

NEWS FROM THE CITY

Georgetown Reporter



Home Repair Program accepting applications

The City of Georgetown Home Repair Program, administered by Habitat of Humanity of Williamson County, provides home repairs for homeowners in Georgetown who meet certain eligibility requirements. For more information about the program, including the application, visit housing.georgetown.org/home-repair-program.



Sertoma July 4 celebration

The annual Independence Day celebration sponsored by the Georgetown Sertoma Club in San Gabriel Park is Monday, July 4. Come visit craft vendors, the car show, a children's area, and food vendors. Admission is free. A children's parade with decorated bikes and wagons starts at 11 a.m. by the low-water crossing. Line-up starts at 10:30 a.m. Live entertainment at the amphitheater begins at noon and concludes with T. Cole & the Austin Party Band taking the stage at 7 p.m. The fireworks show begins about 9:30 p.m. For more information, visit gtxsertoma.org.



Texas Society of Sculptors show at the Georgetown Public Library EXHIBIT JUNE 19-SEPT. 16

Location First and Second Floors

Sculpture Demonstrations: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, in the Library lobby

The Texas Society of Sculptors is back with its 14th sculpture exhibit in the Georgetown Public Library. Each year this show attracts sculptors from across the state. Cash prizes funded by the City of Georgetown Arts and Culture Board are awarded, including special Librarians' Choice and People's Choice awards. Visitors to the exhibit can pick up a ballot and vote for their favorite pieces June 19-July 10. Award winners will be announced at the artists' reception at 1 p.m. July 15 on the second floor of the Library. Sculpture demonstrations in the Library lobby will include several artists working in different sculpting techniques.

Monitoring your electric and water use

Monitoring and managing your water and electric use can help prevent surprises on your bill.

Aqua Alerts sends you an automatic message when you use a certain amount of water during the month. You select when you want to be notified. For instance, if you set an alert for 10,000 gallons of water, you will receive an email when you reach that amount each month.

Georgetown Utility Analysis and Reporting Doorway, or GUARD, allows you to track your water and electric use daily.

Customers can also track their monthly use through the City's utility billing software. For more information, visit gus.georgetown.org.



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Independence Day Holiday

City offices are closed on Monday, July 4, in observation of the Independence Day holiday.

There is regular solid waste and recycling collection July 4.

Help save vital drinking water this summer

The City of Georgetown and its surrounding water customers play a vital role in ensuring there is enough drinking water to supply everyone year-round.

On average, the daily amount of domestic water usage (drinking, cooking, cleaning, etc.) is about 16 million gallons. However, in our hottest months (July and August) peak usage is upward of 42 million gallons a day. The 26-million-gallon difference is largely made up of irrigation and sprinkler usage, which directly correlates to more than 62 percent of the City's potable drinking water being pushed onto sod that is naturally dormant during the summer months. Drought Contingency Phase 1 went into effect in March this year, which still allows twice a week watering outside of the hours of noon to 7 p.m.

To help avoid the risk of meeting the City's peak water supply of 44 million gallons per day, the best course of action is to lessen the amount of water that is used for irrigation. Here are some ways to cut water use:

- Reducing time spent watering per irrigation zone
- Use the "Cycle and Soak" method, which gives the ground more time to absorb water
- Voluntarily participate in one day a week watering
- Interchange irrigation use with hand or drip watering

For more information about drought contingency plans and water conservation, visit water.georgetown.org

Celebrate Parks and Recreation Month with us!

The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department will celebrate Parks and Recreation Month this July. Activities are planned for each Friday in July. Visit parks.georgetown.org for details.

Fight the Bite

Georgetown residents can reduce their risk of contracting mosquito-borne illnesses by getting rid of standing water around houses and by using insect repellent. Here is a simple way to remember how to "Fight the Bite" using the 3-Ds of mosquito safety:

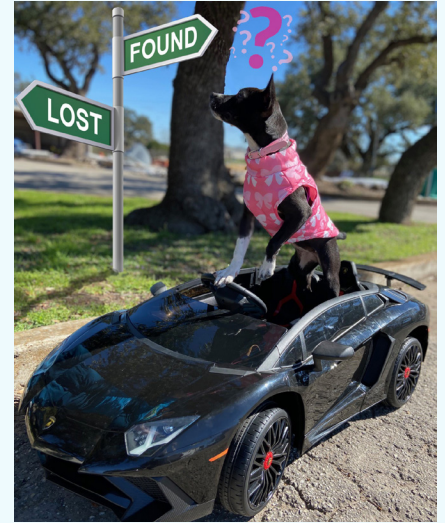
Drain: Drain standing water around your home (such as flowerpots, pet dishes, and bird baths), so mosquitoes don't have a place to breed.

Dress: Dress in long sleeves and pants when outdoors (especially at dawn and dusk).

Defend: Use an Environmental Protection Agency-approved insect repellent. Mosquito bites may cause illness. While most people may not feel sick, some cases of mosquito-borne diseases can cause serious illness or death. Children, people 65 and older, and those with certain health conditions may be at a higher risk of getting sick if they become infected. For more information, contact the Williamson County and Cities Health District at 512-943-3660 or mosquito@wilco.org, and sign up for weekly activity reports at wcchd.org.



July is Lost Pet Prevention Month



Did you know one in three pets becomes lost at some point? Having some form of identification increases a pet's chances of being reunited with its owner.

ID tags: Physical tags show that a pet is owned and give the finder a way to contact the owner. You should include your current phone number at a minimum. Check with local pet stores or look online for personalized tags.

Microchips: Microchips are critical tools for returning pets that don't have physical tags. Make sure you keep the information up to date with the microchip company. Georgetown Animal Shelter offers microchipping for \$20.

Pet licenses: The City of Georgetown requires pets be licensed. Upon registration, you will receive numbered tags that identify your pet. Pet registration can now be done online. Find details about how to register your pet at pets.georgetown.org/overview/licensing-your-pets.

Make sure your pet has identification or make sure their existing IDs are updated. Find more information about lost pets at pets.georgetown.org.