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Christmas Stroll | DEC. 2-3

The 41st annual downtown Christmas Stroll will feature artisan, craft, and food vendors, as well as children's activities, live entertainment, and a parade at 10 a.m. Saturday. Festival hours are Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. See details at thegeorgetownsquare.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/GTXChristmasStroll. The Stroll is brought to you by the Downtown Georgetown Association with support of the City of Georgetown.

Collectible Christmas Ornament sale benefits Main Street Program

A limited-edition collectible brass Christmas ornament featuring Seventh Street will be available in early November. The cost of the ornament is \$20. The 16th annual ornament sale is a project of the Georgetown Main Street Program. Ornaments may be purchased at the Visitors Center, 103 W. Seventh St.

All proceeds fund Main Street projects and the Façade Fund Grant Program.



Turn off irrigation systems

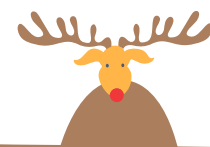
During the winter months when grasses are dormant, the City encourages you to turn off your irrigation system. You'll save on water and lower your utility bill.

When you turn off your system for the winter, it's also a good time to replace the battery on the controller. For tips on conservation and optimizing your irrigation system, go to gus.georgetown.org/conservation-programs.

Holiday Closings

City offices closed Dec. 23-26 in observance of the Christmas holiday and Dec. 31 in observance of New Year's Day.

There is normal solid waste or recycling collection on Friday, Dec. 23; Monday, Dec. 26; and Friday, Dec. 30.



Blue Santa accepting donations

The Georgetown Police Blue Santa program is asking residents to help make the program a success. Blue Santa asks to please consider making monetary contributions in lieu of unwrapped toys, but unwrapped toys are always appreciated.

Checks to "CPAAA Blue Santa" should be sent to the Georgetown Police Department, c/o CPAAA Programs, 3500 D.B. Wood Road, Georgetown, TX, 78628. This year's distribution day will be a drive-through event. For application and donation information, email bluesanta@georgetown.org or visit BlueSanta.Georgetown.org.



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Breakfast with Santa | DEC. 17

The 22nd annual Breakfast with Santa is from 7:30 to 11 a.m. at the Community Center, 445 E. Morrow St. Enjoy pancakes and sausage made by Georgetown firefighters and served with juice and coffee. Children can have a picture taken with Santa and get up close to a fire truck. Tickets are \$6 at the door or in advance from Sun City Rotary Club members. Tickets for children age 12 and younger are free with an adult. The event is sponsored by the Sun City Rotary, Georgetown ISD, and the Georgetown Fire Department. Proceeds benefit children and families in need in Georgetown during the holidays. For more information, visit bit.ly/3qQA7FJ.



Holiday string lights recycling

The City has again partnered with Texas Disposal Systems to continue its free holiday string-light recycling program to Georgetown residents.



Drop-off broken or old holiday string lights Nov. 28 through Jan. 31 at one of three collection stations, including the City of Georgetown Collection and Transfer Station, 250 W.L. Walden Road; Georgetown Municipal Complex, 300-1 Industrial Ave.; or Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth St. Sun City residents may also drop off old or broken string lights at the Cowan Creek Pavilion, 1433 Cool Spring Way, in Sun City. Only string lights will be accepted. For more information, visit recycle.georgetown.org.

Help your neighbors this holiday season

Consider rounding up your utility bill to help our neighbors in need. The Good Neighbor Fund is 100 percent supported by customer donations and is administered by The Caring Place.

Customers who donate can make a pledge of a designated monthly amount or choose to round up their utility bill to the next dollar each month online at gus.georgetown.org/gnf. With either option, the pledged amount will show up on utility bills as a line item. Make a pledge, change it, or discontinue at any time. Customers experiencing difficulties paying their bills can find information about utility assistance at gus.georgetown.org. Questions? Contact the Customer Care Center at 512-930-3640 or customercare@georgetown.org.

Holiday fire safety

Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

- Inspect holiday lights for frayed or pinched wires before putting them up.
- Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry tree can catch on fire easily.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles.
- Make sure lit candles are in stable holders where they cannot be knocked down easily and keep away from pets and children.
- Overloaded electrical outlets are a major fire hazard.
- Some lights are for indoor or outdoor use only—not both. Be sure to check packaging before installing them.

By following a few simple practices and precautions, you can create a fun and perfectly fire-safe holiday for you and your loved ones. And remember, have working smoke alarms in your home and create a home escape plan. For more information and free fire-safety resources, visit usfa.fema.gov.

Curative COVID-19 testing site to end operations Dec. 31

The Georgetown Curative testing site located in the parking lot across from the Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth St., will cease operations Dec. 31.

The site will continue to offer self-administered COVID-19 tests, including same day and PCR tests, by appointment only until the site closes. Tests are free for those with insurance. For more information, visit curative.com.