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Georgetown Parks and Recreation summer camps

Georgetown Parks and Recreation offers a variety of camps to keep children engaged and active during the summer break. Weekly camp sessions begin June 1. Camp ages and fees vary. To learn more and register, visit parks.georgetown.org/camp. The programs operated by the City of Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department are recreational in nature and not state-licensed childcare programs.

May 31 | Memorial Day Closings

- City offices and facilities closed
- Regular solid waste and recycling collection
- The Recreation Center outdoor, Williams Drive and Village pools open for the summer season on May 29 for the Memorial Day weekend. The Recreation Center outdoor and Village pools remain open through mid-August, and the Williams Drive Pool will be open through Labor Day weekend. Go to parks.georgetown.org/aquatics for details.



May 12 | Household Hazardous Waste collection event

The City will host a household hazardous waste collection event from 3-6 p.m. May 12 at the site of the old Show Barn in San Gabriel Park, 445 E. Morrow St. City of Georgetown solid waste customers must contact Customer Care at 512-930-3640 or customer care@georgetown.org to have their name placed on a list. Please include your name, address, and utility account number when emailing customer care. A list of acceptable items is available at recycle.georgetown.org/household-hazardous-waste. Please note: Debris from the winter storm, including construction materials will not be accepted at this event. Additional collection events are being planned for 2021.

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.

May 1 | City Council and Mobility Georgetown Bond 2021 election

The ballot for the May City Council election includes candidates for districts 1 and 5. Incumbent Mary Calixtro and Amanda Parr are on the ballot for District 1, and Jason Norwood and incumbent Kevin Pitts are on the ballot for District 5.

The last day to register to vote in the May 1 election is April 1. Early in-person voting is April 19-27. Polling places, dates, and times are available at wilco.org/elections. To see maps of council districts, go to maps.georgetown.org/council-district-maps.

Georgetown residents also will vote on a \$90 million mobility bond as part of the May 2021 election. More information available at bonds.georgetown.org.

Los residentes de Georgetown también votarán por un bono de movilidad de \$ 90 millones como parte de las elecciones de mayo de 2021. Más información disponible en bonds.georgetown.org.

May 3-7 | National Small Business Week

This National Small Business Week, Georgetown's Economic Development Department is offering workshops and activities for small business owners and managers to celebrate the many small businesses in our community. Registration details are coming soon. More information is available at mainstreet.georgetown.org/small-business-resources.



Call 811 Before You Dig

Call 811 before you dig. It's a free call, and it can save a life. When you call 811, within 48 hours, utility companies are notified about your intent to dig and will send a locator to mark utility-owned underground electric lines, pipes, or cables in the work area, free of charge.

Utility companies will mark the location of their underground lines with paint, flags, or stakes using a standard color code, which you can see at [Texas811.org](https://www.texas811.org). Customers should be aware of any unmarked lines not owned by a utility, such as a customer-owned connection to a water meter, a wastewater service tap, or an irrigation system.

If you are digging and damage a utility line, call the utility immediately. If you know it is a Georgetown Utility Systems line, call Customer Care at 512-930-3640.

Just remember: Know what's below. Call 811 before you dig.

Utility costs from February's winter storm

As of mid-March, the City of Georgetown anticipated no increase to customer utility rates, though customers could have higher utility bills due to usage in February. City Council approved a one-time, automatic \$10 credit for all Georgetown residential and commercial water customers for dripping faucets during the storm, and customers can request additional adjustments online.

The City was charged about \$48 million for electricity used during the storm and expects to pay the bill through a 10-year bond. However, the situation could change, and the latest information will be posted on the City's website.

For more information about the City's winter storm response, visit [Georgetown.org](https://www.Georgetown.org).



Preservation Month

In May, the City of Georgetown celebrates Preservation Month. To celebrate several significant milestones for several buildings in downtown, the City's Main Street Program and Historic and Downtown Planning will be promoting building birthday parties with the private businesses located in them. The hope is to make this a new tradition with an annual celebratory event each May. Visit mainstreet.georgetown.org or historic.georgetown.org to find out more and get information on Preservation Month related events.



Lake Water Treatment Plant expansion project begins

Work on an expansion of the Lake Water Treatment plant began in early March. The expansion project will increase the capacity of the plant from 28.6 million gallons per day to 37.4 million gallons per day.

Cost: \$11.7 million

Funding source: Water Capital Improvement Project budget

Expected completion: Summer 2023

Contractor: Cunningham Constructors & Associates Inc.

Drought conditions persist in Georgetown, water conservation reminder

Lake Georgetown is in Stage 1 Drought Watch as a result of drier than normal conditions in portions of the Brazos River basin and drought trigger levels set by the Brazos River Authorities Drought Contingency Plan.

As you turn your irrigation systems on for this spring, remember to set your system to your assigned two-day watering schedule, and there is no watering on Mondays. Find your schedule at [water.georgetown.org](https://www.water.georgetown.org).

Severe weather season

Residents are encouraged use multiple channels to stay informed during severe weather, including NOAA weather radios, local news stations, following the City of Georgetown on social media, and registering to receive emergency alerts by email, text, or phone at [WarnCentralTexas.org](https://www.WarnCentralTexas.org).