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# Georgetown Reporter



## Red Poppy Festival poster art selected

Artwork by Georgetown Artist Emily Latham will be featured on the poster and banners for the 2024 Red Poppy Festival. The annual Red Poppy Festival is April 26-28 on the Courthouse Square. Find more information at [redpoppyfestival.com](http://redpoppyfestival.com).

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://WarnCentralTexas.org).

## Save the date for a community collection event | APRIL 13

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), 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](http://recycle.georgetown.org).



## Georgetown Parks and Recreation spring break camps

The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department is offering a variety of spring break camp opportunities the week of March 11-15 for children and teens. Ages, costs, and times will vary by camp. For camp details and to register, visit [parks.georgetown.org/camp](http://parks.georgetown.org/camp).



## Chase the Chief 5K and Fun Run MARCH 3

Register now for the 12th 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 3 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](http://chasethechief.georgetown.org).



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City of Georgetown | 2023 Employee Awards



Managers of the Year

Jamie Beran (Human Resources) and Travis Baird (Planning)



Supervisors of the Year

Jonathan Morales (Engineering) and Eric Pouncey (Electric)



Citywide Employees of the Year

From left: Joshua Naylor (water), Kate Richardson (Finance), Jennifer Bettiol (Public Works), Hayden Jones (Police), Lauren Boening (City Attorney Office), and Tyler Knight (IT)

Not pictured: Amanda Still (Arts and Culture). Gina Smith (Fire) was given the award posthumously



Customer Service Employees of the Year

Customer service: From left: Tristan Curtis (IT), Linda White (City Secretary Office), and Dulce Hernandez (Water)

Department Employees of the Year

<b>Animal Services</b> Shawn Gunnin	<b>Parks and Recreation</b> Ashley Snyder Allen Courtney Butler
<b>City Manager Office</b> Ariel Traub	<b>Planning and Inspections</b> George Gilbert Haley Webre
<b>Convention and Visitors Bureau</b> Rachel White	<b>Police</b> Bryan George Jordan Granberry Fred Pitcher Kaitlin Rutherford
<b>Customer Care</b> Jackie De Reese	<b>Public Works</b> Curtis Benkendorfer
<b>Electric</b> Michael Foster Jon Franz	<b>Systems Engineering</b> Dustin Clarkson
<b>Finance</b> Cindy Davis Ron Menchaca	<b>Water</b> Richard Fierro Will Garza Jacob Guajardo Damian Helmbold Scotty Hulin Michael Newton
<b>Fire</b> Branden Coughlin Russell Lawhorn Micah Parks Russell Paxton	
<b>Human Services</b> Robyn Iverson	
<b>IT</b> Minh Luu	
<b>Library</b> Breanna Houle	

Water Utility Rain Barrel Sale

Georgetown Water Utility is excited to partner with Rainwater Solutions to provide residents a discount on 50-gallon rain barrels. Rainwater harvesting is a great way to augment water supply. This conservation method is perfect for landscape irrigation and can help you reduce your utility bill!

With our special discount, you can purchase a rain barrel through Rainwater Solutions for just \$78. These rain barrels are regularly priced at \$149. You may also be eligible for a \$25 conservation rebate through City of Georgetown Water Utility. That's a potential savings of \$96, not to mention the future savings on your water bill from utilizing harvested rainwater for irrigation.

For more information and a link to the rain barrel sale website visit [gus.georgetown.org/water/conservation-programs](https://gus.georgetown.org/water/conservation-programs).



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