



Georgetown Reporter



Sales tax election | NOV. 8

Georgetown residents can vote to renew the street maintenance sales tax in the Nov. 8 election.

Revenue from the 0.25 percent City sales tax is dedicated to resurfacing and repair work on City streets. The sales tax will generate an estimated \$6.5 million in 2022.

The street network in Georgetown has more than doubled in the last 20 years from about 400 lane miles in 2002 to nearly 1,000 lane miles in 2022.

Find out more about the sales tax election at georgetown.org.

One-day-a-week watering now in effect

Due to sustained high water use nearing system treatment capacity, the City of Georgetown has enacted Stage 2 of the Drought Contingency Plan, which restricts watering with an irrigation system or hose-end sprinkler to one day per week. Watering with an irrigation system is not permitted at all on Mondays or from noon to 7 p.m. on any day. Watering with a hand-held hose or bucket can be done any day and at any time. Washing a vehicle is only permitted at a commercial car wash. Violations of the irrigation schedule may result in administrative charges on customer bills.

Find more information on rebates, programming your controller how-to videos, and information on our water system at water.georgetown.org. For questions about your utility bills, contact Customer Care at 512-930-3640 or customer-care@georgetown.org.

City of Georgetown: Stage 2 Watering Schedule



Addresses ending in:

- 1
- 2 or 6
- 0
- 5 or 9
- 4 or 8
- 3 or 7

Can water:

- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday
- Sunday

 No watering on Monday

Good Neighbor Fund

The City of Georgetown is proud to sponsor the Good Neighbor Fund, an assistance program funded entirely by people in our community. The program, administered by The Caring Place, assists eligible Georgetown utility customers who are unable to pay their utility bill. Every dollar helps!

Each year the need far exceeds the funds available. When you sign up for The Good Neighbor Fund, the amount you designate will be added to your monthly bill. Make a monthly pledge, change it, or discontinue at any time.

Questions? Contact the Customer Care Center at 512-930-3640 or customer-care@georgetown.org.

Make a pledge online at gus.georgetown.org/gnf

Thank you for making a big difference to those in need.

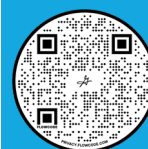
Labor Day | MONDAY, SEPT. 5

City offices and facilities are closed. No GoGeo paratransit bus service.

The Visitors Center will be open 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Williams Drive Pool is open; other outdoor pools are closed.

Regular solid waste and recycling collection on Monday.



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Keep Georgetown Beautiful Month

This September we're celebrating Keep Georgetown Beautiful Month with several ways to keep our city clean.

The City is hosting several cleanup and collection events throughout the month, including:

- Sept. 10: River Cleanup Event from 9-10 a.m. in Rivery Park
- Sept. 21: Household Hazardous Waste collection event from 3-6 p.m. in San Gabriel Park
- Sept. 24: Community Cleanup Collection event (details TBD)

For more information, visit recycle.georgetown.org.

Prepare for a hurricane before it happens

While hurricane season is typically June through November, the peak of the season is August through October. While a typical heavy thunderstorm may bring a few inches of rain, some hurricanes can dump several feet on an area. Rain from a tropical system can reach hundreds of miles inland, and flood warnings may occur very far from the eye of a storm. Along the Gulf of Mexico and eastern United States, rainfall from hurricanes makes up about 10-15 percent of the total annual rainfall. Evaluate what you need to do to protect your home and family before a storm hits. Find out how to prepare at hurricanes.gov/prepare.

Residents are also encouraged to register for emergency alerts by email, text, or phone at WarnCentralTexas.org.

Water rate changes

The City has been working with consultants NewGen Strategies and Solutions to complete a cost-of-service rate study to determine the rates and rate structure needed to equitably fund the water utility.

According to the analysis, the City will need to raise all customer rates for water and wastewater to ensure we have enough revenue to cover the costs of operating the utility and to meet our regulatory targets and requirements. Once approved by City Council as part of the budgeting process, new rates will go into effect Oct. 1, 2022.

Water rates were last adjusted for residential customers in 2020. Nonresidential water rates were changed in 2019. Sewer rates were updated for all customers in 2019. For more information about the rate study, visit <https://gus.georgetown.org/water/2022-water-and-wastewater-rate-study>. For more information about the budget, visit finance.georgetown.org.



Art at the Library

Cindy Loos' solo textile exhibition runs Aug. 16-Sept. 24 in the Georgetown Public Library. Loo's work will be on display in the second floor Hall & Bridge galleries, and the public is invited to a reception and artist talk from 4-6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19. Loo's art quilt designs come from her life experiences, and she tries to capture the feelings and emotions from those experiences in her work. She has shown works nationally and internationally in prominent quilt shows. For more information, visit library.georgetown.org.



Labor Day Weekend Sidewalk Sale & Dine Downtown SEPT. 2-5

Come shop and dine in downtown Georgetown over the Labor Day Holiday Weekend from 4 p.m. Sept. 2 to 8 p.m. Sept. 5. Downtown businesses will have merchandise on the sidewalk and offer special promotions in conjunction with the holiday weekend. More details at mainstreet.georgetown.org.