

*NOTE: This newsletter was printed July 19. All information is current through that date.*

## November election to feature City-related items

Georgetown City Council is considering calling a City charter amendment election to approve changes and updates to the City's legal founding document.

The City Charter is the legal document establishing a municipality and defines the structure, powers, functions, and procedures of local government. Changes to the charter must be approved by City voters.

Proposed amendments include changes related to term limits; council qualifications; council vacancies; rules of procedures; procedures to enact legislation; franchise agreement notifications; public led initiative, referendum, and recall requirements; City structure language; and appropriations and budget.

If approved by City Council, the amendments would be on the Nov. 2 ballot. For more information, visit [georgetown.org/2021-charter-amendment-election](https://georgetown.org/2021-charter-amendment-election).

The November ballot will also include a special election to fill the District 6 council seat after Rachael Jonrowe announced her resignation in July.

Find election information at [wilco.org/elections](https://wilco.org/elections).

## National Night Out

National Night Out, an annual event to support safe neighborhoods, is on Tuesday, Oct. 5, in Georgetown. If your neighborhood is hosting a block party and would like Georgetown Police Department officers, other local law enforcement officers, elected officials, Georgetown firefighters and EMS technicians, or other City employees to attend, please register by Sept. 16 at [pd.georgetown.org/national-night-out](https://pd.georgetown.org/national-night-out).

## Shop Georgetown this Labor Day weekend

Celebrate the Labor Day weekend by shopping sidewalk sales and dining in downtown Georgetown. The event kicks off at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, and continues through 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6. Find out more at [mainstreet.georgetown.org](https://mainstreet.georgetown.org).



## Household hazardous waste collection event

The City will host a household hazardous waste collection event from 3-6 p.m. Sept. 15 at the old site of the 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](mailto: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, as well as other ways to dispose of household hazardous waste, is available at [recycle.georgetown.org/household-hazardous-waste](https://recycle.georgetown.org/household-hazardous-waste).



## Signup for secure paperless billing

When it comes to paperless billing, there are many reasons to choose to receive your utility bill via email, text, or both instead of receiving a paper bill in the mail:

- Convenience: Instead of waiting for the bill to land in your mailbox, you can access your bill anytime you like from your smart phone or personal computer.
- Cleanliness: Don't add to the clutter in your home.
- Sustainability: Paperless billing helps reduce the amount of paper going into our landfill.
- Time: Get your bill faster, and don't worry about it getting lost in the mail.

To learn more about how you can sign up for paperless billing with Secure eStatement, visit [gus.georgetown.org](http://gus.georgetown.org).



## Street maintenance season is here!

Street resurfacing on city streets will be completed throughout the summer. The work schedule can be affected by weather conditions, mechanical issues, and product availability.

The City uses two types of resurfacing techniques:

**High-performance surface seal**—a sealant is applied to the surface of the roadway, reducing damage from UV radiation and vehicle traffic.

**Hot-in-place recycling**—an alternative to mill and asphalt overlay in which existing pavement is removed, ground, and mixed with new material to create a new asphalt surface.

For updates on the paving schedule and a complete list of projects, visit [transportation.georgetown.org](http://transportation.georgetown.org).

## September is National Preparedness Month

To celebrate National Preparedness Month this September, we're promoting family and community disaster planning. Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which types of disasters could affect your area. Know how you'll contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that's familiar and easy to find. Find more resources at [ready.gov/plan](http://ready.gov/plan).

## Bag-the-Bag recycling program

The City of Georgetown's Bag-the-Bag program allows residents to recycle plastic bags and other pliable plastic wrappers. Georgetown solid waste customers can pick up two yellow bags each month from any of these five locations throughout the City:



- Georgetown Municipal Complex, 300-1 Industrial Ave.
- Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth St.
- Georgetown Recreation Center, 1003 N. Austin Ave.
- Sun City Social Center, 2 Texas Drive
- Transfer Station, 250 W.L. Walden Road

Find out more at [recycle.georgetown.org](http://recycle.georgetown.org).

## Labor Day

Monday, Sept. 6

City offices and facilities are closed. No GoGeo bus service.

The Visitors Center will be open 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Williams Drive Pool is open, other outdoor pools are closed.

Regular solid waste and recycling collection on Monday.

## Art at the Library

The Georgetown Public Library will host a display and artist talk in observance of the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. "Susan Hoppenworth: Works and Words from a 9/11 First Responder" is based on the artist's experiences as a first responder in New York City, and will illustrate the ways she has used quilting and writing in the aftermath of the event. From Sept. 2-23, a display case with her journals and mementos will be on the second floor bridge. Hoppenworth's 9/11-related quilts will be exhibited from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 10 in the Hewlett Room. An artist talk and Q&A followed by a reception for Hoppenworth will be from 4-6 p.m. Sept. 10 in the Hewlett Room. Visit [library.georgetown.org](http://library.georgetown.org) for more information.