

Note: This newsletter was printed March 18. All information is current through that date. Please visit bit.ly/COVID19GTX for the latest COVID-19 pandemic information.

City Council election

The May City Council election includes races for Districts 1 and 5. Early in-person voting is April 19-27. Election Day is May 1. The last day to register to vote is April 1.

Incumbent Mary Calixtro and Amanda Parr have filed to run in District 1, and Jason Norwood and incumbent Kevin Pitts have filed to run in District 5.

For updates about the city council election, go to georgetown.org. View council district maps at maps.georgetown.org/council-district-maps.



Earth Day at the Library

Adults can register to pick up plant starter kits from Georgetown Public Library from April 13-19 for Earth Day. Seeds will include parsley, basil, and oregano, and each kit will include instructions on how to start the seeds in containers inside their homes, as well as wooden sticks and aluminum tape to make plant markers. Kit pickup will be from April 20-26. Find out more at library.georgetown.org.



Red Poppy Festival MOVED TO OCTOBER

The Red Poppy Festival, traditionally held the last weekend in April, will be moved to Oct. 1-3, 2021, following City Council direction at its Feb. 9 workshop meeting. The move is in response to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic and will allow more time for vaccinations. Updates and announcements about the festival will be posted to RedPoppyFestival.com. Follow the Convention and Visitors Bureau on social media at facebook.com/visitgeorgetowntx and twitter.com/visitgeorgetown this April to participate in some interactive poppy games and contests.



Stay informed during severe weather

The City's outdoor warning sirens are used to warn people who are outdoors to seek shelter; however, the sirens are only one method of alerting the public to emergencies. Residents are encouraged

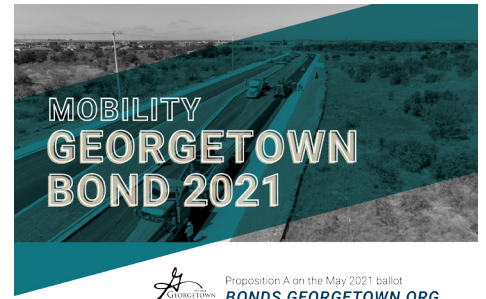
to use multiple means of warning, including a NOAA weather radio and local news stations to stay informed during severe weather. Residents can register to receive emergency notifications from your local emergency response team by email, text, or phone at WarnCentralTexas.org. Be among the first to receive critical community alerts regarding natural disasters, weather warnings, evacuation notices, and boil water notices.

City calls \$90 million mobility bond for May 1 election

The City of Georgetown has called a bond election for Saturday, May 1, 2021. Voters will consider one bond proposition for various street and transportation infrastructure projects. This election is being held in conjunction with the May General Election for local offices and propositions for other taxing entities.

The total amount of the bond proposition is \$90 million in new funding authorizations. If voters approve the proposition, the City anticipates raising the property tax rate by 3 cents once the bonds are issued to cover the full \$120 million cost for the projects. This includes completing work on related projects voters approved in the 2008 and 2015 bonds. The average Georgetown resident could expect their annual property taxes to increase by \$83.40, based on the average homestead taxable value in 2020 of \$278,001. The City expects to start work on the projects within seven years, economic conditions permitting.

Visit bonds.georgetown.org for more information.



La ciudad convoca un bono de movilidad de \$90M para la elección del 1 de Mayo

La ciudad de Georgetown ha convocado una elección de bonos para el sábado 1 de mayo de 2021. Los votantes considerarán una propuesta de bono para varios proyectos de infraestructura de transporte y calles. Esta elección se lleva a cabo en conjunto con la elección general de mayo para cargos locales y propuestas para otras entidades tributarias.

El monto total de la propuesta de bonos es de \$90 millones en nuevas autorizaciones de financiamiento. Si los votantes aprueban la propuesta, la Ciudad prevé aumentar la tasa de impuestos a la propiedad por 3 centavos una vez que se emitan los bonos para cubrir el costo total de \$120 millones para los proyectos. Esto incluye completar el trabajo en proyectos relacionados que los votantes aprobaron en los bonos de 2008 y 2015. El residente promedio de Georgetown podría esperar que sus impuestos a la propiedad anuales aumenten por \$ 83.40, según el valor imponible promedio de la vivienda en 2020 de \$278,001. La Ciudad espera comenzar a trabajar en los proyectos dentro de siete años, si las condiciones económicas lo permiten.



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Spring irrigation tune-up

Now is a great time to have your irrigation system tuned up and ready for the hot, dry summer months ahead. We recommend homeowners have their systems serviced either by the homeowner or a licensed, local irrigator. Licensed irrigators are identified by the initials "LI," followed by a six digit number (i.e. #000123), and are required to include the number on any form of advertisement, as well as on their service vehicles.

Here is a tune-up checklist for your irrigation system:

- Turn off all water outlets, and make sure the water meter is not spinning (this will verify there are no leaks in the system).
- Test the rain and soil moisture sensors, and check, clear, or replace clogged nozzles.
- Adjust the spray pattern and direction of heads and nozzles, checking for line breaks.
- Inspect the areas around each spray and rotor head for water bubbling out of the ground or the head itself.
- Raise the heads to clear the taller areas of turf, and verify every zone valve turns on from the irrigation controller.

Whether you hire a licensed irrigator, or like to do it yourself, following these steps will ensure optimal system efficiency and save you money on your water bill.