



Georgetown Reporter



Household hazardous waste collection event

The City will host a household hazardous waste collection event from 9 a.m.-noon May 18 at the Georgetown Municipal Complex, 300-1 Industrial Ave. City of Georgetown solid waste customers must contact Customer Care at 512-930-3640 or customer care@georgetown.org to register. Please include your name, address, and utility account number when emailing customer care.

A list of accepted items is available at recycle.georgetown.org/household-hazardous-waste.

Georgetown Parks and Recreation summer camps

Georgetown Parks and Recreation offers a variety of camps to keep children engaged and active during the summer break. Weekly camp sessions begin June 3. Camp ages and fees vary.

To learn more and register, visit parks.georgetown.org/camp.

The programs operated by the City of Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department are recreational in nature and not state-licensed childcare programs.

Georgetown Small Business Week | May 7-9

This National Small Business Week, Georgetown's Economic Development Department is offering workshops and activities for small business owners and managers to celebrate the many small businesses in our community. The week kicks off with Breakfast Bites on Tuesday, May 7, followed by workshops on Wednesday and Thursday, and ends with a networking event Thursday. Registration details are coming soon. More information will be posted at invest.georgetown.org.



Memorial Day Closings | May 27

City offices and facilities closed. Regular solid waste and recycling collection.

The Recreation Center outdoor, Williams Drive, River Ridge, and Village pools open for the summer season on May 25 for the Memorial Day weekend. The River Ridge pool remains open through Tuesday, Aug. 13, the Recreation Center outdoor and Village pools remain open through Wednesday, Aug. 14, and the Williams Drive Pool will be open through Labor Day weekend. Go to parks.georgetown.org/aquatics for details.

City Council members reelected

Because incumbent Amanda Parr and Kevin Pitts ran unopposed in Districts 1 and 5, respectively, City Council canceled the City's May 4 general election at its Feb. 27 regular meeting.

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

While no City election will appear on the ballot, there are other elections being held.

Election day is May 4. Polling places, dates, and times are available at wilco.org/elections.

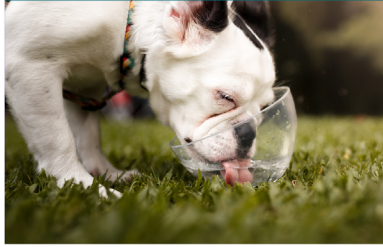
Preservation Month

In May, the City of Georgetown recognizes Preservation Month and will celebrate with a City Council proclamation and other programs. Information about Preservation Month-related events will be posted at mainstreet.georgetown.org.

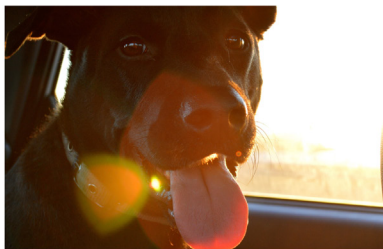
Test pavement temp



Keep hydrated



Animal Services asks that you plan ahead for your dog's safety. Protect against hot asphalt, overheating and hot cars.



Don't leave in car

Protect your pets from the heat this summer

As temperatures rise, the Georgetown Animal Shelter wants to remind you to protect your pets against hot temperatures and heat-related illness on local summer excursions.

Protect their paws

In hotter temperatures it becomes increasingly dangerous for your dog to go on walks on cement and asphalt, which can burn a pet's paw pads. Asphalt absorbs heat throughout the day and stays hot even after the sun goes down. Pro tip: Take short walks in the early morning and stay in the shade.

Keep them hydrated

Dogs usually need three to four times the normal amount of water in hot weather, depending on their size and activity level, to stay hydrated. If you are taking them for a hike or day at the lake, make sure to take plenty of extra water for them. Watch for signs of dehydration, such as pale gums and lethargy. Pro tip: Add a touch of low-sodium broth to the water bowl to encourage drinking.

Do not leave your dog in a parked vehicle

Leaving your pet in a parked car can be a deadly mistake. On a warm day, the temperature in a parked car can heat up like an oven, even with the windows cracked. Open windows and shaded parking areas will not save your pet's life in temperatures that high. With only hot air to breathe, your pet can quickly suffer brain damage or die from heatstroke. Pro tip: This time of year, leave your pets at home. If you must take them (on vacation or to an appointment), plan your day so that you can drive directly to the destination.

If you see a dog left in a hot car in Georgetown, and it appears to be in distress, call 512-930-3510, ext. 6, for Animal Control.



Call 811 Before You Dig

Call 811 before you dig. It's a free call, and it can save a life. When you call 811, within 48 hours, utility companies are notified about your intent to dig and will send a locator to mark utility-owned underground electric lines, pipes, or cables in the work area, free of charge.

Utility companies will mark the location of their underground lines with paint, flags, or stakes using a standard color code, which you can see at Texas811.org. Customers should be aware of any unmarked lines not owned by a utility, such as a customer-owned connection to a water meter, a wastewater service tap, or an irrigation system.

If you are digging and damage a utility line, call the utility immediately. If you know it is a Georgetown Utility Systems line, call Customer Care at 512-930-3640.

Just remember: Know what's below. Call 811 before you dig.

Water rate increase effective April 1

As of press time March 18, City Council was expected to approve a water and wastewater rate increase at its March 26 meeting. The new rates go into effect April 1. The average single-family household can expect their monthly bill to increase by \$15.

The increase primarily supports Georgetown's long-term water supply planning, including the cost of the utility's reservation agreement with EPCOR. The agreement gives Georgetown the right to buy groundwater from the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer starting in 2025.

This project will meet Georgetown's anticipated demand through 2050 and improve the resiliency of our water supply by making the utility less reliant on surface water from lakes that are susceptible to droughts.

Additional rate increases for water and wastewater services are expected annually to cover the costs of securing additional water resources, adding to our current system, and the increasing operational costs due to inflation.

Learn more about the City's water resource planning and water rates at water.georgetown.org.



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