



# Georgetown Reporter



## Fire Prevention Week

As Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15, approaches, the Georgetown Fire Department reminds residents to understand this year's theme, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape" and follow these key home fire escape planning tips:

- Make sure your plan meets the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows open easily.
- Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
- Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household, including guests. Practice at least once during the day and at night.

The Fire Department is hosting events for Fire Prevention Week throughout the community. For more information, call **512-930-8092** or email [jonathan.gilliam@georgetown.org](mailto:jonathan.gilliam@georgetown.org).

## National Night Out | OCT. 9

National Night Out, an annual event to support safe neighborhoods, is from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, in Georgetown. If your neighborhood is hosting a block party and would like Georgetown Police Department officers, other local law enforcement officers, elected officials, Georgetown firefighters and EMS technicians, or other City employees to attend, please register by Sept. 19 at [pd.georgetown.org/2022-national-night-out](http://pd.georgetown.org/2022-national-night-out).



## Quarter cent sales tax reauthorization on the Nov. 8 ballot

Georgetown residents will vote on a street maintenance sales tax when they go to the polls on Nov. 8. Revenue from the 0.25 percent City sales tax is dedicated to resurfacing and repair work on city streets.

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.

State law requires the sales tax to be approved by the voters every four years. The sales tax was first approved by Georgetown voters in 2002 and has since been reauthorized every four years.

The November ballot proposition does not increase the sales tax rate. The sales tax for street maintenance is collected from anyone who makes purchases in Georgetown city limits, not just homeowners.

The sales tax will generate an estimated \$6.5 million in 2022. From 2019-2022, the sales tax will have funded the resurfacing or repair of 207 lanes miles of Georgetown streets.

## IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES:

<b>Oct. 11</b>	Last day to register to vote
<b>Oct. 28</b>	Last day to apply for Ballot by Mail
<b>Oct. 24- Nov. 4</b>	Early in-person voting period
<b>Nov. 8</b>	Election Day

For updates about the election, go to [georgetown.org](http://georgetown.org). Polling places, dates, and times are available at [wilco.org/elections](http://wilco.org/elections).



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## Art Hop XIV

Art Hop is an annual statewide competition that celebrates Texas artists sponsored by the Georgetown Art Center. Accepted artworks will be displayed in one of two locations: at the Georgetown Art Center or the Georgetown Public Library. The exhibit runs from Sept. 30-Oct. 29. The competition categories include 2D Abstract, 2D Representational, 3D, and Photography/Digital.

For more information, visit [library.georgetown.org/art](http://library.georgetown.org/art).

## See yourself in cyber

While cybersecurity may seem like a complex subject, it's really all about people. As an individual or consumer, take basic steps to protect your online information and privacy. Vendors and suppliers can take ownership of their role, while protecting their brand and reputation, by putting strong cybersecurity in place at work to help prevent an incident at your location or further down the supply chain. This Cybersecurity Awareness Month, everyone should take these key action steps:

- Enable Multi-Factor Authentication
- Recognize and Report Phishing
- Use Strong Passwords
- Update Your Software

Make smart decisions whether on the job, at home, or at school. Visit [cisa.gov/ncsam](http://cisa.gov/ncsam) for more information.



## Household hazardous waste collection event

The City will host a household hazardous waste collection event from 3-6 p.m. Oct. 19 at the old site of the Show Barn in San Gabriel Park, 425 E. Morrow St. City of Georgetown solid waste customers must contact Customer Care at **512-930-3640** or [customer care@georgetown.org](mailto:customer care@georgetown.org) to have their named placed on a list. Please include your name, address, and utility account number when emailing customer care.

A list of acceptable items, as well as other ways to dispose of household hazardous waste, is available at [recycle.georgetown.org/household-hazardous-waste](http://recycle.georgetown.org/household-hazardous-waste).

## Celebrate the Month of the Arts this October

### AUTUMN ART STROLL 4-8 p.m. Oct. 20

Participants can engage in interactive arts experiences at arts and culture facilities and arts-based businesses throughout the Cultural District that include artist demonstrations, performances, live music, shopping opportunities, and collaborative public art projects.

### 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE GEORGETOWN MAIN STREET PROGRAM: 6-9 p.m. Oct. 21

Celebrate with us in the South Main Arts District behind Grace Heritage Center. The celebration will include a reception followed by a film premiere of Main Street through the decades and conclude with remarks by Main Street stakeholders.

### SOUTH MAIN ARTS FESTIVAL 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Oct. 22

The inaugural South Main Arts Festival is a juried and curated artistic event showcasing arts and culture and live music for one full day in the new South Main Arts District behind Grace Heritage Center. The event will feature artist booths, street performers, a yarn bombing public art project, and live music from headliner Sue Foley.

More information is available at [arts.georgetown.org](http://arts.georgetown.org).

## Trick or Treat Trail

The Parks and Recreation Department is hosting the inaugural Trick or Treat Trail Oct. 27 in San Gabriel Park. Participants are encouraged to dress up for Halloween, come out to get candy, play games, and have fun from 5:30-7:30 p.m.! The evening will conclude with a movie at the Legacy Pavilion. More details will be available at [parks.georgetown.org/trick-or-treat-trail](http://parks.georgetown.org/trick-or-treat-trail).