# GEORGETOWN REPORTER

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN AND GEORGETOWN UTILITY SYSTEMS



# **CITY EVENTS**



### **Music on the Square**

Friday night Music on the Square concerts continue in August. The free outdoor concerts on the Courthouse lawn are 6:30– 8:30 p.m. Note that there is no concert on First Friday.

**Aug. 10:** Roland Waits & The Wayward Travelers

**Aug. 17:** Mr. Thrill (Engelbert Humperdinck and Neil Diamond songs)

Aug. 24: Steel Country Outlaws

Aug. 31: Them Dugaines

Concerts are sponsored by the Georgetown Convention and Visitors Bureau and The Williamson Museum. To see the complete summer lineup, go to **VisitGeorgetown.com**.

## Garey Park opens after grand opening celebration

City leaders, residents and the Garey family celebrated the grand opening of Garey Park, 6450 RM 2243, on June 9. The event featured tours of Garey House, food trucks, pony rides, a petting zoo, a temporary tattoo station and more.

Park Hours: 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. from April 1-Sept. 30 and 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. from Oct. 1-March 31

# Georgetown Utility Systems launches new billing system

Georgetown Utility Systems is launching a new utility billing system Aug. 6 that will allow customers to manage their usage and pay bills more effectively.

The new system will allow customers to receive bills via text or email, get payment reminders and alerts, and have more control over credit card and payment data. As part of the new system all auto-draft customers will need to create a new online account on or after Aug. 6 at **gus.georgetown.org/guspay** or by contacting Customer Care at (512) 930-3640 or 1 (888) 474-4904.

As we work through the transition, GUS will suspend late fees and disconnects for nonpayment in the month of August. Regular late-fee and disconnect practices for nonpayment will resume Sept. 1.

Credit card transactions on the website or via the phone system will not be accepted for utility account payments between Aug. 1–6.

For more information, please visit **gus.georgetown.org.** 



Above: Garey Park





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## **CITY EVENTS (CONTINUED)**

#### 'A Wrinkle in Time' AUGUST 17

The final installment of the sunset movie series this summer on Aug. 17 features a free showing of the 2018 movie "A Wrinkle in Time" (PG). This family Disney movie plays in San Gabriel Park near the soccer fields. Bring blankets, camp chairs, and snacks for this event hosted by Georgetown Parks and Recreation. For details, visit **parks.georgetown.org/sunsetmovie-series**.





## City staff art exhibit JULY 30-AUGUST 24

The Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth St., is hosting an art exhibit featuring the work of about 25 City employees from July 30 through Aug. 24. This exhibit will include paintings, sculpture, photography and more by staff from various departments including Georgetown Utility Systems, Information Technology, Parks and Recreation, the Library, Planning, Communication, Police, and Building Inspections. An artist reception will take place on the Library bridge on Friday, Aug. 3, from 4 to 6 p.m. The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public. For more information, visit library.georgetown.org.

### **Summer watering**

During the summer months, outside water use can account for 70 percent or more of your entire water bill. Adjusting how much you water your lawn for the season can help manage your summer usage and avoid higher water bills. Residents are asked to pick two days from the watering schedule. Your wallet will thank you and your lawn won't mind.

Trying to keep your lawn green during the hottest summer months can lead to overwatering. Turf grass has the ability to go dormant during the hottest summer months.

Summer dormancy is a normal response to the stress of heat. Most turf grass plants can stay in a dormant state for a period of time without harm. By watering deeply once every two or three weeks during this dormant state, you can insure the turf grass remains healthy. Once you resume regular watering, it will green up again.

Find your watering schedule at water.georgetown.org.

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Yard trimmings collection is a once-a-month, year-round service for all City of Georgetown residents in the city limits.

- Branches should be bundled with twine, less than 35 pounds, and no more than four feet in length.
- Compostable brown paper lawn and leaf bags must be used for leaves, grass, or other organic material.
- Containers marked with home address and "yard trimmings" can also be used.
- A maximum of 20 bags, bundles, or containers can be picked up per month.

Yard trimmings collected at curbside are ground into mulch, which is free to City solid waste customers. Yard trimmings also may be put in the trash cart, but they will be landfilled and not turned into mulch.

Look up your once-per-month yard trimmings collection day at **recycle.georgetown.org/schedules** or call the Georgetown Utility Systems Customer Care Center at (512) 930-3640.



