Georgetown Parks and Recreation
Spring break camps
MARCH 14-18
The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department is offering a variety of spring break camp opportunities the week of March 14-18 for children and teens ages 5 to 16. Choose from one of six camps, including Adventure, Basketball Skills, Soccer Camp, Camp Goodwater, Tennis Camp and Junior Tennis Academy. Ages, costs, and times vary by camp. Registration began Feb. 1. For more information and to register, visit parks.georgetown.org/camp.

Winter resiliency steps for utilities
After the winter storm in February 2021, the City of Georgetown conducted an assessment and took steps to reduce cold-weather risks in the future.

Measures for the water utility include purchasing heaters and adding large portable generators for some equipment, work on designing permanent generators for existing and new water treatment plants and ensuring that equipment powered by non-City electric providers are on their Critical Customer List.

For the electric utility, while most of the outages in the February storm were the result of mandated load reductions from ERCOT, the City has taken steps to reduce local outages. These include a continued focus on preventive maintenance and inspection programs, like tree trimming and replacing equipment, as well as emergency preparedness exercises.

The City also is launching a new texting platform to increase notifications to customers about electric or water outages. For details on utility winterization actions by the City, visit https://bit.ly/3qjB0HA.

Critical load non-residential customers such as hospitals or emergency response facilities, as well as critical care residential customers can visit https://bit.ly/3fhfM6N to submit an application. In a situation with state-mandated rotating outages, the electric utility will work to reduce outages to critical load customers such as hospitals. However, the utility does not have a way to protect individual residential customers from such outages. For this reason, critical care residential customers who cannot be without power should acquire battery or generator back-up for their residences.

Chase the Chief 5K and Fun Run | MARCH 6
The 10th annual Chase the Chief 5K and Fun Run is back in person in 2022. 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. Registration is $5 for students and $10 for adults. To register and find more information, visit chasethechief.georgetown.org.
City Council approved its new council district map at its Dec. 17 meeting. The map rebalances the population based on the 2020 Census. The council held several meetings to discuss the map. In January, the Williamson County Elections mailed new voter registration cards with new federal, state, and local districts listed. The new districts will be in effect for the Georgetown City Council elections in May 2022. Find more information at https://bit.ly/3fjxlms.

Springtime can bring flooding, sign up for emergency alerts

Floods are the most common natural disaster in the United States. Floods can develop slowly or quickly, and may come with no warning. Prepare now for your household, including your pets, to protect yourself from flooding. Learn more about how to prepare for a flood, as well as what to do during and after a flood at ready.gov/floods.

If you are under a flood warning, find safe shelter right away. Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Turn Around, Don’t Drown! Just six inches of moving water can knock you down and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away. Visit atxfloods.com for up-to-date closed low-water crossings.

Be sure to register to receive emergency notifications from your local emergency response team. Be among the first to receive critical community alerts regarding natural disasters, weather warnings, evacuation notices, boil water notices, and missing child reports. Register to get emergency warnings by email, text, or phone at WarnCentralTexas.org.