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Fire Prevention Week

As Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 8-14, approaches, the Georgetown Fire Department reminds residents to understand this year's theme, "Cooking safety starts with you" and to follow these key safety tips to help reduce the risk of a cooking fire:

- Watch what you heat. Always keep a close eye on what you are cooking. Set a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
- Have a child- and pet-free zone of at least 3 feet around the stove or grill and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

The Fire Department is hosting events for Fire Prevention Week throughout the community. For more information, call **512-930-8092** or email **jonathan.gilliam@georgetown.org**.

Cybersecurity doesn't have to be spooky

While cyberattacks may seem overwhelming; cybersecurity doesn't have to be scary. It can be easy to adopt secure habits and even bring you some peace of mind that your virtual life is safe. As an individual or consumer, take basic steps to protect your online information and privacy. Vendors and suppliers can take ownership of their role, while protecting their brand and reputation, by putting strong cybersecurity in place at work to help prevent an incident at your location or further down the supply chain. This Cybersecurity Awareness Month, everyone should take these key action steps:

- 1. Enable multi-factor authentication
- 2. Create strong passwords and use a password manager
- 3. Recognize and report phishing attempts
- 4. Update your software

Make smart decisions whether on the job, at home or at school. Visit **staysafeonline.org** for more information.

Trick or Treat Trail

The Parks and Recreation
Department is hosting the Trick
or Treat Trail Oct. 26 in San Gabriel
Park. Participants are encouraged
to dress up for Halloween, come out
to get candy, play games, and have
fun from 5-7 p.m.! The evening will
conclude with a movie at the Legacy
Pavilion. More details will be available
at parks.georgetown.org/trick-ortreat-trail.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event | OCT. 21

The City will host a household hazardous waste collection event from 9 a.m.-noon. Oct. 21 at the Georgetown Municipal Complex, 300-1 Industrial Ave. City of Georgetown solid waste customers must contact Customer Care at 512-930-3640 or customercare@ 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, as well as other ways to dispose of household hazardous waste, is available at recycle.georgetown.org/household-hazardous-waste.



GET MORE INFORMATION

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Bond election on the Nov. 7 ballot

Georgetown residents will be able to vote Nov. 7 on four City bond propositions, including a Customer Service Center, Animal Shelter, Recreation Center renovation and expansion, and a YMCA recreation center partnership.

The City Council voted to call the election Aug. 15. For details about the four bond propositions and the election, visit georgetown.org

Important election dates:

Oct. 10: Last day to register to vote

Oct. 23-Nov. 3: Early in-person voting

Oct. 27: Last day to apply for Ballot by Mail

Nov. 7: Election Day

Polling places, dates, and times will be available at wilcotx.gov/elections.



National Night Out

National Night Out, an annual event to support safe neighborhoods, is from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, in Georgetown. If your neighborhood is hosting a block party and would like Georgetown Police Department officers, other local law enforcement officers, elected officials, Georgetown firefighters and EMS technicians, or other City employees to attend, please register by Sept. 18 at pd.georgetown.org/2022-national-night-out.

CELEBRATE THE MONTH OF THE ARTS THIS OCTOBER

The Arts and Culture Program will host several events in October to celebrate the Month of the Arts. The City of Georgetown's Water Conservation Team is also looking to bring awareness to sustainable watering resources with the vibrant addition of art to rain barrels. The barrels will be displayed around City facilities and local businesses downtown, before and during the Arts Festival. All painted barrels will be available to purchase via a silent auction that will run through the course of the Art Stroll and Arts Festival.

Art Hop XVI | OCT. 6 - NOV. 4

Art Hop is an annual statewide competition that celebrates Texas artists sponsored by the Georgetown Art Center. Accepted artworks will be displayed in one of two locations: at the Georgetown Art Center or the Georgetown Public Library. The exhibit runs from Oct. 6-Nov. 4. The competition categories include 2D Abstract, 2D Representational, 3D, and Photography/Digital. For more information, visit library.georgetown.org/art.



Autumn Art Stroll | OCT. 19 4-8 PM

Participants can engage in interactive arts experiences at arts and culture facilities and arts-based businesses throughout the Cultural District that include artist demonstrations, performances, live music, shopping opportunities, and collaborative public art projects.

Haunted Art Night | OCT. 20 6-9 PM

On October 20, celebrate Halloween in the South Main Arts District with a Haunted Art House at Grace Chapel and a screening of the 1922 silent Dracula film accompanied by Central Texas Philharmonic Orchestra musicians.

South Main Arts Festival | OCT. 21 10 AM-6:30 PM

The South Main Arts Festival is a juried and curated artistic event showcasing arts and culture and live music for one full day in the new South Main Arts District behind Grace Heritage Center. The event will feature artist booths, street performers, a mural painting project, and live music from headliner Guy Forsyth Band. More information is available at arts.georgetown.org.

