

**SOUTHWEST BYPASS**

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Note: This newsletter was printed June 18. All information is current through that date. Please visit bit.ly/COVID19GTX for the latest information.

CITY EVENTS**Southwest Bypass opens**

The final 1.25-mile section of Southwest Bypass from Leander Road/FM 2243 to I-35 opened May 26. The roadway was built in conjunction with Williamson County. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the county hosted a virtual ribbon cutting featuring Precinct 3 Commissioner Valerie Covey and Mayor Dale Ross. Check out the video of the ribbon cutting on the City's Facebook page at facebook.com/cityofgeorgetown.

Bag-the-Bag recycling program returns

The City of Georgetown has resumed its Bag-the-Bag program, which allows residents to recycle film plastics such as plastic grocery bags and other pliable plastic wrappers.

GEORGETOWN SOLID WASTE CUSTOMERS CAN PICK UP TWO YELLOW BAGS EACH MONTH FROM ANY OF THESE FIVE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY:

1. Georgetown Municipal Complex, 300-1 Industrial Ave.
2. Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth St.
3. Georgetown Recreation Center, 1003 N. Austin Ave.
4. Sun City Farmers Market, 2 Texas Drive
5. Transfer Station, 250 W.L. Walden Road

Find out more at recycle.georgetown.org.



FY 2021 BUDGET

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**City Budget**

Public hearings for both the City of Georgetown's proposed budget and tax rate for Fiscal Year 2021 will be held in September.

For details about the budget, go to finance.georgetown.org. Watch budget and tax rate hearings at gtv.georgetown.org or on Suddenlink channel 10.

IMPORTANT BUDGET DATES

AUG. 11 – First presentation of the full budget; City Council sets maximum tax rate and public hearing dates

SEPT. 8 – Public hearings and first reading of both the tax rate and the budget

SEPT. 22 – Second reading and final adoption of the tax rate and budget



2020 CENSUS

Help your community

Today, from your home, you can help get Georgetown the funding and representation we deserve for the next 10 years. Results from the 2020 Census are used to determine how much federal funding is allocated to our community, as well as how many representatives our state has in Congress, and how district lines for federal, state, and local representatives are drawn. Your home can fill out the census in three ways: online at my2020census.gov, by phone **1 (844) 330-2020**, and by mail. Find out more at census.gov.

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 lower your summer usage and avoid higher water bills. Residents are asked to follow the two-day 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 over-watering. Turf grass is able 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 some time without harm. By watering deeply once every two or three weeks during this dormant state, you can ensure the turf grass remains healthy. Once you resume regular watering, it will green up again.

Find your watering schedule at water.georgetown.org.



Street maintenance underway

Street resurfacing on city streets has begun and will continue throughout the summer. The work schedule can be affected by weather conditions, mechanical issues, and product availability.

THE CITY USES TWO TYPES OF RESURFACING TECHNIQUES:

1. **High-performance surface seal** — a sealant is applied to the surface of the roadway, reducing damage from UV radiation and vehicle traffic.
2. **Hot-in-place recycling** — an alternative to mill and asphalt overlay in which existing pavement is removed, ground, and mixed with new material to create a new asphalt surface.

For updates on the paving schedule and a complete list of projects, visit transportation.georgetown.org/2020-street-maintenance-projects.

Good Neighbor Fund

The Good Neighbor Fund is sponsored by the City of Georgetown community-owned utilities. The program, administered by The Caring Place, assists eligible City utility customers who are unable to pay their utility bill. With many people unemployed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, donations are needed now more than ever.

Make a pledge online at gus.georgetown.org/gnf. Each year the need far exceeds the funds available. When you sign up for The Good Neighbor Fund, the amount you designate will be added to your monthly bill. Make a monthly pledge, change it, or discontinue at any time. Customers experiencing difficulties making payments can find information about utility assistance at bit.ly/COVID19GTX. Questions? Contact the Customer Care Center at (512) 930-3640 or customercare@georgetown.org.