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Lighting of the Square

See the Most Beautiful Town Square in Texas at its holiday finest for this annual tradition on Friday, Nov. 26, the day after Thanksgiving. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. Sing along to Christmas carols and as Georgetown lights up the Courthouse Square for the holiday season.

Cease the grease this holiday

The holiday season can be a pain for your pipes and drains, especially when it comes to fats, oil, and grease used for cooking. When fat, oil, and grease are poured down the drain, it can lead to clogged pipes and sewage backups. Do not to pour cooking oil and meat fats into the kitchen sink or toilet or put food scraps down the garbage disposal. Instead, please properly dispose of your used cooking oils and fats by using paper towels to remove residual grease or oil from dishes, pots, and pans before washing. Pour cooled cooking oil and meat fats in sealed containers and dispose in your garbage. Larger amounts of fryer grease, including oil used to fry turkeys, can be disposed of at no charge at the Transfer Station, 250 W.L. Walden Drive.

Small Business Saturday and Artist Sunday

Shoppers are invited to show their support for their favorite local businesses during the annual Shop Small event on Nov. 27. The event kicks off with free shopping totes, giveaways, and prizes. On Sunday, show your love for local artists by shopping during Artist Sunday on Nov. 28. For all the details about how to Shop Small during the holidays, go to mainstreet.georgetown.org/shop-small.



City Council, charter amendment election

Georgetown voters living in the city limits who head to the polls will be able to cast ballots on nine propositions related to amendments to the City Charter, and voters in District 6 will select a new City Council member.

For more information, visit georgetown.org. Polling places, dates, and times are available at wilco.org/elections.

- **Oct. 18-29:** Early in-person voting period
- **Nov. 2:** Election Day

Daylight Saving Time

Ends Nov. 7

Time to change your smoke alarm batteries and irrigation system battery.

Thanksgiving Holiday

City offices closed Nov. 25-26

No solid waste or recycling pickup on Nov. 25. Thursday pickup slides to Friday; Friday slides to Saturday.

Best of Georgetown TX

Where can you find the best lunch spot in Georgetown? Where is the best place to get a haircut? The best coffee or tea?

Tell us your favorites in the month of November during the Best of Georgetown, TX contest.

See full details and contest rules at Bestof.Georgetown.org.



Blue Santa helpers already at work

The Georgetown Police Blue Santa program is asking residents to help make the program a success despite the obstacles presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.



The program's goal each year has been to ensure every child in need of toys in the community receives special gifts from Blue Santa during the Christmas season, and this year will be no different. Blue Santa asks you to please consider making monetary contributions in lieu of unwrapped toys, but unwrapped toys are always appreciated. Monetary contributions allow us to limit the handling and transportation of toys, which will help safeguard Blue Santa's helpers. It will also allow us to purchase more toys in bulk buys which can stretch our donation dollars further and better focus our supply of toys to the specific ages we need. We expect the need this year will continue to grow as Georgetown continues to grow, and your generosity is crucial to meeting the needs in Georgetown. Find out how you can donate at bluesanta.georgetown.org.

Holiday string lights recycling

The City has again partnered with Texas Disposal Systems to continue its free holiday string-light recycling program to Georgetown residents. Drop-off broken or old holiday string lights Nov. 29 through Jan. 31 at one of three collection stations, including the City of Georgetown Collection and Transfer Station, 250 W.L. Walden Road; Georgetown Municipal Complex, 300-1 Industrial Ave.; or Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth St. Sun City residents may also drop off old or broken string lights at the Cowan Creek Pavilion, 1433 Cool Spring Way, in Sun City. Only string lights will be accepted. For more information, visit recycle.georgetown.org.

City launches performance dashboard

Georgetown residents and ratepayers can now see how the City is performing on key metrics through a public performance management dashboard.

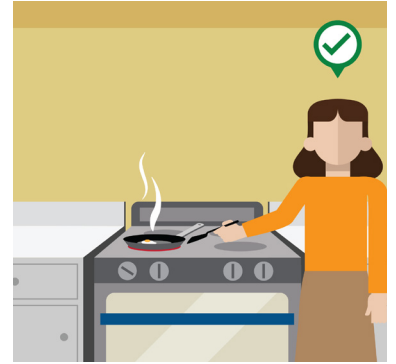
The dashboard highlights a cross-section of performance metrics that provides residents with insights into department operations and services. It tracks eight different metrics across the City relating to communications, recreation, public safety, utilities, and development.

The metrics on the dashboard are among the metrics the City tracks internally through its Performance Management Program (PMP). The PMP helps staff monitor productivity and performance while identifying trends and patterns to determine whether a service is appropriately resourced.

Find out more at georgetown.org/pmp.

Make your holiday fireproof

Cooking is the main cause of home fires and fire injuries, and Thanksgiving is the peak day for cooking-related fires. Take these steps to keep your family safe:



Use caution when frying a turkey: Only fry them outdoors on a sturdy, level surface, well away from things that can burn, and only fry a thawed turkey.

Stand by your pan: If you leave the kitchen, turn the burner off.

Watch what you are cooking: Fires start when the heat is too high. If you see any smoke or the grease starts to boil, turn the burner off.

Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove: Then no one can bump them or pull them over.

Keep a pan lid or baking sheet nearby: Use it to cover the pan if it catches on fire. This will put out the fire.



Art in the Library

The Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth St., will feature two art exhibits this November. Waterloo Watercolor Group's "Better Together" exhibit will be in the Second Floor Hall and Bridge galleries Nov. 2-Dec. 12. An artist reception will be held 2-4 p.m. Nov. 14. Artist Mark Stalnaker will display his exhibit "Fine Lines" Nov. 2-Jan. 16 in the first floor Café Gallery. An artist reception will be 4-6 p.m. Nov. 5. For more information about both exhibits, visit library.georgetown.org.