Earth Day recycling event

The City’s Public Works Department will host a recycling event for Earth Day from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. April 15 at Forbes Middle School, 1911 NE Inner Loop.

During the event, residents will be able to drop off paper for shredding, tires, mattresses, and appliances and electronics, such as televisions, microwaves, computers, and cell phones. Individuals are limited to three boxes or sacks of paper for shredding and up to four tires per carload. There is no limit on electronic items. Household hazardous waste items will not be accepted.

To participate, please bring a donation for Friends of the Georgetown Public Library, which helps support the needs of the library. Accepted items include:

- Gently used books (no encyclopedias or magazines)
- Headphones
- Board games
- Arts and craft supplies
- Label makers
- Cleaning supplies
- Printer Paper
- Paper towels
- Playground/sports equipment, such as basketballs, soccer balls, yard games, hula hoops, and jump ropes

Monetary donations will also be accepted.

Red Poppy Festival

The Red Poppy Festival on the downtown Square is April 28-30. Austin-based Jamestown Revival is the headliner for the Saturday night concert. The Friday night concert features Dysfunkshun Junkshun. Other festival highlights include the Red Poppy Parade at 10 a.m. Saturday, the Car Show at 11 a.m. Saturday, and a pet parade at 11:30 a.m. Sunday. The City will also be celebrating its 175th anniversary during the festival in the South Main Arts District.

The official 2023 Red Poppy Festival poster features art by Erin Plummer. For all the details, go to RedPoppyFestival.com

Schedule your bulky-waste pickup today!

Did you know Georgetown residents get four, free, curbside bulky-waste pickups a year to help you dispose of large items that won’t fit into your cart?

Once scheduled, Texas Disposal Systems can pick up items like:

- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Toilets
- Washers/dryers
- Refrigerators (additional charges apply)

Schedule your bulky-waste pickup today with Texas Disposal Systems by calling 512-930-1715. The pickup will be scheduled for your regular trash pickup day. Find out more at bit.ly/bulkystagetx.
The Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth St., will host Jack Fingerhut, son of Holocaust survivor Arnold Fingerhut, as he shares his father’s life story at 2 p.m. April 23 in the Hewlett Room. Hidden in a barn by neighbors for four years while World War II raged across Poland, Arthur swore that he would build a new life. Upon liberation, he immigrated to Germany, where he met and married his wife, Rose; however, Arnold had set his sights on another goal: the pursuit of the American dream.

Jack will present his father’s pre- and post-war life, as well as discuss the legacy of being a child of a survivor. This event is free and open to the public and is co-sponsored by Congregation Havurah Shalom of Sun City.

Find more information at library.georgetown.org.

The May City Council election includes races for Mayor and Districts 2 and 6. Early in-person voting is April 24-May 2. Election day is May 6. The last day to register to vote is April 6.

As of press time Feb. 16, incumbent Mayor Josh Schroeder has filed for re-election, as well as incumbents Shawn Hood and Jake French for City Council members in Districts 2 and 6 respectively. Elections for uncontested races will be canceled.

Georgetown City Council members serve three-year terms representing one of seven, single-member districts. The mayor also serves a three-year term.

For updates about the city council election, go to georgetown.org. View council district maps at maps.georgetown.org/council-district-maps.

Spring Art Stroll
Mark your calendars for the Georgetown Spring Art Stroll in downtown from 4-8 p.m. April 20. The stroll is an opportunity for patrons to engage in interactive arts experiences including artist demonstrations, performances, live music, and art shopping at Grace Plaza and at arts and culture facilities and arts-based businesses throughout the Downtown Georgetown Cultural District. The evening will include an artist talk by the 175th anniversary mural artist and a dedication of the mural, as well as an artist reception for the new sculpture in the South Main Arts District. For more information, visit arts.georgetown.org/georgetown-art-strolls.

Springtime can bring flooding, sign up for emergency alerts
The City’s outdoor warning sirens are used to warn people who are outdoors to seek shelter; however, the sirens are only one method of alerting the public to emergencies. Residents are encouraged use multiple means of receiving or finding information, including a NOAA weather radio and local news stations to stay informed during severe weather.

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

Residents who sign up for emergency alerts by phone will receive notification calls from 737-245-0213. We encourage residents to save the number in their phones as “Georgetown emergency notifications” to avoid confusion during future emergency events.

For more information about emergency preparedness, visit government.georgetown.org/emergency-management.