

Georgetown Reporter



Shelter maintains no kill status

With a save rate of 94.1 percent for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, Georgetown Animal Shelter has been able to maintain its status as a no-kill shelter for the eighth year in a row. Shelters with a live outcome rate above 90 percent are considered no-kill shelters.

Factors in the live outcome rate include a high rate of animal adoptions, the invaluable support of foster families, increased counseling about rehoming, and partnerships with rescues and other shelters.

Other notable milestones for the 2022 fiscal year include:

- 19.4 percent of animals returned to their owners, including 247 dogs and 16 cats
- 51.3 percent of animals adopted, including 353 dogs and 341 cats
- 32 dogs and 23 cats were transferred to other shelters or rescue groups

The Georgetown Animal Shelter is located at 110 W.L. Walden Drive. Contact the shelter at 512-930-3592, animalsvc@georgetown.org, or online at pets.georgetown.org.

GoGeo services expanded

GoGeo, the City's limited paratransit service, now is available to Georgetown residents age 65 and older.

Georgetown residents age 65 and older can request curb-to-curb service from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Eligible riders will pay \$2 per trip and are required to make a reservation by 4 p.m. the previous day either through the City website or by calling 512-478-RIDE (7433). Visit gogeo.georgetown.org for more information.

Street maintenance sales tax reauthorized by voters

Georgetown voters reauthorized the 0.25 percent sales tax for street maintenance in the Nov. 8 election with 80.48 percent approving the ballot measure. The sales tax provides revenue for resurfacing city streets and must be reauthorized by voters every four years. For more information, visit georgetown.org.

Georgetown Swirl tickets on sale

Tickets go on sale Dec. 1 for the 13th annual Georgetown Swirl from 6 to 9 p.m. March 4. Enjoy an evening of shopping and live jazz music in downtown Georgetown while sampling Texas wines and cuisine from local restaurants. The cost is \$50 per person. VIP tickets are \$125 each. Go to swirl.georgetown.org for details and tickets.



20 years of the Reporter newsletter

Since spring 2003 the Reporter newsletter has been informing residents of City news and events. To celebrate the 20th anniversary, we are sharing this throw back to the very first edition. Find past editions and more City news at georgetown.org/city-reporter.



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Use the QR code to find additional news from the City of Georgetown and sign up for the Georgetown Weekly.



Recycling Christmas trees, lights, and boxes

City of Georgetown residents are encouraged to recycle Christmas trees, boxes, string lights, and wrapping paper to reduce material going to the landfill. If you recycle your tree, please remove the stand, garland, ornaments, and lights.

Curbside pick-up: Texas Disposal Systems customers in the city limits can put Christmas trees on the curb for collection on your regular yard trimmings pickup day. Trees seven feet in length or shorter can be placed at the curb uncut. Longer trees should be cut into sections. No artificial trees will be accepted.

Boxes, string lights, and wrapping paper: Cardboard boxes and wrapping paper are recyclable. If they won't fit in your recycling cart, you can put wrapping paper and boxes in a larger box and set it next to your recycling cart so it can be recycled. Ribbons and bows are not recyclable. Cellophane wrap and plastic bags are recyclable if they are placed in a yellow bag-the-bag, tied, and placed inside the recycling cart. Note that no extra plastic bags next to your trash cart are permitted without a bag tag. String lights can be dropped off at several locations around the City to be recycled.

Christmas tree drop-off: From Dec. 26 through Jan. 31 at no charge, Christmas trees will be accepted at the City of Georgetown Collection Station, 250 W.L. Walden Drive. No artificial trees will be accepted. Normal fees apply to other items. Mulch is available, year-round, free-of-charge to City residents.

Go to recycle.georgetown.org for a complete list of recyclables.

Household hazardous waste collection event | JAN. 18

The City will host a household hazardous waste collection event from 3-6 p.m. Jan. 18 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 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 is available at recycle.georgetown.org/household-hazardous-waste.

Holiday Closings

City offices and facilities will be closed Jan. 2 in observance of New Year's Day and Jan. 16 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There will be regular solid waste and recycling pickup on both Mondays.

Protect your people, pets, pipes, and plants this winter

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In Central Texas, overnight temperatures can dip below freezing throughout the winter. Here are ways to keep your people, pets, pipes, and plants from freezing.

People should stay inside with the heat to keep warm. If you have to go outside, dress in layers and wear a hat and gloves. Be sure to check in with family, friends, and neighbors.

Pets, such as cats and dogs, need access to shelter to protect them from cold temperatures and wind and an unfrozen water source. Outdoor pets may also need additional caloric intake to help them maintain their body heat.

Pipes can freeze and burst in lower temperatures. Be sure to protect outdoor water spigots with faucet covers and use foam pipe insulation on outdoor pipes. Above-ground irrigation backflow devices should also be insulated, and backflow water valves and irrigation system controllers turned off to reduce the freeze potential. To protect your indoor pipes, let water trickle from an indoor faucet, and open cabinet doors to allow warm air to circulate around the pipes.

Plants in containers are more susceptible to freezing temperatures. Move plants inside or put them on the south side of the house; water them and use mulch, leaves, or hay to protect the roots; and/or cover them with a frost blanket.

Find more information at bit.ly/3fyaxTR.