

**SPRING BREAK CAMPS***{Details on Reverse}*

Note: This newsletter was printed Jan 19. All information is current through that date. Please visit bit.ly/COVID19GTX for the latest COVID-19 pandemic information.

CITY EVENTS**Chase the Chief 5K and Fun Run****MARCH 7-12**

The 9th annual Chase the Chief 5K and Fun Run will go virtual in 2021. Register for the race, and then participate anywhere you choose between March 7–12. Participants can track their distance on a fitness app, take a screenshot, and email it to be entered into a prize drawing. All submissions are due by 5 p.m. March 14. Registration is \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. To register and find more information, visit chasethechief.georgetown.org.

City provides electric rate relief starting in January 2021

Georgetown electric customers saw a 1 cent/kWh decrease in the Power Cost Adjustment charge, starting with their January consumption. For a residential customer whose monthly average consumption is 1,000 kWh, the change to the PCA charge will result in a reduction of \$10 per month.

The City reduced the PCA because the electric fund has restored a sufficient reserve after implementing several operational and management changes. The PCA is an additional charge to enable the utility to recover energy supply costs.

For more information about the PCA reduction, visit bit.ly/39jUW3o.

**Red Poppy Festival poster art selected**

Artwork by Helen Faythe Green will be featured on the poster and banners for the 2021 Red Poppy Festival. At the time of publication, a final decision regarding the dates and times for 22nd annual Red Poppy Festival had not been made. More details will be announced online at redpoppyfestival.com.

Spring break camps**GEORGETOWN PARKS AND RECREATION**

The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department is offering a variety of spring break camp opportunities the week of March 15–19 for children and teens ages 5 to 19. Choose from one of five camps, including Adventure, Athletic Skills, Multisport Camp, Camp Goodwater, and Tennis camps. Ages, costs, and times vary by camp. Registration began Feb. 1. For more information and to register, visit parks.georgetown.org/camp.

Round up your bill to help your neighbor

Consider rounding up your utility bill to help our neighbors in need. The Good Neighbor Fund is 100 percent supported by customer donations and is administered by The Caring Place.

Customers who donate can make a pledge of a designated monthly amount or choose to round up their utility bill to the next dollar each month online at gus.georgetown.org/gnf. With either option, the pledged amount will show up on utility bills as a line item. Make a pledge, change it, or discontinue at any time. Customers experiencing difficulties paying their bills can find information about utility assistance at bit.ly/COVID19GTX. Questions? Contact the Customer Care Center at **512-930-3640** or customercare@georgetown.org.

Springtime can bring flooding, sign up for emergency alerts

Floods are the most common natural disaster in the United States. Floods can develop slowly or quickly, and may come with no warning. Prepare now for your household, including your pets, to protect yourself from flooding. Learn more about how to prepare for a flood, as well as what to do during and after a flood at ready.gov/floods.

If you are under a flood warning, find safe shelter right away. Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Turn Around, Don't Drown! Just six inches of moving water can knock you down and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.

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, boil water notices, and missing child reports. Register to get emergency warnings by email, text, or phone at warncentraltexas.org.

Conserve water this spring

Did you know during the spring and summer months, outside water use can account for 70 percent or more of your entire water bill? Improper irrigation controller settings can often be the cause of a high water bill.

Make sure your system is set for no more than two days per week according to the following schedule:

ADDRESSES ENDING IN:	MAY WATER THESE DAYS:
1, 5, 9	Tue. and/or Fri.
2, 4, 6, 8	Wed. and/or Sat.
0, 3, 7	Thu. and/or Sun.

And remember: No automatic irrigation allowed on Mondays. Visit water.georgetown.org for more information.

Bulky waste pickups

As the weather turns warmer, many of us start thinking about spring cleaning. But what should you do with bulky items you need to discard?

Larger landfill items known as bulky waste that do not fit into your cart may not be left at the curbside as part of your regular trash collection. These bulky waste items include furniture, mattresses, toilets, refrigerators, washers/dryers, and other items that don't fit in the solid waste cart. However, in-city residents are allowed two free bulky waste curbside pickups per year. Those who live outside city limits pay \$29.49 per cubic yard.

GUIDELINES FOR CURBSIDE BULKY WASTE PICKUP:

1. Pickups are normally scheduled on Saturdays. Do not place items curbside more than 24 hours before your scheduled collection.
2. A \$47.39 Freon removal and handling charge will be charged to your utility account per refrigerator, freezer, air conditioning unit, or other appliance containing Freon.
3. The volume allowed per pickup is up to three cubic yards.
4. Unacceptable bulky waste items include, but are not limited to: tires, vehicle batteries, televisions, hazardous materials, and construction waste such as bathtubs, cabinetry, or sheet rock.

To schedule a curbside bulky waste pickup, call Texas Disposal Systems at **512-930-1715**. Visit recycle.georgetown.org for details on solid waste and recycling programs.

