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## Cupid's Chase 5K and Fun Run | Feb. 12

The 27th annual Cupid's Chase 5K and Fun Run is back in person in 2022! Participants will be able to complete in a 5K run/walk for ages 11 and older, or a children's 1K Fun Run for ages 10 and younger. The race will begin and end in San Gabriel Park. Find more information, including registration costs, at [cupid.georgetown.org](http://cupid.georgetown.org).

## SE Inner loop expansion project completed

Construction to expand SE Inner Loop between Austin Avenue and FM 1460 from two lanes to four lanes with a center turn lane was completed in December. The project was funded by the 2015 voter approved bonds. In May 2021, Georgetown voters approved funds to expand SE Inner Loop to a four-lane roadway with a center turn lane from FM 1460 to Hwy. 29. The expansion plans also call for a shared-use path for pedestrians and cyclists. Find more information at [bonds.georgetown.org](http://bonds.georgetown.org).

## Healthy Yards series kicks off in February

The City of Georgetown will kick off it's 2022 Healthy Yard class series Feb. 15. The five-class series will be held throughout 2022 and feature a different topic each session.

Topics include:

- Feb. 15: Earth and pocketbook friendly gardening
- March 18: Gardening for wildlife
- May 23: Native Plants in the garden
- July date TBD: Xeriscaping doesn't mean all rock
- September date TBD: Composting

Registration is required per class, and there is no cost to attend. For more information, visit [recycle.georgetown.org](http://recycle.georgetown.org).

## New pet for the holidays: Get a license and make a plan

Did your family get a new pet this holiday season? Or is it time to renew your pet license? All pets that reside in the city limits of Georgetown are required to be licensed annually with Georgetown Animal Services. The City's pet license requirement is in place to help enforce the rabies vaccination requirements, which help keep rabies under control.

The cost of a license is \$5 for animals that are spayed or neutered or \$20 for unaltered animals. For residents age 65 and older, the license is free if the pet is spayed or neutered. Free licenses are limited to one per person. Pet licenses can be obtained online, by phone, email, mail, or at the shelter. For more information or to use a form that will guide you through the process, visit [pets.georgetown.org/licensing-your-pets](http://pets.georgetown.org/licensing-your-pets).

Here are some additional tips to consider this New Year to ensure pets are safe:

- When making an emergency kit for your family, consider your pet's needs.
- Take a current photo of you and your pet together in case you get separated during a disaster.
- Keep your pet's microchip registration info up to date.
- Put your name and contact information on your pet's ID tag.

Learn more at [ready.gov/pets](http://ready.gov/pets).





## Art at the Library

From Jan. 20-March 24 in the first floor café gallery, the Georgetown Public Library hosts an exhibit by members of Artists of Central Texas. This exhibition displays the very diverse styles and subject matter of the group. Each artist brings their own vision of what art means to them and will give the viewer much to contemplate. For more information about art at the library, visit [library.georgetown.org](http://library.georgetown.org).



## Georgetown Swirl tickets on sale

Tickets are on sale for the 12th annual Georgetown Swirl 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](http://swirl.georgetown.org) for details and tickets. Proceeds benefit the Main Street Program Facade and Sign Grant Program.



## Chase the Chief 5K and Fun Run | March 6

The tenth annual Chase the Chief 5K and Fun Run will be in person again this year! Join us to find out if you can catch acting Police Chief Cory Tchida from noon-5 p.m. March 6 at East View High School, 4490 E. University Ave. To find more information about the Chase the Chief 5K and Fun Run, visit [chasethechief.georgetown.org](http://chasethechief.georgetown.org).

## Texas Disposal Systems Waste Wizard notification tool

Need a reminder to set out the trash and recycling each week? There's an app for that! Georgetown solid waste and recycling customers can check their collection days, sign up for text or email reminders, and find out how to sort your solid waste and recycling on Texas Disposal Systems' Waste Wizard at [texasdisposal.com/waste-wizard](http://texasdisposal.com/waste-wizard).



## Prepare GTX: Pack an emergency kit for your car

Just as your family should have an emergency preparedness kit in your home, being prepared for an emergency while driving is important.

Plan long trips carefully, and check weather and road conditions before you travel.

An emergency kit for your vehicle should include:

- Jumper cables
- Flares or reflective triangles
- Ice scraper
- Cell phone charger
- Blanket
- Map
- Cat litter or sand for tire traction

For more safety tips, visit [ready.gov/car](http://ready.gov/car).

## Spring and summer program registration

The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department will open enrollment for its spring and summer programs on Feb. 1. Information about classes and other programs can be found at [parks.georgetown.org](http://parks.georgetown.org).