



Georgetown City Center set to open in late January

Georgetown City Center, formerly known as Downtown West, will open in late January. The project includes the new City Hall and Council and Court buildings at Martin Luther King Jr. and Ninth streets. City Center is a civic campus of City government offices that will include the two new buildings, the Light and Waterworks building and the Georgetown Public Library, and 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.

CITY EVENTS

Cupid's Chase 5K and Fun Run

Register now for the 24th annual Cupid's Chase 5K and Fun Run on Saturday, Feb. 2. The chip-timed 5K run/walk begins at 8 a.m. The Kids Fun Run for children age 8 and younger starts at 7:30 a.m. The early registration deadline is Jan. 9, after which pricing will increase. Participants receive a Cupid's Chase 5K T-shirt, while supplies last. Strollers and dogs on a leash are always welcome on the Cupid's Chase course.

Learn more and register online at cupid.georgetown.org.

Wolf Crossing development breaks ground

City officials helped break ground Oct. 2 on the 250,000-square-foot Wolf Crossing retail center at I-35 and University Avenue. The project includes restaurants, medical facilities, neighborhood services, a hotel, and a grocery store, and is expected to open in fall 2019.



Negotiations for downtown building sales underway

Georgetown City Council approved the real estate contract for the sale of two downtown buildings at its Oct. 9 meeting. The proposal for the historic Post Office at 113 E. Eighth St. is from City Post Partnership for a ballroom, restaurant, and bar. The proposal for the Municipal Court/City Council Chambers at 101 E. Seventh St. is from Loyal Spirits Distilling Company / URBAN Eat. Drink for a restaurant and microdistillery. City leadership hopes to close on the properties in early-2019 in advance of moving into the City Center facilities.

More information is available at georgetown.org.



Best of Georgetown, TX Winners

The votes are in. Below are some of the gold (first-place) winners in the 2018 Best of Georgetown, TX contest:

BEST OVERALL RESTAURANT:

Blue Corn Harvest Bar & Grill

BEST LUNCH SPOT:

Sweet Lemon Inn & Kitchen

BEST PLACE TO VIEW ART:

Georgetown Public Library

BEST BOUTIQUE:

BIG Brookwood in Georgetown

BEST LIVE ENTERTAINMENT:

Georgetown Palace Theatre

See a complete list of gold, silver, and bronze winners at bestof.georgetown.org.

Recycling Christmas trees, lights and boxes

City of Georgetown residents are encouraged to recycle Christmas trees, boxes, string lights, and wrapping paper to reduce material going to the landfill. If you recycle your tree, please remove the tree stand and any garland, ornaments, or lights.

CURBSIDE PICK-UP: Texas Disposal Systems customers in the city limits of Georgetown can put Christmas trees on the curb for collection on your regular yard trimmings pickup day. Trees seven feet in length or less can be placed at the curb uncut. Longer trees should be cut into sections. No artificial trees will be accepted.

COLLECTION DAY LOOK-UP: For Georgetown city residents, your yard trimmings collection day is on your first recycling day of the month. Look it up at recycle.georgetown.org.

BOXES AND WRAPPING PAPER: Cardboard boxes and wrapping paper are recyclable. If they won't fit in your recycling cart, you can put wrapping paper and boxes in a larger box and set it next to your recycling cart so it can be recycled. Ribbons and bows are not recyclable. Cellophane wrap and plastic bags are recyclable if they are placed in a yellow bag-the-bag, tied, and placed inside the recycling cart. Note that no extra plastic bags next to your trash cart are permitted without a bag tag. Go to recycle.georgetown.org for a complete list of recyclables.

CHRISTMAS STRING LIGHTS: Christmas string lights can be dropped off at the Georgetown Public Library and other locations around the City to be recycled. For a full list of locations, visit recycle.georgetown.org.

CHRISTMAS TREE DROP-OFF: From Dec. 26 through Jan. 31 at no charge, Christmas trees will be accepted at the City of Georgetown Collection Station, 250 W.L. Walden Drive. Normal fees apply to other items. Mulch is available, year-round, free-of-charge to City residents.

Protect pipes

In Central Texas, overnight temperatures can dip below freezing throughout the winter months. Here are ways to keep water pipes from freezing.

WRAP OUTDOOR WATER SPIGOTS: Disconnect the garden hose and wrap outdoor spigots with a towel or old T-shirt and secure with duct tape. Or purchase faucet covers available at local hardware stores.

OUTDOOR PIPES: Use foam pipe insulation and secure with tape. Be sure to insulate joints and fittings since they are the most susceptible to bursting if they freeze.

IRRIGATION BACKFLOW DEVICES: Above-ground irrigation backflow devices can freeze, so remember to wrap or insulate them. Also, turn off backflow water valves and turn off your irrigation system controller to reduce the freeze potential.

INDOOR PIPES: Indoor pipes in an uninsulated exterior wall can freeze. Let hot and cold water trickle from an indoor faucet to keep pipes from freezing.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

City offices closed

Jan. 1: New Year's Day

Jan. 21: MLK Day

There will be no solid waste or recycling pickup on **Tuesday, Jan. 1**. For customers with pickup days on or after New Year's Day, solid waste pickup will slide one day for the remainder of that week.

There will be regular solid waste and recycling collection on MLK Day.