



Holt Cat breaks ground on Georgetown location

Holt Cat, a Caterpillar equipment sales, rental, parts and service dealer, broke ground Jan. 30 on a facility on Airport Road, north of Lakeway Drive. The 85,000-square-foot facility is set to open by Summer 2019 and create 130 jobs. Holt Cat CEO Peter Holt and President Corinna Holt Richter were joined by city officials and staff at the event.



CITY EVENTS

City Council election

APRIL - MAY

The May City Council election includes races for District 1 and District 5. Early in-person voting is April 23 through May 1. Election Day is May 5. The last day to register to vote is April 5.

Incumbent Anna Eby and Mary Calixtro have filed to run in District 1, and Kevin Pitts has filed to run in District 5. Incumbent Ty Gipson, District 5, has announced he will not seek re-election.

For updates about the City Council election, go to georgetown.org. View council district maps at maps.georgetown.org/council-district-maps.

Red Poppy Festival

The 2018 Red Poppy Festival is April 27-29. Joe Nichols is the headliner at the Saturday night concert. The Friday night concert features Dysfunction Junction. Other festival highlights include the **Red Poppy Parade** on Saturday at 10 a.m., and the **Car Show** on Saturday at 11 a.m. There is a free shuttle from the First Baptist Church all day on Saturday. The official 2018 Red Poppy Festival poster is on sale for \$5 starting April 6 at the Visitors Center at 103 W. Seventh St. Artist Helen Green will be at the Visitors Center April 6 from 6-8 p.m. signing posters. The first 50 posters are free. For all the details, go to RedPoppyFestival.com.



ZERO WASTE EVENT

The 2018 Red Poppy Festival will take a number of steps to continue toward becoming a zero waste event. The goal is, by 2021, that 90 percent or greater of the waste from the event to be recycled, composted or otherwise diverted from the landfill. Our 2017 zero waste efforts resulted in 69 percent of the materials generated at the festival being diverted from the landfill. Food vendors are using only compostable plates, dishes, drinking straws, napkins and cutlery. Composting and recycling stations will be available throughout the festival area. Event attendees can help to reach the zero waste goal by using these stations and by bringing reusable shopping bags and personal water containers.

CITY EVENTS AT THE GEORGETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Art exhibits at the library

APRIL 3 - MAY 4

Art from Georgetown ISD students in grades kindergarten through 12th will be on display at the Georgetown Public Library April 3-12. There will be an opening reception Wednesday, April 4, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. honoring the artists and their families. The Sun City Photography Club will show its exhibit "In Perspective" on April 15-May 17. A reception will be held May 4 from 4-6 p.m. For details on both exhibits, go to library.georgetown.org/art.



Live Music at the Library

APRIL 15

Celtic fingerstyle guitarist Jerry Barlow performs traditional music from the British Isles and his own original Celtic-inspired compositions at the Georgetown Public Library on Sunday, April 15, at 2 p.m. Free and open to the public, this performance is a gift of the Friends of the Georgetown Public Library. For more information, visit library.georgetown.org/music.



Earth Day program focus on monarch butterflies

APRIL 17, 23 & 30

The Georgetown Public Library along with the Southwestern University Environmental Studies Program and Smith Library Center are co-sponsoring a group of Earth Day events at the library, 402 W. Eighth St.

The library will also host two stand-alone discussions on Barbara Kingsolver's novel "Flight Behavior." Southwestern University Economics Professor Emily Northrop and Georgetown Assistant Library Director Sally Miculek will lead a book discussion Tuesday, April 17. The second book discussion Monday, April 23, at 7 p.m. will be led by Smith Library Center Director Carol Fonken and Georgetown Fine Arts Librarian Dana Hendrix.

On Monday, April 30, at 7 p.m. David Wolfe, director of conservation strategies at the Environmental Defense Fund, will present "Monarch Butterflies: Threats and What You Can Do to Help." Northrop will also present a talk on Tuesday, May 8, at 7 p.m. titled "Reducing CO2 Pollution for Monarchs and Humans."

For more information, visit library.georgetown.org/flight-behavior.

SPRING IRRIGATION TUNE-UP

Now is a great time to have your irrigation system tuned up and ready for the hot, dry summer months ahead. We recommend homeowners check their systems themselves or have them serviced by a licensed, local irrigator. Licensed irrigators are identified by the initials LI followed by a six-digit number (i.e. #000123), and are required to include the number on any form of advertisement, as well as on their service vehicles.

Here is a tune-up checklist for your irrigation system:

- **TURN OFF** all water outlets and make sure the water meter is not spinning (this will verify there are no leaks in the system).
- **TEST** the rain and soil moisture sensors and check, clear, or replace clogged nozzles.
- **ADJUST** the spray pattern and direction of heads and nozzles, checking for line breaks.
- **INSPECT** the areas around each spray and rotor head for water bubbling out of the ground or the head itself.
- **RAISE** the heads to clear the taller areas of turf and verify every zone valve turns on from the irrigation controller.

In the March 2018 Reporter, the prices for bulky waste pickup were incorrectly listed. The Freon removing and handling fee is \$45, and those living outside the city limits pay \$28 per cubic yard for solid waste removal.