

Georgetown Reporter

News from the City of Georgetown and Georgetown Utility Systems

City Events



City employees at the Historic Light and Water Works Building

Preservation Month

In May, the City of Georgetown, The Williamson Museum, Preservation Georgetown, and the Williamson County Historical Commission will host a series of Preservation Month events in Georgetown. These include Preservation Georgetown's Paint Out on Main Street exhibiting local artists' work, proclamations at Williamson County Commissioners Court and City Council, and The Williamson Museum's "Marking History," highlighting historical figures around the Square.

To join the theme of Preservation Month, take a "This Place Matters" photo at a place you love and post it on social media. Download a sign at savingplaces.org. Go to williamsonmuseum.org or georgetownheritagesociety.org for details on events.

Georgetown Public Library City Records on Display

The City of Georgetown will display historic documents throughout May in the Public Library. Documents from the 1880s through today will be featured. The display covers all areas of City services as well as maps and old mayoral dockets. Learn how the Records Management Department is preserving historic documents to prevent losing these important items.



Sisters and Poppies by Dave Werner

The Artsy Lens Exhibit

The Sun City Photography Club presents The Artsy Lens Exhibit at the Public Library from April 15 through May 26. The Club will exhibit a range of pieces in the second floor galleries. There is a free, public reception for the exhibit from 4 to 6 p.m. on May 5. See more about the exhibit at library.georgetown.org/artsylens.

GPL Cinema: 'The Princess Bride'

GPL Cinema is hosting a "Princess Bride" event on May 12. Activities start at 6:30 p.m. and the screening begins at 7 p.m. There will be interactive props, a photo booth, and treats. The movie will be screened with subtitles for quoting along. This event is free for all ages and open to the public. Costumes are encouraged.

'Jack and the Beanstalk' concert

Join the library and the Georgetown Festival of the Arts at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 19, for a fun-filled interactive concert for children based on the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' The concert is appropriate for all ages and will take place in lieu of storytime. Drinks, treats, and crafts will follow the concert.

Go to library.georgetown.org for details. The Georgetown Public Library is located at 402 W. Eighth St. in Georgetown.

City Events

May 6

City Council Election

The ballot for Georgetown City Council races in the May 6 election includes candidates for mayor, District 2, and District 6. Incumbent Mayor Dale Ross and Sherwin Kahn are on the ballot for the mayor's race. Valerie Nicholson and David Sray are running for the District 2 seat and incumbent Rachael Jonrowe and Lawrence Romero are on the ballot for District 6.

The last day to register to vote in the May election is April 6. Early in-person voting is April 24 through May 2 and election day is May 6. Polling places, dates, and times are listed at wilco.org/elections. To see maps of council districts, go to maps.georgetown.org/council-district-maps.

May 19

Sunset Movie Series Presents 'E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial'

Georgetown Parks and Recreation, in partnership with Southwestern University, presents "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" at the Fountainwood Observatory at Southwestern University, 1001 E. University Ave., on Friday, May 19. The movie starts at sunset. The observatory will remain open during the movie and everyone is welcome to view the sky from the telescope. This event is free. For details, visit parks.georgetown.org/sunset-movie-series.



May 29

Memorial Day Closings

City offices and facilities closed
Regular solid waste and recycling collection

Outdoor pools open for the summer season on May 27 for the Memorial Day weekend and will be open through mid-August. Go to parks.georgetown.org/aquatics for details.

Go Green

Managing Your Utility Bills

The beautiful spring and summer months in Central Texas come at a price from increased water and electricity usage due to rising temperatures. Georgetown Utility Systems has tools to help you manage these costs and adjust your usage so there are no surprises on your utility bill.

Georgetown Utilities Analysis and Reporting Doorway is available 24/7 and can be accessed from your computer. When you sign up for GUARD, you can set monetary thresholds for your electric consumption. For instance, if you set a threshold for \$100, GUARD will send you an email and text message letting you know when you've reached that amount.

AquaAlerts works the same way for water consumption. This is especially helpful during the summer months when many folks have increased water usage due to irrigation and other outside activities.

Both services are free. Sign up for GUARD at guard.georgetown.org and AquaAlerts at records.georgetown.org/Forms/Aqua-Alerts. For details, contact Customer Care, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday at (512) 930-3640 or at customer care@georgetown.org.

Yard Trimmings Collections

For in-city residents, yard trimmings are picked up along with your first recycle pickup of the month. Material must be in bundles, personal containers labeled as "yard trimmings," or compostable Kraft paper bags that are available at local hardware and grocery stores. Each bundle should be no more than four feet in length and no more than 35 pounds and secured with twine. The maximum number of items per pickup is 20, including any combination of Kraft paper bags, personal containers, or bundles. Look up your collection days at recycle.georgetown.org.



Williams Drive Corridor Study

Last year the City partnered with the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization to study Williams Drive between Austin Avenue and Jim Hogg Road. The study includes an implementation plan incorporating safety, efficient transportation operations, land use, community needs, and future economic growth.

The first phase of the study identified five primary issues: traffic congestion, traffic operations, barriers to redevelopment and reinvestment, aesthetic enhancements, and pedestrian/bicycle facilities. Conceptual plans presented at an Open House on March 9 define the vision for Williams Drive and recommend future actions. For details on a public meeting in May or to sign up for updates, go the Study website at transportation.georgetown.org/williams-drive.