

Georgetown Reporter

News from the City of Georgetown and Georgetown Utility Systems

City Events



Georgetown Public Library Author Karan Mahajan - November 2

Author Karan Mahajan will speak at the Georgetown Public Library on Wednesday, November 2. The talk is part of the Hill Country Authors Series sponsored by the Friends of the Georgetown Public Library. The event starts at 2:00 p.m. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

Mahajan will speak about his second novel *The Association of Small Bombs*, in which he writes about the effects of terrorism on victims and perpetrators.

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door. They may be purchased at the Second-Hand Prose bookstore on the second floor of the library, at the WOW!mobile, or by contacting Marcy Lowe at (512) 868-8974. The ticket cost includes a dessert and beverage.



Williams Drive Corridor Study

Williams Drive is a critical gateway into Georgetown. It's the busiest commercial corridor in the city as well as the primary artery for many residential areas. The City is working with the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization to

conduct a study of the corridor and recommend policies, programs, projects, and an implementation plan for the study area.

Possible recommendations may include redesigning intersections, synchronized traffic signal timing, vehicle turning lanes, public parking, sidewalks, bike lanes or transit options. In addition to transportation recommendations, the study also will evaluate opportunities to enhance economic development, safety and aesthetics to transform Williams Drive into a premier gateway in the region.

Come join us at public design workshops to be held November 12–16 at the Georgetown Health Foundation, Lake Aire Center, 2423 Williams Drive #101 in Georgetown. Your ideas may become part of the solution for Williams Drive. Additional opportunities for input will be available through the project's website and future public meetings. Details at transportation.georgetown.org/williams-drive.

Good Neighbor Fund

The Good Neighbor Fund is sponsored by the City of Georgetown and Georgetown Utility Systems. The program, administered by The Caring Place, assists eligible Georgetown Utility customers who are unable to pay their utility bill. Now it's easier than ever to donate to the fund on your monthly utility bill. Make a pledge online at gus.georgetown.org/gnf.

Each year the need far exceeds the funds available. When you sign up for The Good Neighbor Fund, the amount that you designate will be added to your monthly bill. Make a monthly pledge, change it, or discontinue at any time. Questions? Contact the City Customer Care Center at (512) 930-3640 or customercare@georgetown.org.

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Daylight Saving Time Ends - November 6

A message from the Georgetown Fire Department and Georgetown Utility Systems: time to change your smoke alarm batteries and irrigation system battery.



Georgetown Public Library GPL Cinema - November 11 & 26

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

The Great Escape
November 11, 6:30 p.m.

Disney's animated film The Jungle Book
November 26, 2:00 p.m.

Popcorn and refreshments provided.
GPL Cinema is held in the Hewlett Room on the second floor of the Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth Street.



Thanksgiving Holiday - November 24-25

City offices closed November 24-25.
No solid waste or recycling pickup on November 24. Thursday pickup slides to Friday and Friday slides to Saturday.



Call 811 Before You Dig

Call 811 before you dig. It's a free call, and it can save a life. When you call 811 within 48 hours, utility companies are notified about your intent to dig and will send a locator to mark utility-owned underground electric lines, pipes or cables in the work area, free of charge.

Just like 911 for emergencies, 811 is now a 24-hour nationwide number. With more than 62 local one call numbers across the country, 811 eliminates the confusion of multiple "call before you dig" numbers by providing one national number.

Utility companies will mark the location of their underground lines with paint, flags or stakes using a standard color code, which you can see at Texas811.org. Customers should be aware of any unmarked lines not owned by a utility, such as a customer-owned connection to a water meter, a wastewater service tap or an irrigation system.

If you are digging and damage a utility line, call the utility immediately. If you know it is a Georgetown Utility Systems line, call Customer Care at (512) 930-3640. Just remember — know what's below. Call before you dig.



New Water Storage Tank

The four million gallon Daniels Mountain water storage tank came online this summer. The new tank near County Road 255 provides water storage capacity to help serve growing areas along US 183 and other areas in the Western District, formerly the Chisholm Trail SUD. This new tank provides capacity to 90% of the Western District.



Best of Georgetown, TX

Winners of the Best of Georgetown, TX contest will be announced on Thursday, November 3 at 6:00 p.m. at The Union on Eighth (224 E. Eighth Street.) The list of winners will then be posted at bestof.georgetown.org.



Lighting of the Square

See the Most Beautiful Town Square in Texas at its holiday finest for this annual tradition on Friday, November 25, the day after Thanksgiving, starting at 5:30 p.m. Sing along to Christmas carols, enjoy free cookies and sip hot chocolate as Georgetown lights up the Courthouse Square for the holiday season. The lights around the Square are supported by Georgetown Utility Systems, your community-owned utility, making our city 100% renewable next year.