

Georgetown Reporter

News from the City of Georgetown and Georgetown Utility Systems

City Events



Nov. 3 Autumn Daze art exhibit

During the month of November, the Sun

City Visual Arts Club's work will fill the library's exhibit spaces with an exhibit titled "Autumn Daze." The public is invited to a reception honoring the artists on Friday, Nov. 3, from 4-6 p.m. The exhibit will include the pictured watercolor painting by Frank Samat. For more information, visit library.georgetown.org/vac.



Nov. 6 Best of Georgetown, TX

The winners of the Best of Georgetown, TX contest will be announced

on Monday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m. at the Sheraton Georgetown Texas Hotel and Conference Center, 1101 Woodlawn Ave. The list of winners will also be posted at bestof.georgetown.org.

Nov. 23 – Nov. 24

Thanksgiving Holiday

City offices will be closed Nov. 23-24.

No solid waste or recycling pickup on Nov. 23. Thursday pickup slides to Friday, Friday slides to Saturday.

2018 City Budget Building for the future

New roads and capacity for a growing city are among key items in the City budget for Fiscal Year 2018, which was adopted by City Council during its Sept. 12 meeting. The budget supports City services, builds infrastructure for the future, and provides competitive compensation for employees, while lowering the tax rate and slowing the impact of future tax rate increases from bond projects.

The budget includes funding for major transportation projects such as the Rivery Boulevard extension, Northwest Boulevard Bridge and FM 971 alignment, as well as the completion of the FM 1460 project. The first year of the GoGeo fixed-route bus service is also included, as well as a Bike Master Plan.

Public safety investments include the design and construction of Fire Station 6 and the design of Fire Station 7, as well as the addition of two police patrol officers and one school resource officer.

Parks and recreation enhancements include funding for operations of Garey Park and the next phase of renovations to San Gabriel Park. Resources for planning, permitting, and engineering to aid in the City's high growth development period also are funded.

The total operating and capital budget is \$337 million, including an additional 19 new full-time and 4 part-time positions and performance-based merit increases for employees. The budget is available at georgetown.org.

The council also adopted a property tax rate of 42 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation during the Sept. 12 meeting.

Daylight Saving Time Ends Nov. 5

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

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Nov. 24

Lighting of the Square

See the Most Beautiful Town Square in Texas at its holiday finest for this annual tradition on Friday, Nov. 24, the day after Thanksgiving. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. Sing along to Christmas carols and enjoy free cookies and 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.

Nov. 25 - Small Business Saturday

Seek the Unique

Shoppers will have the chance to Shop Small at local merchants during the annual Small Business Saturday event on Saturday, Nov. 25. The art of shopping small to find one-of-a-kind items at local businesses is celebrated in the theme for this year: Seek the Unique. The day will kick off at 10 a.m. at the Georgetown Visitors Center, 103 W. Seventh St., where shoppers can pick up shopping bags and participate in a bingo card game for the chance to win a gift basket filled with restaurant gift cards, art and local goods.

Household pollutants can affect water supply

When it rains, runoff from streets, roofs, parking lots, and other hard surfaces can pick up natural and man-made pollutants. These pollutants end up in nearby streams, lakes, and rivers and can be hazardous to our water supply. Below are some common household pollutants along with ways you can reduce pollution around your home.

Fertilizers – When overused, fertilizers can wash into storm drains and then flow into the aquifer and Lake Georgetown, which are our water sources. Leaving grass clippings on the lawn when you mow provides nutrients and can reduce the need for fertilizer.

Oil and chemicals – Household products such as motor oil, paint, or fuel can wash down the storm drain if left outside. If you have used oil, oil filters, or car and lawn mower batteries for disposal, the Collection Station at 250 W.L. Walden Drive off of College Street, accepts these materials for recycling for a small fee. The materials will be recycled instead of going into a landfill or polluting our water sources. Find more information about the Collection Station and fees at recycle.georgetown.org.

Lawn trimmings – Leaves and grass clippings from your yard can be composted in your yard. If you compost, choose a location for the compost pile that is removed from streams, ponds and wetlands. You also can put leaves and grass clippings in compostable lawn bags or in marked containers and placed at the curb for pickup on your first recycling day of the month. Branches and limbs can be placed in four-foot bundles no more than 35 pounds each. Look up your pickup day at recycle.georgetown.org.

Pollutants entering waterways can have an impact on our ecosystems, economy, and public health. For more information on how you can help protect our water supply, visit us on the web at transportation.georgetown.org/storm-water-plan.



Georgetown Public Library GPL Cinema

Come to the library for a film showing this month as part of the GPL Cinema series. Attendees vote between “Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol. 2” and “Wonder Woman” for the Nov. 10 screening at 6:30 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 St.



Southwest Bypass Segment 1 breaks ground

Williamson County and City of Georgetown officials celebrated the groundbreaking for the Southwest Bypass Segment 1, a new arterial roadway from I-35 to RM 2243/Leander Road in Georgetown. This segment

should be complete next summer. The segment funded by the City from Leander Road to SH 29 should be completed early next year. The whole Southwest Bypass project is set to be finished in 2020.