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Registration for fall/winter programs | OPENS AUG. 1

Georgetown Parks & Recreation will open registration for fall/winter programs on Monday, Aug. 1, for both Georgetown residents and nonresidents.

Age requirements, pricing, and schedules vary for each program.

Visit parks.georgetown.org to see what we're offering this season!

City Budget

Public hearings for both the City of Georgetown's proposed budget and tax rate for Fiscal Year 2023 will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23. City Council also will consider results of a cost-of-service study for water and wastewater utility and rate increases as part of the budget process.

For details about the budget, go to finance.georgetown.org. Watch budget and tax rate hearings at gtv.georgetown.org, on Suddenlink channel 10, or on Facebook Live at facebook.com/cityofgeorgetown.

Important Budget Dates:

- AUG. 9** First presentation of the full budget; City Council sets maximum tax rate and public hearing dates
- AUG. 23** Public hearings and first reading of both the tax rate and the budget
- SEPT. 13** Second reading and final adoption of the tax rate and budget

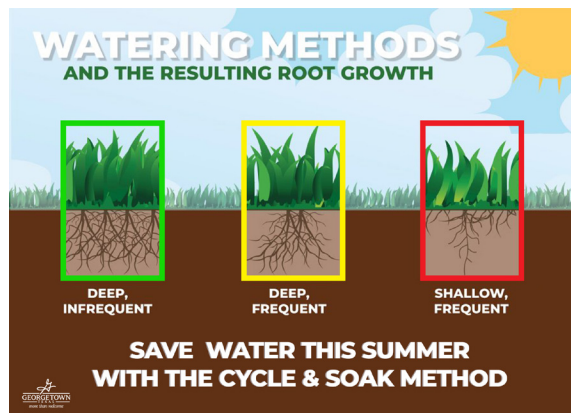
Summer Watering

During the summer months, outside water use can account for 70 percent or more of your entire water bill. Adjusting how much you water your lawn for the season can help lower your summer usage and avoid higher water bills. Residents are asked to follow the watering schedule. Your wallet will thank you, and your lawn won't mind.

Trying to keep your lawn green during the hottest summer months can lead to over-watering. Turf grass is able to go dormant during the hottest summer months.

Summer dormancy is a normal response to the stress of heat. Most turf grass plants can stay in a dormant state for some time without harm. By watering deeply (about a half inch or inch of water at a time) once every week or two during this dormant state, you can ensure the turf grass remains healthy. Once you resume regular watering, it will green up again.

Find your watering schedule at water.georgetown.org.



Prepare for back to school

Disasters happen everywhere, and every member of the family can prepare. Learn how to build an emergency kit for school, how to talk to your child's teacher about school preparedness, and how to develop lesson plans for your students. Talk to your kids about what to do before, during, and after a disaster. For more information, visit ready.gov/kids.



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Sunset Movie Series | AUG. 12

The Georgetown Parks & Recreation Department presents “Encanto” (PG) on Friday, Aug. 12, in San Gabriel Park. The event is the final film in the summer Sunset Movie Series. The movie starts at dusk, around 8:30 p.m. Come early for free popcorn and entertainment before the movie starts.

For more information, visit parks.georgetown.org/sunset-movie-series.

Street maintenance projects to begin this summer

Street resurfacing on city streets will be completed this summer throughout Georgetown. The work schedule can be affected by weather conditions, mechanical issues, and product availability.

The City uses two types of resurfacing techniques:

1. High-performance surface seal — a sealant is applied to the surface of the roadway, reducing damage from UV radiation and vehicle traffic.
2. Hot-in-place recycling — an alternative to mill and asphalt overlay in which existing pavement is removed, ground, and mixed with new material to create a new asphalt surface.

For updates on the paving schedule and a complete list of projects, visit transportation.georgetown.org.

Signup for secure paperless billing

When it comes to paperless billing, there are many reasons to choose to receive your utility bill via email, text, or both instead of receiving a paper bill in the mail:

- Convenience: Instead of waiting for the bill to land in your mailbox, you can access your bill anytime you like from your smart phone or personal computer.
- Cleanliness: Don’t add clutter to your home.
- Sustainability: Paperless billing helps reduce the amount of paper going into our landfill.
- Time: Get your bill faster, and don’t worry about it getting lost in the mail.

To learn more about how you can sign up for paperless billing with Secure eStatement, visit gus.georgetown.org.



Kittens at the Library

Come cuddle (and adopt) a kitten from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12 at the Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth St. The Georgetown Animal Shelter will be bringing adoptable kittens to visit with library patrons and hopefully find their fur-ever homes. Adoption fees will be reduced and kittens can go home in a cardboard carrier from this event.



For more information, visit library.georgetown.org.



Alcohol prohibited in Blue Hole Park

As the summer heats up, and people look to cool off, please remember to pay attention to the rules at Blue Hole Park. Alcohol is not allowed in the park, per City ordinance No. 2020-50. Cliff jumping is also prohibited, pets must be on a leash, and parking is allowed only in designated areas.