

# Georgetown Reporter



News from the City of Georgetown and Georgetown Utility Systems

## City Events

Dec. 1-2

### Christmas Stroll

Come to the 37th annual downtown Christmas Stroll with more than 150 artisan, craft, and food vendors, as well as Bethlehem Village, Santa's Village, Whoo-village, live music, and free activities for children. The Stroll parade starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Festival hours are Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. See details at [DowntownGeorgetownAssociationTX.org](http://DowntownGeorgetownAssociationTX.org).

The Stroll is brought to you by the Downtown Georgetown Association with support of the City of Georgetown.



### Mays Street extension opens

The Cities of Georgetown and Round Rock held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 28 to celebrate the opening of the Mays Street extension. The 1.2-mile roadway, which provides a north-south connection from Teravista Parkway at Bass Pro Drive in Round Rock to Westinghouse Road at Rabbit Hill Road in Georgetown, was a joint effort by the two cities.

### 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 Jan. 5. 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](http://georgetown.org/council-boards-agendas).



Dec. 2

### Blue Santa

Bring a toy for Blue Santa to the Stroll Parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2. New, unwrapped toys will be collected by Blue Santa

Elves along the parade route, which travels 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 also can 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 \$10 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](http://BlueSanta.Georgetown.org).



### Collectible Christmas Ornament

A limited-edition collectible brass Christmas ornament featuring the Mileham Building at 708-710 S. Austin Ave. is now on sale. The cost of the ornament is \$20 plus tax. The 11th annual ornament sale is a project of the Georgetown Main Street Program. Ornaments may be purchased at the Visitors Center, 103 W. Seventh St. All proceeds fund Main Street projects and the Façade Fund Grant Program.

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# Go Green

## Seasonal Check – Irrigation Systems

During the winter months when grasses are dormant, Georgetown Utility Systems encourages you to turn off your irrigation system. You'll 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](http://gus.georgetown.org/conservation-programs).

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### Dec. 3 GPL Cinema

Come to the library, 402 W. Eighth St., for classic film showing this month as part of the GPL Cinema series. The library will be screening "It's a Wonderful Life," PG, at 2 p.m. on Dec. 3. Top off your holiday stroll with this holiday classic! Popcorn and refreshments provided. Details at [library.georgetown.org](http://library.georgetown.org).

### Dec. 8 Christmas Party

The library will host a family-friendly Christmas party on Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. Bring the kids and enjoy treats and a visit from Santa Claus. No registration is required.

### Dec. 9 Trout Fishing Derby

Georgetown Parks and Recreation sponsors this annual fishing fest at San Gabriel Park from 7:30 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. (Prizes are first-come, first-served.) Tickets are \$3. Fishing permits are required for ages 17 or older. Permits will not be sold at the event. Bait will be available for sale. Registration starts at 7 a.m. on Dec. 9. Details at [parks.georgetown.org/fishing-derby](http://parks.georgetown.org/fishing-derby).

### Dec. 15 Adult-ish Craft Crawl

Join other young adults age 18 and older at the library Dec. 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. to make some DIY holiday gifts. We'll experiment with shower scrub, tiny potted plants, and more. Visit [library.georgetown.org](http://library.georgetown.org) for more information.

### Dec. 15 Swim with Santa

Join Georgetown Parks and Recreation as they dive into the holiday season with Santa at the Georgetown Recreation Center Indoor Pool. Bring the family for a chance to swim with the man of the season. Hot chocolate and candy canes will be provided. All ages are welcome, but children ages 1-6 must be accompanied by a chaperone, age 16 and older, in the water at all times; children ages 7-11 must be accompanied in the pool area at all times by a chaperone age 16 or older. The event is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and is free for members. Costs vary by age for nonmembers. For more information, visit [parks.georgetown.org/swim-with-santa](http://parks.georgetown.org/swim-with-santa).



### Dec. 16 Breakfast with Santa

The 17th annual Breakfast with Santa is from 7:30 to 11 a.m. at the Community Center, 445 E. Morrow St. Enjoy pancakes and sausage made by Georgetown firefighters and 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 D.B. Wood Road. Tickets for children age 12 and younger are free with an adult. The event is sponsored by the Sun City Rotary, Extended School Enrichment Program, and the Georgetown Fire Department. Proceeds benefit needy families in Georgetown during the holidays.

## Holiday Closings

City offices closed Dec. 25, Dec. 26, and Jan. 1  
Regular solid waste and recycling pickup on Dec. 26, and Jan. 2.