NEWS FROM THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN



CITY EVENTS



Best of Georgetown, TX

The votes are in. Below are some of the gold (first-place) winners in the 2019 Best of Georgetown, TX contest:

BEST OVERALL RESTAURANT

Blue Corn Harvest Bar & Grill

BEST COFFEE/TEA

309 Coffee

BEST PLACE TO VOLUNTEER

The Caring Place

BEST BOUTIQUE

BIG Brookwood in Georgetown

BEST WOMEN'S HAIRCUT

Razmataz Salon

See a complete list of gold, silver, and bronze winners at **Bestof.Georgetown.org**.

Fitness Fusion

Kick off the new year with this free fitness showcase at the Georgetown Recreation Center, 1003 N. Austin Ave., Jan. 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event features a variety of fitness classes, such yoga, Zumba, cycling, and Silver Sneakers classes with the goal of showcasing the variety of fitness programs available that accommodate all ages and fitness levels. During the event, fitness instructors will host 20-minute long sample classes in four locations within the recreation center. Find out more information at **parks.georgetown.org/fitness-fusion**.



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, and 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: Christmas trees will be accepted at no charge from Dec. 26 through Jan. 31 at the City of Georgetown Collection Station, 250 W.L. Walden Drive. Normal fees apply to other items. Recycled Christmas trees are turned into mulch, which is available year-round, free-of-charge to City residents.





Remember to license your pets

Did your family get a new pet this holiday season? Or is it time to renew your pet license? All pets that reside in the city limits of Georgetown are required to be licensed annually. To purchase a license, simply bring your pet's proof of current rabies vaccination to the Georgetown Animal Shelter, or check with your veterinarian to see if they offer licenses.

The cost of a license is \$5 for animals that are spayed or neutered or \$20 for unaltered animals. For residents age 65 and older, the license is free if the pet is spayed or neutered. Free licenses are limited to one per person.

The City's pet license requirement is in place to help enforce the rabies vaccination requirements, which help keep rabies under control.

The Georgetown Animal Shelter is located at 110 WL Walden Drive, near San Gabriel Park, and is open Mon.—Tue., Thu.—Fri. from 11 a.m.—6 p.m. and Sat.—Sun. from noon—4 p.m. For more information, visit **pets.georgetown.org/overview/licensing**.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

CITY OFFICES CLOSED JAN. 1: NEW YEAR'S DAY JAN. 20: MLK DAY

There will be no solid waste or recycling pickup on Wednesday, 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.

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.

Good Neighbor Fund

Good Neighbor Fund, sponsored by the City of Georgetown, is administered by The Caring Place to assist eligible Georgetown utility customers who are unable to pay their utility bill. Each year the need far exceeds the funds available. When you sign up for The Good Neighbor Fund, the amount that you designate will be added to your monthly bill.

Make a monthly pledge, change it, or discontinue at any time at **gus.georgetown.org/gnf**. Contact the City Customer Care Center at (512) 930-3640 or **customercare@georgetown.org** for more information.

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