

Georgetown Reporter

News from the City of Georgetown and Georgetown Utility Systems

City Events

Toys for Kids Blue Santa

Bring a toy for Blue Santa to the Stroll Parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 3. Blue Santa Elves will collect new, unwrapped toys on the parade route along Austin Avenue through the downtown Square. Blue Santa is a program of the Georgetown Police Department to provide toys to children in need in Georgetown. New, unwrapped toys can also be brought to donation barrels at many Georgetown locations.

Checks to "CPAAA Blue Santa" should be sent to the Georgetown Police Department, c/o CPAAA Programs, 3500 DB Wood Road, Georgetown, TX, 78628. Donate \$15 or more to Georgetown Blue Santa and you'll receive a collectible Blue Santa Elf lapel pin.



For application information, donation events, and barrel locations, go to BlueSanta.Georgetown.org.



Meds Drop Box

A safe way to dispose of unwanted or expired medications is now available in Georgetown. A secure medications drop box is located in the lobby of the Public Safety Operations and Training Center at 3500 DB Wood Road. Lobby hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The medications drop box is for unwanted prescription medicines, over-the-counter medications, or pet medicines. Items not accepted in the meds drop box include needles, syringes, IV fluids, or illegal drugs.

Unwanted medications should not be flushed in a toilet or placed in the trash since they can contaminate streams, rivers, lakes, and groundwater. Removing unwanted pharmaceuticals from the home also eliminates the danger of overdose or abuse.

The medications drop box was funded by a grant from the Capital Area Council of Governments. Drugs put in the drop box will be taken to a licensed disposal facility.

City Boards and Commissions

The City of Georgetown is accepting applications for volunteers to serve on the City's boards or commissions. The deadline to apply is January 6. Terms begin in March and are for two years on most boards.

Information and an online application are available at georgetown.org/council-boards-agendas.

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December 2 – 3

Christmas Stroll

Come to the 36th annual downtown Christmas Stroll with 200 artisan, craft, and food vendors; plus, Bethlehem Village, Santa's Village, Who-village, three stages with live music, and free activities for children. The Stroll parade starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Festival hours are Friday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. See details at DowntownGeorgetownAssociationTX.org. The Stroll is brought to you by the Downtown Georgetown Association with support of the City of Georgetown.

December 10

Trout Fishing Derby

Georgetown Parks and Recreation sponsors this annual fishing fest at San Gabriel Park from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Participation is open to all, but you must be registered in order to win prizes. Any trout caught wins a prize (first come, first served.) Tickets are \$3. Fishing permits are required for ages 17 or older. Bait will be available for sale. Registration starts at 7 a.m. on Dec. 10. Details at parks.georgetown.org.

December 17

Breakfast with Santa

The 16th annual pancake Breakfast with Santa is from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Community Center, 445 E. Morrow Street. Georgetown firefighters will be making pancakes and sausage served with juice and coffee. Kids can have a picture taken with Santa and get up close to a fire truck. Tickets are \$6 at the door or in advance at Fire Administration at the Public Safety Operations and Training Center, 3500 DB Wood Road. Sponsored by the Sun City Rotary, Extended School Enrichment Program, and the Georgetown Fire Department. Proceeds benefit needy families in Georgetown.

Holiday Closings

City offices closed Dec. 23, Dec. 26, and Jan. 2, 2017. Regular solid waste and recycling pickup on Dec. 23, Dec. 26, and Jan. 2, 2017.

Seasonal Check: Irrigation Systems

During the winter months when grasses are dormant, Georgetown Utility Systems encourages you to turn off your irrigation system to save on water and lower your utility bill.

When you turn off your system for the winter, it's also a good time to replace the battery on the controller. For tips on conservation and optimizing your irrigation system, go to gus.georgetown.org/conservation-programs.

Collectible Christmas Ornament



A limited-edition collectible brass Christmas ornament featuring the P.H. Dimmitt and Co. Building at 801 S. Main Street is now on sale. The cost of the ornament is \$20 plus tax. The 10th annual ornament sale is a project of the Georgetown Main Street Program. Ornaments may be purchased at the Visitors Center, 103 W. Seventh Street. All proceeds fund Main Street projects and the Façade Fund Grant Program.



The Georgetown Main Street Program encourages you to Shop Small and Shop Georgetown during the holiday season.

Georgetown Public Library

Christmas Party

The library will host a family-friendly Christmas party on December 9 at 6 p.m. Bring the kids and enjoy a puppet show, treats, and a visit from Santa! (No sign-ups required.)

GPL Cinema

Come to the library for two film showings this month as part of the GPL Cinema series.



Elf

2003, rated PG
December 20 at 2 p.m.

Santa Buddies

2009, rated G
December 22 at 2 p.m.

Popcorn and refreshments provided. These movie screenings will be in the children's room at the Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth Street.