



Georgetown  
**Reporter**

News from the City of Georgetown and Georgetown Utility Systems

## City Events



Sept. 29 – Oct. 28

### Art Hop

The 10th annual Art Hop is a statewide juried arts exhibit sponsored by the Georgetown Art Center. Accepted works in categories including prints, drawings, paintings, sculptures, and photographs will be exhibited at the Georgetown Art Center and Georgetown Public Library from Sept. 29 – Oct. 28. The public artist reception on Sept. 30 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Public Library will be followed by an awards ceremony at 4 p.m. at the Art Center.

Oct. 3

### National Night Out

National Night Out, an annual event to support safe neighborhoods, is on Tuesday, Oct. 3, in Georgetown. Block parties are being organized from 6 to 9 p.m. For details or to register a block party by Sept. 22, go to [pd.georgetown.org/national-night-out](http://pd.georgetown.org/national-night-out).



### Public Power Week

Public Power Week celebrates the individuals who work hard every day to provide reliable electric service to communities across Texas.

Georgetown Utility Systems is one of 72 public power electric utilities in Texas and one of more than 2,000 in the U.S. We are community-owned and operated by our local City Council as a public service. From the Customer Care associates to our dedicated line workers, GUS is dedicated to providing reliable electricity at a competitive price while serving as stewards of our natural environment.

Georgetown Utility Systems was honored in July when the utility was named outstanding utility of the year for 2017 by the Texas Municipal Utilities Association. The award highlighted the utility's transition to 100 percent renewable power as well as the consolidation with Chisholm Trail Special Utility District.

In 2016, the American Public Power Association, through the Reliable Public Power Provider program, designated Georgetown Utility Systems as a "platinum" provider, based on ratings for our reliability, safety, work force development, and system improvements.

Georgetown Utility Systems is proud to contribute to the economic vitality of our community by providing jobs, purchasing locally, and providing other public services such as A Safe Place. Our not-for-profit rates hold down your costs and our 100 percent renewable energy contracts help keep rates stable for the long term.

Your public power utility not only works for Georgetown, we are owned by you, our Georgetown residents. Our 100 percent community-owned utility means the residents of Georgetown are included in the decision-making process through their elected representatives on the City Council.

If you'd like to learn more about how Georgetown Utility Systems supports our community, visit us on the web at [gus.georgetown.org](http://gus.georgetown.org).

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## Oct. 4 Bike or Walk to School Day

For good health, for the environment, or just because it's fun, students throughout the nation are walking or riding their bike to school on Oct. 4 for Bike or Walk to School Day. You can register a Bike or Walk to School Day event at [walkbiketoschool.org](http://walkbiketoschool.org) to invite neighbors to join and find other events.

## Oct. 26 Halloween Festival

The 23rd annual Halloween event on Oct. 26 at the Georgetown Community Center, 445 E. Morrow St., is sponsored by the Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department. Hayrides start at the Community Center at 5:30 p.m. Ticket sales end at 8 p.m. Tickets for children age 5 or older and adults are \$3, and \$2 for children ages 1-4. Trick-or-treat Village is in front of the Community Center and the carnival is inside from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. There's also a costume contest for the children ages newborn to 10 years. Details at [parks.georgetown.org](http://parks.georgetown.org).

## Oct. 27 Spooky Marine Madness

Come to the Georgetown Public Library for a family-friendly, all ages puppet show, candy, and tons of fun on Oct. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. In the puppet show, you'll see how our underwater friends celebrate Halloween. You may even see an octopus dressed as a mummy!

## Fire Prevention Week Do you have an escape plan?

If a fire started in your home, do you have a plan to get everyone out safely?

That's the key of "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out," the theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week. The Georgetown Fire/Medical Department and the National Fire Protection Association are working to promote a life-saving escape plan for your home during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 8-14.

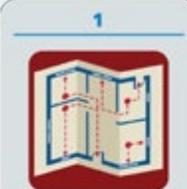
A home escape plan includes working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping areas. It also includes two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place (like a tree or mailbox) that's a safe distance from the home.

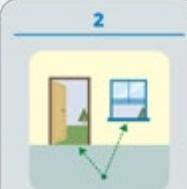
Fire Prevention Week is a good time to develop a plan for your residence and practice it. Consider these additional tips for developing and practicing a home escape plan:

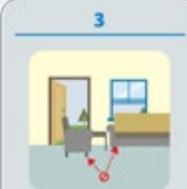
- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave — this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

For more ideas for Fire Prevention Week activities, visit [fire.georgetown.org](http://fire.georgetown.org).

### 7 steps to practicing your escape plan

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1 Draw a map of your home. Include all doors and windows.
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2 Find two ways out of every room.
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3 Make sure doors and windows are not blocked.
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4 Choose an outside meeting place in front of your home.
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5 Push the test button to sound the smoke alarm.
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6 Practice your drill with everyone in the home.
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7 Get outside to your meeting place.

## Red Poppy artwork

The City of Georgetown Convention and Visitors Bureau is seeking entries of original artwork to be considered for promotional use for the 2018 Red Poppy Festival Poster. The artwork selected will be featured in a poster and promotional pieces for the festival as well as street banners on the Square. The artist will retain ownership rights to their artwork. There is a \$500 cash award for the artist of the piece that is selected. The deadline for artwork is Nov. 17. For details, go to [redpoppyfestival.com](http://redpoppyfestival.com).