



Georgetown Reporter

News from the City of Georgetown and Georgetown Utility Systems

City Events =

Feb. 3 Cupid's Chase 5K and Fun Run

The 23rd annual Cupid's Chase 5K and Fun Run is Saturday, Feb. 3. Learn more and register online at cupid.georgetown.org.



Feb. 15 Real Estate Agent Workshop

The City of Georgetown will host an information session for real estate professionals to learn what home buyers and sellers need to know about Georgetown. Learn why you want to be selling in Georgetown, and meet the people and organizations working every day to prepare Georgetown for the future. Georgetown Mayor Dale Ross, St. David's Georgetown Hospital CEO Hugh Brown and Georgetown ISD Superintendent Fred Brent will be speaking. Learn more and register at georgetown.org/lovegeorgetowntx.

City Civic Campus Breaks Ground

The City of Georgetown broke ground Nov. 28 on the renovations of two city buildings that will be part of a civic campus for city government offices. Known as Downtown West, the new civic campus will include a City Hall and Council Chamber and Municipal Court Building as well as the existing Georgetown Public Library that opened in 2007, the Historic Light and Water Works office building, and a public parking lot on Eighth Street.

The new civic complex on Eighth and MLK streets will centralize several offices that are currently in buildings scattered throughout the city. In addition to providing needed facility space, the new civic campus enables easier collaboration for city employees and convenience for residents using city services. The project is expected to take about a year to complete.

Georgetown Animal Shelter Live Outcomes at 95%

For the third year in a row, the Georgetown Animal Shelter has achieved a live outcome rate above 90 percent, which means it is considered a no-kill shelter. The save rate was 95 percent for the fiscal year that ended on Sept. 30.

The live outcome rate is notable for an open-admission public shelter. Factors in the 95 percent live outcome rate include a high rate of animal adoptions, the number of animals returned to owners, and the cleanliness of the shelter which results in healthy animals.

More than 60 percent of animals brought to the shelter were adopted and another 25 percent were reunited with families. Animal Services Manager April Haughey said the return to owners is largely



attributed to microchipping, which is offered at the shelter for \$20 or free with the purchase of vaccines during the low-cost vaccine clinics.

The Georgetown Animal Shelter is located at 110 W.L. Walden Drive. Contact the shelter at (512) 930-3592 or online at pets.georgetown.org.

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Mar. 3

9th Annual Georgetown Swirl

Tickets for The Georgetown Swirl fundraising event are on sale. The event includes tastings from Texas wineries and food from local restaurants located inside downtown retail shops. Tickets are limited and are \$50 for general admission and \$125 for VIP admission. All proceeds benefit the Main Street Program Façade Grant Fund. Visit swirl.georgetown.org for more information.



Mar. 4

Chase the Chief 5K and Fun Run

Registration is open for the sixth annual Chase the Chief 5K and Fun Run on March 4 at East View High School, 4490 E. University Ave. Participants will get the chance to chase Georgetown Police Chief Wayne Nero in a 5K run or a 1-mile fun run. Other activities at the event include a Police Department obstacle course and fitness fair open from noon to 5 p.m. There is an award ceremony following the race. To register for the Chase the Chief 5K and Fun Run, go to chasethechief.georgetown.org. The registration cost is \$5 for students and \$10 for adults.

Georgetown Public Library

Family Place Library Designation

The Georgetown Public Library is in the process of becoming a Family Place Library as part of a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The designation means the library will focus on parents and caregivers and their role as a child's first teacher. The library has added a play space in the Children's Room and will host a five-week workshop series titled 1, 2, 3 Play with Me, which is focused on newborns to age 3 and their caregivers. During the interactive workshops caregivers can play with their children, meet other families and have questions answered by local experts. Workshops are held Feb. 7 through Mar. 7 on Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required. Contact Children's Services Librarian Bethni King at bethni.king@georgetown.org or (512) 931-7716 for more information.



Irrigation Systems

During the winter months when grasses are dormant, Georgetown Utility Systems reminds you to turn off your irrigation system. You'll save on water and lower your utility bill.

Lake Georgetown is in a Stage 1 Drought Watch, according to the Brazos River Authority. Because of the drought watch, Georgetown Utility Systems encourages water customers to conserve water.

For tips on conservation and optimizing your irrigation system, go to gus.georgetown.org/conservation-programs.

City of Georgetown

2017 Employee Awards



Employees of the Year (from left)

Roy Torrez (Georgetown Utility Systems), Jonathan Gillam (Georgetown Fire Department), John Njagi (Communications), Nathan Parras (Finance), Tracey Bousquet (Human Resources) and Karen Frost (Planning).



Supervisors of the Year (from left)

Kelly DeVoll (Georgetown Police Department) and Chris Fusco (Georgetown Utility Systems). John McElroy (Georgetown Utility Systems) not pictured.



Managers of the Year

Russ Volk (Georgetown Municipal Airport) and Kelly Cruz (Georgetown Police Department) not pictured.



Customer Service Employees of the Year (from left)

Travis Baird (Systems Engineering), Toby Donaldson (Inspection Services) and Deborah Plummer (Information Technology).