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# Applications being accepted for City's Home Repair Program

The City of Georgetown Home Repair Program, administered by Habitat of Humanity of Williamson County, provides home repairs for homeowners in the City of Georgetown who meet certain eligibility requirements. For more information about the program, including the application, visit **housing.georgetown.org/home-repair-program**.

# New water rates in effect this summer

With water use for lawn irrigation increasing as the weather gets warmer, customers may see an increase in their water bills due to new water rates that went into effect on Jan. 1.

For the average water customer using 10,200 gallons per month, the monthly water bill will increase to \$46.25 from \$40.98. Customers using 7,000 gallons per month or fewer will see a modest increase of 10 cents per thousand gallons on their bill, while a customer using 50,000 gallons per month would see a water use cost of \$292.95, up from \$186.50 last year. A \$1.50 increase to the base rate was also approved for all residential customers. Information about water monitoring tips on Page 2. Learn more at **water.georgetown.org**.

| Volumetric water rates (per 1,000 gallons) |        |                 |        |
|--|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 2019                                       |        | 2020            |        |
| 0-10,000                                   | \$1.75 | 0-7,000         | \$1.85 |
| 10,001-20,000                              | \$2.40 | 7,001-15,000    | \$2.75 |
| 20,001-40,000                              | \$4    | 15,001-25,000   | \$4.80 |
| 40,001-60,000                              | \$6.50 | 25,000 and more | \$8.40 |
| 60,001 and more                            | \$8.50 |                 |        |

# '13 Jewish Driver's Licenses' exhibit at the Library

An exhibit featuring "13 Jewish Drivers' Licenses: A Tale of Nazi Destruction, Discovery and Reconciliation" will be on display at the Georgetown public Library from June 27 through the month of July. It is being sponsored by Congregation Havurah Shalom of Sun City. "13 Jewish Drivers' Licenses" tells the story of a town in Germany coming to terms with its darkest past. The licenses were discovered in 2017 when the staff of the district offices in Lichtenfels were digitizing the town's official paper records. The licenses had been revoked by the Nazi's in 1938. The free exhibit will be open to the public during library hours.

For more information, visit **library.georgetown.org**.



# Sertoma July 4 celebration

The Georgetown Sertoma Club will host an Independence Day fireworks display at about 9:15 p.m. July 4 from San Gabriel Park. For more information, visit **gtxsertoma.org**.

# The Independence Day holiday

City offices are closed on Monday, July 5, in observation of the July 4 holiday.

There is regular solid waste and recycling collection July 5.



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## Aug. 7: Blazin' Beer Crawl

Tickets are on sale now for the second Blazin' Beer Crawl from 3 to 6 p.m. Aug. 7 on the Square. The crawl is a self-paced walking event featuring craft beer tastings from Central Texas breweries inside Downtown retail stores and restaurants. Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$55 for VIP and help raise funds for the Main Street Façade and Sign Grant Program. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit

mainstreet.georgetown.org

### Monitoring your electric and water use

Monitoring and managing your water and electric use can help prevent surprises on your bill.

**Aqua Alerts** sends you an automatic message when you use a certain amount of water during the month. You select when you want to be notified. For instance, if you set an alert for 10,000 gallons of water, you will receive an email when you reach that amount each month.

**Georgetown Utility Analysis and Reporting Doorway**, or GUARD, allows you to track your water and electric use daily.

Customers can also track their monthly use through the City's utility billing software. For more information, visit **gus.georgetown.org**.

# Aviation Drive/Lakeway Boulevard waterlines

The City is funding construction of two new waterlines along Aviation Drive and Lakeway Boulevard near the Georgetown Municipal Airport to provide enhanced fire flow for new warehouse projects and future expansion for the industrial business park at Aviation and Lakeway drives.

- Cost: \$2.3 million
- **Funding source:** Georgetown Economic Development Corporation, Georgetown Transportation Enhancement Corporation, Water Fund, Titan Development
- **Construction timeline:** The Lakeway waterline is complete and operational.

The Aviation Drive waterline is expected to be completed with the Aviation Drive roadway extension by mid-2023.

# July is Lost Pet Prevention Month

Did you know one in three pets becomes lost at some point? Having some form of identification increases a pet's chances of being reunited with its owner.

**ID tags:** Physical tags show that a pet is owned and give the finder a way to contact



the owner. You should include your current phone number at a minimum. Check with local pet stores or look online for personalized tags.

**Microchips:** Microchips are critical tools for returning pets that don't have physical tags. Make sure you keep the information up to date with the microchip company. Georgetown Animal Shelter offers microchipping for \$20.

**Pet licenses:** The City of Georgetown requires pets be licensed. Upon registration, you will receive numbered tags that identify your pet. Pet registration can now be done online. Find details about how to register your pet at

pets.georgetown.org/overview/licensing-your-pets.

Make sure your pet has identification or make sure their existing IDs are updated. Find more information about lost pets at **pets.georgetown.org**.

# **Fight the Bite**

Georgetown residents can reduce their risk of contracting mosquitoborne illnesses by getting rid of standing water around houses and



by using insect repellant. Here is a simple way to remember how to "Fight the Bite" using the 3-Ds of mosquito safety:

- **Drain:** Drain standing water around your home (such as flowerpots, pet dishes, and bird baths), so mosquitoes don't have a place to breed.
- **Dress:** Dress in long sleeves and pants when outdoors (especially at dawn and dusk).
- **Defend:** Use an Environmental Protection Agencyapproved insect repellent.

Mosquito bites may cause illness. While most people may not feel sick, some cases of mosquito-borne diseases can cause serious illness or death. Children, people 65 and older, and those with certain health conditions may be at a higher risk of getting sick if they become infected. For more information, contact the Williamson County and Cities Health District at 512-943-3620 or wcchd.org.



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