

# Georgetown Reporter



## Chase the Chief 5K and Fun Run MARCH 5

The 11th annual Chase the Chief 5K and Fun Run is planned for March 5. Details will be announced once they have been finalized. To find more information about the Chase the Chief 5K and Fun Run, go to [chasethechief.georgetown.org](http://chasethechief.georgetown.org).

## Texas Disposal Systems Waste Wizard notification tool

Need a reminder to set out the trash and recycling each week? There's an app for that! Georgetown solid waste and recycling customers can check their collection days, sign up for text or email reminders, and find out how to sort your solid waste and recycling on Texas Disposal Systems' Waste Wizard at [texasdisposal.com/waste-wizard](http://texasdisposal.com/waste-wizard).

## Georgetown Swirl tickets on sale MARCH 4

Tickets are on sale for the 13th annual Georgetown Swirl, which will be from 5 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 with special benefits. Go to [swirl.georgetown.org](http://swirl.georgetown.org) for details and tickets. Proceeds benefit the Main Street Program Facade and Sign Grant Program.

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## State of the City save the date FEB 1

The City of Georgetown will host its fourth annual State of the City event at 6 p.m. Feb. 1 in City Hall, 808 Martin Luther King Jr. St. The event will include a look back at major projects and programs completed in 2022 and a look ahead at City projects planned for 2023. More information about the event will be posted to [georgetown.org](http://georgetown.org).

## 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. Improvements include weatherization; painting; roofing; accessibility renovations; replacement of roofs, windows, and doors; and upgrades to HVAC, plumbing, and electrical systems.

For more information about the program, including the application and eligibility requirements, visit [housing.georgetown.org/home-repair-program](http://housing.georgetown.org/home-repair-program).



## GEORGETOWN ANIMAL SHELTER:

### New pet for the holidays? Get a license and make a plan

Did Santa bring you a new puppy or kitten for Christmas? Here are some important things to remember when caring for your new pet.



#### Welcome your pet with love and patience:

Give your friend time to acclimate to the new environment – new smells, sights, and sounds. Introduce them to new experiences slowly and be patient as they learn the new routine. Consider working with a trainer to address behaviors before they become a problem.



#### Leash your pet:

Always leash your pet in public. It is against City ordinances for dogs to be at large in the City limits, and for cats that have not been altered or vaccinated to be at large. It is also against City ordinances to chain or tether your dog unless a person is holding the restraint.



#### License your pet:

All dogs and cats that live within the city limits are required to have an annual city license. The City's pet license requirement helps keep rabies under control by enforcing the rabies vaccination requirements. The cost of a license is \$5 for animals that are spayed or neutered or \$20 for unaltered animals. For residents age 65 and older, the license is free if the pet is spayed or neutered. Free licenses are limited to one per person. Licenses may be obtained online, by phone, email, mail, or at the shelter. Visit [pets.georgetown.org/licensing-your-pets](https://pets.georgetown.org/licensing-your-pets) for more information.



#### Take care after your pet:

You may not allow an animal to damage private property other than the owner's property. Pick up after your pet by immediately removing any waste on public or private property and properly disposing of it. Free roaming cats that cause a nuisance while off their owner's property can be impounded and their owner can be fined.



#### Establish a relationship with a veterinarian:

Vets are in high demand these days. Don't wait until you have an emergency to take your pet to a vet. If your pet hasn't been spayed or neutered, there are low-cost options out there if you are able to wait several months. Pro tip: if you adopt from a shelter, the animal will already be spayed, neutered and vaccinated.

Learn more about Georgetown's animal-related ordinances at [pets.georgetown.org/overview/ordinances](https://pets.georgetown.org/overview/ordinances).

Here are some additional tips to consider this New Year to ensure pets are safe:

- When making an emergency kit for your family, consider your pet's needs.
- Take a current photo of you and your pet together in case you get separated during a disaster.
- Keep your pet's microchip registration info up to date.
- Put your name and contact information on your pet's ID tag.

Learn more at [ready.gov/pets](https://ready.gov/pets).



### Cupid's Chase 5K and Fun Run

The 28th annual Cupid's Chase 5K and Fun Run will take place on Saturday, Feb. 11, in San Gabriel Park. Participants can register to complete in a 5K run/walk for ages 11 and older or a children's 1K Fun Run for ages 10 and younger. Find more information, including registration costs, at [cupid.georgetown.org](https://cupid.georgetown.org).

### Holiday closings

City offices and facilities will be closed Feb. 20 in observance of Presidents Day. There will be regular solid waste and recycling pickup.

### Spring and summer program registration | FEB 1

The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department will open enrollment for its spring and summer programs on Feb. 1. Information about classes and other programs can be found at [parks.georgetown.org](https://parks.georgetown.org).



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