

Georgetown Reporter



News from the City of Georgetown and Georgetown Utility Systems

City Events

Summer Concert Series Music on the Square

Friday night Music on the Square concerts continue in July. The free outdoor concerts on the Courthouse lawn are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Note that there is no concert on the first Friday in July.

- July 14** Danny Santos
- July 21** Strangedazs
- July 28** Adan Davila

Concerts are sponsored by the Georgetown Convention and Visitors Bureau and The Williamson Museum. To see the complete summer lineup, go to visitgeorgetown.com.

July 4 Sertoma July 4 Celebration

The annual Independence Day celebration sponsored by the Georgetown Sertoma Club in San Gabriel Park is Tuesday, July 4. A children's parade with decorated bikes and wagons starts at 11 a.m. by the low-water crossing. Line-up starts at 10:30 a.m. Entertainment at the gazebo starts at noon and lasts until the fireworks begin after dark. Visit craft vendors, a children's area, and food vendors. Admission is free.

GoGeo Transit Starts in August



The City's new GoGeo transit system is set to launch in August. The bus service includes four routes that meet at a central hub at the Georgetown Public Library at 402 W. Eighth St.

Service hours are 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. An unlimited day pass for GoGeo is \$2. Seniors age 65 and older, persons who are disabled, veterans and active military, and students with ID age 12 and older ride for a reduced \$1 day pass. Children 12 or younger with a full-fare rider can ride GoGeo for free.

The transit system is funded by rider fares as well as funds from the City of Georgetown, Georgetown Health Foundation, and Capital Metro. For routes and more information, see gogeo.georgetown.org. Customers currently using the CARTS Demand Response system are encouraged to sign up for pending service changes through gogeo.georgetown.org. Details on the service change will be mailed/emailed to current customers in June.



Pet Vaccination Clinic

The Georgetown Animal Shelter conducts low-cost vaccination clinics to help you keep your pet healthy. A clinic will be held Saturday, July 29, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Appointments are not needed.

The clinics are for cats and dogs and open to all, whether you live in Georgetown or not. Pets may also get a free microchip with the purchase of any vaccine.

All dogs must be on a leash and cats should be in a carrier. Payment is by cash or check only (debit or credit cards not accepted).

The clinic is at the shelter at 110 W.L. Walden Drive, next to the McMaster Athletic Fields. Fall clinic dates are Sept. 23 and Nov. 18.

For more information, contact the shelter at (512) 930-3592 or animalsvc@georgetown.org. The City of Georgetown Animal Shelter website is pets.georgetown.org.





July 4

Independence Day Holiday

City offices are closed on Tuesday, July 4. There is regular solid waste and recycling collection July 4.



July 14

'The Jungle Book'

The 2016 movie "The Jungle Book" (PG) will be shown in a free family event on July 14. This mid-summer installment of the Sunset Movie Series will be in San Gabriel Park near the soccer fields. Bring blankets, camp chairs, and snacks for this event by Georgetown Parks and Recreation.

For details, visit parks.georgetown.org/sunset-movie-series.



Water Conservation

Summer temperatures often mean higher water bills as outdoor activities increase. Filling swimming pools, lawn irrigation or just a game of running through the sprinkler can all have an impact on your water bill. During the spring and summer months, outdoor water use can be 70 percent of your monthly usage.

Georgetown Utility Systems charges water customers using a cost-of-service rate structure, which includes a base component along with a tiered rate structure for higher usage. The more water used, the higher the rate.

For example, if you use 9,000 gallons of water for one month you will be billed at \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons. However, if the next month you use 18,000 gallons, you will be billed at \$1.75 for each 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons, and the next 8,000 gallons will be billed at \$2.40 per 1,000 gallons.

These tiered rates are reflective of the increased costs associated with higher water demand such as treatment capacity, capital infrastructure improvements, and conservation programs.

By following your designated watering schedule and having your irrigation system checked out, you'll be on your way to keeping those summer water bills down. Not sure of your watering days? Use the online lookup at gus.georgetown.org.

For information regarding our irrigation system checkup rebate, visit gus.georgetown.org/water/rebate. For more water saving tips, visit gus.georgetown.org.

Protecting our Streams

In an effort to keep Georgetown waterways clean and beautiful, remember to keep grass clippings, fertilizers, and other yard waste out of the storm drain. One important step is to keep grass clippings on your lawn rather than putting them in the street.

When grass clippings and other yard waste go into the street, they enter the storm drain and introduce excess nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus into our streams and rivers. Those excess chemicals can spur algae and aquatic plant growth, which ultimately reduces oxygen levels in the water. This creates problems for the habitat and wildlife and pollutes our watershed.

Find out more at transportation.georgetown.org/storm-water-plan.