



CITY EVENTS



Best of Georgetown, TX

The votes are in. Below are some of the gold (first-place) winners in the 2020 Best of Georgetown, TX contest:

BEST OVERALL RESTAURANT

Blue Corn Harvest Bar & Grill

BEST COFFEE/TEA

309 Coffee

BEST PIZZA

600 Degrees Pizzeria and Drafthouse

BEST DESSERT

Sugar Mommy's

BEST WOMEN'S HAIRCUT

Posh Salon

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, 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. Look up yard trimming collection days 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 through Jan. 31 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 Transfer Station, 250 W.L. Walden Drive. Normal fees apply to other items. Mulch is available, year-round, free-of-charge to City residents.





Shelter maintains no-kill status

With a save rate of 94 percent for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, Georgetown Animal Shelter has been able to maintain its status as a no-kill shelter for the sixth year in a row. Shelters with a live outcome rate above 90 percent are considered no-kill shelters.

Factors in the 94 percent live outcome rate include a high rate of animal adoptions, the number of animals returned to owners, and the cleanliness of the shelter, which results in healthy animals.

OTHER NOTABLE MILESTONES FOR THE 2020 FISCAL YEAR INCLUDE:

- 24 percent of animals returned to their owners, including 306 dogs and 31 cats
- 783 impounded animals were adopted or transferred to rescue groups

The Georgetown Animal Shelter is located at 110 W.L. Walden Drive. Contact the shelter at **512-930-3592**, animalsvc@georgetown.org, or online at pets.georgetown.org.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

CITY OFFICES CLOSED JAN. 1: NEW YEAR'S DAY JAN. 18: MLK DAY

There will be no solid waste or recycling pickup on Friday, 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 your pipes, pets, and plants this winter

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

PIPES can freeze and burst in lower temperatures. Be sure to protect outdoor water spigots with faucet covers and use foam pipe insulation on outdoor pipes. Above-ground irrigation backflow devices can also freeze, so remember to wrap or insulate them, and turn off backflow water valves and irrigation system controllers to reduce the freeze potential. To protect your indoor pipes, let hot and cold water trickle from an indoor faucet.

PETS, such as cats and dogs, need access to shelter to protect them from cool temperatures and winds, and an unfrozen water source. Outdoor pets may also need additional caloric intake to help them maintain their body heat.

PLANTS in containers are more susceptible to freezing temperatures because they lack the insulation the earth naturally provides. Move container plants inside where temperatures will stay above freezing, or put them on the south side of the house, water them and pile on mulch, leaves, and hay to protect the roots, and/or cover them with a frost blanket.

Find more information at bit.ly/36enRnY.

Thinking about installing solar panels?

Learn more about the City's updated energy buy-back policy online at gus.georgetown.org/electric. The new rates and ordinance went into effect Oct. 1, 2020.



City services guide and FAQ

Not sure which City department to contact? Check out our printable guide to help you find whom to call and answer your most commonly asked questions. Guides are available at georgetown.org/contact-us/city-services-guide.

Council approves changes to water, solid waste rate

At its Oct. 27 meeting, City Council approved changes to water and wastewater rates. The new rates are effective Jan. 1, 2021. Council also approved changes to solid waste rates that went into effect Nov. 1.

The new monthly rate for wastewater service is \$34.85, for solid waste/recycling/yard clippings service is \$20.92 for customers inside the city, and \$46.25 for an average water customer inside the city using 10,200 gallons.

The new water and wastewater rates come after a cost-of-service rate study was completed this summer by consultants NewGen Strategies and Solutions. The study helped determine the rates and rate structure needed to equitably fund the water utility, including all costs associated with operating, maintaining, and expanding the utility.

For more information, visit bit.ly/2UdSkgl.