NEWS FROM THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN AND GEORGETOWN UTILITY SYSTEMS



CITY EVENTS

Vibrant Living! A Senior Empowerment Event APRIL 8

Vibrant Living! A Senior Empowerment Event is a one-stop event where area seniors, caregivers, and families can learn about the multitude of resources available to seniors. The event will feature informational and motivational speakers as well as an exhibit area featuring a mix of services such as legal planning, caregiving, health, wellness, and active aging. The event is April 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 1333 W. University Ave.

For more information and to register, visit **vibrantlivinggtx.org**



Red Poppy Festival

The 20th annual Red Poppy Festival on the downtown Square is April 26–28. Pat Green is the headliner at the Saturday night concert. The Friday night concert features Dysfunkshun Junkshun. 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 City is also working to reduce waste generated by the event. Food vendors are using only compostable plates, dishes, drinking straws, napkins, and cutlery. Composting and recycling stations will be available throughout the festival area. You can help to reach the zero waste goal by bringing reusable shopping bags and personal water containers to the event.



The official 2019 Red Poppy Festival poster is on sale for \$5 starting at 6 p.m. on April 5 at the Visitors Center, 103 W. Seventh St. The artist, Devon Clarkson, will be at the Visitors Center on April 5 from 6-8 p.m. signing posters. The first 50 posters are free. For all details go to **RedPoppyFestival.com**.

Clay Shell honored with Paul Harris Fellow recognition

Assistant Fire Chief Clay Shell was honored by the Sun City Rotary Club in January with the Paul Harris Fellow recognition for his 18 years of service to the Breakfast with Santa program as an employee of the Georgetown Fire Department. The recognition is named for Paul Harris who founded Rotary with three associates in Chicago in 1905, and is used to express appreciation to Rotarians for the contributions to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation.







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Eggstravaganza

APRIL 13

The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department hosts the annual Easter egg hunt at Garey Park, 6450 RM 2243. Children are grouped by age to hunt for candy and toy-filled eggs, including a grand prize golden egg for each age division. Egg hunts for age 2 and younger will begin at 10 a.m., ages 3-5 at 10:15 a.m. and ages 6-8 at 10:30 a.m. The event is free and Garey Park entry fees will be waived during the event. For more information, call 512-930-8459 or visit parks.georgetown.org/ eggstravaganza.



Live Music at the Library APRIL 28

Wild Basin Winds performs "Winds Blowing" at the Georgetown Public Library on Sunday, April 28, at 2 p.m. The program will include "Trio in A minor, op. 188" by Carl Reinecke, "Suite for oboe, clarinet and bassoon" by Alexandre Tansman, and "Quintet in E flat major, K 452" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Free and open to the public, this performance is a gift of the Friends of the Georgetown Public Library and is co-sponsored by Georgetown Festival of the Arts. For more information, visit library. georgetown.org/music.

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

The May City Council election includes races for District 3, 4 and 7. Early in-person voting is April 22–30. Election Day is May 4. The last day to register to vote is April 4.

Incumbent John Hesser and Michael Triggs have filed for District 3, incumbent Steve Fought and Joe Reedholm have filed for District 4, and incumbent Tommy Gonzalez and Jaquita Wilson have filed for District 7.

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

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. The City is offering three new rebates for customers to improve the efficiency of their irrigation systems. Customers can receive \$150 in rebates for each of the following programs: changing their irrigation system from a spray system to a drip system, converting spray nozzles to multi-stream nozzles, or installing a wi-fi enabled "smart" controller to help irrigation systems run more efficiently.

Whether you hire a licensed irrigator, or like to do it yourself, following these steps will ensure optimal system efficiency, and save you money on your water bill.

- **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.

Visit **gus.georgetown.org/water/rebate** for more information.

Art exhibits at the Library GEORGETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Art from Georgetown ISD students in kindergarten through 12th grade will be on display at the Public Library April 2–11. There will be an opening reception Wednesday, April 3, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. honoring the artists and their families. For details on the exhibit, go to library.georgetown.org/art.



Earth Day programs focus on climate and the economy

The Georgetown Public Library and Southwestern University are co-sponsoring Earth Day events at the Southwestern University's Smith Library Center, 1001 E. University Ave.

The first event will be a discussion on Nathaniel Rich's book "Odds Against Tomorrow," an NPR Best Book of the Year, on April 1 at 6:30 p.m.

On Monday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. Southwestern University Economics Professor Emily Northrop will host a presentation titled "Dollars and Cents of Global Warming." During her presentation, Northrop will build on the plot of "Odds Against Tomorrow."

For more information, visit **library.georgetown.org**.



