

Georgetown Reporter

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City Events

March 4

Georgetown Swirl

The eighth annual Georgetown Swirl is March 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy an evening of shopping and live jazz music in downtown Georgetown while sampling Texas wines and cuisine from local restaurants. The cost is \$50 per person. VIP tickets are \$125 each with special benefits.

Go to swirl.georgetown.org for details and tickets, which you can only purchase online. Proceeds benefit the Main Street Program Facade and Sign Grant Program.



Parks and Recreation

Spring Break Camps

Georgetown Parks and Recreation offers several Spring Break camps for students during the week of March 13 to 17. Pricing and schedules vary for each program. Participants can select from five camps:

- **Camp Goodwater** (9 a.m. to 4 p.m. | ages 5 – 12) includes a variety of activities, such as swimming, challenge course, games, crafts, weird science projects, and more.
- **Basketball Skills Camp** (8 a.m. to 12 p.m. | ages 8 – 17) offers participants the opportunity to improve ball handling, shooting, footwork, and defense techniques.
- **Tennis Camp** (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. | ages 7 – 12) focuses on technique, stroke production, strategy, and shot selection through drills and games.
- **Junior Tennis Academy** (1 to 3 p.m. | ages 11 – 18) is designed for competitive junior players. Sessions will focus on proper technique, stroke production, strategy, and shot selection through drills, games, and match play scenarios.
- **Teen Adventure Camp** (ages 12 – 17) takes participants on a rock climbing and backpacking adventure on the longest loop trail in Arkansas.

Spring Break Camp registration begins Feb. 1. For more information and to register, visit parks.georgetown.org/camp or call (512) 930-3596.



Artwork by Carla Clay will be featured in the poster and on banners for the 2017 Red Poppy Festival. The 18th annual Red Poppy Festival is April 28 – 30 on the Courthouse Square. Get all the details at redpoppyfestival.com.

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Chase the Chief 5K and Fun Run

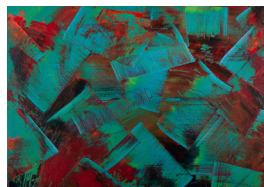
Registration is open for the fifth annual Chase the Chief 5K and Fun Run on March 5 at the Georgetown ISD Stadium, 2295 N. Austin Ave. Participants will get the chance to chase Georgetown Police Chief Wayne Nero in a 5K run or a 1-mile fun run.

The goal of Chase the Chief is to encourage students and their families to lead active, healthy lives. The event is a joint fitness initiative of the Georgetown Police Department and the Georgetown ISD Council of PTAs. Proceeds help fund the purchase of equipment for the GISD physical education program.

Other activities at the event include a Police Department obstacle course and fitness fair open from 1 to 5 p.m. There is an award ceremony following the race.

Packet pickup is March 3 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Public Safety Operations and Training Center, 3500 D.B. Wood Road. Race day registration and packet pickup starts at noon at the stadium.

To register for the Chase the Chief 5K and Fun Run, go to chasethechief.georgetown.org. The registration cost is \$5 for students and \$10 for adults.



"She Dreams in Layers" by
Susie Kelly Flatau

Go Green

Bulky Waste Pickups

As the weather turns warmer, many of us start thinking about spring cleaning. But what should you do with bulky items you need to discard?

Larger trash items, known as bulky waste, that do not fit into your cart may not be left at the curbside as part of your regular trash collection. These bulky waste items include furniture, mattresses, toilets, refrigerators, washers/dryers, and other items that don't fit in the solid waste cart.

However, in-city residents are allowed two free bulky waste curbside pick-ups per year. Those who live outside city limits pay \$25 per cubic yard.

Guidelines for curbside bulky waste pickup:

- Pickups are normally scheduled on Saturdays. Do not place items curbside more than 24 hours before your scheduled collection.
- A \$21 Freon removal and handling charge will be billed to your utility account per refrigerator, freezer, air conditioning unit or other appliance containing Freon.
- The volume allowed per pickup is up to three cubic yards.
- Unacceptable bulky waste items include, but are not limited to; tires, vehicle batteries, televisions, hazardous materials, and construction waste such as bathtubs, cabinetry, or sheet rock.

Recycling tip: Construction materials that are in good condition may be donated to the Habitat for Humanity Re-store.

To schedule a curbside bulky waste pickup, call Texas Disposal Systems at (512) 930-1715. Visit recycle.georgetown.org for details on solid waste and recycling programs.

Electric Bill Change

You may notice a change this month to one of the items on your electric bill. The amount you pay for electricity consists of a base rate, a variable charge for the monthly usage, and a power cost adjustment (PCA) charge. This month, an additional transmission cost of service (TCOS) charge has been added to the PCA charge.

This is a pass-through charge levied on utilities by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) to recover the cost of investments in the ERCOT transmission infrastructure. The fee is paid to ERCOT, who then distributes the funds to transmission companies in the ERCOT market. For more information, please visit gus.georgetown.org or call Customer Care at (512) 930-3640.

Georgetown Public Library

Layers: Time and Texture Exhibit

An art exhibit featuring the works of three women and their approach to self-expression is on display at the Public Library from March 6 – 31. Together, the works of Susie Kelly Flatau, Janis Shields, and Suzanne Shields Wells invite the viewer to pause and reflect during Women's History Month. There will be a reception for the artists from 4 to 6 p.m. on March 10. For details go to library.georgetown.org.