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# **Georgetown Reporter**



#### **Community collection event**

The City's Environmental Services Department will host a recycling event for Earth Day from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. April 13 at the Georgetown Municipal Complex, 300-1 Industrial Ave.

During the event with a donation to ROCK, Ride On Center for Kids, residents will be able to drop off paper for shredding (limit three boxes or sacks), tires (limit four), mattresses, furniture (in good condition), and household appliances (no refrigerators), electronics, and used crayons. Household hazardous and medical waste items will not be accepted.

#### Find more information at **recycle.georgetown.org.**



### Spruce up your spring with Texas native plants

Spring is here, and it's the perfect time to jazz up your garden with native Texas plants. These plants are drought-tolerant superheroes, adapted to handle our unique climate like champs.

Be sure to read the information card on your new native plants to find the ideal water and sunlight requirements. Once established, native Texas plants are lowmaintenance pros that can help lower your water bill.

Download our Love Your Local Lawn Guide for more tips on planting natives in Texas. Happy planting! **bit.ly/ GTXLoveYourLocalLawnGuide.** 

## Celebrate the 25th annual Red Poppy Festival

Celebrate the City's signature event on the most beautiful town square in Texas at the 25th annual Red Poppy Festival on April 26-28.

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. There are free shuttles all day Saturday from the Georgetown and East View high schools.

For all the details, go to **RedPoppyFestival.com.** 

## **City Council Election**

The May City Council election includes races for Districts 1 and 5. Early in-person voting is April 22-30. Election day is May 4. The last day to register to vote is April 4.



As of press time at noon Feb. 16, incumbents Amanda Parr and Kevin Pitts have filed for re-election for City Council members in Districts 1 and 5 respectively. Elections for uncontested races will be canceled.

Georgetown City Council members serve three-year terms representing one of seven, single-member districts.

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



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

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#### Get ready for the solar eclipse | APRIL 8

The solar eclipse will pass through Georgetown on April 8. This rare event occurs when the moon passes between the earth and the sun, casting a shadow and creating a once-in-a-lifetime spectacle.

The highlight of the eclipse will be the moment of full totality at precisely 1:36 p.m. for Georgetown. During this time, the sun will be entirely covered by the moon, providing a visual experience of darkness. Be prepared for an increase in visitors and people traveling through the community.

For the best viewing, be sure to:

- Use certified solar viewing glasses or create a pinhole projector to protect your eyes
- Check the weather forecast for optimal viewing conditions
- Avoid travel; reschedule appointments or meetings if possible
- Don't stop on the side of the road.
- Stock up on food, water, essential medicines, and gas
- Celebrate in place

Stay informed about potential emergencies by signing up for Warn Central Texas **warncentraltexas.org.** 

For additional resources, including guides on safe viewing practices and interactive maps to find the best spots in our community, visit **visit.georgetown.org/eclipse.** 



#### Family Nature Fest | APRIL 13

Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department hosts Family Nature Fest from 1-4 p.m. April 13 at Garey Park, 6450 RM 2243. The event connects families to nature through child-friendly activities and educational programming. Regular park entry fees are required. Most activities are free; however, some may have an additional charge. For more information, visit **parks.georgetown. org.** 



### Spring Art Stroll | APRIL 18

Mark your calendars for the Georgetown Spring Art Stroll in downtown from 4-8 p.m. April 18. 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. For more information, visit **arts.georgetown.org/georgetown-artstrolls.** 

#### 'Rescued Evidence & Pieces of the Past' event at Georgetown Public Library

The Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth St., will host "Rescued Evidence and Pieces of the Past: Exploring Antisemitism through Artifacts and Memorabilia" featuring items from the Gregg and Michelle Philopson Collection and Archive



in recognition of Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5. The artifacts at the event will offer a glimpse into the realities of antisemitism throughout history. Attendees will see genuine artifacts including Jewish-related military items, Holocaust-era materials, and World War II propaganda while hearing stories of bravery and sacrifice from specific American families and servicemen during WWII.

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.** 

## 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?



SCHEDULE CURBSIDE BULKY-WASTE PICKUP: 512-930-1715

Refrigerators (additional

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

- Furniture
- Washers/dryers

charges apply)

- Mattresses
- Toilets
- 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/ bulkywastegtx.**

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