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Shelter maintains no-kill status

With a save rate of 95.7 percent for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, Georgetown Animal Shelter has been able to maintain its status as a no-kill shelter for the seventh year in a row. Shelters with a live outcome rate above 90 percent are considered no-kill shelters.

Factors in the live outcome rate include a high rate of animal adoptions, a growing barn cat program, the invaluable support of foster families, and partnerships with rescues and other shelters.

Other notable milestones for the 2021 fiscal year include:

- 20 percent of animals returned to their owners, including 262 dogs and 20 cats
- 46 percent of animals adopted, including 301 dogs and 335 cats
- 50 dogs and 20 cats were transferred to other shelters or rescue groups
- Length of stay decreased from an average of 14 days to 10 days

The Georgetown Animal Shelter is located at 110 W.L. Walden Drive. Contact the shelter at 512-930-3592, animalsvc@georgetown.org, or online at pets.georgetown.org.

City charter amendments OK'd, French wins District 6 election

During the Nov. 2 election, Georgetown voters approved nine City charter amendments, and voters in City Council District 6 elected a new City Council member. Jake French won the District 6 City Council seat with 55.24 percent of the vote, or 311 votes. The local option election to allow the sale of alcohol in recently annexed parts of the city was also approved by voters. For more information, visit georgetown.org.

Recycling Christmas trees, lights, and boxes

City of Georgetown residents are encouraged to recycle Christmas trees, boxes, string lights, and wrapping paper to reduce material going to the landfill. If you recycle your tree, please remove the tree stand and any garland, ornaments, and lights.



Curbside pick-up: Texas Disposal Systems customers in the city limits of Georgetown can put Christmas trees on the curb for collection on your regular yard trimmings pickup day. Trees seven feet in length or less can be placed at the curb uncut. Longer trees should be cut into sections. No artificial trees will be accepted. Look up yard trimming collection days at recycle.georgetown.org.

Boxes and wrapping paper: Cardboard boxes and wrapping paper are recyclable. If they won't fit in your recycling cart, you can put wrapping paper and boxes in a larger box and set it next to your recycling cart so it can be recycled. Ribbons and bows are not recyclable. Cellophane wrap and plastic bags are recyclable if they are placed in a yellow bag-the-bag, tied, and placed inside the recycling cart. Note that no extra plastic bags next to your trash cart are permitted without a bag tag. Go to recycle.georgetown.org for a complete list of recyclables.

Christmas string lights: Christmas string lights can be dropped off at the Georgetown Public Library and other locations around the City to be recycled. For a full list of locations, visit recycle.georgetown.org.

Christmas tree drop-off: From Dec. 26 through Jan. 31 at no charge, Christmas trees will be accepted at the City of Georgetown Collection Station, 250 W.L. Walden Drive. No artificial trees will be accepted. Normal fees apply to other items. Mulch is available, year-round, free-of-charge to City residents.



Jan 19: Household hazardous waste collection event

The City will host a household hazardous waste collection event from 3-6 p.m. Jan. 19 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 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.



Georgetown Swirl tickets on sale

Tickets go on sale Dec. 1 for the 12th annual Georgetown Swirl, which will be from 6 to 9 p.m. March 5. Enjoy an evening of shopping and live jazz music in downtown Georgetown while sampling Texas wines and cuisine from local restaurants. The cost is \$50 per person. VIP tickets are \$125 each with special benefits. Go to swirl.georgetown.org for details and tickets. Proceeds benefit the Main Street Program Facade and Sign Grant Program.

Holiday Closings

City offices closed:

- Dec. 31: New Year's Day observed
- Jan. 17: MLK Jr. Day

There will be regular solid waste and recycling pickup on Friday, Dec. 31.
There will be regular solid waste and recycling collection on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Council begins redistricting process

City Council is conducting the process to rebalance the population in the city's seven council districts, which is known as redistricting or reapportionment. The redistricting process happens after every decennial census. Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, a law firm with expertise in redistricting, was hired by City Council to advise them during the redistricting process.

The 2020 Census Georgetown population as of April 1, 2020, was 66,880, which is a 41 percent increase in population from 47,400 persons in the 2010 census. This means that the ideal council district is now 9,554, which is the total of 66,880 persons divided by seven single-member districts.

Find more information about the process at government.georgetown.org/redistricting-2021.

Protect your pipes, pets, and plants this winter

In Central Texas, overnight temperatures can dip below freezing throughout the winter months. Here are ways to keep your pipes, pets, and plants from freezing.



Pets, such as cats and dogs, need access to shelter to protect them from cool temperatures and winds, and an unfrozen water source. Outdoor pets may also need additional caloric intake to help them maintain their body heat.



Pipes can freeze and burst in lower temperatures. Be sure to protect outdoor water spigots with faucet covers and use foam pipe insulation on outdoor pipes. Above-ground irrigation backflow devices can also freeze, so remember to wrap or insulate them, and turn off backflow water valves and irrigation system controllers to reduce the freeze potential. To protect your indoor pipes, let hot and cold water trickle from an indoor faucet, and open cabinet doors to allow warm air to circulate around the pipes.



Plants in containers are more susceptible to freezing temperatures because they lack the insulation the earth naturally provides. Move container plants inside where temperatures will stay above freezing or put them on the south side of the house; water them and pile on mulch, leaves, and hay to protect the roots; and/or cover them with a frost blanket.

Find more information at bit.ly/36enRnY