**Red Poppy Festival poster art selected**

Artwork by Erin Plummer will be featured on the poster and banners for the 2023 Red Poppy Festival. The annual Red Poppy Festival is April 28-30 on the Courthouse Square. Find more information at redpoppyfestival.com.

**Spring break camps**

The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department is offering a variety of spring break camp opportunities the week of March 13-17 for children and teens ages 5 to 16. Choose from one of five camps, including Adventure, Basketball Skills, Camp Goodwater, Football Skills, and Tennis Camp. Ages, costs, and times vary by camp. Registration began Feb. 1. For more information and to register, visit parks.georgetown.org/camp.

**Best of Georgetown, TX**

The votes are in. Below are some of the gold (first place) winners in the 2022 Best of Georgetown, TX contest:

- **BEST OVERALL RESTAURANT**
  Blue Corn Harvest Bar & Grill

- **BEST PLACE TO VOLUNTEER**
  The Caring Place

- **BEST DATE SPOT**
  The Golden Rule

- **BEST DESSERT**
  Galaxy Bakery & CoffeeHouse

- **BEST PLACE TO TAKE KIDS**
  Sweet Eats Fruit Farm

See a complete list of gold, silver, and bronze winners at BestofGeorgetown.org.

**Spring irrigation tune-up**

Now is a great time to have your irrigation system tuned up and ready for the hot, dry summer months ahead. We recommend residents have their systems serviced either by the homeowner or a licensed, local irrigator. Licensed irrigators are identified by the initials “LI,” followed by a six-digit number (i.e. LI000123), and are required to include the number on any form of advertisement, as well as on their service vehicles.

Here is a tune-up checklist for your irrigation system:

- Turn off all water outlets, and make sure the water meter is not spinning (this will verify there are no leaks in the system).
- Test the rain and soil moisture sensors, and check, clear, or replace clogged nozzles.
- Adjust the spray pattern and direction of heads and nozzles, checking for line breaks.
- Inspect the areas around each spray and rotor head for water bubbling out of the ground or the head itself.
- Raise the heads to clear the taller areas of turf and verify every zone valve turns on from the irrigation controller.

Whether you hire a licensed irrigator or like to do it yourself, following these steps will ensure optimal system efficiency and save you money on your water bill.
Citywide Employees of the Year (pictured above from left)

- Kim Spencer (Planning)
- Christy Rogers (Emergency Management)
- Sheila Gauntt (Library)
- Leon Garcia (Parks and Recreation)
- Sabrina Poldrack (City Manager’s Office) (not pictured)

Supervisor of the Year

- Anthony Aquilino (Public Works)

Managers of the Year

- Chris Pousson (Systems Engineering)
- Greg Holt (Permitting and Inspections)
- Merrilee Page (Human Resources)

Customer Service Employees of the Year

- Caroline Stewart (City Attorney’s Office)
- Cindy Gilbert (Permitting and Inspections)
- Cindy Medrano (Communications and Public Engagement)
- Leland Hill (Parks and Recreation)
- Vance Sayers (Public Works)

Department Employees of the Year

- Aretha Miller (Customer Care)
- Brooke Tackett (Police)
- Caitlyn Boyd (Human Resources)
- Cesar Manzanera (Communications)
- Danella Elliott (City Manager’s Office)
- Danielle Dutra (Public Works)
- David Hamilton (Electric)
- Dylan Hokanson (Fire)
- Elizabeth Carlin (Finance)
- Eric Pouncey (Electric)
- Ernest Vidaure (Water)

Department Employees of the Year (continued)

- Gina Smith (Fire)
- Grant White (Planning)
- Holly Pryor (IT)
- Jae Kolb (Finance)
- Jacey Stewart (Water)
- Jennifer Templeton (Police)
- Jenny Camero (Permitting and Inspections)
- Jesse Vigil-Cambron (Fire)
- Jorge Hernandez (Public Works)
- Liz Pedrosa (Library)
- Matthew Hinkle (Police)
- Micah Parks (Fire)
- Michael Wright (Water)
- Mike Bogert (Parks and Recreation)
- Nicholas Kopp (Fire)
- Rudy Arredondo (Public Works)
- Ryan Wong (Parks and Recreation)
- Scott Patrolia (Police)
- Shawn Bichsel (IT)
- Sheila Mitchell (Systems Engineering)
- Tony Medlock (Water)

Chase the Chief 5K and Fun Run

Register now for the 11th annual Chase the Chief 5K and Fun Run. We want to find out if you can catch Police Chief Cory Tchida from noon-3 p.m. March 5 at East View High School, 4490 E. University Ave. Registration is $5 for students and $10 for adults. To register and find more information, visit chasethechief.georgetown.org.

Springtime can bring flooding, sign up for emergency alerts

Floods are the most common natural disaster in the United States. Floods can develop slowly or quickly, and may come with no warning. Prepare now for your household, including your pets, to protect yourself from flooding. Learn more about how to prepare for a flood, as well as what to do during and after a flood at ready.gov/floods.

If you are under a flood warning, find safe shelter right away. Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Turn Around, Don’t Drown! Just six inches of moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away. Visit wilco.org/wxmap for up-to-date closed low-water crossings.

Be sure to register to receive emergency notifications from your local emergency response team. Be among the first to receive critical community alerts regarding natural disasters, weather warnings, evacuation notices, and boil water notices. Register to get emergency warnings by email, text, or phone at WarnCentralTexas.org.