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POPPtober Fest | Oct. 1-3

The City will host POPPtober Fest (rescheduled Red Poppy Festival) on the downtown Square. The event will feature live music all weekend. Other festival highlights include the Car Show at 11 a.m. on Saturday, as well as arts and crafts and food vendors.

More information about the event, including an event schedule and details, will be posted at **Popptoberfest.com**.

2020 Water Quality Report updated

Georgetown's water utility is proud be rated superior by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

To be rated a Superior Public Water System, the utility must exceed the minimum acceptable standards set by the TCEQ, as well as meet the following requirements:

- Adequately licensed operators
- · No violations from TCEQ for water quality
- · Comply with all drinking water standards
- Proper reporting
- · Adequate capacity
- · Proper maintenance

TCEQ requires each water utility in the state to provide its customers with an annual water quality report. The 2020 Water Quality Report was included in utility bills distributed this spring. However, the TCEQ required some clarification, which resulted in the report being updated. To view the most current report, visit gus.georgetown.org/water/reports-forms-plans.

Contact Customer Care at 512-930-3640, toll free at 888-474-4904, or email **customercare@georgetown.org** for additional information.

Georgetown Autumn Art Stroll

Mark your calendars for the inaugural Georgetown Autumn Art Stroll in downtown from 4-8 p.m. Oct. 21. The stroll is an opportunity for patrons to view art and purchase art from artists in Grace Plaza, as well as at local arts businesses and arts and culture organizations. The City of Georgetown Arts and Culture Program will provide an opportunity to engage in a public art project and enjoy music or a live performance. For more information, visit

arts.georgetown.org/georgetown-autumn-art-stroll.

GoGeo fixedroute services to end Oct. 1

The GoGeo fixedroute bus service in Georgetown will end Oct. 1, 2021. The

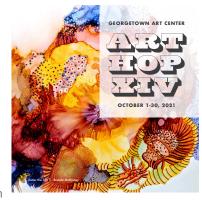


current paratransit service is expected to continue, as is and uninterrupted. The City is negotiating with Capital Metro for an interlocal agreement to continue the current paratransit service, which should be signed and in effect before October. The paratransit bus runs from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, requires 24 hours' notice, and costs \$2 per trip. Reservations can be made online or by calling 512-478-7433. Find out more at

gogeo.georgetown.org.

Art Hop XIV

Art Hop is an annual statewide competition that celebrates Texas artists sponsored by the Georgetown Art Center. Accepted artworks will be displayed in one of two locations: At the Georgetown Art Center or the Georgetown Public Library. The exhibit runs from



Oct. 1-30. The competition categories include 2D abstract, 2D representational, 3D, and photography. For more information, visit **library.georgetown.org/art**.



'Let Me Be Myself' exhibit at Georgetown Public Library

Congregation Havurah Shalom of Sun City, in partnership with the Georgetown Public Library, is bringing the traveling exhibit "Let Me Be Myself: The Life Story of Anne Frank" to the library Oct. 2-Nov. 15. "Let Me Be Myself" is sponsored in North America by the Anne Frank Center USA and was developed by the Anne Frank House. Docent led tours can be scheduled online at annefrankexhibitgeorgetown.com.

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Fire Prevention Week

As Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 3-9) approaches, the Georgetown Fire Department reminds residents to learn the sounds of fire safety from your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

- A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is dying.
- · Smoke alarms must be replaced every 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm should be replaced.
- Make sure your detectors meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

The Fire Department is hosting events for Fire Prevention Week throughout the community. For more information, call 512-930-8092 or email jonathan.gilliam@georgetown.org.

Be cyber smart

This October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, and you can do your part in being cyber smart and protecting Internet-connected devices. Whether it's your computer, smartphone, game device, or other network devices, the best defense is updating to the latest security software, web browser, and operating systems. If you have the option to enable automatic updates to defend against the latest risks, turn it on. Visit cisa.gov/ncsam for more information.

Nov. 2 election includes City-related items

City Council has called a special election to fill the vacant District 6 council seat. Candidates for the District 6 seat include Jake French and Chere Heintzmann.

The council also called a charter amendment election, to approve changes and updates to the City's legal founding document. Nine propositions 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. For more information, visit

georgetown.org/2021-charter-amendment-election.

Also on the ballot for Georgetown voters is a petition to allow the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages in areas annexed into the city limits since the last local option election in 2010, including the area to be developed as Wolf Lakes Village at Hwy. 29 and I-35.

Important election dates:

- Oct. 4: Last day to register to vote
- Oct. 22: Last day to apply for Ballot by Mail
- Oct. 18-29: Early in-person voting period
- Nov. 2: Election Day

For updates about the election, go to **georgetown.org**. View council district maps at **maps.georgetown.org**. Polling places, dates, and times are available at **wilco.org/elections**.

Household hazardous waste collection event

The City will host a household hazardous waste collection event from 3-6 p.m.



Oct. 20 at the old site of the Show Barn in San Gabriel Park, 425 E. Morrow St. City of Georgetown solid waste customers must contact Customer Care at 512-930-3640 or customercare@georgetown.org to have their named 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.

