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served as well as dessert and wine. Tickets are \$50 each, which includes one raffle ticket and are available for purchase at the library's circulation desk. Additional raffle tickets will be available for purchase during the event. More information is available at library.georgetown.org.

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April 28-30

Red Poppy Festival

The 18th annual Red Poppy Festival on the Downtown Square is April 28-30. Diamond Rio (pictured below) is the headliner at the Saturday night concert with Blue Water Highway as the opener. The Friday night concert features Groove Knight. Other festival highlights include the *Red Poppy Bike Ride* on Saturday at 8 a.m., the *Red Poppy Parade* on Saturday at 10 a.m., and the *Car Show* on Saturday at 11 a.m. There is a free shuttle from the First Baptist Church all day on Saturday. The official 2017 Red Poppy Festival poster is on sale for \$5 starting April 7 at the Visitors Center, located at 103 W. Seventh St. Artist Carla Clay will be at the Visitors Center April 7 from 6-8 p.m. signing posters. The first 50 posters are free. For all the details, go to redpoppyfestival.com.



Zero Waste Event

This year the organizers of the 2017 Red Poppy Festival will take a number of steps towards becoming a zero waste event. The goal is by 2021 for 90 percent or greater of the waste from the event to be recycled, composted, or otherwise diverted from the landfill. Our 2016 zero waste efforts resulted in 54 percent of the materials generated at the festival being diverted from the landfill. Food vendors are using only compostable plates, dishes, drinking straws, napkins, and cutlery. Composting and recycling stations will be available throughout the festival area. You can help to reach the zero waste goal if you bring reusable shopping bags and personal water containers to the event and use the recycling and composting stations at the festival.

Go Green

Household Hazardous Waste Vouchers

Doing some spring cleaning in the garage? Use a voucher from the City of Georgetown to safely dispose of household hazards like cans of paint or varnish, CFL light bulbs, batteries, and pesticides (materials cannot be from a personal home business, nor a commercial account). The vouchers allow residential customers with City of Georgetown active solid waste service accounts with to dispose of household hazards at the Williamson County Recycle Center at 495 CR 156, which is northeast of Georgetown on FM 971. Vouchers cover 100 percent disposal costs for in-City customers and 50 percent of disposal costs for out-of-City solid waste customers. One voucher per household may be requested every three months. Vouchers are redeemable for 14 days. Obtain a voucher in-person at Customer Care, Georgetown Municipal Complex, 300-1 Industrial Avenue or at the Collection Station, 250 W.L. Walden Drive. Bring a recent City of Georgetown utility bill and/or a photo ID. For details go to recycle.georgetown.org or call Customer Care at (512) 930-3640.

Use caution with outdoor chemicals this spring

Pool water and fertilizers can carry many substances that can make their way into local rivers and lakes through storm water runoff and pollute and harm our water, fish and other habitats. Chemicals that get added to pools for maintenance purposes are toxic to fish and other aquatic life. Swimming pool owners must first verify if pool water needs to be dechlorinated and take appropriate actions if necessary before draining. When possible, drain your swimming pool water into your yard in an area that will allow it to percolate into the ground. When applying fertilizer, follow the manufacturer's application instructions. If fertilizer spills onto the driveway or sidewalk, simply sweep it back onto your lawn. Never use a hose to wash spills into the street or other hard surface areas where they can easily enter storm drains. For more information, visit transportation.georgetown.org/storm-water-plan.



Faith in Action Georgetown expands hours

Georgetown nonprofit Faith in Action Georgetown will begin offering full-day office hours March 15 after receiving a federal transportation grant. The extended hours will allow the nonprofit to better serve its more than 500 clients,

FIAG Executive Director Vickie Orcutt said. The city sponsored the grant because FIAG will work alongside the city's fixed-route bus system that is expected to launch in August. FIAG provides transportation for clients age 65 and older who live in Georgetown or the extraterritorial jurisdiction and are able to get in and out of a vehicle without assistance. For more information about volunteering with FIAG or its services, call (512) 868-9544 or visit faithinactiongt.org.