

**ART AT THE LIBRARY***{Details on Reverse}*

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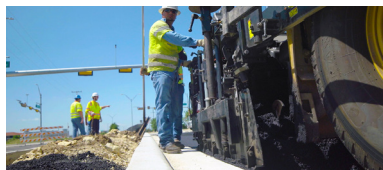
CITY EVENTS**Best of Georgetown, TX**

Where can you find the best lunch spot in Georgetown? Where is the best place to get a haircut? The best coffee or tea?

Tell us your favorites in the month of September during the Best of Georgetown, TX contest. See full details and contest rules at Bestof.Georgetown.org.

**Register for emergency alerts**

Be sure to register to receive emergency notifications from your local emergency response team. Be among the first to receive critical community alerts regarding natural disasters, weather warnings, evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices, and missing child reports. Register to get emergency warnings by email, text, or phone at WarnCentralTexas.org.

**Mobility Georgetown Bond 2021**

The City of Georgetown and a citizen advisory committee are considering a bond election for May 2021 to improve mobility throughout Georgetown. We're asking residents to share their priorities for the bond in a short survey. This survey closes Aug. 15; however, there will be additional opportunities to provide feedback. Visit bonds.georgetown.org to take the survey and learn more.

**Household hazardous waste disposal**

Georgetown residents have several options for disposing of household hazardous waste, including the City's voucher program that allows residents to drop off waste at the City of Round Rock's facility at 310 Deepwood Drive on the first Wednesday of each month from 3-6 p.m. Although there is currently a wait list for vouchers due in part to the COVID-19 pandemic, residents have other options to dispose of hazardous waste.

RESIDENTS CAN:

1. Schedule an individual collection with the City of Round Rock for \$60. Call **512-218-5554** for an appointment.
2. Drop off items at Duke's Junk Recycling, 6726 Burnet Road, Austin. Call **512-497-0457** or visit austintexasjunkrecycling.com for costs.
3. Drop off items at the Austin Recycling and Reuse Drop-off Center, 2514 Business Center Drive, Austin. Depending on materials, there may be a fee associated. Call **512-974-4343** for more information.

Visit recycle.georgetown.org/hhw-voucher for more information.



Art at the Library

The Georgetown Public Library is hosting two art exhibits through Sept. 27. "The Color of Animals" by Rachel Hurst presents works inspired by Hurst's love of animals and pattern. She uses color and pattern to frame her subjects—animals—and illustrate the way they make her feel when she looks at them. Her work will be hung in the Bridge and Hall galleries on the second floor of the Library. Ten percent of Hurst's art sale profits is donated to Safe In Austin, a Leander nonprofit organization that rescues animals from severe abuse or neglect. Learn more at rachelhurstfineart.com.

The other exhibit, "Petal & Ink" by Jennifer Gillen, will be hung in the Café Gallery. Gillen works in ink, oil, and watercolor. Her exhibit is the culmination of a year's work in pen and ink using a variety of techniques including stippling, etching, and ink wash to create a collection of ink drawings that highlight popular garden flowers. Learn more at jengillenart.com.

To view the art, visit the Library at 402 W. Eighth St. Patrons age 10 and older must wear a mask in the Library. For more information on the Library's safety measures, as well as the exhibits, visit library.georgetown.org.

Preventing Falls

For people age 65 and older, falls are the number one cause of injury, hospital visits due to trauma, and fatalities from an injury. Here in our community last year, the Georgetown Fire/Medical Department responded to 1,690 falls and 248 lift assists, which represents nearly 20 percent of all fire or EMS responses.

FALLS ARE A SERIOUS ISSUE FOR AGING RESIDENTS, BUT THEY ARE NOT INEVITABLE. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FALLS AND AVOID SERIOUS INJURY:

1. Take your time. Get out of chairs slowly. Sit a moment before you get out of your bed. Stand and get your balance before you walk.
2. Keep stairs and walking areas clear. Remove electrical cords, shoes, clothing, books, magazines, and other items that may be in the way of foot traffic.
3. Improve the lighting in and outside your home. Use night-lights or a flashlight to light the path between your bedroom and the bathroom. Turn on the lights before using the stairs.
4. Use non-slip mats. Non-slip mats increase safety in the bathtub and on shower floors. Have grab bars installed on the wall next to the bathtub, shower, and toilet.
5. Be aware of uneven surfaces. Use only throw rugs that have rubber, non-skid backing. Consider non-skid pads under rugs. Be aware of uneven sidewalks and pavement outdoors.
6. Stairways should be well lit. Lighting from both the top and the bottom of stairways is important.
7. Wear sturdy, well-fitting shoes. Low-heeled shoes with non-slip soles are best. These are safer than high heels, thick-soled athletic shoes, slippers, or stocking feet.
8. Begin an exercise program. As we get older, doing regular strength, balance, and flexibility exercises protects our health and independence and helps prevent falls.

For more information, contact Georgetown Fire at **512-930-3473** or fire@georgetown.org. Learn more about preventing falls from the National Fire Protection Association at nfpa.org.

LABOR DAY

MONDAY, SEPT. 7

- City offices and facilities are closed.
- No GoGeo bus service.
- Williams Drive Pool is open, other outdoor pools are closed.
- Regular solid waste and recycling collection on Monday.

How to find us on social media

The City of Georgetown has several ways for residents to follow us on social media. Check us out at the following:

- f** – facebook.com/cityofgeorgetown
- t** – twitter.com/georgetowntx
- @** – instagram.com/georgetowntx
- y** – youtube.com/thecityofgeorgetown

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