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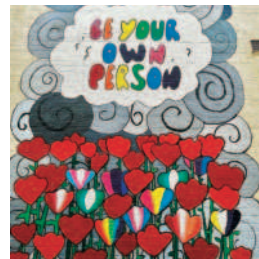
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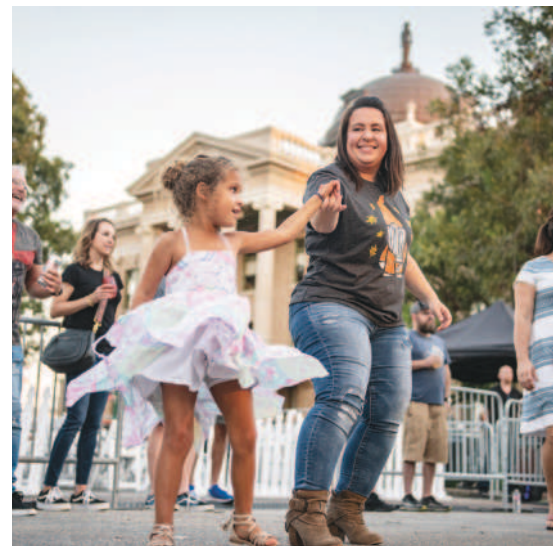
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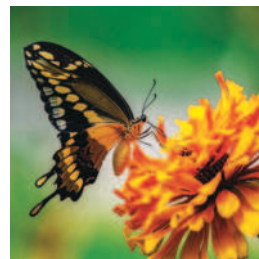
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*The Original Guide to Georgetown*, first published in 1980, is an annual guide written and produced by the *Williamson County Sun*, the county’s oldest operating business and the city’s newspaper of record. After a few year hiatus, our updated 2022 guide has information on just about everything the city has to offer.

In Georgetown, nature lovers can enjoy more than 50 city-maintained parks, six golf courses and hundreds of miles of trails, greenbelts and nature preserves. Those with a curious mind can take classes at Southwestern University, the first university established in Texas, or learn some new tricks at Senior University. History buffs can peruse the Williamson Museum or the award-winning Georgetown Public Library.

For entertainment, the city offers multiple theaters, art galleries, hundreds of locally-owned shops and restaurants, and a host of active groups and clubs. Visit the city’s downtown Square on a Friday afternoon or weekend, and you’ll learn that there’s always something fun on the schedule.



With everything there is to offer, it’s no wonder so many families have decided to call Georgetown home in recent years. Georgetown has seen unprecedented growth over the past decade. The city’s population has grown by 41.7 percent since 2010, and now sits at roughly 70,000 residents.

While the city has a strong heritage and an unwavering respect for its historic buildings and neighborhoods, with that growth, obviously, comes some changes. This Guide will

help highlight some of the things Georgetown, Williamson County, the Georgetown Independent School District, local nonprofits and other area communities have done in recent years to address growth. But one thing is still certain — Georgetown remains a great place to live.

Whether you’re getting ready to move into town, are visiting for a weekend, or are a long-time Georgetown resident looking to try something new, we hope you find *The Original Guide to Georgetown* helpful. And be sure to keep up with the area as a subscriber to the *Williamson County Sun*. ■

**NICHOLAS CICALE**  
*Managing Editor*

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## Georgetown City Council



The Williamson County Courthouse is viewed from 9th and Main Streets near dawn on Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

# City of Georgetown

## New opportunities, same small-town feel

Georgetown sits astride Interstate 35, about 25 miles north of Austin and the Texas State Capitol.

Georgetown was founded in 1848 with a strong agricultural base in the heart of Williamson County. The city holds the county seat.

Georgetown's city limits encompass around 60 square miles, with the extra-territorial jurisdiction being around 121 square miles. Today, the city estimates its population at 76,270 within the city limits, representing an annual growth of 7 percent, with an estimated population of 109,086 inclusive of the extra-territorial jurisdiction.

Award-winning parks, extensive trail systems along the North and South Forks of the San Gabriel River and Lake Georgetown, together with a low crime rate, make Georgetown an attractive place to live and work. In 2018, Southern Living magazine named Georgetown the "Best City to Live in the South".

With job-growth and economic development initiatives to diversify the tax base, expand retail and create new employment opportunities, Georgetown seeks to strike a balance with maintaining the community's unique charm, character and quality of life. The downtown commercial district, with "The Most Beautiful Town Square in Texas," continues to expand its arts, culture, dining and entertainment venues, according to the annual report.

The local economy continued to

grow during 2021, mirroring the strong development in the Austin metro region. Within the next couple of years, the city will be home to a \$130 million manufacturing venture that will employ over 1,000 people, building circuits for electric vehicles and storage batteries.

New single-family housing starts increased by 34 percent compared to last year, with 2,520 residential permits issued for the year, according to the city's annual report. This shows the desirability for homes in the area. The median home price rose 38.2 percent to \$380,000.

The City of Georgetown operates under a Council - Manager form of government. A mayor, elected at large, and seven council members, elected from single member districts, serve staggered, three-year terms.

Mayor Josh Schroeder, takes on the role of moderator of deliberation and builder of consensus on the city council dias. The city council meets on second and fourth Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers 101 East Seventh Street. Regular council meetings generally stay quiet, although occasional issues, ordinances and agenda items will draw a crowd.

Apart from development related items on timeline directed by state law, council members bring action items and proposed ordinances before the council by getting at least one other Council Member to co-sponsor the item. ■

### MAYOR



#### Josh Schroeder

Serving first term,  
expires May 2023  
josh.schroeder@georgetown.org

An attorney, Mr. Schroeder's law practice focuses on transactional business matters, from formation to operation to sale, with a particular emphasis on real estate development. A Williamson County native, hailing from Taylor, Mr. Schroeder graduated with a B.A. with honors, from The University of Texas at Austin, in 1998. He received his J.D. from The University of Texas School of Law, 2002. He was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 2002.



### COUNCIL DISTRICT 4



#### Ron Garland

Serving first term,  
expires May 2025  
district4@georgetown.org

Mr. Garland is the retired CEO of the 10th largest Scout council in the U.S. after 40 years with Scouts BSA.

### COUNCIL DISTRICT 1



#### Amanda Parr

Serving first term,  
expires May 2024  
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Ms. Parr is a Senior Director of Development, Major Gifts, at Southwestern University. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Clinical Psychology from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

### COUNCIL DISTRICT 5



#### Kevin Pitts (Mayor Pro Tem)

Serving second term,  
expires May 2024  
district5@georgetown.org

Ms. Pitts has been a commercial banker for 15 years, and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from Texas State University.

### COUNCIL DISTRICT 2



#### Shawn Hood

Serving first term,  
expires May 2023  
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Mr. Hood has been self-employed for 31 years with Residential Architectural Designer. His received an education at Round Rock High School and Austin Community College.

### COUNCIL DISTRICT 6



#### Jake French

Serving first term,  
expires May 2023  
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Mr. French is a construction project manager, with a B.A. in Business and Economics from Wheaton College in Illinois.

### COUNCIL DISTRICT 3



#### Mike Triggs

Serving second term,  
expires May 2025  
district3@georgetown.org

Mr. Triggs retired from a 38 year career in commercial banking. He holds a Bachelor of Science from University of Wisconsin.

### COUNCIL DISTRICT 7



#### BEN STEWART

Serving first term  
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Mr. Stewart is the newest council member, and was elected in May 2022.





“Greetings from Georgetown” by Sarah Blankenship, Walnut Street side of 702 East University, Gus’s Drug.

# City staff and departments

## CITY MANAGEMENT

**David Morgan** has been city manager since May 2015. As the chief administrative and executive officer for the City of Georgetown, his responsibilities encompass all daily operations of the city. Prior to Georgetown, he worked for the City of Richardson for about 17 years, culminating as deputy city manager and chief operating officer.

**Laurie Brewer** is one of the city’s three assistant city managers. Her portfolio of duties includes the following city departments: Customer Care, Finance and Budgeting, Fleet Services, Municipal Court, Parks and Recreation, Library and Culture, Purchasing and Water Services. She started work in the City of Georgetown as a staff accountant and has more than 27 years of governmental finance experience both in Georgetown and in Hutto.

Former Georgetown police chief **Wayne Nero** now serves as an assistant city manager. Mr. Nero oversees these city departments: Police, Fire, Information Technology, Community Services, as well as Human Resources and Organizational Development.

**Nick Woolery** started as assistant city manager in 2021. Mr. Woolery’s works with the city’s Planning, Inspections, Systems Engineering, Public Works, Special Districts, and Communications departments. He worked his way up with the City of Baytown, starting in 2010 as as-

stant to the city manager and culminating as assistant city manager there from 2019 until he began work for Georgetown.

The city manager and assistant city managers may be reached by phone through the City Hall receptionist 512-930-3652.

## GEORGETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**Interim Chief of Police**  
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512-930-3575  
planing@georgetown.org

## BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS

300 Industrial Avenue, Ste. 1  
512-930-2550

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

402 West Eighth Street  
512-930-3551  
library@georgetown.org

# Top employers in Georgetown

Organization	Employees
Airborn, Inc.....	612
St. David’s Hospital Georgetown.....	486
Southwestern University .....	440
Wesleyan Homes.....	419
Caring Home Health.....	310
Smile Doctors .....	300
Lone Star Circle of Care.....	256
Chatsworth Products Georgetown ...	240
Rock Springs Hospital.....	226
Georgetown Behavioral Health .....	207
Georgetown Rail Equipment Co. ....	186
Tasus Texas .....	180
Champion Site Prep .....	170

# City of Georgetown Statistics

Population: .....67,176  
Growth over 10 years: ..... 19,776

High school graduate: .....93.2%  
Bachelor’s degree: .....41.6%  
Median household income: .....\$73,822  
Veterans: .....7,088 (10.5%)

White: .....71.5%  
Hispanic or latino: .....21.8%  
Black: .....4.0%  
Asian: .....0.9 %  
\*Other: .....1.8%

\*Includes individuals that  
selected two or more races

Under 18: .....18.6%  
18-64: .....52.3%  
65 and over: .....29.1%

Female: .....53.1%  
Male: .....46.9%



# Williamson County



## From an agriculture past to a tech future

BY CHRISTOPHER DE LOS SANTOS

One of the fastest-growing counties in the U.S., situated just north of the state capital in Austin, Williamson County earns its reputation daily as an exceptional place to live. The county's lively history includes stories from Comanche Native American tribes, the Chisholm Trail, Texas outlaws and rangers, cowboys, and pioneers. Organized in 1848, the county was

named for Robert M. Williamson, pioneer leader and a veteran of the Texas Revolution's Battle of San Jacinto. Today, the county is a center for agribusiness, education and an ever-growing high-tech industry, featuring Dell Technologies, Apple and, soon, Samsung. The land of the eastern part of the county is level black land soil, while the western part of the county features rolling limestone hills, all drained by the San Gabriel River and tributaries.

Williamson County is blessed with a mild climate — offering more than 300 sunny days each year — good schools, clean air, scenic open spaces and an abundance of recreational opportunities. The county is well known for a low crime rate and friendly, neighborly people. The county contains four administrative precincts, each with its own elected commissioner, constable and justice of the peace. The county judge holds the top county-level elected position. ■

### Williamson County cities with populations of over 1,000 residents

- Georgetown
- Round Rock
- Leander
- Cedar Park
- Taylor
- Hutto
- Liberty Hill
- Jarrell
- Granger
- Bartlett
- Florence



# Williamson County Commissioners Court



## COUNTY JUDGE

**Bill Gravell,  
Republican**  
Serving first term,  
expires December 31,  
2022.

Retired Southern Baptist pastor Bill Gravell first served in public office as Justice of the Peace in Precinct 3 in 2013. Voters elected him County Judge in 2018. Having lived in the county since 1995, Mr. Gravell and his wife Jill make their home in Georgetown.



## PRECINCT 1 COMMISSIONER

**Terry Cook,  
Democrat**  
Serving second term,  
expires December 31,  
2024

A degreed biomedical engineer from Duke University, Ms. Cook worked for a Colorado based technology company in the 1980s and 1990s. She and her husband, Wayne, have made their home in Round Rock since 2007. She owned a small business before taking office as commissioner. She is also the first Democratic Party candidate elected to commissioners court in Williamson County since 1994.



## PRECINCT 2 COMMISSIONER

**Cynthia Long,  
Republican**  
Serving fourth term,  
expires December 31,  
2022

First holding elected office as a Cedar Park councilwoman, Ms. Long was elected commissioner of Precinct 2 in 2006 and has held that office since. Before that, in 1997, she founded an information technology consulting company that worked across the U.S., in Latin America and in Europe. She and her husband have lived in Williamson County since 1988, and she holds a business degree from Texas A&M University.



## PRECINCT 3 COMMISSIONER

**Valerie Covey,  
Republican**  
Serving fourth full term,  
expires December 31,  
2024



The voters of Precinct 3 first elected Ms. Covey commissioner in 2006, to serve out an unexpired term. She has held the office continuously since then. A licensed certified public accountant for over 30 years, Ms. Covey and her husband, Mark, have lived in Georgetown since 1994. She takes a keen interest in mental health issues, planning for and building the county's road network and takes a conservative approach to public debt for the county.



## PRECINCT 4 COMMISSIONER

**Russ Boles,  
Republican**  
Serving first term, expires  
December 31, 2022  
Mr. Boles and his wife,  
Kathy, own and operate

an event center in downtown Round Rock on the banks of Brushy Creek. He is a commercial broker for his family's commercial real estate business, Summit Commercial, and has helped many businesses locate in and create new jobs for Williamson County. Diagnosed with dyslexia and dysgraphia as a youth, Mr. Boles received an education earning a business degree from Texas State University and completing a law degree at St. Mary's University School of Law.

## Wilco Departments

### SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

**Mike Gleason, Sheriff**  
508 South Rock Street, Georgetown  
512-864-8282

### DISTRICT ATTORNEY

**Shawn Dick, District Attorney**  
Williamson County Justice Center  
405 Martin Luther King Jr. Street,  
Suite 265, Georgetown  
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### COUNTY ATTORNEY

**Dee Hobbs, County Attorney**  
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### PARKS DEPARTMENT

**Russell Fishbeck, Director**  
219 Perry Mayfield, Leander  
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## Top employers in Williamson County

Organization	Employees
H-E-B Grocery Company, LP	14,096
Dell Technologies	13,000
Round Rock ISD	6,750
Leander ISD	5,308
Georgetown ISD	1,896
Williamson County	1,812
City of Round Rock	1,021
Kalahari Resorts	1,000
City of Georgetown	890
Round Rock Premium Outlets	800

## Williamson County Statistics

Population: 609,017  
Growth over 10 years: 186,338

### Education and employment

High school graduate: 93.2%  
Bachelor's degree: 41.3%  
Median household income: \$87,337  
Veterans: 34,924 (5.7%)

White: 58.0%  
Hispanic or latino: 24.8%  
Black: 7.4%  
Asian: 8.0%  
\*Other: 1.8%  
Includes individuals that selected two or more races

Under 18: 25.2%  
18-64: 62.4%  
65 and over: 12.4%

Female: 50.7%  
Male: 49.3%





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# Cities and towns around Wilco

## Round Rock

A southbound drive from Georgetown on I-35 will lead to Round Rock, a city of almost 120,000 people.

Round Rock Premium Outlets, home to more than 100 name brand stores and restaurants, awaits right off of the interstate. The complex provides shopping in a manicured outdoor mall environment. Catch a ballgame at Dell Diamond, the home of the minor league Round Rock Express. The stadium holds weekly evening games during the summer, an activity that the whole family can enjoy.

Round Rock's downtown strip, centered on Main Street and spilling into surrounding blocks, used to be a sleepy spot with a few bars, a library and some eateries. Now it has transformed into a vibrant scene, filled with families during the day and revelers at night. Downtown Round Rock hosts free downtown events throughout the year, such as Music on Main Street, a concert series that runs from March through May.

Some of the popular eateries in Round Rock include Jack Allen's Kitchen, Salt Traders Coastal Cooking and Louisiana Longhorn Cafe. And no discussion of Round Rock is complete without a nod to the famous Round Rock Donuts, 106 West Liberty Avenue. The shop has been serving orange-colored doughnuts for more than 85 years.

### Top Headlines

- The Round Rock Amp, a new entertainment venue by the owners of the legendary Nutty Brown Amphitheater in Dripping Springs, opened in spring 2022. The Amp already has a star-studded line-up, and performances began in April. The Amp is located off Interstate 35 south of University Boulevard in Round Rock.

- Round Rock will be home to the new headquarters for video game company KingIsle. The company will bring 150 jobs to its new, 33,000-square-foot facility. The City of Round Rock offered an economic incentive to the company after its acquisition by Media and Games Invest last January. KingIsle



Round Rock residents enjoy the sunshine during the Sertoma July 4 Parade and Frontier Days activities in 2021. The annual parade travels through Round Rock's downtown district on Mays Street.

is required to lease a facility in Round Rock for a minimum of three years, and invest a minimum of \$500,000 in property improvements. The facility will be located at 2700 La Frontera Boulevard.

- The City of Round Rock is building a new public library. The 65,000-square-foot, three-story building will expand the library's core services to children, teens and adults, and will offer new technology and more types of meeting spaces and program rooms. The library could open by the end of 2023.

### City Statistics

Population: ..... 119,468  
Growth over 10 years: ..... 19,581  
High school graduate: ..... 92.8%  
Bachelor's degree: ..... 40.0%  
Median household income: ..... \$82,676  
Veterans: ..... 7,284 (6.1%)  
White: ..... 50.6%  
Hispanic or Latino: ..... 29.4%  
Black: ..... 10.5%  
Asian: ..... 6.8%  
\*Other: ..... 2.7%  
Includes individuals that selected two or more races

Under age 18: ..... 26.9%  
18-64: ..... 64.9%  
65 and over: ..... 8.2%  
Male: ..... 50%  
Female: ..... 50%

### Top attractions

- Round Rock Premium Outlets
- Dell Diamond
- Round Rock Donuts
- Main Street and downtown district
- Brushy Creek trail system and parks

### Annual events

- Mardi Gras Ball, February
- Earth Day Festival, April
- Lone Star Jam, May
- Juneteenth Festival, June
- Independence Day Parade and Frontier Days Celebration, July
- Un-Birthday Party, July
- Night Rider Family Bike Ride, August
- Chalk Walk Arts Festival, October
- Fall Fun Festival, October
- Light up the Lake, December
- Christmas Towne, December



# Cedar Park

Taking the Farm-to-Market 1431 exit off of I-35 South will lead to Cedar Park, with a population of more than 77,000. Formerly a small farming community, it has experienced steady and rapid growth over the past decade and now takes center stage as a go-to spot for big city entertainment without making the trek into Austin.

The H-E-B Center at Cedar Park hosts the Texas Stars minor league hockey team, the Austin Spurs developmental league basketball team and the University of Texas hockey team, as well as other sporting events and concerts. The arena stage sees everything from the Harlem Globetrotters, concerts, comedians and rodeos.

Over 40 parks are sprinkled around town. They accommodate the hiker, biker, sportsman or family looking to have some fun. One of the larger parks, the Brushy Creek Lake Park, covers 90 acres, complete with a water playscape, playground, trails, exercise areas, a picnic area with grills and a lakeside fishing pier.

New restaurants pop up on a regular basis in Cedar Park. Some of the more popular places include Soto Japanese Restaurant, Moonie’s Burger House and Blue Corn Harvest Bar and Grill, which also has a location in downtown Georgetown.

On the horizon, Cedar Park will be home to the Bell District, a new mixed-use project along Bell Boulevard. The development will include a new city library, residential units, a ground-level marketplace and business offices by 2024.

### Top headlines

- Texas Department of Transportation will be adding lanes to Highway 183 in an attempt to alleviate traffic for those commuting from Williamson County to Austin. A \$612 million project, it broke ground spring 2022 and could be completed in 2026.
- The Bell District broke ground in 2021. The new Cedar Park Public Library in the Bell District will start being built in late 2022, and could open as soon as the spring of 2024.
- Lakeline Park is a new park being constructed in Cedar Park, across the street from the YMCA Twin Lakes campus on South Bell Boulevard. The 200-acre project’s first phase could open in 2022. At buildout, the park will include water sport rentals to use on its lake, sports fields, a pavilion, a play area with a playground and splash pads, and trails.

- New Hope Drive between 183A Toll and US 183 will be the site of the newest Nebraska Furniture Mart, within a \$400 million complex featuring a convention center and hotel. The Furniture Mart is slated to top 500,000 square feet, and the hotel will house upwards of 250 rooms. The convention center will be owned by the city.

### City statistics

Population:	77,595
Growth over 10 years:	28,658
High school graduate:	96.1%
Bachelor’s degree:	50.1%
Median household income:	...\$104,019
Veterans:	3,739 (4.8%)
White:	64.3%
Hispanic or Latino:	20.3%
Black:	2.9%
Asian:	9.5%
*Other:	3.0%
*Includes individuals that selected two or more races	
Under age 18:	28.3%
18-64:	63.1%
65 and over:	8.6%
Male:	49.4%
Female:	50.6%

### Top attractions

- The H-E-B Center
- Texas Museum of Science and Technology
- Lakeline Mall
- Brushy Creek Regional Trail
- Veterans Memorial Park

### Annual events

- Heritage Festival, April
- Jazz & Art on Main, May
- Fireworks on the 4th, July
- Splash Jam, September
- Drive for the Dream Charity Golf, October
- Cedar Bark Festival, October
- Taste of Cedar Park, October
- Oktoberfest, October
- Fable Fest, October
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# Leander

Taking a right from Austin Avenue in Georgetown onto Ranch Road 2243 — also known as Leander Road — will, unsurprisingly, lead to Leander, a quickly growing city of almost 60,000.

Home to a Bluegrass Festival in September and the Old Town Street Festival in May, Leander is a destination for weekend festivities and still speaks to old Texas tradition. The city also hosts Movies in the Park in the fall and spring.

As the rest of Williamson County grows, so does Leander. A new H-E-B supermarket opened within the past year, and housing communities continue to pop up along Highway 29 to the north. Leander’s new downtown district, Northline, is a 116-acre mixed-use project that will include townhomes, offices, retail space, a hotel, medical offices and civic facilities.

For those looking for something a little more established, Leander provides some classic eateries, like Mouton’s Southern Bistro, 309 North Highway, offers Texan and Cajun cooking, Jardin Del Rey Mexican restaurant, and Kai Sushi.

### Top headlines

- Leander’s new downtown district, Northline, is a 116-acre mixed-use project located just south of San Gabriel Parkway between 183 and the 183 toll. Northline will include townhomes, offices, retail space, a hotel, medical offices and civic facilities. Construction is underway.
- Leander ISD, one of the fastest-growing school districts in Central Texas, will open its 29th elementary school for the 2022-23 school year. An Early College High School Program will also begin in the 2022-23 school year through a partnership with Austin Community College.

The City of Leander hosted its first annual MLK Day Parade & Street Festival in Old Town Leander in January 2022. The parade and festival aim to unify and educate the community, and to encourage participation in observations, ceremonies, and activities that commemorate Dr. King.

### City statistics

Population:	59,202
Growth over 10 years:	32,681
High school graduate:	93.3%
Bachelor’s degree:	41.1%
Median household income:	\$101,872
Veterans:	2,931(5.0%)

White:	62.7%
Hispanic or Latino:	23.2%
Black:	5.2%
Asian:	4.6%
*Other:	4.3%
Includes individuals that selected two or more races	
Under age 18:	31.6%
18-64:	60.5%
65 and over:	7.9%
Male:	48.6%
Female:	51.4%

### Top attraction

- Williamson County Southwest Regional Park

### Annual events

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade and festival, January
- Old Town Street Festival, June
- The Bluegrass Festival, September
- Old Town Christmas Festival, December

# Hutto

Drive through Hutto, a city of about 27,000, and you’ll likely see a few hippos on the side of the road. That’s the high school mascot and hippo statues decorate the city. The legend behind the mascot is that in 1915, a circus train stopped at a depot in town and a hippopotamus escaped from one of the railcars.

The city has the Gin at the Co-Op District along U.S. 79 open for live music and a farmers market, which is open there every Wednesday during the summer and fall.

A little city with a big appetite, Hutto also hosts a dizzying array of delicious food. Hutto Westphalia Market on Front Street features an old-world style deli with meats seasoned and ground in-house and house-made sausage. The Texan Cafe & Pie Shop, 207 East Street, is well known for plate-sized chicken fried steak but their dazzling pies steal the show. Hutto also hosts a smattering of weekend events, including a Crawfish Festival in April and Red, Whites, & Brews, a Texas beverage event Labor Day Weekend.

### City statistics

Population:	27,577
Growth over 10 years:	12,879
High school graduate:	91.8%
Bachelor’s degree:	26.0%
Median household income:	\$78,942
Veterans:	1,749 (6.3%)
White:	48.7%
Hispanic or Latino:	32.0%
Black:	15.0%



The Gabor Nicholson Band, including Dave Johnson, left, and Gabor Nicholson, right, perform at Taylor’s Heritage Square Park during Music On Main April 21, 2022.

Asian:	1.9%
*Other:	2.4%
Includes individuals that selected two or more races	
Under age 18:	30.1%
18-64:	63.8%
65 and over:	6.1%
Male:	46.8%
Female:	53.2%

### Top attractions

- Co-op District
- The Texas Cafe
- Downtown Hutto
- Hippos

### Annual events

- Reds, Whites and Brews, April
- Crawfish Festival, April
- Sunset Block Parties, April to June
- Juneteenth Celebration, June
- Hippo Decorating Contest, August
- Olde Tyme Days, October
- Treats on East Street, October
- Small Business Saturday, November
- Christmas Tree Lighting, December
- Downtown Christmas Fair, December

# Taylor

Getting to Taylor, with a population of more than 16,000, via 130 South works for the Georgetown explorer in a hurry, but heading east on Highway 29 and hanging a right onto 95 South is a lot more fun, giving views of the beautiful rural countryside through Jonah and Circleville.

More businesses occupy the grand old

buildings in Taylor’s sweeping historic downtown of Taylor every year. For entertainment, the Taylor Artist Guild gallery hosts monthly exhibits. The Howard Theatre, a 1914 theater complex on North Main Street, shows current films.

Several trips might be necessary to sample all of the barbecue in Taylor, including Louie Mueller Barbecue, a local legend with a history as rich as their smoked meats. Located at 206 West Second Street, the restaurant’s space has a series of open rooms with vaulted ceilings, flooded with light. Davis Grocery and Bar-B-Q also cannot be ignored.

### Top headline

- Samsung selected Taylor for its new 6 million-square-foot computer chip factory in 2021, and construction at the site began in 2022. The \$17 billion facility will create more than 2,000 jobs, and is the largest foreign direct investment in the State of Texas ever. The first offices could open as soon as 2024.

### City statistics

Population:	16,267
Growth over 10 years:	1,076
High school graduate:	78.6%
Bachelor’s degree:	14.9%
Median household income:	\$52,672
Veterans:	974 (6.0%)
White:	43.8%
Hispanic or Latino:	42.2%
Black:	9.4%
Asian:	1.1%
*Other:	3.5%
Includes individuals that selected two or more races	



Under age 18: .....	21.1%
18-64: .....	64.2%
65 and over: .....	14.7%
Male: .....	50%
Female: .....	50%

- Top attractions**
- Historic Downtown
  - Louie Mueller Barbecue
  - Texas Beer Co.
  - Williamson County Expo Center

- Annual events**
- Blackland Prairie Days, May
  - Fireworks Show, July
  - Taylor Rodeo, July
  - Patriot Day Parade, September
  - Main Street Car Show, October
  - Williamson County Fair & Rodeo, October
  - Christmas Parade, December

## Liberty Hill

A scenic jaunt down the field-lined Highway 29 West from Georgetown will lead to Liberty Hill, a town of about 4,000. A lot of the scenery has changed in recent years, however, as more and more residents and companies continue to make the city their home.

In 1976, the city hosted an international sculpture symposium. Many of those sculptures, made by artists from around the world, are in the town's sculpture park at the intermediate school. Dahlia Cafe, 2450 Ranch Road 1869, has been a staple in the Liberty Hill culinary scene since opening in 2007. They pride themselves on country cooking from scratch. They also offer music on their back patio on select days.

Other popular hangouts and restaurants are the Thirsty Mule Winery and Vineyard, and Jardin Corona.

In December each year, Liberty Hill hosts a two-day Christmas festival with parades, a market, a street dance and, of course, an appearance by Santa Claus.

Liberty Hill is a fast-growing city, with growth of more than 47 percent from 2010 to 2019.

- Top headline**
- Williamson County will construct a new Liberty Hill Bypass to ease congestion around Liberty Hill by adding a two-lane roadway with shoulders and turn lanes that will connect Ranch to Market Road 1869 to Country Road 279 and Bagdad Road. Construction for the Liberty Hill Bypass is projected to begin in late 2022 and will last into 2024. It is being funded by the voter-ap-

proved 2019 Williamson County Road Bond Program.

- City statistics**
- Population: .....3,646

- Top attractions**
- Sculpture park
  - Dahlia Cafe
- Annual events**
- Galentine's Night, February
  - St. Patrick's Day Festival, March
  - Whimsy & Wonder Art & Music Festival, May
  - Water Tower Kickstart, Summer
  - Independence Day Spectacular, July
  - Back-To-School Bash, August
  - Sculpture Festival, October
  - National Night Out, October
  - Trunk or Treat, October
  - Veterans Day Ceremony, November
  - Stuff-a-Cruiser Food Drive, November
  - Christmas Festival, December

## Jarrell

Travel north from Georgetown along Interstate 35 to Jarrell, a town of more than 1,700. The planned community of Sonterra, with more than 3,500 residents, sits adjacent to the town.

Jarrell began at the intersection of an old stagecoach road and a railway. Now, I-35 runs through it with tasty stops off the highway including Mexicano Grille and Bar, Rodriguez Mexican Kitchen and Corner Cafe. Jarrell has started hosting Windfest — a car show, carnival and barbecue cook-off in June.

Like many other areas across Williamson County, Jarrell continues to grow in size. Residential communities line the country roads that lead in and out of the city's center.

- City statistics**
- Population: .....1,753

- Top attraction**
- Mexicano Grille and Bar
  - Rodriguez Mexican Kitchen
  - Corner Cafe
  - Jarrell Community Library

- Annual events**
- Williamson County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo, June
  - Windfest, June
  - Annual Fall CTBA Bar-B-Que Cookoff, September



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# Bartlett

Drive east from Schwertner on Farm-to-Market 487 and discover Bartlett, advertised as “Best Little Town in Texas.” With a little less than 2,000 people, Bartlett is listed on the National Register of Historic Places mainly because it has the largest group of conjoined historical buildings in Texas stretched along brick streets.

Like so many of the small Central Texas towns, Bartlett was a cotton shipping center with the Katy Railroad running through the town. Today, it hosts the Old Town Festival and Parade in September with a car show, vendors and live music. In December, it’s time for the Bartlett Hometown Christmas with vendors, live music, lunch and a visit from Santa. There are also a few eateries, like Bartlett Sports Bar and Country Donut, a small local grocery store and an event venue.

## City statistics

Population: ..... 1,633

## Top attractions

- Old Town Festival and Parade
- Bartlett Hometown Christmas

# Granger

Several movies, including The Coen Brothers’ remake of True Grit, have been filmed in and around Granger, a city of more than 1,000 people. The hauntingly beautiful 6,000-square-foot Southern plantation house used in the 2003 and 2006 Texas Chainsaw Massacre movies is located just outside town. The six-bedroom house was built in Austin in the 1850s, then moved by train and rebuilt brick by brick where it now sits on County Road 336. Photos are allowed from the road. While in town on a photography tour, stop by the ornate Saints Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church, built in 1916. Be sure to check out Lake Granger. The lake was formed by a dam on the San Gabriel River and opened to the public in 1981. Nearby is the Pecan Grove Wildlife Area. One popular place to eat and grab a drink is the Cotton Club and Steakhouse.

## City statistics

Population: ..... 1,183

## Top attractions

- Plantation home
- Saints Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church

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Don and Annette Huff of Choctaw, Oklahoma dance to the music of The Walburg Boys at the annual Walburg Fest August 30, 2019.

- Pecan Grove Wildlife Area
- Granger City Brewing Company

# Coupland

About 600 homes are in the Coupland area, on the southeastern edge of the county. The town is home to a dance hall, a sculpture garden and a couple of shops.

## City statistics

Population: ..... 329

## Top attractions

- Coupland Dance Hall
- Sculpture Garden

# Florence

Continue northwest from Georgetown on County Road 970 to Florence, a town of more than 1,100.

The town has two parks. Florence City Park features a playscape, baseball field, covered pavilion and picnic facilities. Florence Community Park, 100 Farm-to-Market 970, hosts National Night Out in October and the

annual Christmas Tree Lighting. The Community Park is set on 14 acres and includes a playscape, covered pavilion, walking trail with two work-out stations, observation deck and picnic facilities.

Shopping for western wear and household goods can be fun at some shops in town, and the Florence Chamber of Commerce includes an active group of local businesses. Downtown hosts the Friendship Days Festival every June with a parade, vendor booths, games, a pageant and a street dance. Florence offers several places to eat, including elegant dining at the Vineyard at Florence. Lodging also is available at the Vineyard, which hosts wine-tasting events, 5K races and weddings.

An official Texas historical marker was unveiled in 2021, honoring the Florence Church of Christ.

Art, too, has a place in the city. Impossible Dream Studio opened in February 2022. The studio offers space for meetings and classes in a repurposed abandoned gas station. The gallery is located at 105 North Patterson on Business Highway 195 in Florence.

## City statistics

Population: ..... 1,171

Growth over 10 years: ..... 33

## Top attractions

- First United Methodist Church Fall Festival
- Christmas on Main Street
- The Cow Palace Emporium
- Friendship Days Festival
- Vineyard at Florence
- Historic Florence Church of Christ
- Impossible Dream Studio
- Buffalo Farmers Market Thrall

Head east from Taylor, and you’ll run into Thrall, a town of several hundred people, a few churches and a couple of restaurants.

## City statistics

Population: ..... 816

# Weir

First established as Townsville when the Granger-Georgetown railroad connection was built, the small community was officially named Weir in the 1910s. Horace M. Weir, the town’s first postmaster, suggested naming the town after his father, Calvin Weir, an area pioneer who had settled in the area in 1856. Business in the two slowed in 1913, when a large flood took out the railroad bridge and halted rail traffic for some time. In 1920, Weir’s population was 300, and dropped down to 100 residents by the 1960s and ’70s.

The population has slowly grown since then. Weir incorporated as a city in 1987, and is now part of the Georgetown Independent School District. The Weir Country Store is still up and running, and serves burgers, pit barbecue, fried foods and lunch specials to the 600 people that still call Weir home.

## City statistics

Population: ..... 699

## Top attractions

- Weir Country Store
- Weir Baptist Church
- Trunk or Treat in October
- Christmas Market with Santa

# Walburg

Walburg is home to two wonderful eating establishments that have built a local reputation for great food, live music and true country ambiance. Dale’s Essenhause, 3900 Farm to Market Road 972, serves the famous “Walburger” available with fries or onion rings. Finish your meal with the house specialty not to be missed: German apple cake with a



scoop of vanilla ice cream drizzled with caramel. This is a very Texan restaurant and a great spot to bring visitors from other parts of the country. Walburg German Restaurant, 3777 Farm to Market 972, serves every kind of German food you could want, including brats, schnitzel, kraut, red cabbage and bris-ket. Buffet and regular service with a large German beer selection are available. Plan on Friday or Saturday nights arrival at either of the restaurants to enjoy the live music. Wal-burg is also home to two Lutheran churches, Zion and St. Peter, and a few businesses. Zion Lutheran annually hosts Wurstbraten, a community fund-raiser that draws thousands for a plate of sausage. A spring sausage sale is also offered.

City Statistics

Population: ..... Less than 200

Top attractions

- Dale’s Essenhau
- Walburg German Restaurant
- Zion Lutheran
- Wurstbraten

Schwertner

The unincorporated community of Schwertner is in the northeast edge of Wil-liamson County. It is home to an event cen-ter, Crossroads Café and a post office, and is part of the Bartlett school district. With about 200 residents in the mid part of the 20th century, the area now is home to about 170 people.

City Statistics

Population: ..... 170

Top attractions

- Schwertner Ranch Event Center
- Crossroads Café

Andice

Travel west on Williams Drive from Georgetown about 13 miles to the intersec-tion of County Road 970 at Andice. This little town of fewer than 50 consists mainly of the Andice General Store and a couple of churches.

Some say the name comes from the old story that there was a sign on the store that read “Beer and Ice” but the “Beer” portion fell off, thus the popular name for the area became “Andice.”

Of course, that’s just an old wives’ tale. The name came about when Reverend Wil-liam Newton applied for a new post office in 1899, submitting the application for his son, Audice. The name was misread and the approval came back for Andice.

The Andice General Store has created a reputation for fat, juicy hamburgers and gen-erous crinkle-cut French fries. The menu also includes pulled pork, smoked brisket and big onion rings. People from all over Cen-tral Texas often congregate outside to eat and visit. The exterior was renovated in 2019 to give the old store and restaurant a fresh look.

City Statistics

Population: .....less than 50

Top attraction

- Andice General Store

Jonah

Jonah, situated between Georgetown and Circleville, was established in 1857. The small population has fluctuated over the decades. The schoolhouse now serves as the community center, home to luncheons and reunions.

City Statistics

Population: ..... Less than 50

Top attraction

- Community Center of Jonah
- Gabriel Valley Farms

Circleville

Just north of Taylor, this town was settled in 1853, grew and then faded. It’s still home to some residences and the popular hangout Circleville Store. The Sweet Eats Adventure Farm & Petting Zoo, just west of Circleville tword Jonah, has annual month-long festivals in the fall and winter.

City Statistics

Population: ..... less than 50

Top attraction

- Circleville Store
- Sweet Eats Adventure Farm



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# Stroll the Square with an eye for art

BY ELLEN GREENEY

Visual art opportunities around the historic Square in downtown Georgetown are expanding with increasing wall space and art subjects along with a growing and talented artist community.

Pick a nice day and consider starting your casual art stroll at the Georgetown Art Center, 816 South Main Street. As you'll learn, art is everywhere around the Square. Even the light poles frequently don artist-designed flags announcing special occasions and events.

## Georgetown Art Center

The facility opened in the fall of 2013, previously home to a fire station, jail and mayor's office in the late 1890s. It's now home to creative, rotating art exhibits by award-winning and emerging artists from around the globe. Admission is free.

The Art Center hosts the annual statewide arts competition, Art Hop, in October. Also, the center offers art classes for adults, teens and youth, as well as summer art camps for children.

Art on display is for sale along with a variety of quality handmade and unique items in the gift shop. Sit for a while on the Art Center's outdoor benches and take in the summer sun, or let the kids play in the splash pad.

## Grace Heritage Center

Across the street from the Georgetown Art Center is the Grace Heritage Center, 817 South Main Street, an 1881 Carpenter Gothic chapel with a Norman-style tower.

"Full Circle: Speaker Series for Creatives" meets at Grace and offers many chances to learn from area experts about marketing, photography, painting and more. One notable recent speaker was local resident David Valdez, Official White House photographer to President George H.W. Bush, and host of the annual Georgetown Photography Festival.

The Full Circle gatherings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month from



"Moment of Reflection" by Dan Pogue is near Grace Heritage Center.

6 - 7 p.m. The events are free and open to the public. These events are made possible through grants by the Georgetown Arts & Council Board.

Grace was the epicenter for the inaugural Autumn Art Stroll in August 2021, with artist booths and live music at Grace, workshops in the Art Center, and various businesses around the Square joining in the fun and frivolity. Recurring Art Stroll events take place in April, July and October.

Check out the colorful mural on Grace's side street, Ninth Street. Sarah Blankenship created the mural on the walls of the public restrooms. The bright and vivid mural design relates to Grace's stained glass windows.

## Framer's Gallery

Framer's Gallery, 610 South Main Street, is a full-service custom picture framer along

with an exhibit gallery for local watercolorists, photographers and painters. Members of the Williamson County Art Guild routinely fill one wall with unique, original pieces. All artwork is for sale.

## Artisans Connect Gallery

Artisans Connect Gallery, 800 South Austin Avenue, opened in 2012 starting with 15 artists and has expanded to 30 local artists. The art pieces are diverse and include paintings, pottery, fused glass, blown glass, metal, wood, photography and jewelry. The gallery participates in First Friday events, Art Strolls, Ladies Shopping Nights and the amazing variety of festivals and parties on the Square.

## Palace Theatre

The walls inside the Palace Theatre lobby, 810 South Austin Avenue, are a new rotating venue for local artists. When purchasing tickets during the week or waiting in the lobby for a weekend performance to begin, look around and enjoy the latest exhibit.

## Estrada Garcia Gallery

Estrada Garcia Gallery, 823 South Austin at Ninth Street, is the passion of retired Marine Corps veteran and artist, Judith Estrada Garcia. She offers a wide array of original art from unique artists with a heavy concentration on military veterans.

## Sculptures

Near the street corners of South Main and Ninth Streets, take a selfie with the Beatles. Anthony St. James created this sculpture of these singing greats, "1969-Yesterday." The 7-foot piece is on loan to the City through the Georgetown Arts & Culture Board's annual competition and will be on exhibit through September 2022.

To the left of the Grace Heritage Center is another 7-foot sculpture, "Moment of Reflection" by Dan Pogue, also on loan to the City through the Georgetown Arts & Culture Board's annual competition.

In the same block at the corner of Main and Eighth Streets, look for "Balancing Apple." The abstract sculpture created by Cin-

dy Debold features a young girl balancing a book and an apple on her head. The artist said, "It represents balance in healthy food, schoolwork and play. It's meant to be a fun piece that kids can relate to."

The "Me, Myself and I" sculpture located near the northeast corner of Main and Eighth Streets was also created by Cindy Debold. She explains the title for this piece references mind, body and soul while the colors represent the sky and the ocean which reference air and water. This piece and "Balancing Apple" are on loan to the City with support from the Georgetown Arts & Culture Board.

"Red Poppies in Bloom" by Gail Allard is at the corner of Main and Seventh Streets. This glass and metal sculpture stands 8 feet tall. It was commissioned in 2019 by the City's Convention & Visitors Bureau in collaboration with the Arts & Culture Board to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Red Poppy Festival. The artist, Gail Allard, is the owner and lead artist at Salado Glassworks. His signature hand-blown glass piece is a wonderful representation of Georgetown's red poppy.

Another art work in the City's permanent collection on the same corner of Main and Seventh Streets stands "Waterin' the Work Mules" by Bob Coffee. This bronze was commissioned by the City's Arts & Culture Board in 2008 and references a time in the City's past when work mules were tied to hitching posts and watered on the Square. Mr. Coffee is an internationally recognized sculptor who grew up in north Texas and lived in Austin for many years.

## Square statues

Around the Courthouse Square, there are several statues marking county history and honoring those who served. A bust of Henry C. Matyssek, Williamson County Sheriff from 1954 to 1974, stands on the Main Street side of the Courthouse.

Also on the Main Street side is a statue of Taylor native and former Texas Governor Dan Moody. As Williamson County District Attorney, he successfully convicted Ku Klux Klan members in this courthouse in 1923





Taylor Nagel's mural "All You Need Is Love" is at One Love Tattoos on Williams Drive.

and 1924. Learn more about these trials on the Museum Courthouse Tours.

On Seventh Street, you will find the bust of civic leader Harry L. Gold, who died in 1996. The bronze sculpture by Lucas Adams is positioned near what was once Gold's Department Store. Mr. Gold was owner of the store, served on the Georgetown City Council for 14 years and was active in the Chamber of Commerce and the Georgetown Public Library.

A statue of Robert McAlpin Williamson, aka Three-Legged Willie, county namesake, a Republic of Texas Supreme Court Justice and Texas Ranger, stands in front of the Williamson Museum, 716 South Austin Avenue.

Lucas Adams created this bronze statue with its right hand resting on the bench. Inside the museum, rotating art exhibits by local artists mingle with historical displays, an archeology pit, an antique built-in bank vault, traveling exhibits and a gift shop.

### Other Downtown Art

While in the downtown area, be on the lookout for murals painted on the exterior walls of buildings, including the giant rabbit mural "Jumping Around" by Joseph Magnano. The mural is hidden on the wall behind the oldest building in Georgetown at 711 South Main Street, best viewed from South Church Street. It colorfully hides and incorporates a variety of pipes, windows, an air conditioning unit, meters, bumps and bruises into the scene.

Other local galleries and businesses display a variety of art pieces for viewing and purchasing. These sites include 309 Coffee, The Escape, Divine Treasures, Mulligan's Restaurant, Lamppost Coffee, Prima Dora, BiG Shop and Handicrafts Unlimited.

East View High School student Mya Stoessel designed the utility box cover, "Lady of Georgetown," at the corner of Seventh Street and Austin Avenue.

Another East View High School student, Kayla Moore, designed the utility box cover, "Cloudy Day" at the corner of Eighth Street and Austin Avenue. ■



"Danielle's Dream" by Dan Pogue is outside the Ninth Street entrance to the Georgetown Public Library.

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## Murals

- “Traditions to the Future” by Mila Sketch, 215 West Eighth facing Rock Street, To Have & To Hold
- “Dreams of Papaver Rhoas” by Angelna Effenberger, 1003 West University, Wolf Ranch Town Center
- “Railroad Rhythm” by Molly Keen, 702 Rock Street
- “Greetings from Georgetown” by Sarah Blankenship, Walnut Street side of 702 East University, Gus’s Drugs
- “Pick Me” by Jason Tetlak, 110 WL Walden Drive
- “All You Need is Love” by Taylor Nagel, 1202 Williams Drive, One Love Tattoos
- “Best Friends” K9 Heroes mural by Jay Rivera and J Muzacz, 206 West Sixth Street, Rock Street side of Wag Haven
- “Georgetown Oak” by Matthew Meinke, utility box cover at Austin Avenue and San Gabriel Village
- “Colorful Georgetown” by Makenna Baylor, Cassidy Salyer and Beti Wain, utility box cover at Second and Austin Avenues

## Sculptures

- “Horatio II” by Marla Ripperda, in Rivery Park
- “Fractal Variation No. 4” by David Mikitka, at Austin Avenue and Sixth Street, Monument Cafe
- “Hot World/Cool World” by Peter Mangan, in Founders Park at Ninth and Church Streets
- “Icosahedron” by Kirk Seese, 207 East Eighth Street
- “Intersection” by Scott Shubin, 1003 North Austin Avenue
- “Vector” by Scott Shubin, Wolf Ranch Town Center
- “Wings” by Kirk Seese, Wolf Ranch Town Center near FACT Fitness, University and IH-35
- “Gracie Kiltz” by Scy Caroselli, 905 North Church Street
- “Madonna and Child” by Charles Umlauf, Lois Perkins Chapel on Southwestern University campus

# Art all around Georgetown

BY ELLEN GREENEY

As Georgetown has grown over the years, so too have opportunities to find, view, discuss and create works of art. Even beyond the Square, whether visiting the library, city hall or just getting out, there are ample opportunities to scratch your creative itch.

## GEORGETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The award-winning Georgetown Public Library houses an expanding collection of reading material and an amazing number of quality works of art. Art displays begin at both entrances to the library, while rotating exhibits inside the library feature new paintings, photographs and sculptures of all sizes and genres throughout the year.

At the Eighth Street entrance, “Quest for Knowledge” by Jay Schaan offers a place to sit and read a book. Enjoy nearby “Magnify” by Kirk Seese. While sitting on the yellow bench, take a look at the 12-foot tall kinetic sculpture across the street. “Circular Reflect” was created by Scott Shubin crafted from Georgetown Historic District’s old decommissioned street signs.

The Ninth Street entrance offers an array of interesting sculptures along the bubbling water feature and benches in the shade. Visitors frequently sit next to “Danielle’s Dream” by Dan Pogue for a cute photo opportunity. Check out “Head Games” by Ho Baron, Batik” by Marla Ripperda, “Woman with Rose” by David Mikitka and “Giant Burger” by Faith Schexnayder. Though not a piece of art per se, the nostalgic Superman telephone booth attracts many visitors who can’t resist stepping inside.

“Gwaihir” by Marika Bordes greets visitors inside the Ninth Street entrance. This 14-foot tall creature is a mythological eagle in the “Lord of the Rings” that saves Middle Earth. It is on loan to the library.

One notable piece on the second floor, “Got It!” by Rod Garrett, was added to the city’s permanent art collection in 2008. The various shades of bright red and the swirling, twisting shapes of the acrylic piece give the illusions of continuous movement.

## GEORGETOWN CITY HALL

City Hall offers several interesting permanent artscapes. When in the City Hall lobby



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Lynn Dickey, of Sun City, takes part in the Plein Air Paint-Out on the Square held in downtown Georgetown September 20, 2014. Dickey was doing an oil painting of the Grace Heritage Center, shown in the background.

rotunda, look up. Mike McConnell designed the whimsical circular panels depicting the Blue Hole Park that is installed overhead.

A rotating quarterly art exhibit hangs in the lobby as well.

Two fascinating murals can be found behind City Hall, adjacent to the African-American Shotgun House.

The “Preserving History” mural was created by Norma Clark and Devon Clarkson. The Mary Smith Bailey portion of the mural was created by Devon Clarkson to honor a local influential education advocate and founder of the first preschool for non-white children during the period of segregation.

“Shades of Progress” by local artist and Southwestern University graduate Norma Clark features colorful, abstract imagery based on people that live in the Track, Ridge and Grasshopper neighborhood as well as people that attended the historic neighborhood school, Marshall Carver. The mural reflects the community’s journey from segregation, integration and changes to the neighborhood through urban renewal to the present day.

In the nearby Municipal Court building, 510 West Ninth Street, a colorful, massive mosaic, “El Arbol” or “The Tree,” greets you in the lobby. It was created by J. Muzacz

with artistic influence from Lake Georgetown. To the right, abstract painter Kevin Greer created “DayScene-Wonder,” the bright orange and blue color-scapes over the Municipal Court transaction window.

## ST. DAVID’S GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL

The Georgetown hospital, located at 2000 Scenic Drive, houses three art galleries. The Healing Arts Gallery is curated by Rob Neff and displays artwork on a rotating basis. A recent display included works by the Central Texas Pastel Society members. The Impressions Gallery, curated by Jim Copps, concentrates on one emerging artist at a time. The Colonnade Gallery is a permanent collection of photographs starring the natural beauty of central Texas.

## SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

The Fine Arts Gallery in the Alma Thomas School of Fine Arts building at Southwestern University is free and open to the public. The exhibits and events showcase acclaimed artists, faculty and students. The Gallery is typically open Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. during exhibition dates.



## SUN CITY

Sun City art facilities include hallway galleries at 2 Texas Drive, 1433 Cool Spring Way and 1220 Cattleman Drive. Several hundred members in the Sun City Visual Arts Club and the Sun City Photography Club provide education, exhibits, open houses and programs.

## SCENIC SPOTS

Blue Hole Park is a popular location for plein air painters especially in the spring and on weekends. These adventurous outdoor painters can also be observed on several Old Town Streets during red poppy blooming season and on the hiking trails around Lake Georgetown. Radio Control Modelers Club sailboat races often draw a few photographers to Legacy Hills Park pond in Sun City.

Over the years, photographers and plein air painters alike have paused to take in the

beauty of the Grace Heritage Center as well as the onion dome above Gumbos North, 701 South Main Street, a restaurant in the Old Masonic Lodge, circa 1900.

Our Lady of the Rosary Cemetery & Prayer Garden and Circle of Love Garden, 330 Berry Lane, is like no other, a park-like setting with nature trails, a spring-fed pond and picnic area. Colorful Texas wildflowers present a wondrous scene for photographers and painters in the spring and summer.

## LOCAL ART GROUPS

The Williamson County Art Guild operates for educational and charitable purposes, stimulating interest in art throughout the County through art exhibits, artists' programs and sponsorship of student scholarships. Members are artists from all media and levels, even non-artists and art lovers.

WCAG meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, except July

and August, in the Georgetown Public Library's second floor meeting room. Typical meetings feature a guest artist with a particular skill set whether clay, bookmaking, silk painting, QR codes, etc. After the presentation, participants may show their works during the themed "Monthly Challenge" segment.

Many local artists are members of the Central Texas Pastel Society, Watercolor Art Society of Williamson County, Baca Center Art Club, Artists of Central Texas and the Texas Society of Sculptors.

In addition to creating artwork, local artists and photographers serve as volunteer judges in local art contests, most notably the Williamson County Fair, 4-H contests and FFA programs. Volunteers also serve as leaders, docents and workers in art clubs, civic committees, and gallery and competition management. ■

# Artwork across Williamson County

Venturing outside Georgetown's city limits, there are other quality art venues to enjoy: galleries, exhibits, sculptures and murals.

## Round Rock

Round Rock's historic downtown area is home to art galleries, displays and outdoor plazas that can be enjoyed while visiting for a bit or looking for live entertainment.

- Tiemann Art Gallery, 1706 North Mays Street
- Downtowner Art Gallery, 231 East Main Street, Ste.160
- Round Rock Public Library, 216 East Main Street
- Round Rock City Council Gallery, 221 East Main Street
- Round Rock Prete Plaza, 221 East Main Street
- Round Rock Centennial Plaza, 301 West Bagdad Avenue
- Texas State University Campus, Avery Building, 1555 University Boulevard
- Williamson County Jester Justice Center, 1801 East Old Settlers Boulevard
- Round Rock Chisholm Trail

## Taylor

The City of Taylor has two art galleries as well as some statues in town.

- 120 Art Gallery, 120 West Second Street
- Art Off Center, 116 West Second Street, Ste. 108
- Statue of Bill Pickett, at the corner of North Main and Second Streets

## Cedar Park

Cedar Park is home to numerous sculptures, memorials and galleries.

- Cedar Park City Hall, 450 Cypress Creek Road
- Cedar Park Public Library, 550 Discovery Boulevard
- Veterans Memorial, 2525 West New Hope Drive
- Sculpture Garden, 1435 Main Street, Cedar Park Rec Center
- Public Safety Memorial statue, 911 Quest Parkway
- "Uniquely Cedar Park" mural, Milburn Park, 1901 Sunchase

## Leander

The city's sculpture garden is a great place to appreciate art while walking outdoors.

- Leander Public Library, 1011 South Bagdad Road
- Lakewood Park Sculpture Garden Walking Trail, 2040 Artesian Springs

## Florence

- Impossible Dream Studio, 105 North Patterson Avenue

## Hutto

The City of Hutto embraces its mascot, with thousands of concrete Hippos found all over town.

- Hutto Public Library, 500 West Live Oak Street
- "Greetings from Hutto" mural, 101 East Street
- Hutto's Hippo statue, "Henrietta," East Street in Old Town
- White Hippo at Uvalde Drive and Chris Kelley Boulevard
- Hippo Pit, 712 US-79 near Chris Kelley Boulevard

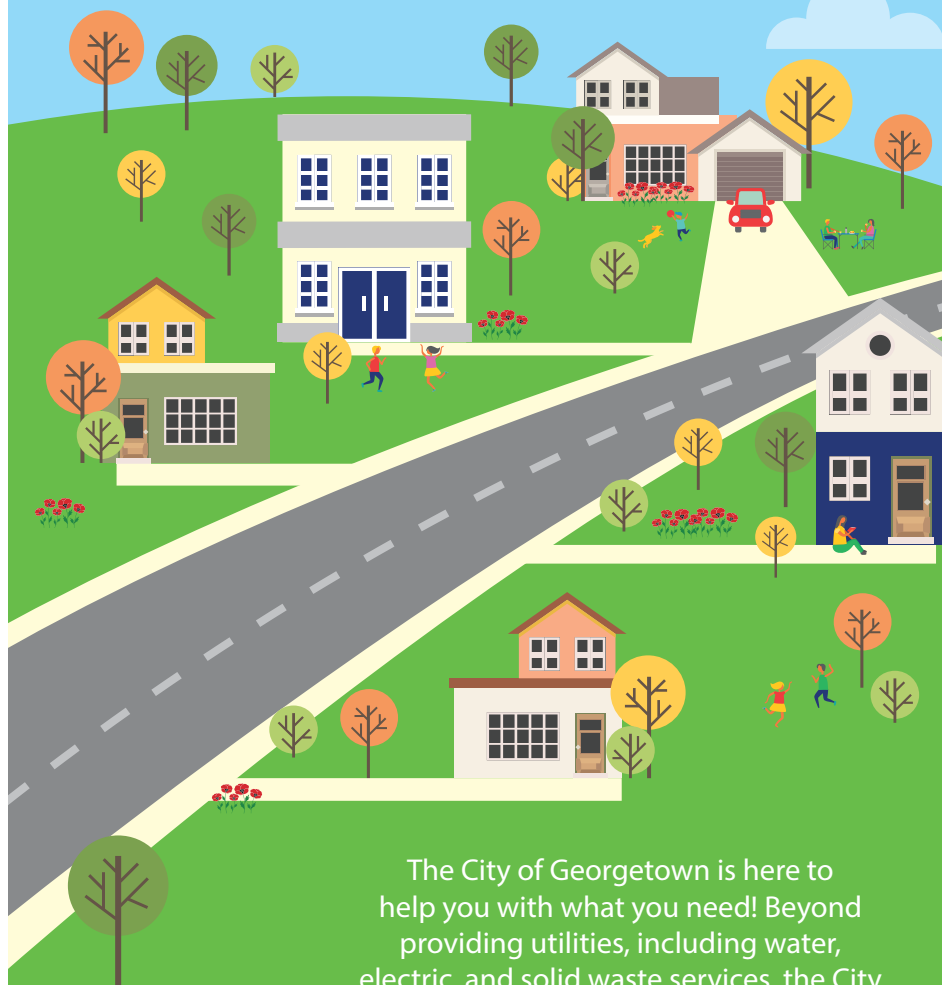
## Liberty Hill

- International Sculpture Park, 101 Loop 332
- "Welcome to Liberty Hill" mural on Quick Service Garage, Loop 332 and Hwy 1869



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# GTX Film Festival

Making a big splash with sound and color

BY ELLEN GREENEY

Talented directors, producers, actors, writers, musicians and cinematographers take center stage in Georgetown each fall for the annual GTX Film Festival. The winning visual storytelling entries are showcased along with feature-length narrative films, documentaries and shorts.

The 2022 Festival opens Friday night, September 30, with Back in Black's *My Stupid Tribute Band* film showing in the Backyard at Hardtails followed by their live on-stage concert. Back in Black recreates the high-energy experience original to AC/DC performances as band members are dedicated to authentic AC/DC look and sound.

Saturday afternoon and evening, October 1, brings multiple screenings at City Lights followed by the 2022 awards ceremony. Still wanting more? Join an after-hours informal gathering at Hard Count for celebrations and high fives.

Entries are scored on a scale of 1 to 10 following nine criteria which are averaged: Originality/ Creativity, Direction, Writing, Cinematography, Performances, Production value, Pacing, Structure and Sound/Music.

"Up-and-coming artists need ways to showcase their films and other programming. We provide that avenue," GTX Film Board Director Cindy Weigand said.

Competition is always stiff with entries from Texas of course, as well as other parts of the U.S., Japan, Greece, France, Poland, Netherlands, Canada and Bangladesh.

GTX Film, established in 2018 by Ms. Weigand, primarily focused on finding locations and funding for an inaugural festival. In April 2019, the first GTX Film Festival and Conference was held in Georgetown. It featured films by Texas filmmakers and a couple of entries from out of state. The 2020 Festival was virtual and included many entries from around the world. For 2021, it was both live and virtual on September 16-18.

"The volunteer members of Team GTX Film work year-round to plan the annual festival and select films from hundreds submitted from Texas, the United States and across the globe to be chosen to screen at the festival," Ms. Weigand said.



HBO's filmed scenes for its show *Love and Death* in downtown Georgetown in February 2022.

## Films in Georgetown

In general, the film industry includes television episodes, commercials and Hollywood productions, serving as an economic boom for local lodging, shopping and dining, film extras and set builders. Two dozen pictures have been filmed in Georgetown. For example, some scenes from *Temple Grandin* starring Claire Danes were filmed at Southwestern University. Celebrity TV chef Guy Fieri featured the Monument Cafe in *Diners, Drive Ins, and Dives*.

Other productions filmed in the area include *Bernie* with Matthew McConaughey, *Dazed and Confused*, *Transformers 4*, *Grindhouse*, *A Craftsman's Legacy*, *Spirit Riders*, *The Dead Files*, *American Crime*, *Pale Blue Dot*, *From Dusk 'til Dawn*, *Every Word is True* with Ashley Judd and Sandra Bullock, and *True Grit* with Jeff Bridges and Matt Damon.

Downtown streets were blocked for a few days in February by HBO Max production crews for the filming of a true-crime period drama called *Love and Death*, based on events in 1980 near Wylie, Texas. The dramatized version covers a love-triangle and murder and stars Elizabeth Olsen, Faviola Andugar and Jesse Plemons.

Olive Talley, veteran journalist and documentarian, is creating a documentary about "The Gault," one of the most significant archaeological sites in the Western Hemisphere 15 miles northwest of Georgetown. The site offers evidence of Paleo-Indian people living here 20,000 years ago.

The world headquarters for Georgetown's own Chet Garner and his long running, award-winning PBS show, *The Day-tripper*, is downtown on the Square. ■



# Theater

## The Palace Theatre takes center stage

The Palace Theatre has served Williamson County for almost one hundred years. The Georgetown facility opened in 1925, as a movie theater and switched to play productions in 1991.

The Springer Stage, 810 South Austin Avenue, holds 291 patrons within the vintage theater. The Playhouse Stage is an intimate black box theater off Eighth Street and Tin Barn Alley. The Doug Smith Performance Center, off Second Street and Rock Street, is home to the theater education program.

The Palace offers musical productions, classics, high drama, murder mysteries, seasonal productions and hilarious comedies throughout the year.

Education programs provide a full calendar of classes for every age. The adaptive theater program welcomes students of all abilities. Advanced training and performance opportunities help students to further build skills and confidence.

The Palace can be reached at 512-869-7469 (SHOW) or online at [Georgetownpalace.com](http://Georgetownpalace.com).



Hannah Ferguson, Alexandra Russo, Jennifer Tucker and Ella Grace Harper April 15, 2022 in *Something Rotten* playing on the Palace's Springer Memorial Stage.

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## Other groups and venues

### Sam Bass Community Theatre

Sam Bass Community Theatre has been producing plays since 1981. The Old Depot Stage was the original depot building for the Union Pacific Railroad that ran through Round Rock. In 1984, it was moved to the present location at 600 Lee Street in Memorial Park in Round Rock. Sam Bass Theater produces live theatrical productions and has an active youth guild for children ages 5 to 18 years old. They can be reached at [sambasstheatre@gmail.com](mailto:sambasstheatre@gmail.com) or 512-763-7228.

### Sun City Actors and Theatre Arts Guild

The Sun City group produces three main-stage plays in the ballroom of the retirement community at 2 Texas Drive in Georgetown. The annual follies production highlights talented residents and is a highly anticipated event. 512-948-7720. [Sctexas.org](http://Sctexas.org)



Benjamin Blaise, left, as Buddy Holly, and Nathan Campbell, playing Tommy Allsup, in a June 26, 2014 production of *The Buddy Holly Story*, at the Palace Theatre.

### Southwestern University

Celebrate outstanding theater arts at Southwestern University, 1001 East University Avenue, Georgetown. The university students present experimental theater, thought provoking themes and cutting edge artistic

expression. 512-863-1378. [southwestern.edu/sarofim](http://southwestern.edu/sarofim)

### Georgetown ISD productions

Local high schools provide top notch entertainment throughout the school year on campuses. Theatre arts provide students with

opportunities for acting, directing, designing, construction, technical positions, running crew and house management.

### Georgetown Film Society

Georgetown Film Society was founded in 2012 to serve as a liaison to current and future filmmakers in the area. GFS holds an annual GTX Film Festival to promote independent film makers by providing them an opportunity to showcase their work to a broad audience. GTX aims to keep submission and admission fees reasonable and free submissions are offered in the Youth Short category for those age 17 and under.

[facebook.com/GeorgetownFilmSociety](https://facebook.com/GeorgetownFilmSociety)

### City Lights movie theater

Looking for a local movie theater? City Lights in Georgetown is a modern, small chain theater with high-backed stadium seating and an extended food menu. The latest movies are shown daily at 420 Wolf Ranch Parkway. 512-868-9922. [georgetown.citylightstheatres.com](http://georgetown.citylightstheatres.com) ■



## EVENTS

# Georgetown festivals, events and more fun

BY ELLEN GREENEY

**B**y self-proclamation, Austin is weird. Thankfully, Georgetown is friendly, welcoming and offers a place to enjoy life with family, old friends, new friends, for the young, old and in between. The community has celebrations, parades, events, fundraisers, remembrances and just plain ole get togethers for fun.

This list includes typical recurring events in Georgetown. Find your place, join in and put a smile on your face, 'cause you are in Georgetown, Texas.

## JANUARY

### • Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Each year, the Georgetown community celebrates and remembers the contributions of Martin Luther King Jr. with a parade, events and educational opportunities. The Georgetown Ministerial Alliance and the Georgetown Police Department host an annual MLK Leaders Prayer Breakfast. United Way for Greater Austin hosts an MLK Jr. Day of Service, while youth service projects are coordinated by the Georgetown Project

### • Happy Trails Russell Park 10K, 5K

## FEBRUARY

### • Cupid's Chase 5K and Fun Run

The 28th annual Cupid's Chase 5K Run/Walk took place in 2022, and included a Kids 1K Fun Run, for kids ages 10 and under. The 5K is a chip-timed event. The event takes place at San Gabriel Park. Registration is \$30 for the 5K (ages 11+) and \$10 Kids 1K Fun Run (ages 10 and under).

### • Wine, Women, Chocolate and Giving event



The Cupid's Chase 5k and fun run is an annual event in Georgetown each February.

### • Caring Place Jewelry Show

### • Galentine's Gals' Night Out on the Square

### • Wolf Ranch Arts & Hearts

Wolf Ranch Town Center hosts Arts & Hearts, where adult guests can treat themselves, a friend, or significant other to a fun do-it-yourself project. During this event, guests will create their very own succulent garden while sipping a glass of their favorite wine. Wolf Ranch Town Center provides all of the supplies. Space is limited for this event.

### • Gemboree at Georgetown Community Center

Gems and minerals galore! The Gem and Mineral Show includes exhibits of gemstones, beads, jewelry, fossils, minerals and artifacts at the Georgetown Community Center. Both kids and adults can enjoy the games, educational displays, demonstrations and door prizes. The show usually takes place in February

### • Brown Symposium at Southwestern University



Lisa Diamond speaks at the Brown Symposium in 2022.

Southwestern University hosted its 40th annual Brown Symposium in February. Each year, the university sets a topic, with guest speakers leading lectures and discussions. The 2022 symposium took place both online and in person at the Alma Thomas Fine Arts Center. Seating is limited.

### • Car and Vintage Plane Show

Peruse historic gadgets and vehicles at the annual Stephanie Nichols' Car & Vintage Plane Show. The show features cars and

planes on display to view at the Georgetown Airport, 500 Terminal Drive. The show is free to attend, but donations benefit the Epilepsy Foundation.

## MARCH

### • Shoot for the Stars Clays Tournament

### • Georgetown Swirl around the Square

The annual themed wine tasting features Texas wine, local food and downtown shopping. Tickets purchased support downtown Georgetown ventures and businesses.

### • Georgetown Photography Festival



Festival participant Lisa Price Welch of Georgetown takes photos along Main Street during the Georgetown Photography Festival March 19, 2022. In its third year, the festival is organized by the Williamson Museum and David Valdez, a Sun City resident who was Presidential photographer for George H.W. Bush.

### Chase the Chief 5K & Fun Run

The annual Chase the Chief 5K and Family Fun Run is a joint fitness initiative by the Georgetown Police Department, Georgetown ISD and the Georgetown Health Foundation. The run helps fund grants for physical education programs at Georgetown area schools.



- Destination Hope benefit
- Georgetown Quilt Show
- Pop Into Spring Teen Party
- Easter Egg Hunts



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Addie Hawkins, 7, looks for eggs during the Georgetown Church of the Nazarene Easter Egg Hunt April 16, 2022.

Children hunt and snatch up hundreds of Easter eggs at San Gabriel Park. It only lasts a few seconds, so get there early. The Parks and Recreation Department puts on the event, which also includes a visit from the Easter Bunny.

- Health & Wellness Expo

## APRIL

- Red Poppy Festival

Rain or shine, the Red Poppy Festival rolls on. Thousands of people visit the Square for the annual three-day festival that traditionally is held downtown in late April. Big name musical entertainers, games, artisans and food vendors are all stationed downtown. Other events during the festival include a parade, a car show, a 5K, a bike ride and contests.

- Deep in the Heart of Texas Barn Dance

The Barn Dance is one of nonprofit Ride on Center For Kids' staple fundraisers, and goes to fund their operations as an equine assisted therapy facility. For many people with



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Douglas and Pamela Hunkler dance to the music of Preachers on the Radio during the Red Poppy Festival April 23, 2022.

the organization and in the community, the Barn Dance is one of the highlights of their year.

- Georgetown Bridal Show
- Spring Art Stroll
- Family Nature Fest at Garey Park
- Soirée Benefit



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Chet Garner hosted the Soirée in 2022.

## MAY

- Talk Derby to Me on the Square
- Car Show and Charity Benefit
- Festival of the Arts
- Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Plaza

## JUNE

- Texas Bach Festival

The Texas Bach Festival returns to Georgetown in 2022 for its fifth year. The classical music series brings concerts to Central Texas, six of which are in Georgetown in 2022.

- Juneteenth

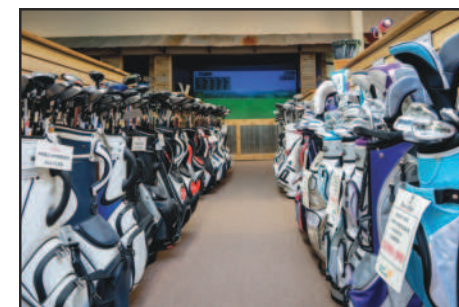


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Gospel singer Chad Jackson of Georgetown performed during the 69th Juneteenth Celebration conducted by the Georgetown Cultural Citizen Memorial Association June 19, 2021.

Georgetown residents gather in town for Juneteenth ceremonies and celebrations, with events and speakers who highlight Black culture, contributions and progress towards equity.

- Sunset Movie Series



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## JULY

- July 4th



Fireworks light the skies over the San Gabriel River at San Gabriel Park during the Sertoma Club's 4th of July fireworks show Sunday, July 4, 2021.

Celebrate Independence Day in San Gabriel Park with the Georgetown Sertoma Club. Family-friendly activities are on tap all day, including a parade, a petting zoo and a fireworks display.

- Family Farm Fest
- Summer Art Stroll
- National Day of the Cowboy
- Sunset Movie Series
- Sheriff's Posse Rodeo



Kase Alff, 4, of Jarrell enjoys a snow cone treat on a warm evening at the 77th Annual Williamson County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Friday, June 25, 2021.

When it comes to Georgetown festivals, the Williamson County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo is the granddaddy of them all. Now held in Jarrell, the Sheriff's Posse Rodeo has been an annual tradition for more than 75 years. The rodeo offers bucking broncos, wild steers, barrel racers, calf ropers, bull riders, and a fan favorite, mutton bustin.' Fair food and fun are also present.

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## AUGUST

- Sunset Movie Series

## SEPTEMBER

- Georgetown Wine and Music Festival



Dorothy Williams and her husband, Melvin, share a loving moment between sips of wine during the 2015 Wine and Music Festival. Wineries from all over Central Texas were on hand for patrons to sample their products. Attendees were also treated to live music to complete a picture-perfect evening.

- K-9 Kerplunk
- Combat Veterans Motorcycle Assn Golf Tournament

## OCTOBER

- GTX Film Festival

Talented directors, producers, actors, writers, musicians and cinematographers take center stage in Georgetown each fall for the annual GTX Film Festival. The winning visual storytelling entries are showcased along with feature-length narrative films, documentaries and shorts.

- Art Hop
- Clayman Rodeo



Lilly Howard competes in Barrel Racing at the Clayman Rodeo October 2, 2021. The rodeo, in its 28th year, was founded by former rodeo stars Kelly and Jim Bob Clayman, who teach equestrian skills throughout the year at their Windsong Farm.

- Autumn Art Stroll
- 1st United Methodist Church Pumpkin Patch
- Williamson Museum Ghost Search
- Wolf Ranch Town Center Boo & Brew
- Halloween Carnival in San Gabriel Park

- Halloween Boo Bash

Kids and adults alike will show off their clever costumes as they make their way around the Square for trick-or-treating at participating merchants before Halloween. Wander south of University Avenue on the residential part of Old Town's Main Street, where ghouls and goblins, princesses and pirates dash from house to house, collecting candy and encountering an occasional fright.

- Old Town Main Street Trick or Treating
- Halloween Trick or Trunk around the Square

## NOVEMBER

- Turkey Trot
- Georgetown Field of Honor

- Hill Country Arts & Crafts Fair
- Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Georgetown Community Center
- Lighting of The Square



Downtown Georgetown was adorned with color at the annual Lighting of the Square Friday night, November 29, 2019.

Held after Thanksgiving, the lighting of the downtown Square kicks off Georgetown's holiday season. Georgetown's Convention and Visitors Bureau hosts festivities on the Courthouse lawn with a caroling and a visit from Santa. The ceremony culminates at dusk, when a switch is flipped and the Square becomes a magical sea of lights, cascading across historic buildings and woven through the trees.

## DECEMBER

- Sun City Holiday Home Tours
- Christmas Stroll Parade
- Grace Bible Church Whoo-Village
- Church of the Nazarene Bethlehem Village
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Always check the latest edition of *The Williamson County Sun* for specific details about upcoming events.



## RECURRING

- **Sun City Farmers Market,**  
2 Texas, Tuesdays
- **WilCo Farmers Market,**  
301 West Seventh Street.  
Thursdays
- **Williamson County Courthouse**  
**Tours, Fridays**

Go back in time and learn about Georgetown's history at the free guided courthouse tours provided by the Williamson Museum. Tours start at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

- **Wolf Ranch Farmers Market,**  
Saturdays

- **San Gabriel Writers League**  
Tuesdays/Thursdays

- **First Fridays on the Square**

What better way to experience the downtown Square than with the Downtown Georgetown Association's First Friday on the Square? First Fridays feature downtown restaurants and shops that stay open a little later, welcoming people to stay on the Square.



Justin Smith, with Brenham Kitchens, left, points out the finer points of gourmet nuts for sale to 9-year-old Calliope Bradford during a 2015 Georgetown Farmers Market.

- **First Friday Ghost Tours,**  
February - November

- **Second Saturday Market Days**  
March - November

- **Third Saturday Pistons**  
**on the Square**

- **Williamson Museum Salons,**  
monthly

- **Williamson Audubon Group,**  
quarterly

- **Crafting with Cocktails**  
**at the Museum**

Surprise that special someone with a unique handmade Valentine. Drop into The Williamson Museum, 716 South Austin Avenue, anytime between 6-9 p.m. on February 11, to create your own Valentine while

sipping a delicious specialty cocktail. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$8 for museum members and include one drink, crafting supplies, and light snacks. For more information, visit [www.williamsonmuseum.org](http://www.williamsonmuseum.org) or call 512-943-1670.

- **Night at the Museum**

Experience a "Night at The Museum: Going Wild" from 6-9 p.m. at the Williamson Museum. Explore local animals with this family friendly event where the museum comes to life. At 6 p.m., the museum exhibits will wake up for the night and lead families in fun crafts and activities throughout the museum ala the movie "Night at the Museum," with popcorn. Tickets are \$12 per adult (\$10 for museum members) and \$8 per child (\$5 for members). For more information and tickets, visit [www.williamsonmuseum.org](http://www.williamsonmuseum.org) or call 512-943-1670

- **Market Days**

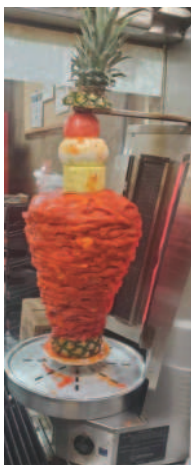
Beginning in March and continuing through November, the Square comes alive the second Saturday of every month with Market Days, bringing in crafters, artisans, entertainers and food vendors. ■



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## Field of Honor

# Rotary honors veterans and first responders with formation of 2,000 American flags

A sea of American flags billow in the afternoon Central Texas wind at the Georgetown Rotary Club's Field of Honor Saturday, November 3, 2018. Over 2,000 American flags will fly in a field adjacent to San Gabriel Park.



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Falcon Flight, a formation based at Georgetown Municipal Airport, makes a flyover during a Veterans Day observance November 11, 2020.



Leonard Brooks, 66, left, from Austin, visits with retired Army Major General Guy "Sandy" Meloy, III, 81, November 12, 2012 at Sun City, where both men were attending Sun City's Veterans Day ceremony. During the Vietnam War in 1970-71, Brooks was an Army Sergeant and General Meloy, then a Colonel, was Brooks' battalion commander.

BY CHRISTOPHER DE LOS SANTOS

The Georgetown Rotary Club presents the Field of Honor each year, a noteworthy local Veterans Day ceremony displaying around 2,000 American flags, arranged in formation on a field behind the Georgetown Recreation Center.

Individual flags may be dedicated to living or deceased veterans for a donation. The Rotary Club, and their presenting sponsors, make the field display and associated ceremonies open to the public without admission fees.

The Field of Honor is usually opened the entire week of Veterans Day, with an opening ceremony on November 11. Rotarians and volunteers usually set up the flags the weekend before.

On Veterans Day, Rotarians, local officials and local distinguished veterans conduct ceremonies including patriotic readings, the ringing of the bell, and a flyover by local pilots.

A few weeks after Veterans Day each year, the Georgetown Rotary Club presents checks — from money raised through donations for dedicated flags and from sponsors — to local and regional organizations dedicated to serve veterans and first responders and their families.

This year's Field of Honor will mark its sixth presentation in Georgetown. Jeanne Cox brought the idea with her from California.

As Ms. Cox tells the story, she attended a similar ceremony presented by the Rotary Club in Murrieta, California, before her daughter — a U.S. Navy paramedic called a Corpsman — shipped out for a 2010 deployment.

"I wanted to create a similar ceremony to honor veterans in the town where I would retire," she said, noting how moved she had been by the ceremony.

After she and her husband traveled the country in a motorhome for a few years, they settled in Georgetown and joined the Rotary Club.

"In 2015, the Georgetown Rotary Club asked members for ideas of a ceremony to give to the town. I knew exactly what to propose," Ms. Cox said.

The local Rotarians approved her proposal, and she chairs the event annually. ■





# A poppy of color

Exploring the Red Poppy Capital of Texas

BY LINDA DWYER

**G**eorgetown is known for bright red poppies that have cropped up all over the town for about 100 years.

The history of the flower goes back to World War I, when a farmer, Henry Purl Compton, enlisted in the army and went to serve in Europe. While in northern France, he picked poppy seeds, and gave them to his mother, Maggie, in Georgetown on his return.

She planted them in her front yard at 507 East Seventh Street. The next spring, her yard was filled with bright red blooms. Birds, wind and people scattered them across the town and the landscape came alive with scarlet blooms every spring to follow.

In the 1980s, as the city grew and residents and lawn crews began mowing more frequently to keep up the city's welcoming aesthetic, some residents noticed poppies being cut. Local groups spearheaded an effort to bring the poppies back to prominence. From 1990 to 1992, almost 500 million seeds were planted, and the city created "Poppy Zones," so people knew where not to mow.

In 1990, Georgetown was certified by local residents and the Texas Legislature as the "Red Poppy Capital of Texas."

The flowers bloom each year from mid-March through late April, alongside native Texas wildflowers such as Bluebonnets and Indian Paintbrushes.

## Red Poppy Festival grows

The flowers can also be seen at several locations, including downtown, where the city hosts its annual spring Red Poppy Festival, which can attract more than 45,000 people to downtown across three days.

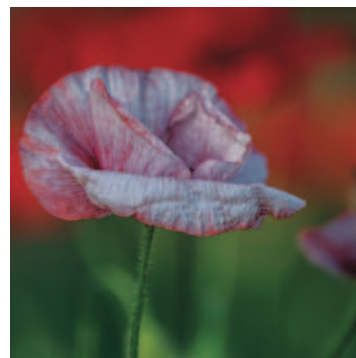
The event features art, music, dance, local vendors and food. Highlights include the Poppy Parade, 5k run, car show and a Fun Zone for kids. An artisan market offers plenty of items with a poppy theme.

After a few years of postponements and rescheduling, the 2022 Red Poppy Festival returned in 2022 from April 22–24. ■



Red poppies were thriving in the Sunken Garden at San Gabriel Park April 13, 2022. Quite a few have yet to bloom, but they're on the right path to get there soon.

— PHOTOS BY ANDY SHARP





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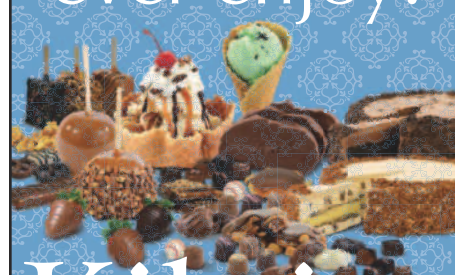
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# Georgetown boasts a bounty of pristine parks

**G**eorgetown has more than 50 developed parks and natural areas, with over 300 components on almost 1,400 acres of parkland. The system also includes some properties that are currently undeveloped but are maintained. Approximately 83 miles of trails are offered in and around the Georgetown area. The Georgetown Recreation Center was built in 1995, with an expansion completed in 2009.

The parks offer combinations of play-scapes, trails, water features and even equestrian activities. Disc golf courses, pickleball courts and sports fields can also be used.

Georgetown's parks are jewels of the city — and more sparkle is coming.

In February 2022, Georgetown City Council approved a 10-year master plan that includes a new park on the southeast side of town, more trails, a new skate park and a new recreation center, as well as improvements and expansions to existing programs and features.

The plan varies from improvements that can be done relatively quickly using existing funding — such as updating existing parks and adding parks to city-owned property — to upgrades that will require phases and potential bond elections.

With so many options on the way and already in place, there's always a place to escape the daily grind and get back to nature.

## Bark Park

Bark Park, 151 Holly Street, has trails, benches and drinking fountains for dogs and people, mutt mitt stations and, best of all, a dog agility course.

The city's first public, off-leash dog park is on about six acres and features separate areas for dogs under 30 pounds and larger dogs. The park is open from dawn to dusk daily, weather and conditions permitting.

## Bedford Park

Bedford Park, 812 Bedford Court, is a playscape for children that is open from dawn to dusk daily.



Jesus Chavez of Granger enjoyed a day of fishing with daughters Ivy, 4, left, and Madelyn, 3, at Berry Springs Park & Preserve July 10, 2021.

## Berry Creek Park

Berry Creek Park, 1100 Shinnecock Hills Drive, is open from dawn to dusk daily and features a playscape, a basketball court, a picnic area and restrooms.

## Blue Hole Park

Flanked by limestone bluffs along the South Fork of the San Gabriel River, Blue Hole Park is a natural swimming hole. The park features trails, picnic tables, restrooms, fishing and swimming areas and is located just five blocks north of the downtown courthouse Square.

Open from dawn to dusk daily, the entrance to this Georgetown jewel is at West Second Street and Rock Street. Free public parking is available at the corner of Third Street and Rock Street in the parking lot or in the parking garage. Swimmers enter the river at their own risk. The city does not monitor

water flow or bacteria levels. Jumping from the cliffs is not permitted. Remove anything you take into the park.

## Booty's Road Park

Booty's Road Park, 1631 Booty's Crossing Road, has a pavilion with capacity for 130 people that residents and non-residents alike can rent. Fees vary. Some events require a parks event permit application. Call Georgetown Parks and Recreation Administration at 512-930-3595 to reserve the pavilion. The pavilion is accessible and offers water, electricity, grills and restrooms. Park hours are 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. The park also has picnic tables, restrooms and access to the Lake Georgetown trail and the city of Georgetown trail that extends to San Gabriel Park.

## Chandler Park

Chandler Park, 108 Spring Valley Road, open from dusk to dawn, has trails, picnic

tables and fishing on the San Gabriel River. In May 2006, Van and Deborah Chandler donated 7.5 acres of their land for the creation of Chandler Park, which is along the hike and bike trail on the North Fork of the San Gabriel River.

## Chautauqua Park

Chautauqua Park, 602 Rucker Street, is open from dawn to dusk and has a pavilion with a capacity of 50 people, trails, a large playground, baseball and softball fields, basketball courts, picnic tables, and restrooms. The pavilion, which is available for rental to residents and non-residents, has electricity, grills and access to restrooms. A section of the city's hike and bike trail runs from University Avenue north to Blue Hole Park, paralleling Scenic Drive and traverses Chautauqua Park.

## Creative Playscape

In 2013, Creative Playscape, 1003 North Austin Avenue, replaced a well-loved, but aging, community-built play structure with an imaginative playscape, incorporating the unique history of Georgetown into the playground site.

To honor the past playscape, the new one features a history wall from the original 1993 structure, which was expanded throughout the playground to tell the story of the Georgetown area. Visitors can begin their journey in the pre-settlement period from the 1700s to the 1850s or begin in the future and take a step back in time.

A pavilion, trails, the playscape, picnic tables and restrooms are available. People can safely access the Creative Playscape by walking behind the Georgetown Recreation Center on the crushed granite trail.

## Creeside Park

Creeside Park, 705 Village Commons Boulevard, is open from dawn to dusk daily and offers a pavilion, playscape and picnic tables.

## Edwards Park

Edwards Park, 704 Ash Street, has a sand volleyball court, picnic tables and a playscape. It is open from dawn to dusk daily.



## PARKS & RECREATION

### **Emerald Springs Park**

Emerald Springs Park, 3604 Old Mill Road, open from dawn to dusk, is a spot to play baseball or softball, picnic, romp on the playscape, hike or have an event at the pavilion.

### **Founders Park**

Founders Park, 814 South Church Street, marks the spot where Williamson County's first commissioners met under an oak tree in 1848, to choose a location for a county seat.

George Washington Glasscock and his silent partner Thomas B. Huling, who had extensive land holdings in the area, offered to donate 173 acres for the county seat in exchange for the town being named Georgetown after George Glasscock. Although the tree beneath which the first commissioners' meeting was held blew down in a storm in 1886, the site is still an important piece of the city's history.

Founders Park was renovated in 2017, and has improved accessibility, picnic tables, a water fountain and will eventually feature public art.

### **Garey Park**

Garey Park, 6450 RM 2243, is one of the city's newest parks with pavilions, a splash pad, seven miles of trails for both horses and humans, a dog park and an equestrian arena. It is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. spring through summer, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. fall and winter. For booking and trail info, call 512-930-6800 or email [gareypark@georgetown.org](mailto:gareypark@georgetown.org).

### **Geneva Park**

Geneva Park, 1021 Quail Valley Drive, is open from dawn to dusk and has a pavilion, a playscape and picnic tables.

### **Katy Crossing Park**

Katy Crossing Park, 224 Katy Crossing Boulevard, features a pavilion, playscape and picnic tables. It is open from dawn to dusk.

### **Kelley Park**

Kelley Park, 805 West 17th Street, which is open from dawn to dusk, has a playscape, basketball court and picnic tables. The playscape was installed in 2006 by Dell employees and city staff with a Kaboom grant.



David Mortensen of Georgetown, and his daughter River, enjoyed the splash pad at San Jose Park Saturday, June 27, 2020.

### **La Conterra North Park**

La Conterra North Park, 109 West Ridge Line Boulevard, offers picnic tables, baseball/softball fields, a playscape and a pavilion.

### **Lakeside Park**

Open from dawn to dusk, Lakeside Park, 1520 Lakeside Ranch Road, has a pavilion, playscape, picnic tables and a splash pad.

### **Madrone Park**

Madrone Park, 923 Madrone Drive, has a pavilion and picnic tables. It is open from dawn to dusk.

### **McMaster Athletic Complex**

McMaster Athletic Complex, 101 W.L. Walden Drive, is Georgetown's ode to sports parks. It was named for the late Mike McMaster, who was a city council member and supporter of Parks and Recreation. The park has trails, a playground, picnic tables, four softball fields with covered seating, a multi-purpose field for football, soccer and lacrosse, a basketball court, four sand volleyball courts, two designated soccer fields, and four tennis courts. Other amenities include

a concession stand, restrooms, water mister, horseshoe and washer pits, pickleball courts and a large parking lot.

### **Meadows Park**

Meadows Park, 321 Meadows Park Drive, is a neighborhood park that is open from dawn to dusk and has a pavilion, playscape, baseball/softball field and picnic tables.

### **Old Town Park**

Old Town Park, 1262 South Austin Avenue, offers a playscape, baseball/softball field, picnic tables and sand volleyball. It is open from dawn to dusk.

### **Pinnacle Park**

Pinnacle Park, 309 Greenslope Lane, features a nine-hole disc golf course that was professionally designed and completed in 2008. A course map sign is located at Hole No. 1, and each tee is numbered. Paved parking is available at the entry of the park off Green Slope Lane. Other park amenities include picnic tables, grills, a basketball court and a playground. The park is open from dawn to dusk.

### **Rabbit Hill Park**

Rabbit Hill Park, 1109 Blue Ridge Drive, is a 12-acre park within Teravista that links to the greater Georgetown area through a trail system that contains a 0.3-mile fitness loop, with three strength training stations. A splash pad features a giant spider blasting a web of water. The less adventurous can check out a dragonfly mural and flowering water features. The trailhead is planted to attract butterflies, dragonflies and hummingbirds and overlooks a pond, while the web playscape includes a "fossil dig" area to allow children to learn about paleontology.

The park is open from dawn to dusk and the splash pad is operational from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily from April 1 through September 30.

### **Raintree Park**

Raintree Park, 302 Raintree Drive, has a playscape. It is open from dawn to dusk.

### **River Ridge Pool and Park**

The River Ridge Pool, 414 South Ridge Circle, is open during the summer. The pool has a four-foot-deep shallow area and a 10-foot-deep area. Season swim passes are sold at the Georgetown Recreation Center, the Georgetown Tennis Center and Georgetown Parks and Recreation Administration office. The park also has a playscape and picnic tables.

### **Rivory Park**

Open from dawn to dusk, Rivory Park, 1125 Woodlawn, has a large treehouse playground for kids and fishing is permitted in the pond. The city's hike and bike trail and an 18-hole disc golf course are also accessible at this park. A pavilion with a capacity of 32 can be rented through Parks and Recreation. The pavilion has electricity, water, grills and access to restrooms. Some events require a permit for noise, signs, road closures and parking.

### **Rowan Park**

Rowan Park, 1301 Rowan Drive, offers a pavilion, playscape, a basketball court and picnic tables.



## San Gabriel Park

The two forks of the San Gabriel River meet in the heart of Georgetown. San Gabriel Park, 440 East Morrow Street, marks this pretty spot. Two-hundred-year-old trees offer shady picnic areas. The park has a playscape, nine-hole disc golf course, baseball/softball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, fishing, restrooms, a community center and recreation center. A 1.6-mile loop hike and bike trail goes through the park and other segments connect to Blue Hole Park, Rivery Park and to Lake Georgetown.

## San Jose Park and Splash Pad

San Jose Park, 1707 San Jose Street, is open from dawn to dusk. After making repairs, the Splash Pad is now open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily from March

31 through September 30. The park also offers a pavilion, playscape, basketball, picnic tables and restrooms. The water play area has 15 spray features, including a Super Soaker, a shower tunnel that sprays water in an archway from the ground, a T-shaped pole that spins and sprays called a Storm Spinner, popcorn jets that shoot water from the ground, and a post that sprays water in a bell shape. The play area has a shade awning on one side.

## Skate Park

Ramps, grind boxes, rails, half-pipes and quarter-pipes await skateboarders at the Skate Park, 449 East Morrow Street. This is an unsupervised park located in San Gabriel Park behind the Georgetown Community Center.

## Summercrest Park

Summercrest Park, 1201 Ashberry Trail, is open from dawn to dusk and features a playscape.

## Summers Green Park

Summers Green Park, 113 Summers Green, is open from dawn to dusk. The park has benches and an open play field.

## University Park

Located at 2501 University Park Drive, University Park has a pavilion, playscape and picnic tables. It is open from dawn to dusk.

## VFW Park

VFW Park, 401 East Second Street, is a place to play ball – softball or baseball. Three softball fields have been rebuilt, along with a concession stand and restrooms. The park also has trails, a playscape and picnic tables.

## Village Pool and Park

The Village Pool, 370 Village Commons Boulevard, is a summer spot for swimming and fun in the sun. The pool is open during the summer months. Located in the Georgetown Village subdivision, the main pool is 4 feet to 5 feet deep and the baby pool is 6 inches to 1 foot, 6 inches deep. Season swim passes are available through the Georgetown Parks and Recreation.

## Williams Drive Pool and Park

The pool at 3201 Williams Drive is the largest city pool, with a length of 50 meters and can be divided into eight lanes. The pool is 4 feet deep overall, with a 12-foot-deep diving well. It is open during the summer months. Seasonal swim passes are sold by Georgetown Parks and Rec.

## Woodlake Park

Woodlake Park, 249 Wildwood, offers a pavilion, playscape and picnic areas. The park is open from dawn to dusk.



Zac Lobe of Georgetown plays on a slide with his family's dog, Indy, during Georgetown Parks & Recreation's K-9 Kerplunk, September 18, 2021 in the outdoor children's splash pool at the Georgetown Recreation Center.

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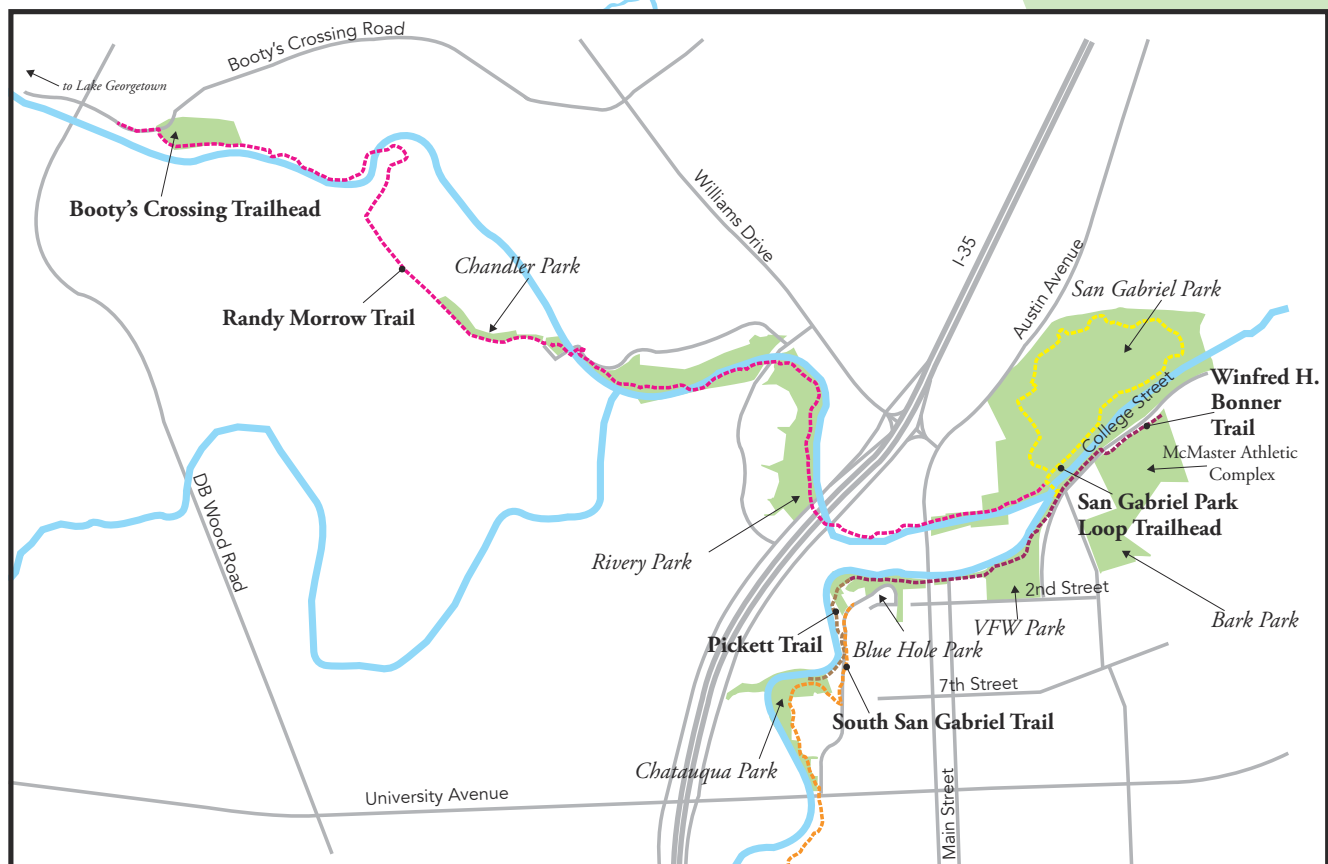
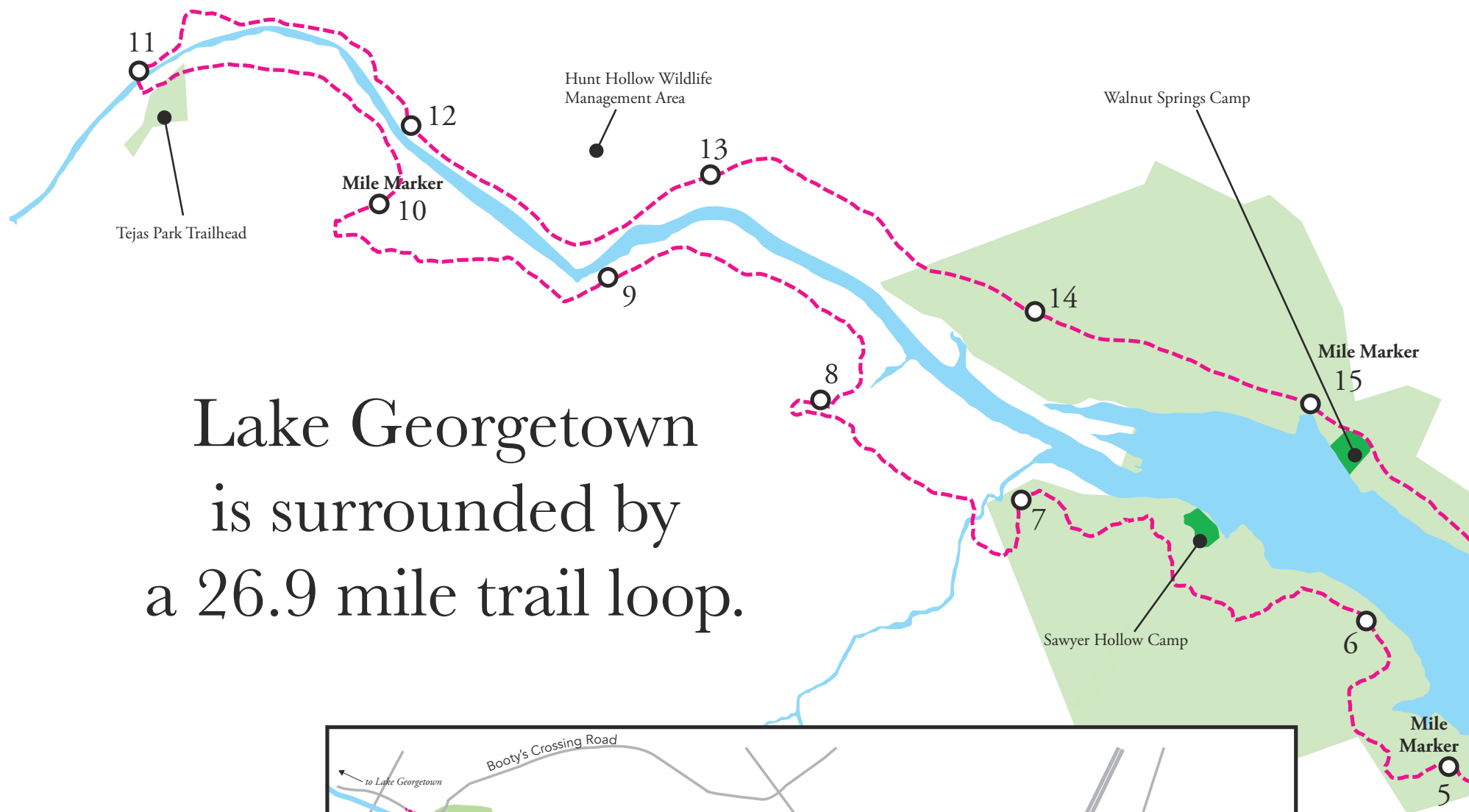
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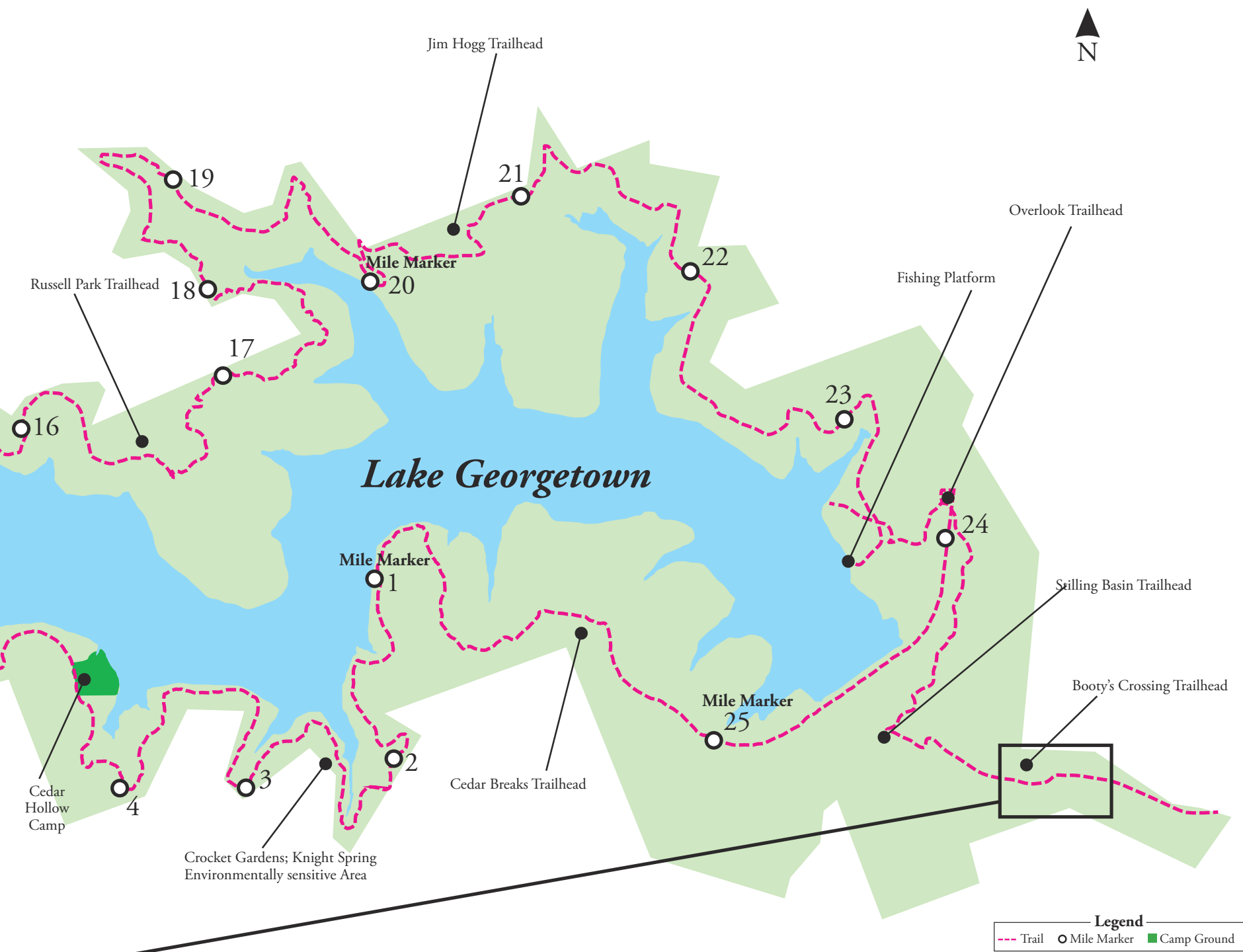
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# WILLS, TRUSTS & ESTATES

In case of an emergency or sudden illness, make sure you and your family are prepared with the proper documents. A complete estate plan includes a will or trust with pour-over will, a living will, durable power of attorney, medical power of attorney, designation of guardian, and HIPAA release. Below are a few guidelines about what to do with those documents once they are prepared.

## Tip #1:

**Tell your family where you store your legal documents.**  
Whether at home, in the bank, or both. Be specific.

## Tip #2:

### **If you already have a safe deposit box:**

The best place to store your original trust and original will is in the safe deposit box. The reason: Banks are generally fire-proof. If your original documents are destroyed, your family can always ask a court to accept a copy of an original or you can redraft your trust as a "restatement", but it's always best to safekeep your originals in the first place.

## Tip #3:

### **If you don't have a safe deposit box:**

It's okay to keep legal documents at home, but understand that in doing so you are accepting the fire, tornado, or water damage risk. If you live in a single-story home, place the documents on a high shelf, away from any area that might suffer from water infiltration. It's best to place the documents inside a plastic or metal, water-tight storage box. Fireproof safes are another alternative.

## Tip #4:

### **Keep all medical directives at home, and take copies to your doctors/hospitals.**

Even if you have a safe deposit box, keep your directive to physicians (living will), medical power of attorney, and HIPAA release at home where you can access them 24/7. Many medical emergencies happen at night or on the weekends at a time when banks are closed. What is equally as important is to take copies of these documents to all of your doctors at your next appointment, and ask them to put a copy in your chart. Also take a copy with you to the admissions office any time you have in-patient or out-patient treatment in a hospital.

## Tip #5:

### **Send copies to the important family members named to handle your affairs.**

If someone in your family is trusted enough to be named as executor in your will or trustee of your trust, then they probably should have a copy of all of your estate planning documents now. There are exceptions, of course, so use your own judgment.

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# Take a swing at these six local golf courses

Six golf courses dot the landscape of the Georgetown area, providing options for both the casual and talented golfer. Three are private clubs while another three are open for public play.

The architects credited with the local course construction over nearly a century reveal interesting backgrounds. Two are World Golf Hall of Fame members — Billy Casper and Jack Nicklaus — while a third is a long-time local resident Carl Doering.

Different kinds of terrain created variety among the six courses, including rivers, a quarry, hill country features and open rangeland. Three of the courses are located within the Sun City community.

## Georgetown Country Club

Swing back to the 1920s. The concept originated with a meeting on July 5, 1927, when some folks gathered in Georgetown. Club records establish the focus of the discussion: “Contemplate the purchase of a site on the Middle San Gabriel from W.B. Mason to provide for a fishing lake, golf course and social activities at a club house.”

Georgetown Country Club was built and operated as a nine-hole course into the 1970s. That’s when president and general manager Carl Doering sought expansion of the layout from nine to 18 holes. The expanded development necessitated some creative designing to mesh the fairways and greens among the river, steep slopes and level pieces of land.

As a result, the course today plays to 5,471 yards from the long tees and ranges down to 4,256 yards. There are four sets of tees. Par is 70 on a layout that includes several scenic shots over the San Gabriel River.

## Berry Creek Country Club

In the 1980s, Carl Doering had an idea. Why not repurpose the quarry around Berry Creek and design an 18-hole course that follows the river?

Thus, the eighth and ninth holes became an integral part of the second private country club in the city, and one that is now totally surrounded by residential development.

The championship tees run 6,648 yards



At the Georgetown Country Club, Alan Phillips makes a putt on the first hole green February 24, 2018.



on this par-72 layout. There are four sets of tees that range down to 5,110 yards, again providing a variety of options for youth, women and men.

## Cimarron Hills Golf and Country Club

On April 16, 2003, Jack Nicklaus dedicated his “signature” championship course at Cimarron Hills Golf and Country Club in Williamson County. He designed the mas-

terpiece Hill County course. He designed the course layout with the San Gabriel River flowing through the area.

Championship tees are 7,302 yards while five other sets of tees available at this private gated country club. Cimarron offers a neat mix of finishing holes. Seventeen is a par-3 that is bordered on the left by water. The final hole is a par-4 with a sharp dogleg from right to left that features water around the green — which can be witnessed from the elevated club patio.

## Sun City Texas

Sun City Texas offers three championship layouts open to anyone with a desire to tee it up. Membership, however, is available only to the community residents, but daily non-resident play is available.

World Golf Hall of Fame member Billy Casper designed Legacy Hills, which opened in 1996, and White Wing, which opened four years later. Both are par-72 championship length and possess elevated greens.

Legacy Hills features a potent No. 1

handicap hole in the 427-yard fifth. The par-4 plays uphill into a typical southern breeze and features a green that has three tiers. White Wing fairways meander among a lot of trees and over the river two times, which require precise tee and fairway shots to the atypical Casper elevated greens.

Cowan Creek, the third Sun City course that opened in 2008, is named after a tiny stream. Architect Gary Stephenson likes his greens to be a bit different. His advice: “You can bump it, you can run it, you can kick it or you can putt it from off the green.”

Sun City courses are semi-private and available for membership for community residents only.

Walk-up golfers may play anytime, although tee times generally are not available until mid-afternoon. The reason is the large number of resident golfers who can cruise to the courses via their golf carts — and which can be driven legally on the streets within the Sun City confines. ■



# Just ahead: A summer of fun in Georgetown Parks & Rec kids' camps

It may not be too late to register children and teens for Georgetown Parks and Recreation summer youth camps!

A variety of summer camps for area students will begin the week of May 31. Summer camps are not licensed childcare programs.

Age requirements, pricing, and schedules vary for each program, and online registration is available at [www.parks.georgetown.org/programs](http://www.parks.georgetown.org/programs)

All fees listed are charged per week.

Participants can select from:

## Adventure Camp

Ages 11-14 based on program  
Weekly sessions, June 6-August 5  
Rates vary based on program

## Art Camp

Ages 5 (completed kindergarten)-8  
June 20-24 and July 18-22  
\$180 resident/\$225 nonresident

## Athletic Skills Camp

Ages 6-16  
July 18-22  
\$140 resident/\$170 nonresident

## Battle Bots

Ages 6-14  
June 20-24 and July 25-29  
\$198 resident/nonresident

## Brandy Perryman Basketball Shooting Camp

Ages 7-16  
June 13-16  
\$249 resident/nonresident through May 31;  
\$269 resident/nonresident starting June 1

## Camp Goodwater

Ages 5 (completed Kindergarten)-12  
Weekly sessions, May 31-August 12  
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## Circle of Friends (Adaptive Camp)

Ages 13-23  
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## Extreme Lego Maker

Ages 5-15  
June 6-10  
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## Football Skills Camp

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## Parks & Rec Covid-19 Program Protocols

Visitors to City of Georgetown facilities are encouraged, but not required to wear face coverings. Participation in a Parks & Rec program will depend upon acceptance and willingness to follow the protocols.

- Staff contractors/volunteers are encouraged to wear a mask while working.
- Hand sanitizing stations are available in buildings.
- Enhanced sanitation is conducted throughout the day.
- Physical distancing and floor markers are used for safe spacing.
- Plexiglass is in place at reception areas.

For the safety of all, program participants should not participate in any program if any of the following apply:

- Known close contact with a person who has tested positive for Covid-19.
- Fever greater or equal to 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath.
- Cough, sore throat, chills, headache, diarrhea, nausea, body aches, or loss of taste or smell.
- Awaiting results of a Covid-19 test.

## Hip Hop Dance Camp

Ages 8-14  
June 6-10 and July 25-29  
\$135 resident/\$169 nonresident

## Junior Fire Academy

Ages 11-14  
June 6-10  
\$100 resident/\$125 nonresident

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# The Caring Place

Serving the underserved for more than 30 years

The Caring Place is one of the most active and well-known nonprofit organizations in Georgetown, and has been working hard to support underserved residents since 1985.

Over the past two years, they have had to pivot and expand services in ways they never thought they would, but the core mission has remained the same.

“Almost 37 years [after opening], The Caring Place continues to provide a safety net for our neighbors who are experiencing a crisis,” said Ginna O’Connor, The Caring Place’s executive director. “Our mission

is to provide for the basic human needs of all people in our community in a welcoming, respectful and caring way. It remains a com-

munity-based and community-supported organization which serves the community.”

The Caring Place is a multipronged outfit that supports the community through various food programs; rent, mortgage and utility assistance; programs to provide clothing and housewares; transportation services for those needing medical rides; and case management services.

The nonprofit supports its efforts through donations and sales from two thrift stores – The Shops at The Caring Place and Second Helping.

**Ginna O’Connor**

The Caring Place’s executive director

*“Over the past year, we have grown in our capacity to better serve our neighbors throughout the organization.”*

While the organization had developed a stable system for aiding the underserved, the past two years have been a trying time, especially as the number of those in need of financial assistance and food skyrocketed with the economic downturn.

The Caring Place continued to offer financial assistance via telephone for help with rent, mortgage, utilities and emergency dental and prescriptions, despite pandemic-related closures of their offices and the loss of volunteers in 2020 and 2021.

“We [also] assisted families who were forced to evacuate due to Hurricane Ida, as well as those who needed additional help related to the horrible winter storms we had in February [2021]” said Ms. O’Connor.

The period also brought a break-in July of 2020, which resulted in the destruction of a costly forklift.

However, through all the setbacks, The Caring Place continued to expand their services and to look to the future.

“Over the past year, we have grown in our capacity to better serve our neighbors throughout the organization,” said Ms. O’Connor.



The Caring Place and its volunteers have been working hard to support underserved residents since 1985.

“The Caring Place continued modified programs, services, and operations in response to the pandemic. Because of this, most of our growth was related to building our capacity, primarily through facility improvements at 2000 Railroad Avenue, to more efficiently and effectively achieve our mission.”

She said that over the past year, the organization received a grant that allowed them to nearly double the size of their food pantry and warehouse so they can stock more items and receive more food donations from the public. They were also able to purchase a refrigerated truck to expand their mobile food distribution efforts and up their cold storage capacity, and hire food pantry intake staff to expedite services to clients.

Through renovations, they converted their “outdoor store” space into a more indoor shopping area, which will allow them to use more of the space at their main location for sales to bolster their programs.

Now, the volunteers have been able to return, and The Caring Place is looking forward to the future.

“Right now, The Caring Place is focus-

ing on shorter term goals,” Ms. O’Connor said. “Operations at The Caring Place have been atypical since March of 2020, due to the pandemic, but we do know and are looking forward to making strides towards more normal operations.”

She said they expect the growth and cost of living increases in Georgetown and surrounding areas will have a trickle down effect at The Caring Place, meaning more people will find themselves in need of their services.

“This means we need more volunteers, more item donations and more shoppers, which will allow us to support our mission,” she said.


The organization welcomes anyone who wishes to volunteer, and the public can also support them by donating gently used items at the main location at 2000 Railroad Avenue.

The Caring Place exists because of the generosity of our community, and the confidence it has in our ability to assist our neighbors in need,” Ms. O’Connor said. “We look forward to scaling up through 2022.” ■




The Caring Place is one of the most active and well-known nonprofit organizations in Georgetown.






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# Wilco Veterans Service Office

BY CHRISTOPHER DE LOS SANTOS

About 44,800 veterans live in Williamson County, many in Sun City, Georgetown. The county also has younger men and women veterans moving in, many with families.

The Williamson County Veterans Service Office, under the leadership of Sherry Golden, assists veterans, family members and survivors with getting Veterans Affairs benefits. They also provide phone counseling for veterans. The goal is to point individuals to the resources they may need.

"To file a VA claim for benefits requires a lot of paperwork. Filing a claim on your own can be daunting," Ms. Golden said.

She and her team help veterans through that process, and have taken training and received certification through the Texas Veterans Commission to access online VA files and see the status of VA claims.

The office will schedule a telephone appointment with each veteran to listen to them and understand their needs.

If Ms. Golden and her team can't provide what a veteran may need, they will direct the individual to an organization that can help.

"Every veteran and family member's situation is different," Ms. Golden said. "We can guide them to resources, for financial assistance."

The office is open on weekdays from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Appointments are by phone or Microsoft Teams for video chat.

"At the end of an appointment, we will give them homework to gather information for their claim. This includes documents from doctor visits, other medical documentation and diagnosis, support letters, and a personal statement," Ms. Golden said. ■

## Other veterans organizations

Georgetown and Williamson County have a strong history in honoring and supporting local veterans. In addition to the Williamson County office of Veterans' Services, many other organizations operate in Georgetown, Cedar Park, Leander and other communities around the county. Here are some notable organizations in the area.

### American Legion Post 174, Georgetown, Texas

1000 North College Street, Georgetown  
<https://alpost174gtx.wixsite.com/georgetown>

In the summer of 2021, American Legion Post 174 elected Barbara MacMillan as its commander. She is the first woman to hold the post. Ms. MacMillan, a 20-year-resident in Georgetown, retired from the Army at Fort Hood in 1999 and became active in Post 174 a few years later.

### VFW Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8587, Georgetown, Texas

1000 North College Street, Georgetown  
<https://vfw8587gtx.wixsite.com/vets>

The mission of VFW is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts; to serve our veterans, the military and our communities; to advocate on behalf of all veterans. The VFW canteen opens daily at 3 p.m., except for Sundays at noon.



Army and Marine Corps veteran Harold Cosper of Killeen spends time with his horse, Shaggy, March 30, 2017 as the Mustang Heritage Foundation celebrated with veterans the near-completion of their eight-week program working with wild mustangs.

### Marine Corps League, Detachment 1022, Williamson County

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### Horses for Heroes

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Horses for Heroes is the veterans program at the Ride on Center for Kids, and provides equestrian therapy for veterans including riding, grooming and horsemanship. At Horses for Heroes, veterans can learn to once again trust. With trust, they learn to lead again. With leadership, they can once again find direction. With direction, they can find purpose. With purpose, they can find service. The cycle of life is once again found and rekindled.

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# Meals on Wheels

Providing hot and healthy meals to more than 1,100 seniors

BY BRAD STUTZMAN

**M**eals on Wheels continues to grow, along with the rest of Georgetown and its sizable population of senior citizens.

Senior Nutrition Director Carrie Berry emphasizes the program's lunches — prepared daily under a dietician's supervision — are nutritious. And, of near-equal importance, interactions between paid staff, volunteer drivers and service recipients make for warm, comforting relationships.

"Giving [seniors] something that they need — with a meal, with conversation — it just uplifts your whole heart," Ms. Berry said.

In 2021, the local program — covering both Williamson and Burnet counties — served 202,527 meals though home deliveries and lunches at its congregated locations.

Meals on Wheels has about 1,100 clients between the two counties, and is a division of Georgetown-based Opportunities for Williamson and Burnet Counties.

In Georgetown alone, the Madella Hilliard Neighborhood Center provided services for about 300 individual clients in 2021. Volunteer drivers delivered a total of 60,384 meals to seniors 60 and older; living in Georgetown, Weir, Florence, Jarrell and Bartlett.

"Most of our volunteers are seniors themselves," Ms. Berry said. "So it's cool. Seniors serving seniors."

Numbers make a strong case for the program's need. According to city government figures, the Georgetown area's population is approaching 80,000 — with nearly 30 percent of residents age 65 or older.

The Meals on Wheels website reports 97 percent of its clients say they make better nutritional choices because of the program. Another 93 percent say the home delivery of meals is allowing them to stay longer in their homes.

According to the program, the average annual cost for a senior living facility is \$50,000, whereas providing five hot meals a week to an independent-living senior is \$1,800.

Ms. Berry said Covid concerns caused congregated lunch sites in the two counties to close in March 2020. However, they reopened in January 2022. In addition to providing



Alexandra Morales serves lunch to Beatrice Aranda at the Madella Hilliard Neighborhood Center, 803 West Eighth Street.

hot lunches five days a week, the congregated gatherings also enable seniors to enjoy games such as bingo or dominoes. They might also hear informative presentations, such as how to improve their balance or manage diabetes. Or, as Ms. Berry notes, they might just hang out and enjoy a cup of coffee.

Meals on Wheels asks its senior clients for a donation of \$3 per lunch (\$7 for guests at the congregated sites). On the menu one recent day was fish sandwiches, coleslaw, diced carrots and milk.

"But nobody is ever turned away," Ms. Berry said. "The Georgetown site also has bread and sweets (from HEB) that they get in, once a week, and anybody can come by and pick that up."

Friendly social interaction is also important for home-bound clients. The Meals on Wheels delivery driver might be the only person he or she sees all day, Ms. Berry said.

Meals are delivered five days a week, 52 weeks a year, with drivers stocking their clients up on shelf-stable nonperishables when bad weather is in the forecast.

In Georgetown, home deliveries are coor-

dinated through the efforts of 10 churches, enlisting a total of about 400 volunteers who drive on a rotating basis.

Participating churches include St. Helen's Catholic, Christ Lutheran, Faith Lutheran, First Presbyterian, San Gabriel Presbyterian, Crestview Baptist, First United Methodist, Wellspring Methodist, The Worship Place and Hill Country Community Groups.

"Our biggest need is volunteers," Ms. Berry said. "Not so much in Georgetown, because the churches cover it, but the other sites are always in need."

For more information about how to sign up for services or how to volunteer, contact Ms. Berry or one of the individual sites.

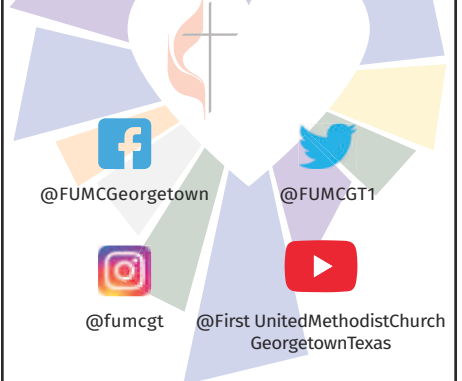
Meals on Wheels operates with an annual budget of between \$1.3 and \$1.4 million, Ms. Berry said. Approximately 60 percent of funding comes from grants and 40 percent from donations. Georgetown Health Foundation and the St. David's Foundation are major grant providers.

The organization also sponsors an annual fundraiser, held in the spring. The 2022 "Sip and Shop" event was held in April. ■

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The ladies from Women Helping Others perform many service projects in the community. One of their annual efforts is the packaging of Christmas cookies, to accompany holiday meals for residents served by Meals on Wheels and The Caring Place.

## Women Helping Others makes a big impact

BY BRAD STUTZMAN

Behind every good man there stands a woman. Or so the saying goes. But for the Sun City ladies in Women Helping Others, it boils down to this: Behind every good woman, there stands another good woman.

Boasting more than 300 members, and growing, the energetic women of WHO are known for their distinctive owl pins, as well as the many good works they've been doing for more than a decade.

"It just makes you feel so good, that you've done something for somebody that really needed it," WHO member Anne Marshall said.

Founded in 2010, WHO started out as a neighborhood interest group. After meeting the 50-member threshold, it received the Sun City Community Association's official recognition as a chartered club.

WHO grew to about 130 members by 2016, then 281 in 2020 and an all-time high

of 326 women in 2021. Men are not excluded, members noted.

"We have husbands that help out," Ms. Marshall said.

WHO's mission is to support nonprofit organizations in Williamson County, with both financial donations and volunteer assistance. The WHO ladies seek to foster fellowship, camaraderie and inclusion.

The organization helps more than 20 local nonprofits annually. These include Brookwood in Georgetown (BiG), The Caring Place, The Georgetown Project, Opportunities for Williamson and Burnet Counties (Meals on Wheels) and the Ride on Center for Kids.

All told, in 2021 WHO's donations of money and materials for local nonprofits totaled \$118,808.

"I can't believe we've been so successful," said former WHO President Nina Stancil, who serves as the group's historian. "It's because so many smart, wonderful ladies want to get involved." ■

## Who the WHO donates to

In addition to raising more than \$100,000 for local nonprofits during the past year, Women Helping Others President Terry Fierle reported that in 2021 WHO provided the following:

- 400 children's books and 200 adult books to Library Houses for Head Start and senior citizens.
- Electric fans, donated to Family Elder Care for that nonprofit's fan drive.
- Supplies for children during the Wonders & Worries product drive. Wonders & Worries is an Austin nonprofit that provides free professional support for children during a parent's illness.
- Cleaning supplies and toiletries during the Hope House product drive. Hope House provides residential care for severely disabled children and adults.
- Dry goods donated throughout the year to Helping Hands of Georgetown. Helping Hands operates a mobile food pantry and provides other social services.

Joining Terry Fierle on the WHO board this past year have been Maria Tolleson, vice president of programs; Marilyn Rawnsley, secretary; Ramona Thomas, treasurer; Judy Blakely, parliamentarian; and Judy Aishman, immediate past president.



Jill Gonzalez, executive director of The Women's Storybook Project of Texas, meets with WHO Vice President Maria Tolleson in March 2022.

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# Volunteering in Georgetown

Nonprofit organizations offer help to those in need

The Georgetown community is filled with a host of opportunities that help organizations, individuals and families in the area. Browse this non-comprehensive list to see where your interests and talents can make a difference, and get involved or volunteer.

## Annunciation Maternity Home

3610 Shell Road  
512-866-7755  
[www.thematernityhome.org](http://www.thematernityhome.org)

Annunciation Maternity Home provides housing, education and access to health services to young mothers facing an unplanned pregnancy. Volunteer opportunities include fundraising, tutoring, administrative support, event planning and being a life skills instructor.

## Assistance League of Georgetown Area

900 North Austin Avenue  
512-864-2542  
[www.assistanceleague.org/georgetown-area](http://www.assistanceleague.org/georgetown-area)

The Assistance League provides several support programs in central Williamson County, including mentoring and reading to school children, providing refreshments and entertainment at memory care facilities, new clothing and shoes to children, gift cards to first-year teachers, and college scholarships to qualifying students from Georgetown, Jarrell and Florence ISDs. Volunteers are Assistance League members who can choose from the philanthropic programs and committees that interest them and would benefit from their special skills.

## Boys & Girls Club of Georgetown

1100 Thousand Oaks Boulevard  
512-868-3700  
[www.bgctx.org/Georgetown/Georgetown1bgca](http://www.bgctx.org/Georgetown/Georgetown1bgca)

The Boys & Girls Club works to enable young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. It is committed to providing a safe place for youth to learn and grow, offer on-going relationships with caring, adult professionals, and engage in life-enhancing programs and character development experiences. Volunteers can assist in fine arts, crafts, dance, music, computer technology, and many more childcare and kids' activities. Homework helpers, tutors and sports enthusiasts are also



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Volunteer Trey Smith of Georgetown, helps get gift boxes to families during 2015's Blue Santa distribution. Pre-qualified Georgetown families were on hand to today to receive gift boxes to make their holiday season a little merrier. Blue Santa was coordinated by the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and the Georgetown Police Department. For this year's Blue Santa, approximately 700 Georgetown families were served.

needed. The times of greatest need are between 3 - 6 p.m., weekdays. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

## The Caring Place

2000 Railroad Avenue  
512-943-0700  
[www.caringplacetx.org](http://www.caringplacetx.org)

The Caring Place provides for basic human needs in the community — food programs; rent, mortgage, and utility assistance; clothing, housewares, and furniture; medical and transportation assistance; and case management. The Caring Place offers volunteers over 30 different service options, spread across morning and afternoon shifts, Monday through Saturday, and a late shift on Thursday night in the store. Volunteer jobs include receptionist, switchboard operator, intake, client advocate, quality assurance, pantry client helper, donation area worker, cashier, merchandisers, pricers and security. Contact the agency to learn how Covid-19 protocols have affected volunteer opportunities.

## CASA of Williamson County

2100 Scenic Drive, Ste. 110  
512-868-2822  
[www.casawilco.org](http://www.casawilco.org)

CASA — Court Appointed Special Advocates — work for the welfare of children in the foster care system. CASA volunteers are screened and trained, and then appointed by judges to represent and advocate for a child's best interests. CASA volunteers are the "eyes and ears" for the judge in child welfare cases. This includes researching each child's situation and making objective recommendations to help them reclaim their childhoods from abuse and neglect. CASA volunteers are frequently the only stable presence in these children's lives as they navigate the foster care system. Volunteers must be at least 21 years old.

## Faith in Action Georgetown

P.O. Box 743  
Georgetown, Texas, 78627  
512-868-9544  
[www.faithinactiongt.org](http://www.faithinactiongt.org)

Faith in Action helps seniors live independently, even if they are unable to drive. Services offer support through one-on-one rides, the Go-Van-Go program, medical equipment closet, or Buddy Program. Volunteer opportunities include transporting seniors to and from appointments, care calling, and other assistance throughout the year.

## Friends of the Georgetown Public Library

402 West Eighth Street  
512-930-3551  
[www.folgeorgetown.org](http://www.folgeorgetown.org)

Friends of the Georgetown Public Library advocate, raise funds, and provide critical support for the library's educational programs and enrichment activities. The Friends also offers the Hill Country Author Series. Volunteers are needed to staff its bookstore, Second Hand Prose, and for fundraising, communications, art/design, and technology efforts.



### Georgetown Animal Shelter

110 Walden Drive  
512-930-3592  
[www.pets.georgetown.org](http://www.pets.georgetown.org)

The Georgetown Animal Shelter cares for dogs and cats awaiting adoption by a loving family. Volunteers help as adoption guides, and with cat chores and socialization, dog kennel chores, dog walking, fostering, grounds work, offsite adoption events and office help. Volunteers must be 16 or older and pass a background check.

### Georgetown Police Department Blue Santa

3500 D.B. Wood Road  
512-930-2747  
[www.bluesanta.georgetown.org](http://www.bluesanta.georgetown.org)

GPD's Blue Santa provides toys to more than 1,500 children during its annual toy drive and distribution. Each year, the Georgetown Police Department, its department volunteers, and volunteer individuals and businesses join forces to hold special events or set up donation barrels to collect toys. Toys are sorted into age-appropriate categories and special Christmas boxes are filled for families who apply for assistance. Volunteers can help by conducting fundraising drives or toy drives. Contact the Blue Santa Project Manager for information.

### The Georgetown Project

2308 Old Airport Road  
512-943-0074  
[www.georgetownproject.org](http://www.georgetownproject.org)

The Georgetown Project identifies needs and develops resources, relationships and services so that area youth become caring, capable and resilient individuals. The 35-plus agencies and organizations involved with The Georgetown Project Collaborative for Children and Youth represent a strong, interconnected service community that maps local resources, identifies needs and gaps in services, and networks to fill the gaps for families. Information about volunteer opportunities is available at [www.georgetownproject.org/welcome/volunteer](http://www.georgetownproject.org/welcome/volunteer)

### Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County

2108 North Austin Avenue  
512-863-4344  
[www.williamsonhabitat.org](http://www.williamsonhabitat.org)

Habitat for Humanity partners with people in the community to help them build or improve a place they can call home. In the past two decades, Habitat has built 76 new homes and repaired 78. Volunteers can work individually or as a group, and construction



Meals on Wheels volunteers Rick Fitzgerald and his wife Peggy deliver hot meals to Billy Freeman and his wife, Charlene February 12, 2014.

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experience is not required. Volunteers can also work at Habitat's Georgetown ReStore.

### Handcrafts Unlimited

104 West Eighth Street  
512-869-1812  
[www.handcraftsunlimited.com](http://www.handcraftsunlimited.com)

Handcrafts Unlimited is an all-volunteer, nonprofit retail store located on the Courthouse Square featuring handcrafts and stitchery items made by local artists who are 50 years old and older. The store offers needlework items which include quilts, knitted and crocheted pieces; wood creations; ceramics and pottery, jewelry, artistic cards, toys, and gifts. Volunteer opportunities — which “feed the creative spirit” according to store manager Kate Challengworth — include sales, consignments, display, hospitality, special events, publicity, bookkeeping and computer work.

### Helping Hands of Georgetown

107 Halmar Cove, Ste. 232  
512-688-3593  
[www.helpinghandsgtx.org](http://www.helpinghandsgtx.org)

Helping Hands works to provide food security and additional social services. In 2020, it launched a mobile food pantry. The organization distributes about 600 brown bag meals and water each week. Volunteers are needed to work both in the office and at the food pantry van.

### Literacy Council of Williamson County

805 West University Avenue  
512-869-0497  
[www.literacycouncilwilco.org](http://www.literacycouncilwilco.org)

Literacy Council WILCO is a nonprofit organization serving adults through literacy education. The council provides GED, English as a Second Language (ESL), Adult Basic Education and Vocational Training. The Literacy Council relies on 80 to 100 volunteers to help fulfill its mission. Volunteer tutors are needed to teach adults to read, write, and speak English. Tutors are also needed to help adults who did not finish high school earn a GED to expand their work options. Volunteers also help in the office, plan special events, write grants, create publicity, and serve on the council's board of directors.

### Meals on Wheels of Williamson and Burnet County—Georgetown

604 High Tech Drive  
512-763-1400  
[www.owbc-tx.org/meals-on-wheels](http://www.owbc-tx.org/meals-on-wheels)

Part of Opportunities for Williamson and Burnet Counties, the senior nutrition program provides consistent and healthy meals to seniors in need each weekday. It offers meals at select OWBC centers, as well as home-delivered meals to those whose mobility is limited. Individuals, groups and

businesses are invited to volunteer for meal deliveries.

### Miniwonders Equine Therapy

2811 County Road 152  
[www.miniwonderstexas.org](http://www.miniwonderstexas.org)

Miniwonders is a nonprofit organization that provides group or one-on-one therapy-trained miniature horses at nursing homes and assisted living centers, hospitals, hospice facilities, or to anyone in need of comfort or company. Volunteers help with barn work, visits and marketing.

### Ride On Center for Kids (ROCK)

2050 Rockride Lane  
512-930-7625  
[www.rockride.org](http://www.rockride.org)

ROCK provides equine-assisted services to children, adults, and veterans with physical, cognitive and emotional challenges. Its mission is to improve independence and life skills in partnership with the horse. ROCK is a PATH Intl. (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International) Premier Accredited Center. Volunteer opportunities include sidewalkers, horse handlers, barn maintenance, special events, office assistance and work groups. Volunteer training courses are offered throughout the year and, while horse experience is valued, it is not required.





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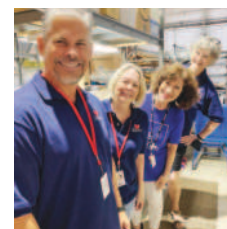
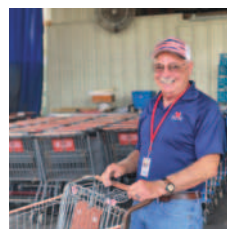


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### Salvation Army Williamson County

1930 South Austin Avenue, Ste. 101  
512-943-8421  
[www.salvationarmyaustin.org/williamson-county-service-center](http://www.salvationarmyaustin.org/williamson-county-service-center)

The Williamson County Service Center offers urgently-needed services to adults and children facing the possibility of homelessness in Williamson County. It offers intake and assessment of the needs of men, women, and children to provide direct services (e.g., food, rent, and utility assistance) and refers qualified individuals to other important social services in the county. It also supports the community through a nursing home ministry, a youth music program, summer day camps, and outreach to disadvantaged neighborhoods. Volunteers can assist with Salvation Army events or by ringing a bell at a Salvation Army Red Kettle during the holidays.

### United Way of Williamson County

1111 North Interstate 35 Frontage Road, Ste. 220, Round Rock  
512-255-6719  
[www.unitedway-wc.org/volunteer](http://www.unitedway-wc.org/volunteer)

United Way's focus is on education, health, and financial stability — the build-



Dean Yeoman of Georgetown got to spend time with Charmer, a miniature horse brought by Miniwonders Equine Therapy, during Market Days April 10, 2021.

ing blocks of quality of life. United Way has a wide variety of volunteer opportunities — virtual, individual and small group, and corporate. Check them out online.

### Williamson County Brown Santa

508 South Rock Street  
512-943-1300  
[www.wilco.org/brownsanta](http://www.wilco.org/brownsanta)  
Email: [brownsantawilco@gmail.com](mailto:brownsantawilco@gmail.com)  
Williamson County Sheriff's Brown San-

ta supports children through a general distribution of toys, books and stuffed animals for Christmas. Volunteers help provide a more personal Christmas experience through Adopt-A-Family. AAF reviews situations and assigns families in need to sponsors. The sponsor then engages the family directly to understand the specific needs (toys, clothing, food, etc.), shops for the gifts, wraps gifts (based on family preference) and delivers the gifts to the parents.

### Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter

1855 SE Inner Loop  
512-943-3322  
[www.pets.wilco.org](http://www.pets.wilco.org)

The Wilco animal shelter cares for dogs and cats awaiting adoption by a loving family. Its mission is to provide a safe haven — with compassionate and humane treatment — for the lost and unwanted pets in Williamson County. Volunteers are needed to foster animals, walk/socialize dogs, socialize cats, clean, work off-site events, do laundry and/or administrative tasks, help with photography and video of shelter animals, and much more. One-time volunteer opportunities for community, school, church, and other groups are also available. ■

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# Animal shelters and resources

## The Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter

Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter is the only shelter solely devoted to the lost and abandoned animals of Round Rock, Cedar Park, Hutto, Leander and Williamson County overall. The shelter's mission is to provide a safe haven, with compassionate and humane treatment, for the lost and unwanted pets in our jurisdiction. The shelter cares for more than 7,000 animals each year and has achieved a 90 percent or over save rate for the past 11 years. Volunteers are needed to help walk dogs, socialize cats, and many other tasks like attending off-site adoption events, helping with fundraisers, and fostering. Go to [wilcopets.org](http://wilcopets.org) to learn more.



A mural decorates the Georgetown Animal Shelter.

## Georgetown Animal Shelter

The Georgetown Animal Shelter is the open-intake municipal shelter for the City of Georgetown, accepting stray and surrendered animals from city residents. Last fiscal year, the shelter took in 1,308 animals, found new

homes for 636, returned 282 to their owners, and transferred 70 to rescue groups. The shelter recorded a 95.7 percent "live release rate" last year and has achieved no-kill status for the last 7 years. Animal Services also oversees

Animal Control Officers, who responded to 3,567 calls last year. The shelter has an active volunteer program and a fund-raising partner called Friends of the Georgetown Animal Shelter.

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## Living Grace Canine Ranch

Living Grace Canine Ranch is a "pet sanctuary" that offers older dogs the chance to live out their remaining years in comfort and safety. Many of the residents have been abandoned due to their age and health complications, or lost their owners due to death or moving to assisted living.

The nonprofit organization is a labor of love for Karen Marengi and her sister, Rhonda Minardi, Living Grace's founder. The idea grew from their ailing mother's decline and her worry about what would happen to her older dog.

The ranch sits on a five-acre property in Bertram and houses two large buildings for senior dogs. Living Grace's first building — a 2,283-square-foot space — houses around 28 dogs, each with their own apartment. The second building, Gary's Big Dog Bunkhouse, is designed for large breed dogs, which will allow for additional dogs to be housed at the facility. This new building also holds a storm shelter, as well as an on-site medical facility.

Currently there 70 senior dogs living out their retirement at Living Grace. The facility is run largely by volunteers who walk, cuddle, and care for the dogs.



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# Georgetown Public Library

Award-winning services found in town

**G**eorgetown Public Library annually wins awards for a reason. The library's artwork, music programs, staff and Friends of the Library — the library's fundraising supporters — are all top notch. That, of course, is in addition to a vast selection of books, publications, public computers, archives and services made available to Georgetown residents.

Support and love for the library is obvious. Georgetown is the first library in a city with a population under 100,000 to have a Friends of the Library membership of more than 1,000.

The Georgetown Public Library offers programs and services for all ages.

Like many local organizations and businesses in 2020 and 2021, the Georgetown

Public Library switched many of their award-winning services virtually or outdoors — programs for adults and children, as well as live music, art exhibit, story times and other events.

Last summer, in-person programs were reintroduced, but some innovations have been made permanent.

A virtual program that gained popularity, Tuesday Talks hosted by Ann Evans and Britin Bostick are still on the calendar. Through the series, the pair discuss the history and architecture of Georgetown.

Library began hosting children and family programs at Chautauqua Park in Georgetown. These events have been received well and will continue, barring the heat making it too uncomfortable. Last summer, these

outdoor events included a magic show and a stuffed animal sleepover.

Library programs are viewable at [library.georgetown.org](http://library.georgetown.org), or by stopping by the Library at 402 West Eighth Street to get more information. ■

## Some popular programs include:

- Summer reading program
- The WOW! Book Mobile
- Live music
- Art exhibits
- Legal clinics
- Tuesday Talks

For learn more about library programs, check out [library.georgetown.org](http://library.georgetown.org)

## Other libraries in Williamson County

- A. Frank Smith Jr. Library on Southwestern University's campus, 1001 East University Avenue
- Taylor Public Library, 810 Vance Street
- Round Rock Public Library, 221 East Main Street
- Leander Public Library, 1011 South Bagdad
- Jarrell Community Library, 113 Limestone Terrace, Jarrell
- Eula Hunt Beck Public Library, 207 East Main Street, Florence
- Cedar Park Public Library, 550 Discovery Boulevard
- Hutto Public Library, 205 West Street
- Liberty Hill Public Library, 355 Texas 332 Loop



## EDUCATION

# Georgetown ISD

Strong economy, residential growth continues to boost Georgetown ISD enrollment

**A** strong economy in Central Texas — and record-breaking housing starts in Georgetown — is expected to produce 5 percent growth in GISD's enrollment in each of the next seven years.

GISD can expect to enroll more than 16,100 students by 2026 — and more than 20,380 by 2031, demographers have told district trustees.

Enrollment for the 2021-22 school year was 12,665, a 6.6 percent increase from the previous school year. Enrollment dipped slightly — 2.4 percent — in 2020-21; however, the number of students in 2021-22 exceeded 2019-20's enrollment of 12,160.

Williamson County's current housing boom is the reason for GISD's projected fast growth.

GISD ranked second among Central Texas' 20 school districts in new home closings — 2,423 — in the third quarter of 2021. Only Leander ISD outpaced Georgetown with 2,682 home closings in the same period.

Liberty Hill, Hays, and Pflugerville round out the top five communities in home closings.

GISD is expected to top the home closings ranking within the next few years as Leander nears a buildout.

Georgetown should expect this building cycle to continue for the next 15-20 years, demographers say.

The district is experiencing high residential growth in three areas — northwest, southwest, and southeast. Ford, Wolf Ranch, and Williams elementary schools will be the most impacted.

GISD's area has 65 actively-building residential subdivisions and 30 future subdivisions, and groundwork is underway on more than 3,690 lots throughout the district.

In November 2021, GISD voters approved funds to build new campuses, repurpose an existing school, and acquire land for future schools. ■



Williams Elementary School fourth grader James Abernathy, front, and fifth grade teammate Jacobi Vermillion, in back, prepare their underwater robotics entry for time in the water during the Georgetown ISD's SeaPerch Challenge, March 25, 2022, at the Georgetown Recreation Center. Students from the district's elementary, middle and high schools guided robots they built themselves through the water for timed competitions on obstacle courses and speed/mission courses.

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## GISD by the numbers 2021-22

**Schools**  
10 Elementary  
4 Middle Schools  
3 High Schools  
2 Alternative Campuses

**Average teacher experience**

12.3 years

**Student enrollment**

12,655

**Graduation rate**

95.5%

**Staff**

1,911

**ACT/SAT scores (2020-21)**

23.1 ACT average

1021 SAT average

**Class size**

Elementary: 17.4

Secondary: 15.7

**Fine arts programs**

16

**Athletic programs**

13

Georgetown High School mascot Georgie, left, and East View High School mascot Paul the Patriot, right, at the stadium the schools have shared since 2012 for home football games.



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# Georgetown ISD Board of Trustees

Georgetown Independent School District is governed by a seven-member board of trustees. Each member serves the entire community for a three-year term of office. Elections are conducted annually in May.

GISD’s school board meets on the third Monday of each month, unless it conflicts with an academic holiday. Board meetings are held in the boardroom of the Georgetown ISD Hammerlun Center for Leadership and Learning, 507 East University Avenue. Trustees meet in open session at 7 p.m. unless a change is noted in the official posted agenda. Public comments are welcome from any member of the public who has complied with district procedures for signing up to speak.

More information about trustees is available at [www.georgetownisd.org/domain/93](http://www.georgetownisd.org/domain/93)

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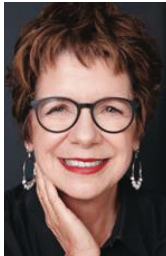
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# GISD growth = new schools

In November 2021, Georgetown ISD voters approved \$333.42 million in school bonds to fund school construction, design, or land acquisition for several new campuses. Here’s what’s coming in the years ahead.

- Two new elementary schools.
- A new middle school in the far northwest quadrant of the district that will replace Benold Middle School. Benold will be remodeled and repurposed as Frost Elementary. The existing Frost building will close.
- A Future-Ready Learning complex that will serve high school students in advanced career and technical programs, and house Richarte High School, the Bridges 18+ program, Early Learning Center, and the GISD Health & Wellness Center.
- Agricultural barns at East View and Georgetown high schools.
- Land acquisition for future schools
- Design services for future schools, including a third high school. ■

## 2021 GISD bond construction timeline\* (tentative)

Project	Start design	Start construction	Complete construction
Future Ready Learning Complex	Complete	May 2022	May 2024
New Benold Middle School	Complete	October 2022	June 2024
Elementary School No. 11	Early 2022	March 2023	June 2024
Agricultural Barns	August 2022	September 2023	August 2024
Elementary School No. 12	November 2022	February 2024	June 2025
New High School No. 3	June 2022	Future Bond	—
Benold Renovation	January 2023	Future Bond	—

\* As reported to GISD Trustees December 2021. This construction timeline is tentative and may be impacted by availability of materials and labor.



# Schools in Georgetown ISD

## Georgetown ISD Elementary Schools

Georgetown ISD has 10 elementary schools serving students in pre-K through fifth grade.

### George Washington Carver Elementary School

4901 Scenic Lake Dr. 78626  
512-943-5070  
[www.georgetownisd.org/carver](http://www.georgetownisd.org/carver)

2021-22 Enrollment ..... 739  
Capacity..... 890  
Mascot..... Colts  
Opened..... 2015 (Current campus)

**Named for:** Carver is the third GISD campus to bear the name of the esteemed botanist George Washington Carver. The original Carver School was a segregated school for African American children of all grades. Closed and demolished in 1964, the original Carver was located near Blue Hole Park. Replacing Carver was a new school located at Scenic Drive and 17th Street that opened as a segregated school. It was named Westside and enrolled students in grades 1-12. Following court rulings and community pressure, GISD agreed in 1965 to full integration of its schools by 1967, and Westside became a desegregated elementary campus. In the early 1990s, the school's name was changed from Westside to George Washington Carver Elementary School, in honor of the original Carver School. The campus was closed in 2015 and the Carver name was transferred again to the current Carver Elementary School.

**Tracks to:** Tippit Middle School, East View High School

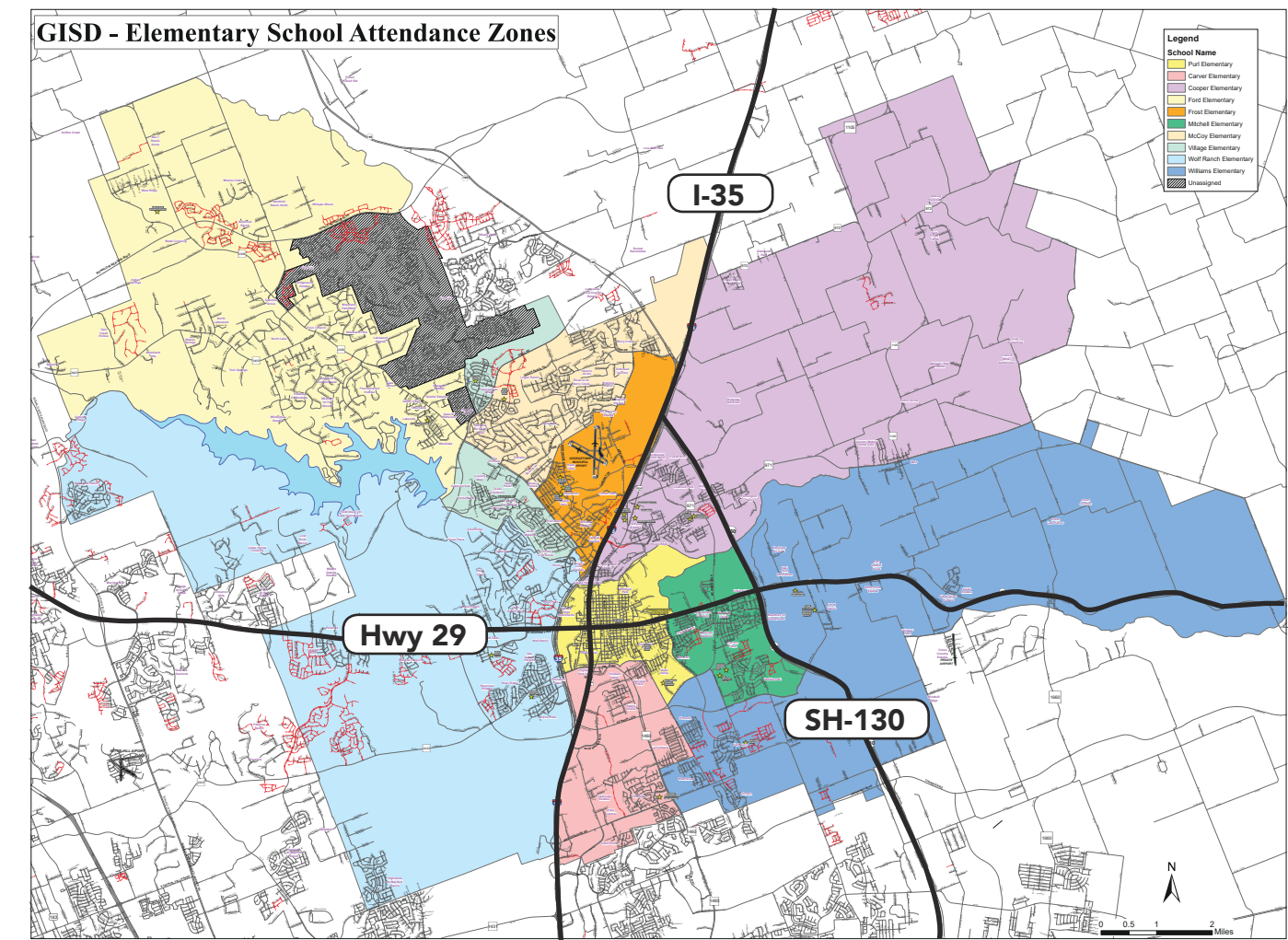
### Pat Cooper Elementary School

1921 NE Inner Loop 78626  
512-943-5060  
[www.georgetownisd.org/cooper](http://www.georgetownisd.org/cooper)

2021-22 Enrollment..... 593  
Capacity..... 693  
Mascot ..... Cougars  
Opened ..... 1999

**Named for:** The school was named for Patricia Webb Cooper was a GISD teacher who served students at Carver, Williams, and Pickett elementary schools. In 1995, she was voted by her colleagues as Williams Elementary Teacher of the Year.

**Tracks to:** Forbes Middle School, East View High School



### Jo Ann Ford Elementary School

210 Woodlake Dr. 78628  
512-943-5180  
[www.georgetownisd.org/ford](http://www.georgetownisd.org/ford)

2021-22 Enrollment..... 541  
Capacity..... 836  
Mascot..... Mustangs  
Opened ..... 2004

**Named for:** Dr. Jo Ann Ford was an educator who served as principal of Carver, Pickett and Williams elementaries and at Benold Middle School before retiring in 2000. She was the state's first-ever vocational adjustment coordinator, helping students with disabilities at Georgetown High School.

**Tracks to:** Benold Middle School and Georgetown High School

### Jack Frost Elementary School

711 Lakeway Dr. 78628  
512-943-5020  
[www.georgetownisd.org/frost](http://www.georgetownisd.org/frost)

2021-22 Enrollment ..... 365  
Capacity ..... 552  
Mascot ..... Polar Bears  
Opened ..... 1986

**Named for:** Jack Frost is a former Georgetown ISD superintendent who served from 1969 to 1988.

**Tracks to:** Benold Middle School and Georgetown High School

### Raye McCoy Elementary School

401 Bellaire Dr. 78628  
512-943-5030  
[www.georgetownisd.org/mccoy](http://www.georgetownisd.org/mccoy)

2021-22 Enrollment..... 483  
Capacity..... 808  
Mascot..... Bobcats  
Opened ..... 2012

**Named for:** The current campus is the second GISD campus to bear the name of esteemed educator Raye Baldwin McCoy who

was a Spanish teacher for the district from 1949 until 1977. The original McCoy building at 1313 Williams Dr., served the district from 1964 to 2010.

**Tracks to:** Forbes Middle School and Georgetown High School

### James E. Mitchell Elementary School


1601 Rockride Ln. 78626  
512-943-1820  
[www.georgetownisd.org/mitchell](http://www.georgetownisd.org/mitchell)

2021-22 Enrollment ..... 671  
Capacity ..... 792  
Mascot ..... Mavericks  
Opened ..... 2008


**Named for:** James E. Mitchell helped create and support several district programs, including Partners in Education

**Tracks to:** Wagner Middle School and East View High School





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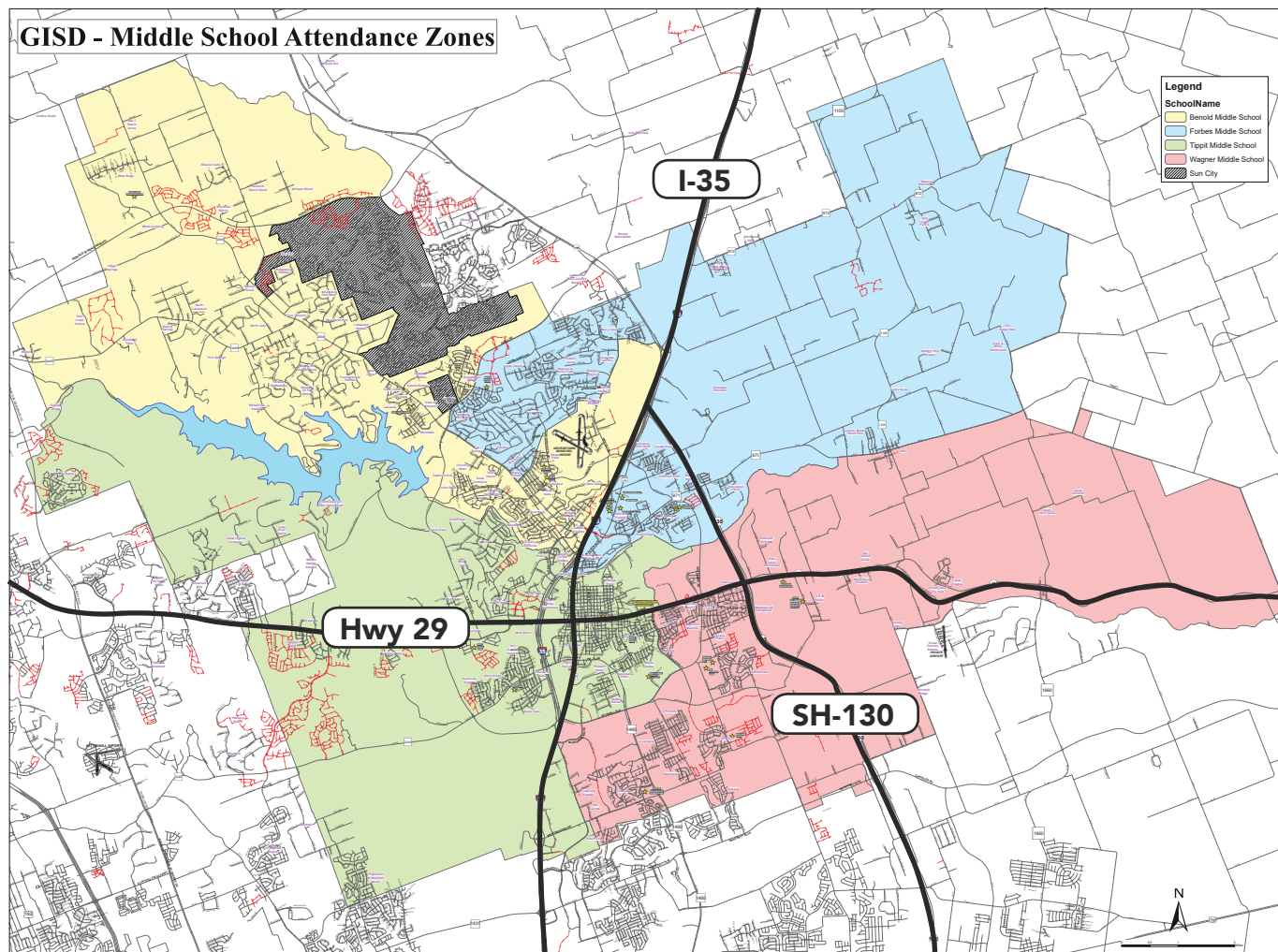
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## Annie Purl Elementary School

1953 Maple St. 78626  
512-943-5080  
[www.georgetownisd.org/apurl](http://www.georgetownisd.org/apurl)

2021-22 Enrollment.....614  
Capacity.....869  
Mascot.....Pumas  
Opened .....2017

**Named for:** The school takes the name of Annie Lee Purl, a legendary Georgetown educator who served generations of children from 1901 to 1950. The current campus replaced the previous 64-year old building  
**Tracks to:** Tippit Middle School and East View High School

## Village Elementary School

400 Village Commons Blvd. 78633  
512-943-5140  
[www.georgetownisd.org/village](http://www.georgetownisd.org/village)

2021-22 Enrollment 460  
Capacity .....633  
Mascot .....Stingrays

Opened .....1998  
**Named for:** The school is located in the Village community.  
**Tracks to:** Benold Middle School and Georgetown High School

## Everette L. Williams Elementary School

4101 Southwestern Blvd. 78626  
512-943-5160  
[www.georgetownisd.org/williams](http://www.georgetownisd.org/williams)

2021-22 Enrollment.....542  
Capacity.....850  
Mascot.....Roadrunners  
Opened .....2020

**Named for:** Everette “Pop” Williams served as the high school principal in GISD for 19 years at the original Georgetown High School  
**Tracks to:** Wagner Middle School and East View High School

## Wolf Ranch Elementary School

1201 Jay Wolf Dr. 78628  
512-943-5050  
[www.georgetownisd.org/wolfranch](http://www.georgetownisd.org/wolfranch)

2021-22 Enrollment.....655  
Capacity.....850  
Mascot.....Pioneers  
Opened .....2020  
**Named for:** It is named after the Wolf Ranch community in which it is located  
**Tracks to:** Tippit Middle School and East View High School

## Georgetown ISD Middle Schools

Georgetown ISD has four middle schools located in the northwest, northeast, southwest, and southeast quadrants of the school district.

## Benold Middle School

3407 Northwest Blvd. 78628  
512-943-5090  
[www.georgetownisd.org/benold](http://www.georgetownisd.org/benold)

2021-22 Enrollment 726  
Capacity.....974  
Mascot.....Eagles  
Opened .....1996  
**Named for:** Dr. Douglas Benold is a re-



tired family physician who, as a member of the GISD Board of Trustees, helped expedite desegregation during the 1960s.  
**Tracks to:** Georgetown High School

**Forbes Middle School**

1911 NE Loop 78626  
512-843-5150  
www.georgetownisd.org/forbes

2021-22 Enrollment 659  
Capacity..... 974  
Mascot.....Falcons  
Opened.....2001  
**Named for:** Charles Forbes served as mayor of Georgetown and was a member of the GISD Board of Trustees  
**Tracks to:** Georgetown High School

**James Tippit Middle School**

1601 Leander Rd. 78628  
512-943-5040  
www.georgetownisd.org/tippit

2021-22 .....Enrollment 578  
Capacity.....808  
Mascot.....Titans  
Opened.....1981; Renovated 2018  
**Named for:** James Tippit taught biology at Georgetown High School for 23 years.  
**Tracks to:** East View High School

**George Wagner Middle School**

1621 Rockride Ln. 78626  
512-943-1830  
www.georgetownisd.org/wagner  
2021-22 Enrollment 857  
Capacity..... 950  
Mascot..... Wolves  
Opened.....2017  
**Named for:** The school is named after George Wagner, a dedicated student mentor  
**Tracks to:** East View High School

**Georgetown High Schools**

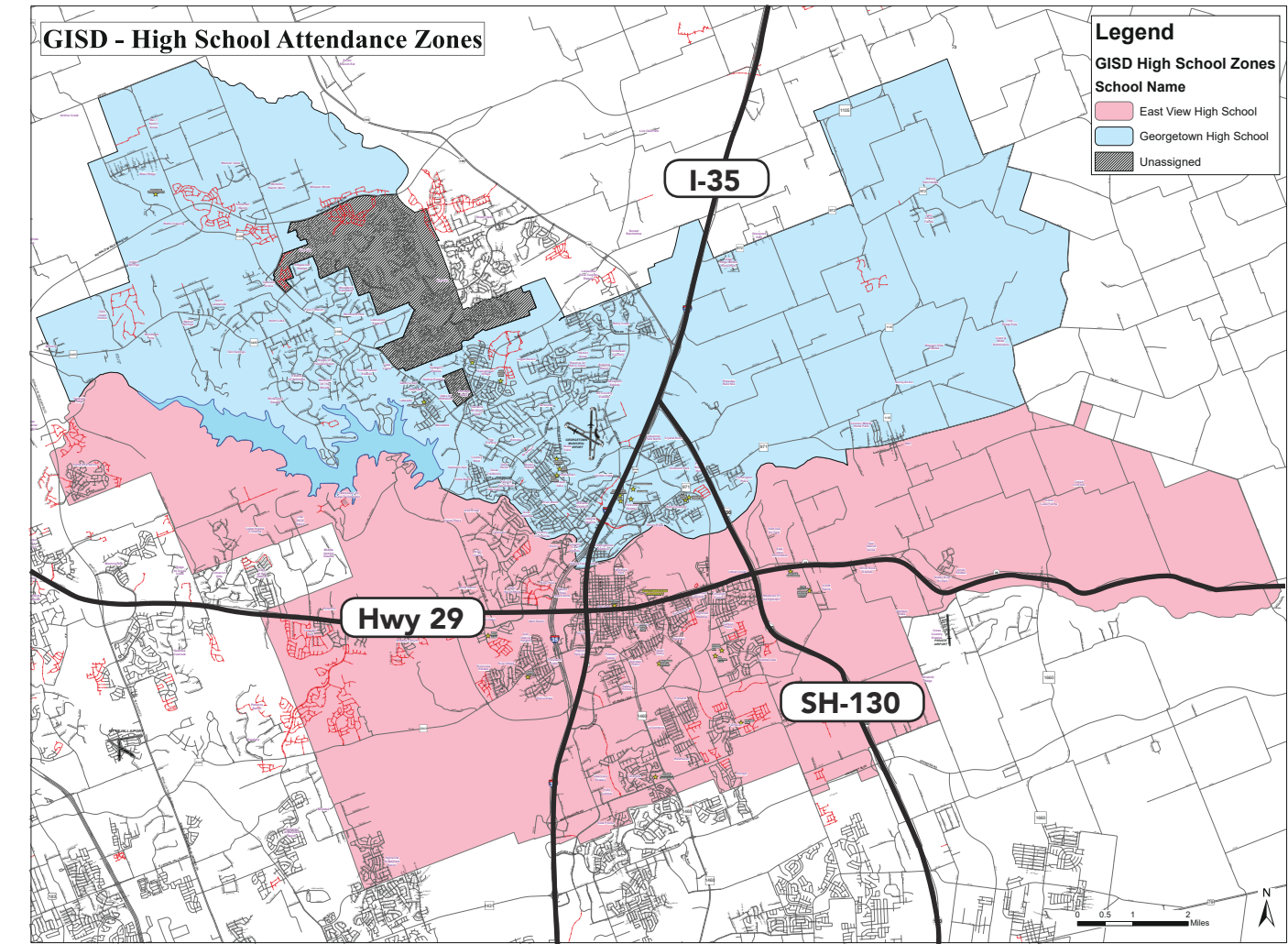
Georgetown ISD has three high schools — two traditional four-year campuses and an alternative school of choice that serves students in grade 10-12.

**East View High School**

4490 E. University Ave. 78626  
512-943-1800  
www.georgetownisd.org/eastview

2021-22 Enrollment.....2,034  
Capacity.....2,000  
Mascot.....Patriots  
UIL Conference..... 5A  
Opened.....2001

**Named for:** The school has scenic views to the east and north; the school looks out toward Walburg, Theon, Weir, Jonah, Granger, Circleville, and Taylor.



**Georgetown High School**

2211 N. Austin Ave. 78626  
512-943-5100  
www.georgetownisd.org/ghs

2021-22 Enrollment.....1,978  
Capacity.....2,250  
Grades.....9-12  
Mascot.....Eagles  
UIL Division..... 5A  
Opened.....1975; Renovated 2018

**Named for:** The original GHS opened on University Avenue in 1924. That building now houses GISD’s administration center

**Richarte High School**

2295 N. Austin Ave.  
512-943-5120  
www.georgetownisd.org/richarte

2021-22 Enrollment.....107  
Capacity.....250  
Grades.....10-12

Mascot.....Lions  
**Program:** GISD’s academic alternative school of choice. Students graduate with the State high school diploma, meeting course requirements of the Texas Education Agency. Richarte does not offer a GED program.  
Opened.....1992

**Named for:** Sipriana “Chip” Richarte, was a GISD registered nurse from 1980 to 1991, beloved by students, parents, and co-workers for her care and concern.

**Georgetown Alternative Campuses**

**Georgetown Alternative Program (GAP)**

502 Patriot Way 78626  
512-943-5196  
www.georgetownisd.org/gap

2021-22 Enrollment.....Varies  
Capacity.....80

Grades.....6-12  
**Program:** GAP is the Discipline Alternative Education Program addressing behavior, character building, decision-making, self-control, and improving academic skills.  
Opened.....1996

**Successful Transition Education Program (S.T.E.P.)**

200 Wilco Way 78626  
512-943-3260  
www.georgetownisd.org/step

S.T.E.P. is an alternative education campus serving three Williamson County programs: Detention, C.O.R.E., and J.J.A.E.P. Serving grades 6-12, the cooperative effort between the educational community and Williamson County Juvenile Services, has as its primary goals education, academic growth, rehabilitation, personal accountability, and character development.



# GISD Learner Profile guides teaching, learning

BY KATHERINE ANTHONY

Teaching and learning in Georgetown ISD is guided by the Learner Profile, a document created together by the district and community in 2015 to design a learning model that includes customization and innovation at every level.

Development of the Learner Profile began with four community-wide education summits, followed by an online survey in which the community was asked to prioritize information received from those summits. The district then hosted a series of focus groups representing parents, students, teachers, principals, district staff, community leaders and business members to gather additional input.

Lastly, a design team comprised of 45 internal and external stakeholders reviewed the data collected from the summits, forums and online survey to develop the Georgetown ISD Learner Profile.

The document describes the qualities and skills Georgetown students will develop to become successful, lifelong learners.

## The Georgetown ISD Learner

- **Communicates, collaborates, and applies critical thinking**

The GISD learner effectively communicates, in writing, verbally and graphically, for varied purposes and audiences; the learner works within diverse teams, both as a leader and contributor, to accomplish a common goal.

- **Creates and innovates**

The GISD learner is able to produce artifacts of their learning to demonstrate mastery of specific concepts and skills; innovators form a unique solution to a common problem.

- **Obtains knowledge through inquiry and exploration**

The GISD learner will learn through asking questions and problem solving that takes the learner to a deeper level of understanding.

- **Adapts and perseveres**

The GISD learner will continuously and successfully adjust to diverse situations and



Raiden Lupton, a first grader, gets ready to go inside for the first day of classes at Mitchell Elementary School August 19, 2021.

environments. The learner demonstrates tenacity while working through obstacles and discouragement.

- **Develops self-knowledge and personal responsibility**

The GISD learner acknowledges and builds upon personal strengths and weaknesses and takes ownership in academic and social development.

- **Builds and models respectful relationships**

The GISD learner builds relationships based on behaviors and communications towards others that exemplifies mutual respect and understanding. ■



Trey Sullen settles into his kindergarten class on the first day of classes at Mitchell Elementary School August 19, 2021.

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# Private school options plentiful in town

Georgetown's private and charter schools are an alternative to the local school district's offerings. They provide a range of educational options and serve a wide age range of children.

## Private Schools

Private schools are tuition funded and may have admission requirements. Check with the school for additional information.

## Non-Sectarian

### Cantera Montessori School

Infant-age 6  
4400 West State Highway 29  
Georgetown, 78628  
512-948-7199  
[www.msosv.com/cantera/](http://www.msosv.com/cantera/)

### Community Montessori School

Infant-age 15  
500 Pleasant Valley Drive  
Georgetown, 78626  
512-863-7920  
[www.community-montessori.org/](http://www.community-montessori.org/)



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Grayson Roberts draws a map of Europe during a class at Georgetown's Community Montessori School March 2, 2011. The school celebrated its 30th anniversary that year.

## Religious Affiliation

### Grace Academy

Grades K-12  
225 Grace Boulevard  
Georgetown, 78633  
512-864-9500  
[www.gracetx.org/](http://www.gracetx.org/)

### St. Helen Catholic School

Grades PreK-8  
2700 East University Avenue  
Georgetown, 78626  
512-868-0744  
[www.shcslions.org](http://www.shcslions.org)

### MacCasland Christian Academy

Grades K-5  
915 Rockmoor Drive  
Georgetown, 78628  
512-868-9903  
[www.mccaslandchristianacademy.org](http://www.mccaslandchristianacademy.org)

### Zion Lutheran School

Grades PreK-8  
6101 FM 1105  
Georgetown, 78626  
512-863-5343  
[www.zionwalburg.org/zl-school](http://www.zionwalburg.org/zl-school)

## Charter Schools

Charter schools are tuition-free and funded by the State of Texas. Special education services are offered. Students are selected through a lottery process or as space is avail-

able. Check with the school for lottery schedules and other information.

### Gateway College Preparatory School

Grades K-12  
3360 Westinghouse Road  
Georgetown, 78628  
512-868-4947  
[www.gatewaycps.org](http://www.gatewaycps.org)

### Georgetown Charter Academy

Grades K-12  
302 Serenada Drive  
Georgetown, 78628  
512-863-9236  
[www.georgetown.prioritycharterschools.org](http://www.georgetown.prioritycharterschools.org)

### Goodwater Montessori Public Charter School

Ages 3-14  
710 Stadium Drive  
Georgetown, 78626  
512-931-3560  
[www.goodwatermontessori.org](http://www.goodwatermontessori.org)



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- #2 in Texas and #92 in the U.S. for Social Mobility-NLACs
- #2 in Texas and #62 in the U.S. for Best Value-NLACs

Majors: ..... 32  
Pre-Professional Pathways: ..... 7  
Certification Program: ..... 1  
Acceptance Rate (2020): ..... 49%  
Student-Faculty Ratio: ..... 13-1  
Enrollment (2020); ..... 1,505  
Student Organizations: ..... 100  
Athletic Teams: ..... 14  
Tuition & Fees 2022-23: ..... \$63,750  
Scholarships: Every first-year student who is accepted to Southwestern earns a scholarship

Sources: [www.southwestern.edu](http://www.southwestern.edu);  
U.S. News & World Report

Southwestern University sophomore Thalia Stogsdill of San Antonio studies outside on the campus mall September 7, 2020, the opening day of classes.

Georgetown is home to Southwestern University, the oldest institution of higher learning in Texas, chartered by the Republic of Texas in 1840. SU's founders were Methodist missionaries and the university continues its affiliation with the United Methodist Church today.

SU is an independent, four-year undergraduate institution comprising the Brown College of Arts and Sciences, the Garey School of Natural Sciences, and the Sarofim School of Fine Arts. The university has chapters of the Phi Beta Kappa

and Alpha Chi honor societies, and the Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honor society.

The campus is situated on 700 beautiful acres on East University Avenue.

Georgetown residents are invited to attend campus events such as symposia, lectures, theater and musical productions, and art exhibits. A schedule of fine arts events and ticket information can be found at [www.southwestern.edu/sarofim](http://www.southwestern.edu/sarofim)

Lectureships and symposia include the Brown Symposium Series, the Roy and Margaret Shilling Lecture Series, the

Writer's Voice, the Lurlyn and Durwood Fleming Scholar in Residence Program in Religion, the A. Frank Smith, Jr. Distinguished Lecture Program, the Jessie Daniel Ames Lecture, the Willson Lectureships, and Paideia Connections.

Athletically, SU competes in NCAA Division III basketball, cross-country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, and track and field for men and women; men's baseball and football; and women's softball and volleyball. Information about athletics activities can be found at [www.southwesternpirates.com](http://www.southwesternpirates.com) ■



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# School districts across Williamson County

## Bartlett ISD

2021-22 Enrollment: 380  
404 Robinson  
Bartlett, TX 76511  
254-527-3351  
[www.bartlett.txed.net](http://www.bartlett.txed.net)

## Coupland ISD

2021-22 Enrollment: 274  
620 South Commerce Street  
Coupland, TX 78615  
512-856-2424  
[www.couplandisd.org/](http://www.couplandisd.org/)

## Florence ISD

2021-22 Enrollment: 1,100  
306 South College Avenue  
Florence, TX 76527  
254-793-2850  
[www.florenceisd.net/](http://www.florenceisd.net/)

## Georgetown ISD

2021-22 Enrollment: 12,655  
507 East University Avenue  
Georgetown, TX 78626  
[www.georgetownisd.org](http://www.georgetownisd.org)

## Granger ISD

2021-22 Enrollment: 447  
300 North Colorado Street  
Granger, TX 76530  
512-859-2446  
[www.grangerisd.net](http://www.grangerisd.net)

## Hutto ISD

2021-22 Enrollment: 8,400  
200 College Street  
Hutto, TX 78634  
512-759-3771  
[www.hipponation.org](http://www.hipponation.org)

## Jarrell ISD

2021-22 Enrollment: 2,878  
108 East Avenue F  
Jarrell, TX 76537  
512-746-2124  
[www.jarrellisd.org](http://www.jarrellisd.org)

## Leander ISD

2021-22 Enrollment: 42,000  
204 West South Street  
Leander, TX 78646  
512-570-0000  
[www.leanderisd.org](http://www.leanderisd.org)

## Liberty Hill ISD

2021-22 Enrollment: 5,000  
302 Forrest Street  
Liberty Hill, TX 78642  
512-260-5580  
[www.libertyhill.txed.net](http://www.libertyhill.txed.net)

## Round Rock ISD

2021-22 Enrollment: 51,000  
1311 Round Rock Avenue,  
Round Rock, TX 78681  
512-464-5000  
[www.roundrockisd.org](http://www.roundrockisd.org)

## Taylor ISD

2021-22 Enrollment: 3,000  
3101 North Main Street  
Taylor, TX 76574  
512-365-1391  
[www.taylorisd.org](http://www.taylorisd.org)

## Thrall ISD

2021-22 Enrollment: 800  
201 South Bounds  
Thrall, TX 76578  
512-898-0062  
[www.thrallisd.com](http://www.thrallisd.com)

## Senior University of Georgetown

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Senior University's liberal arts-based curriculum includes classes on subjects such as history, psychology, literature, drawing, science, the arts, finance and memoir writing. Classes are taught by professors, current and retired, and other experts who volunteer their time and talent and are enthusiastic and knowledgeable about their specific fields.



The audience applauds as Rudy Apodaca finishes a talk June 7, 2013 for Senior University. Mr. Apodaca, a former judge on the New Mexico Court of Appeals, was one of 10 lecturers in the five-day summer lecture series.

Senior University also offers educational travel to attractions across Texas.

Membership dues are \$50 per person for 12 months. Membership is required

throughout the entire term or travel event, not just at the time of registration. There is an additional enrollment fee of \$70 per person for each fall and winter term and a \$50 fee

for the summer term. Enrollees may register for one course in each time slot in each term.

Call 512-863-1680 for more information, or visit [senioruniv.org](http://senioruniv.org). ■



## *The Williamson Museum*

# Bringing the county's history to life for 25 years

BY ELLEN GREENEY

**T**he Williamson Museum is a treasure trove of historical documents, photos and artifacts along with a full range of arts and cultural activities open to the public — and a gift shop, too.

“We help to preserve and share the unique stories of the county for both present and future generations,” said Nancy Hill, the Museum’s executive director. “In addition, through exhibits and the archived files of Williamson County, the Williamson Museum provides insight, information and relevant material about life in Williamson County since its inception in 1848.”

Curator Kathryn Conrad reported more than 14,000 items are in the permanent collections with a new exhibit featuring the history of the Gault Archaeological Site and the earliest people in the Americas. Other exhibits include the Turn of the Century, County Architecture, and Barquette aka Vander Clyde Broadway, a famous drag aerialist of the 1920s and 1930s from Round Rock.

Memberships and volunteers are the backbone of the museum. Coordinator Andrea Robisheau said that 60-70 active volunteers keep the museum humming, donating more than 1,220 volunteer hours. Compared to the previous year, membership revenue increased over \$1,000 for fiscal year 2021.

Thousands of visitors make their way to the museum each year to view the exhibits and participate in fun events. Frequent activities include Crafting with Cocktails, Night at the Museum, First Friday Ghost Tours from February to November, monthly Salons, local artist exhibits, Friday County Courthouse Tours and more.

Teachers and area students look to the Education Programs Coordinator Danelle Houck for activities and interesting topics through the various educational programs, traveling truck shows and participation in the Annual Pioneer Days at Old Settlers Park.

Annual museum events around the



Clayton Bass, a member of the Austin-based nonprofit Great Promise for American Indians performs a Grass Dance during the Williamson Museum's annual Pioneer Days event Saturday, April 30, 2022 at the Old Settlers Association site.

Square draw huge crowds enjoying the Photography Festival, Boo Bash, Jingle & Mingle and the Christmas Stroll.

A major fundraiser for the museum is the annual Cattleman's Ball in the fall. In 2022, it is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Highpointe Estate in Liberty Hill.

### 25 years strong

The vision for a county museum began with the Williamson County Historical Commission. Commission members began gathering documents and artifacts when there was nowhere else for the materials to go. As the need became clear, they established an independent board to create a museum.

In 1997, the Williamson Museum, a nonprofit corporation, was established to collect, preserve, and exhibit documents and material objects relating to the history of Williamson County; to offer educational programs; to guide the renovation and oversee the preservation of the Farmers State Bank Building

on the Georgetown Square; and to raise the funds necessary to support collections, exhibits and programs.

After several years of fundraising and the display of temporary exhibits in the county-owned former Farmers State Bank building, major renovation of this historic, but rundown, building began in 2002. In December 2003, the Williamson County Historical Museum opened its doors to the public in its present-day condition. In 2008, the name was changed to The Williamson Museum.

The museum celebrated the 25-year anniversary of its incorporation date in March.

### Connect

The museum is located at 716 South Austin Avenue. Look for the life-size bronze statue of “Three Legged Willie” outside the entrance. Visit [williamsonmuseum.org](http://williamsonmuseum.org) for specific details about current exhibits, events, tour schedules, volunteer opportunities and membership benefits. ■

### A county-wide effort

Museum executive director Nancy Hill said that the museum's goal is to be a meaningful presence in every area of Williamson County and a destination for locals and visitors to the region.

The museum is working with mayors and historians in each community, and local photographer David Valdez to develop a “100 Years Later” then-and-now type book with photographs and local history.

To further illustrate this commitment, she described numerous collaborations across the county:

**Florence:** Worked closely with filmmaker Olive Talley for the Gault documentary film and debuted the new Gault exhibit at the Museum. Conduct guided tours of the Gault site every other month.

**Liberty Hill:** Met with a local arts group regarding their sculpture park and oral history collection; participated in the 100th anniversary of Crosstracks Church with a mini Pioneer Day.

**Round Rock:** Worked with local groups on Pioneer Days at Old Settlers Park, Dia de los Muertes, Beaujolais Nights and Hometown Holidays; planning potential move of historic downtown Palm Cabin to Old Settlers Park.

**Taylor:** Participated in Taylor Business Expo & Dr. Dickie Community Center Health Fair; collaborating with Dan Moody Museum and Bill Pickett's family.

**Leander:** Collaborating on future events.

**Hutto:** Collaborated on a new exhibit at City Hall about WWII WASP Museum in Sweetwater.



# Celebrate local history

Exhibits in Georgetown, Taylor and beyond

## Southwestern University

Southwestern University's newest gallery is named for historian and author Clara Stearns Scarbrough.

The inaugural gallery exhibit honoring "Women of SU: The Early Years" is on display through December 10, 2022. Megan Firestone, head of special collections and archives, said this exhibit honored Margaret Mood McKennon, Laura Kuykendall, Pearl Neas, and Ruth Morgan Ferguson. SU first admitted women as students in 1878.

Ms. Scarbrough authored the classic history of Williamson County, *Land of Good Water: Takachue Pouetsu, A Williamson County, Texas, History*. It was first published in 1973, and has seen four updated editions. The Texas State Historical Association named it the best regional history published in the state in 1973.

Her work raised the bar for covering local history in Texas, and became a template for other historians to follow. It also provided a firm foundation for the preservation movement across Williamson County that followed on the heels of publication.

The gallery is located in the A. Frank Smith, Jr., Library Center on the university's campus. For details, call 512-819-7333, email [infodesk@southwestern.edu](mailto:infodesk@southwestern.edu) or visit [southwestern.edu/library/special-collections](http://southwestern.edu/library/special-collections).

To purchase the book, visit the *Sun* offices at 707 Main Street.

## Moody Museum

The Moody Museum tells the story of former Governor Dan Moody's passion for justice, his family and the Taylor community that helped shape his legacy as Texas' youngest governor.

It can be found in a two-story Victorian house built in 1887. The home furnishings are original Moody family pieces including a quilt made by the governor's great grandmother in 1810, a spinning wheel also dating to 1810, and two paintings that were wed-

ding gifts to the governor's parents in 1890. Nancy Robertson Moody's wedding dress from 1890, is also on display. The colors on the home's exterior are a modern day version of the home's original paint colors.

The upstairs room is devoted to his life and career. Museum visitors can learn about his battle against the Ku Klux Klan in 1923, when he was a young district attorney for both Travis and Williamson counties. He is credited with having "broken the back" of the Klan in Texas, by sending four Klansmen to prison in 1924. According to author Ken Anderson in his book *Dan Moody, Crusader for Justice*, "Moody took Texas from being the number-one Klan state at the beginning of 1924, to the most anti-Klan state in the country by the end of 1924."

At age 33, Mr. Moody was sworn in as the 30th governor on January 18, 1927, defeating Mrs. Miriam A. (Ma) Ferguson as she sought a second term as governor. He served two terms in office, 1927 to 1931. He is credited with stopping the liberal convict-pardon policy, establishing the state auditor's office, reorganizing prison management and the state highway system which cut the cost of highways in half.

Before retiring from public life, he served as a special assistant to the U. S. attorney general under President Franklin Roosevelt. After an unsuccessful run for U. S. Senate, he started a private law practice in Austin, living there until his death in 1966, age 72. He is buried in the Texas State Cemetery.

The Taylor History room tells the stories of locals who went on to be actors, animators, writers and athletes. The museum is located at 114 West Ninth Street in Taylor.

Email [MoodyMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:MoodyMuseum@gmail.com) or visit [MoodyMuseum.com](http://MoodyMuseum.com) for more information. Admission is free, but donations are gladly accepted.

## Dickey Museum

The Dickey Museum & Multi-purpose Center in Taylor honors Dr. James Lee Dickey, an African-American physician, who said, "The hand of destiny guided me to Taylor. I came to stay a few years. I remained to do my life's work."

He and his wife, Magnolia Fowler, worked together on many projects, including support of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

As the only African-American practitioner in Williamson County and one of 130 African-American doctors in Texas, he established a medical facility beginning with a three-bedroom clinic. An expansion included a 15-bed hospital with modern surgical and obstetrical facilities. Along the way, he learned there were no facilities for African Americans in Bell, Lee, Milam or Bastrop counties.

Serious health problems and causes of death in the area were typhoid fever, convulsions and complications of childbirth, tuberculosis, pellagra, venereal diseases and violence. He initiated health campaigns, established a prenatal clinic and expanded his areas of concern to include segregation and emotional suppression of Black locals.

The Taylor Chamber of Commerce named him The Most Outstanding Citizen of Taylor in 1953, a first for the community. The October 24, 1953, edition of the *Saturday Evening Post* highlighted Dr. Dickey and his outstanding accomplishments. He was named General Practitioner of the Year by the Lone Star State Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical Association. His alma mater, Tillotson College named the Science Building after him. He served on its board of trustees from 1951 until his death, May 18, 1959.

Visit [dickeymuseum.org](http://dickeymuseum.org) for more information. ■



Clara Stearns Scarbrough



Dan Moody



Dr. James Lee Dickey

## HISTORY LESSON



## Bill Pickett

Looking for a weekend trip ideas? If Drive up to Oklahoma City, and stop in the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. Look for the exhibit on Bill Pickett, the "inventor" of rodeo steer wrestling or bulldogging and a former Williamson County resident. An African-American cowboy, he and his brothers established Pickett Brothers Bronco Busters and Rough Riders.

He was a featured performer with the Miller Brothers 101 Ranch & Wild West Show and the first black cowboy inducted in the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame in 1989. Other accolades include National Cowboy Museum's Rodeo Hall of Fame in 1972 and the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame in 2018. The 2022 Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo events are in Colorado, California, Georgia, Maryland and Texas.

Statues of him stand in the Fort Worth Stockyards and in Taylor, where he was raised.





# Sun City, Georgetown grow together

BY BRAD STUTZMAN

**W**hen gauging the impact Sun City Texas has had on the overall Georgetown community, consider this: In 1990, Georgetown was home to just fewer than 15,000 residents.

Five years later, Del Webb broke ground on what was initially called Sun City Georgetown. Home sales began in 1995, with 300 sold in six months. Del Webb ultimately merged with Pulte Homes and today, Sun City Texas sits on more than 5,000 sprawling acres, with residential properties in both the Georgetown and Jarrell school districts.

Sun City and Georgetown continue to grow together. The community is home to more than 16,000 residents, living in more than 8,700 homes.

“As we enter our 26th year, Sun City Texas will continue to be a positive and influential factor in the growth of Georgetown and Williamson County,” said Jim Romine, executive director for the Sun City Community Association. “Our residents are active not only within Sun City, but throughout the city, county and state.”

Mr. Romine anticipates Sun City’s total buildout will be at about 10,000 homes, to be reached in 2026-27.

## A busy bunch

For sheer breadth and depth of accomplishments, few communities match the resumes Sun City residents can post, from the past quarter-century through today and beyond.

Folks living there have included a White house photographer (David Valdez), a Georgetown mayor (George Garver), one of the Dallas Cowboys’ best-known football players (Bob Lilly) and a member of the first-ever class at the U.S. Air Force Academy (Paul Lasen).

Additionally, two Sun City residents – Ron Garland and Mike Triggs – serve on the seven-member Georgetown City Council.

And we haven’t even gotten to Al Blaschke, who a few years back celebrated



Friends Barbara Meeder, left, and Betty Goodwin look over book titles in Sun City’s lending library. The lending library is a part of Sun City’s social center.

his 100th birthday by parachuting out of an airplane with Sun City’s own version of the Energizer Bunny, Betty Schleder.

Still, that’s naming just a few. Open the phone directory to almost any page, pick a person at random and dial their number. Chances are you will find someone who has led a very interesting pre-retirement life – or someone who is today making their post-retirement impact felt. Chances are, quite frankly, that same person might speak of both past glories and current contributions.

Hailing from throughout the U.S., Sun

City residents extend themselves beyond the borders of their age-restricted community.

They volunteer everywhere from the Palace Theatre to driving for Meals on Wheels. They are known for loyal support of athletic programs in Georgetown ISD and at Southwestern University. Service clubs, such as Kiwanis and Rotary, also promote community involvement.

## A look back

Tim Kennedy, who served as Georgetown’s mayor from 1988-90, recalled how he and the late Bruce Barton, who was then a local economic-development advisor, were among the first to be let in on plans that would change the city forever.

*“Sun City Texas will continue to be a positive and influential factor in the growth of Georgetown and Williamson County.”*

**Jim Romine**

Executive Director,  
Sun City Community Association

“I was president of the Georgetown Industrial Foundation,” Mr. Kennedy recalled. “Bruce Barton called me and said he and I needed to have lunch with a couple of people who were with Del Webb, to talk about a potential retirement community near Georgetown. I remember the lunch and afterwards I told Bruce that they would never do that size of a development in Georgetown. Shows you how much I knew!”

“Bruce and I – and a couple of other folks, I think – flew to Arizona to see firsthand what a Sun City development looked like. We were blown away not only by the size but by how well it all was done.”

However, Sun City communities in Arizona had a reputation for voting down school bonds. With that in mind, some longtime local leaders – including Congressman John Carter and engineer Charles Steger, who was then on the school board – were apprehensive about what Georgetown might be



getting itself into.

“Obviously that has not been the case,” Mr. Kennedy said. “In retrospect it has been a great addition to our community. They have supported our businesses, as well as provided a huge source of volunteers for so many different causes.”

### A look forward

It isn't all work and no play for Sun Citians.

Those who enjoy golf can choose from among three courses. The athletically active can also play tennis, hike, bike and swim. Exercise and self-defense classes are also offered.

Chartered clubs and interest groups provide forums for a variety of interests; including everything from billiards to ballroom dancing, as well as gardening, woodworking and karaoke. The Republican and Democratic parties also have active groups at Sun City and the Current Issues Club is open to all who like discussing events in the news.

“In 2022 we plan to open new hiking trails within the community, as well as locate a home for our newly formed Disc Golf Club,” Mr. Romine said. “Our golf operations will be busy this year with renovations to our Legacy Hills course, as well as hosting various tournaments including the 5A and 6A UIL state high school tournaments this spring.

“Pulte will begin construction this year on the new North Point Fitness Center, which we anticipate opening in 2023. We will also be constructing a new 6,000 square-foot multi-purpose amenity facility adjacent to the new pickleball courts, off County Road 245, that we will be calling Silver Hall. Adjacent to Silver Hall will be a new half-court for our basketball enthusiasts.” ■

# Residents sing Sun City's praises

BY BRAD STUTZMAN

Sun City residents are eager to sing the praises of the place they call home. As the saying goes, they might not have been born here – but they got here as fast as they could. And they are glad they came. Glad they stayed.

The following residents – from both Sun City and the larger Georgetown community – reflect on their life here. They discuss what belonging to this active senior community means to them, as well as the impact Sun City has had on the rest of our town.

### Nina Stancil comes home to Texas

I am a native Texan that has lived most of her adult life outside of Texas. But I always knew one day that I would retire in Central Texas. I had been living in Anaheim, California over 25 years but Central Texas was calling. After several trips to Texas to check out retirement places, I decided that Sun City Georgetown was the perfect place for me.

Now my California friends thought I was crazy. Why did I want to go back to Texas as they rolled their eyes in disbelief? I was violating all the rules of retirement; i.e. stay close to friends and family and familiar surroundings. But I was determined to come home to Texas and retire in Sun City.

The first three months I was miserable and felt that maybe I had made the worst mistake of my life. Christmas was approaching and I was not going to see my family.

That was when I decided to see if there was any volunteering effort in the Williamson County Sun newspaper. And there it was an article from Beth Jenkins, owner of Pilot's Choice Aviation at the Georgetown Airport, for volunteers to help wrap gifts on Christmas Eve and return Christmas Day to deliver the gifts and a hot meal from the Monument Café to seniors.

I met my dear friend Anna Pool that Christmas morning; a struggling 87-year-old senior, no family and very little money. She touched my heart, and this was the turning point for my retirement life. I knew that volunteering and getting involved was what I was called to do. I was not miserable any longer. This was the Christmas of 2007 and I have been involved with this program ever since. I feel blessed each and every day for my health to keep volunteering and living in Sun City.

**NINA STANCIL**  
*Sun City resident*

### Anne Marshall is never bored

Twelve years ago, an old classmate of mine contacted me and told me she was moving to a community in Georgetown, Texas, called Sun City. Would I like to go with her to visit the area and help her find a house?

It was a wonderful trip. We found her a home and I helped her move. Before my return to my home I told her that I would be retiring in two years and if she got her Texas real estate license, I would purchase a home from her. Two years later, my golden retriever and I made the move to Sun City. I have been so pleased with my decision. Texas is my forever home.

In Sun City there is something for everyone, in every imaginable category, from many different sports activities, three golf courses, many social activities, arts and crafts, entertainment and education. There is a nice restaurant and a great pub.

One of the most wonderful things about Sun City is the incredible neighborliness of the community. If someone needs help for whatever reason, there is always a neighbor or neighbors who can jump in at a moment's notice. This is a community of truly caring people, enjoying life together.

One of the sayings here in Sun City is, “If you're bored here, it's your fault.”

**ANNE MARSHALL**  
*Sun City resident*

### Rev. Lou Snead gets involved

There have been many joys, benefits and implied challenges I have found in my nearly 10 years of living the dream in what many think is the most charming town in Texas.

When I retired after 35 years of active ministry as a Presbyterian minister I agreed, somewhat reluctantly, with my wife that moving from South Austin to Sun City would provide us with ample opportunities to enjoy living the dream that we hoped retirement would bring.

After living here for the past 10 years we have appreciated the variety of amenities and learning opportunities that this “community for active seniors” provides. We have formed many good relationships with folks in Georgetown who share our passions.

While we weren't golfers when we moved here, we soon bought a golf cart and learned to

enjoy playing a round of golf without losing a dozen balls somewhere on the course.

I have also valued the opportunities that are available here in Georgetown to be engaged with others who are seeking to strengthen the common good of all through organizations like Courageous Conversations, the Georgetown Housing Initiative and Prosper Georgetown.

With most of our children and grandchildren living close by, taking up residence on this reservation for the elderly has turned out to be a great place for us to exercise our guarded independence and to spend their inheritance.

Given that we have not yet found the time to enjoy all the activities available to us in Sun City or to address the challenges that exist in Georgetown we are hoping to have another decade of living the dream of retirement here in this community before we have to ride off into the sunset.

**REV. LOU SNEAD**  
*Sun City resident*

### Sun City adds greatly to city's talent pool

In a filing with the Public Utility Commission, in the mid-1990's, the City of Georgetown successfully wrestled the legal right to be the exclusive provider of municipal sewer service for the geographic area proposed to be developed as Sun City from the Chisholm Trail SUD. The ability to provide municipal sewer service triggered the transformation of northwest Georgetown from a sparsely-populated, semi-rural environment to the densely-populated, urban center of the burgeoning retirement community that has significantly transformed Georgetown in the last 25 years.

The Texas Almanac reports Georgetown's population in 1995 was estimated to be 15,118. In the City's just-completed redistricting deliberations, the Council used a figure of 66,880 population as the basis of re-aligning council districts. Neither figure includes people living just outside the city limits, yet still part of the Georgetown family. That is a 6 percent/year growth rate. That's quite a change, and a challenge, to manage.

The transformation of Georgetown has brought about a multiple number of opportunities that 1995 Georgetown did not offer. The population expansion has produced the economic support needed to generate a robust field of



locally available medical services, an explosion in places to eat and shop, more churches, housing – you name it, Georgetown offers more choices today than it did in 1995.

But the most significant impact of the growth of the retiree population in Georgetown has been the influx of a huge pool of talented citizens who have generously volunteered their time to become involved in the community.

The City's numerous boards and commissions, GISD's mentoring programs, and a plethora of non-profit organizations, have been blessed to have an increasing number of volunteers willing and able to contribute their talents and time to the goal of making Georgetown a better place to live and work for all.

While the transition from what Georgetown was in 1995 to what Georgetown has become today has not always been easy, I am heartened to see that the identity of Georgetown as a distinct place has not been lost as the population has essentially quadrupled in the last 25 years. To me, that identity was important to all the folks who have chosen to move here. The key to keeping the Georgetown of the past is to not lose that uniqueness by becoming "Anywhere USA"

**ERCEL BRASHEAR**

*Real estate developer, former Chamber of Commerce president and former member of the Georgetown City Council*

### It's all about the people

Sun City Texas – at first it was Sun City Georgetown – has enriched Georgetown enormously. In my opinion its biggest impact came through the people who moved to Sun City, jumped into action in the larger community and made Georgetown better.

Several examples leap to mind, the most important being the impact on Georgetown's public schools. When the City of Georgetown was weighing whether to encourage Del Webb to build a planned community here, there was concern about whether the public schools might be harmed by a large population of mostly retired people who might oppose and defeat school bonds.

This had occurred in other Sun City communities. So, Georgetown residents flex to Phoenix to examine the issue first hand, including me and my husband, Clark Thurmond, publisher of the Sun. We learned that this issue had indeed occurred there – but also got excellent suggestions about how to avoid that problem in a future Sun City in Georgetown, Texas.

Through school tours, volunteer opportunities and other creative ways, they en-



Jennifer Bollman, right, was happy to be getting 10 bags of mulch with help from Tom Brown, left, at the Sun City Horticulture Club's annual Sun City Plant Sale March 21, 2015. Despite the ominous weather forecast for heavy rains and possible flooding, the club's 10th annual sale went well, with plenty of customers who did have to occasionally cover up for brief bouts of rain.

couraged Sun City residents to become big supporters of Georgetown schools – a move that has paid off politically as well as in the classroom.

Sun City residents have been dynamic in creating and sustaining Georgetown institutions, from new ones like Georgetown Symphony Society and Senior University to existing organizations like Georgetown Palace Theatre and The Caring Place.

Without the leadership ability and drive of Sun City residents, Georgetown would be a far poorer community.

**LINDA SCARBROUGH**

*Co-publisher, Williamson County Sun*

### The Sun City melting pot

There are many characteristics that couples who have been together for 25 years often have in common.

On one hand, they disagree, argue, and generally get on each other's nerves. They may believe they have each other all figured out, when in reality they really don't know each other as well as they think they do. They pretend to listen to each other, but one is usually ignoring what the other is saying. Too often they've taken each other for granted.

On the other hand, over time, they've come to appreciate that they have their own

interests, but they still do things together. In their hearts they care about each other. After 25 years together, they've learned to enjoy each other's company and the partnership they've created.

Such has been the 25-year relationship between Sun City and the larger Georgetown community. They are not the same entities they were as when they were first brought together. And as with any long-term relationship, their commitment to each other is constantly being tested, and they may often wonder if they still like each other.

The remarkable growth of the larger Georgetown community has resulted in clogged traffic patterns, less natural land, more homelessness, and higher rental and home sale prices. Today, only about 51 percent of Georgetown residents were born in Texas.

However, the city now benefits from a considerable tax base and revenue stream created by this growth. Unemployment is less than 4 percent. The Georgetown Square has stepped up its game and become the most popular destination north of Austin for shopping and dining.

Since opening in 1996, Sun City has increasingly become a melting pot of cultures. It draws residents literally from all over the

United States and the world. Sun City boasts over 50 clubs, several of which celebrate the many states and countries from which their members originate.

Its demographics include Blacks, whites, Asians, Indians and Hispanics, and combinations thereof. There is a significant LGBTQ community within Sun City. Sun City represents a broad range of political and religious beliefs, and many of its residents are engaged in local politics and offer countless hours to volunteerism. It is now regarded as an "active adult community" rather than a "retirement community," since many of its residents still work and because of the lifestyle it offers.

In 25 years, Sun City and the larger Georgetown community have weathered many ups and downs. But now the time has come for them to renew their vows and look at each other with fresh eyes.

More growth and change are coming — that's a fact. Neither can afford to romanticize the past or fight for the comfort of days gone by. They must embrace the opportunities their changes can bring, or risk becoming irrelevant to each other.

To be stronger together, they must accept and adapt to the changes in each other. If they do, they'll learn that even after 25 years together, it really is possible to hold hands again.

**CLARISSA JACKSON**

*Sun City resident*

### A richness and diversity

When it was first announced that Sun City would be building a community here, I don't think many of us fully realized the impact it would have over time. It was an exciting opportunity for Georgetown and we knew it would be an economic driver in many ways.

However, the richness and diversity of the caring, capable, and committed folks Sun City has brought to our community was beyond our comprehension at that time.

The contributions of residents to committees, churches, nonprofit organizations, and city governance structures has truly been amazing. From volunteer tutors in our schools, active participation in philanthropic events to incubating new organizations and strengthening old ones, residents from Sun City have been a remarkable asset to the lives of all of us! Do we agree on all issues, absolutely not, but we are definitely a better place because the residents of Sun City are here!

**BARBARA PEARCE**

*Community volunteer, retired nurse and former City Council member.*



## Sun City Club Listings

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Harry Harwood of Georgetown polishes his 1965 Chevrolet Impala while participating in the Georgetown Texas Area Car Club's car show Saturday, May 15, 2021 in Sun City.

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### Solos

Sue Bawcom  
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### Stained Glass

Lois Porzio  
630-723-9527  
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### Sun City Live!

Marian Phillippi  
949-307-2162  
[marianphillippi9@gmail.com](mailto:marianphillippi9@gmail.com)

### Sundancers

Elayne Timmons  
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(for square dancers)  
or [rnelaynept@gmail.com](mailto:rnelaynept@gmail.com)  
(for round dancers)

### Table Tennis

Frank Edwards  
[suncitytabletennis@gmail.com](mailto:suncitytabletennis@gmail.com)

### Tennis Association

Bill Wood  
512-508-9513

### Visual Arts

Sandy Dolan  
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or Darrell Hutchinson  
[hutchsigns@aol.com](mailto:hutchsigns@aol.com)

### Women's Golf Association 9-Hole

Vicky Riddle, 408-896-0646  
[vriddle98@yahoo.com](mailto:vriddle98@yahoo.com)  
or Laurel Clauer  
864-710-0807  
[clauarel@bellsouth.net](mailto:clauarel@bellsouth.net)

### Women's Golf Association 18 Hole

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713-724-3734  
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512-240-5632  
[ksamuelson1@suddenlink.net](mailto:ksamuelson1@suddenlink.net)

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### Woodworkers

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# Calling Georgetown home

BY ELLEN GREENEY

**W**elcome to Georgetown. We are glad you are here. As a new homeowner, condo owner, apartment dweller or renter, you may have questions of where, when and how to navigate your new surroundings. This guide will point you in the correct directions with facts and tips.

## Turn on the lights

To set up your utilities, start with Georgetown Utility Systems, 512-930-3640 or [gus.georgetown.org](http://gus.georgetown.org). The Georgetown Utility Systems Customer Care Center can be reached at this telephone number, website, or email via [customercare@georgetown.org](mailto:customercare@georgetown.org).

The center is located in the Municipal Complex at 300 Industrial Avenue. This center handles connections, disconnects and payments for water, electricity, garbage, wastewater and stormwater drainage. The walk-up lobby hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

To apply online, look for the “Residential Utility Service Initiation Application” at the lime green tab, then “Residential - Connects or Transfers.”

## Vehicle necessities

Before you start exploring Georgetown, take care of three major driving necessities:

**Driver’s license** - You are allowed 90-days to secure a new driver’s license with an updated address. The Texas Department of Public Safety driver’s license office in Williamson County is located at 1070 Westinghouse Road, 512-930-2910. Visit [dps.texas.gov](http://dps.texas.gov), select “Driver License & IDs” then select the “New Appointment Scheduling System” tab. Scroll on the right side to “Moving to Texas” and follow the process outlined in the interactive REAL ID Document Check Application. You may walk-in and wait for service; however, an appointment is strongly recommended.

**Vehicle Inspection** - Almost all automotive service shops in the area offer vehicle inspection services. Proof of insurance is re-



Jacob Thompson enjoys a pleasant Spring afternoon at Berry Springs Park & Preserve with his dad Joe Thompson March 29, 2022.

quired as part of the inspection process.

**Vehicle Registration** - After your vehicle has passed the inspection, the next step is registration with the Williamson County Tax Office at [wilco.org/motorvehicle](http://wilco.org/motorvehicle). Select “New Texas Resident” and follow the instructions.

To schedule an appointment at the 904 South Main Street location, select “Book an Appointment.” Once you arrive in the lobby at the appointed time, key your appointment and cell phone numbers in the kiosk. Then, wait for your number to be called. For additional information, email [motorvehicle@wilco.org](mailto:motorvehicle@wilco.org) or call 512-943-1601.

## Enroll kids in school

A definitive list of Georgetown Independent School District, private and charter schools is included in this guide. Visit [georgetownisd.org/enrollment](http://georgetownisd.org/enrollment) for online pre-enrollment and an information video.

## Library card

The award-winning Georgetown Public Library is two blocks west of The Square at 402 West Eighth Street. In 2018, the library was one of 10 recipients of the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation’s highest honor given to museums and libraries that make significant community contributions.

To secure a card, you need a photo ID and proof of current residence, such as a utility bill. Children’s cards are available to children of any age at the parent/guardian’s request. Resident cards are free; \$25 annual household fee for nonresidents and \$20 annual household fee for nonresidents age 65 or older.

Visit [library.georgetown.org](http://library.georgetown.org) for a preview of the services. The library is packed with more than books—art exhibits, DVDs, CDs, Second-Hand Prose bookstore, outdoor

sculptures, bicycles for loan, daily lockers, computers, printers, WiFi, puzzles, eBooks, cake pans and kits, magazines, Book Club in a Bag, proctoring, bookmobile, study and meeting rooms, live music, Teen Advisory Board, Kids Storytime and a cafe.

## Find a church

Georgetown is home to a number of churches and houses of worship. This guide offers an extensive list of these opportunities including websites to learn more about the beliefs, services and activities.

## Stock the pantry

Major grocers, H-E-B, Randalls and ALDI, are located in Georgetown. H-E-B offers two locations: University Avenue and Interstate 35 and Williams Drive at DB Wood; Randalls at Williams Drive and Jim Hogg Road; and ALDI at 926 West University.

Stock up at Target in Wolf Ranch Town Center, Walmart Supercenter off Wolf Ranch Parkway, LaPlaza Market on Austin Avenue, Natural Grocers on West University, City Market on Del Webb Boulevard, Berry Creek Food Store on ChiChi Drive and Tejas Meat Supply on East Seventh.

Several establishments offer online shopping with pickup and home delivery.

For local produce, look for farmers markets that meet weekly in Sun City and Wolf Ranch Town Center.

## Sign up at the Rec Center

The Georgetown Recreation Center, 1003 North Austin Avenue, offers many fun ways to make yourself healthier, including an indoor swimming pool, gym, racquetball, outdoor seasonal splash pool, indoor walking track, sand volleyball pit, an exercise and weight room and a variety of fitness classes and programs. To become a member, visit [parks.georgetown.org](http://parks.georgetown.org) or call 512-930-3596.

## Shop ‘til you drop

Georgetown is home to many shopping destinations. In addition to one-of-a-kind boutiques, there are a few major shopping hubs including The Square, Wolf Ranch



Town Center on University Avenue and Interstate 35, Republic Square on Austin Avenue and Round Rock Premium Outlet mall.

### Take a hike

An excellent park and trail system awaits you and your family such as Garey Park, San Gabriel Park, San Gabriel River Trail, Goodwater Loop, Pickett Trail and Bonner Trail. Information in this Guide will help you decide which experience is best for you.

### Voter registration

A Texas Voter Registration Application is available throughout the county at Post Offices, libraries and DPS locations or online at [wilco.org/Departments/elections/voter-registration](http://wilco.org/Departments/elections/voter-registration). Texas law requires a photo ID to vote. For questions, email [VoterRegistration@wilco.org](mailto:VoterRegistration@wilco.org) or call 512-943-1630.

### Pets

City Code requires an annual license and rabies vaccination for Fluffy and Fido. The license fee varies based on neuter/spay status, etc. Visit [pets.georgetown.org](http://pets.georgetown.org) or call 512-930-3392 for more details and the Pet License Application.

### Have things to donate?

If you discover unwanted items during the unpacking stage, consider donating to the Assistance League in Republic Square (512-864-2542), Caring Place on Railroad Avenue (512-943-0700), and two Goodwill locations on Williams Drive (512-868-9547) and University Avenue (512-637-7460). Call the organization of your choice to determine drop-off hours and pickup options.

### Subscribe to the Sun

For the low cost of \$52.50 per year, you can enjoy reading more than 100 issues of *The Williamson County Sun*. This fee includes both print and digital subscriptions.

Twice a week, you will get the latest local news about the schools, culture, events, the city and county at large, plus many features and lively opinion pages.

The *Sun* is the oldest business in Williamson County, is locally owned and the only newspaper covering Georgetown's political and governmental institutions on a regular twice-weekly basis.

Call 512-930-4824, subscribe online at [wilcosun.com](http://wilcosun.com) or visit 707 South Main Street to get a piece of candy and fill out a subscription form.

## Area places of worship

BY ELLEN GREENEY

Georgetown and its surrounding areas are blessed with a wide variety of houses of worship. Each represents a viable and vibrant congregation: large, medium and small.

This guide includes a telephone number along with a website and/or email address for listed locations. Please use either method of communication, or social media sites to learn more about the beliefs, leadership, tenants, worship hours, activities, events and possible newsletter sign-up.

Several churches to offer online services, live or recorded.

#### Abundant Faith Church

3 Indian Meadows Drive, Round Rock  
512-258-8991  
[abundantfaithchurch.org](http://abundantfaithchurch.org)  
[art\\_cardenas@abundantfaithchurch.org](mailto:art_cardenas@abundantfaithchurch.org)

#### Andice Baptist Church

6570 Farm to Market Road 970, Florence  
254-793-2557  
[andicebc.org](http://andicebc.org)  
[andicebaptist@gmail.com](mailto:andicebaptist@gmail.com)

#### Antioch Georgetown

905 North Church Street, Georgetown  
512-677-7508  
[antiochgt.com](http://antiochgt.com)

#### Apostolic Lighthouse Church

261 County Road 250, Georgetown  
512-470-8571  
[alcgeorgetown.org](http://alcgeorgetown.org)  
[apostoliclighthousegtx@gmail.com](mailto:apostoliclighthousegtx@gmail.com)

#### Apostolic Praise Center

611 West Ninth Street, Georgetown  
512-989-3030  
[joeray.shyrecords@yahoo.com](mailto:joeray.shyrecords@yahoo.com)

#### Bartlett United Methodist Church

645 West Clark Street, Bartlett  
254-527-3772



The stained glass windows of St. Peter's Church of Coupland glow in the pre-dawn light on Easter morning, Sunday, April 17, 2022. A sunrise service was held on the church grounds under a canopy of clouds. The original church structure was built in 1905-06, with a meeting hall added in 1925. The church formation dates to 1890, when Swiss and German settlers met in a schoolhouse.

#### Calvary Chapel of Georgetown

3400 Shell Road, Georgetown  
512-868-8892  
[boblane.net/index.html](http://boblane.net/index.html)  
[bob@calvarygt.org](mailto:bob@calvarygt.org)

#### Calvary's Hill Baptist Church

1802 South Bridge Street, Georgetown  
512-863-5767

#### Castle Christian Church

502 San Gabriel Boulevard, Georgetown  
512-635-5705

#### Celebration Church

601 Westinghouse Road, Georgetown  
512-763-3000  
[celebration.church](http://celebration.church)  
[info@celebration.church](mailto:info@celebration.church)

#### Chisholm Trail Cowboy Church

1500 County Road 120, Weir  
512-819-0678  
[ctcctx.org](http://ctcctx.org)  
[ctccoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ctccoffice@gmail.com)

#### Christ Lutheran Church

510 Luther Drive, Georgetown  
512-863-2844  
[clcgt.n.org](http://clcgt.n.org)  
[clcoffice@clcgt.n.org](mailto:clcoffice@clcgt.n.org)

#### Christ Presbyterian Church

1100 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Georgetown  
512-966-9644  
[cpcgeorgetown.org](http://cpcgeorgetown.org)  
[office@cpcgeorgetown.org](mailto:office@cpcgeorgetown.org)

#### Christian Science Society

1433 Cool Spring Way, Georgetown  
512-635-2043  
[csggeorgetown222@gmail.com](mailto:csggeorgetown222@gmail.com)

#### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

218 Serenada Drive, Georgetown  
512-910-1482  
2400 North AW Grimes Boulevard, Round Rock  
512-860-6364  
[churchofjesuschrist.org](http://churchofjesuschrist.org)

#### Church of the Holy Spirit

611 West Ninth Street, Georgetown  
512-720-1490

#### Church on the Rock

925 Golden Oaks Road, Georgetown  
512-864-7713  
[cotrgtwn.org](http://cotrgtwn.org)  
[info@cotrgtwn.org](mailto:info@cotrgtwn.org)



**Church on the Square**

810 South Austin Avenue, Georgetown  
512-300-7452  
bradhelgerson@icloud.com

**Community Bible Church Weir**

315 Farm to Market Road 1105, Georgetown  
512-686-3778  
cbcweir.com  
info@cbcweir.com

**Community Christian Church**

4300 Sam Bass Road, Round Rock  
512-244-0310  
cccroundrock.net  
contact@cccroundrock.net

**Congregation Havurah Shalom**

1530 Sun City Boulevard, Ste. 120,  
Georgetown  
chstx.org

**Crestview Baptist Church**

2300 Williams Drive, Georgetown  
512-863-6576  
peoplesharingjesus.com  
crestview@peoplesharingjesus.com

**Cross & Crown Lutheran**

3800 Shell Road, Georgetown  
512-869-7729  
crossandcrowntx.com  
info@crossandcrowntx.com

**Deliverance Temple in Jesus Name**

2101 Old Airport Road, Georgetown  
512-815-9839  
deliverancetempleijn.wixsite.com  
anson.johnson@icloud.com

**Emmanuel Reformed Baptist Church**

5030 East Highway 29, Georgetown  
512-843-1755  
emmanuelrbc.com  
emmanuelrbc@gmail.com

**Faith Community Church  
Georgetown**

261 County Road 250, Georgetown  
512-966-7002.  
altonsutter@yahoo.com

**Faith Impact Church**

700 Booty's Crossing Road, Georgetown  
512-554-7280  
faithimpactchurch.com  
chuck.moran@yahoo.com

**Faith Lutheran Church**

4010 Williams Drive, Georgetown  
512-863-7332  
flcms.org  
secfaith@flcms.org



SUN ARCHIVE

Sheila, a Miniature Australian Shepherd, with her owner, Zack Van Nostrand, is bestowed a blessing by The Reverend Bertie Pearson, Rector, during Grace Episcopal Church's annual Blessing of the Animals service October 6, 2019 at San Gabriel Park. Blessing of the Animals remembers St. Francis of Assisi for his patronage of animals and the natural environment.

**Faith Summit Church**

150 West Farm to Market Road 487, Jarrell  
512-746-2220  
faithsummitchurchoftx.com  
faithsummitchurchoftx@gmail.com

**First Baptist Church**

1333 West University Avenue, Georgetown  
512-869-2586  
fbg.church  
info@fbcgt.org

**First Baptist Church Florence**

106 College Street, Florence  
254-793-2221  
fbcflorence.net

**First Baptist Church Granger**

301 East Mesquite, Granger  
512-859-1389  
grangerfirstbaptist@yahoo.com

**First Baptist Church of Jarrell**

110 West Avenue G, Jarrell  
512-746-2092

**First Presbyterian Church**

703 South Church Street, Georgetown  
512-863-3381  
fpcgeorgetown.org  
communications@fpcgeorgetown.org

**First United Methodist Church**

645 West Clark Street, Bartlett  
254-527-3772  
fumcbartlett.com  
Rev.Rich@fumcbartlett.com

**First United Methodist Church**

410 East University Avenue, Georgetown  
512-863-2370  
fumcgt.org

**Florence Church of Christ**

101 East Tomlinson Street, Florence  
210-870-4735  
florencecoc.org  
florenceccoc@gmail.com

**Florence United Methodist Church**

302 East Curry Street, Florence  
254-793-2535  
florenceccoc.org  
florenceumcoffice@gmail.com

**Friendly Will Missionary Baptist  
Church**

706 West 14th Street, Georgetown  
512-863-2006  
friendlywmbc.com  
fwmbc@yahoo.com

**Friends (Quakers)**

412 East 19th Street, Georgetown  
georgetownfriendsmeeting.org  
georgetownfriendsmeeting@gmail.com

**Gabriel Oaks Church of Christ**

408 West Morrow Street, Georgetown  
512-863-9749  
gabrieloakschurchofchrist.org  
info@gaboaks.org

**Georgetown Church of Christ**

1525 West University Avenue, Georgetown  
512-863-3071  
georgetowncoc.org  
info@georgetowncoc.org

**Georgetown Church of the  
Nazarene**

4051 East Highway 29, Georgetown  
512-869-0303  
gcnaz.org  
secretary@gcnaz.org

**Georgetown Seventh Day  
Adventist**

5105 South Interstate 35, Georgetown  
512-863-7419  
adventist.org  
kitaek50@hotmail.com

**Grace Bible Church**

2100 Shell Road, Georgetown  
512-863-3232  
linktr.ee/Gbcgt  
questions@gbcg.org

**Grace Community Fellowship**

7600 West Highway 29, Georgetown  
512-591-8733  
gcftx.org

**Grace Episcopal Church**

1314 East University Avenue, Georgetown  
4402 DB Wood Road, Georgetown  
512-863-2068  
graceepis.org  
grace@graceepis.org

**Grace Fellowship Church**

6600 South Lakewood Drive, Georgetown  
512-863-7690  
gracefellowship.name  
gfsecretary@outlook.com

**Granger Brethren Church**

306 West Broadway Street, Granger  
903-265-2277  
grangerbrethren.org  
grangerbrethren@gmail.com

**Harvest Baptist Church**

307 East Morrow Street, Georgetown  
512-663-8356  
harvestbcgt.worthyofpraise.org  
broholifield@aol.com

**Harvest Time Ministries Church**

1227 Leander Road, Georgetown  
512-868-3895

**Havurah Shalom**

1530 Sun City Boulevard, Georgetown

**Heritage Baptist Church**

1601 Farm to Market Road 971, Georgetown  
512-863-8106  
heritagebaptist.church  
HeritageGeorgetown@gmail.com



### Hill Country Bible Church

600 Stadium Drive, Georgetown  
1220 Cattleman Drive, Georgetown  
512-863-7325  
hillcountry.life  
info@hillcountry.life

### Holy Mother of God Orthodox Church

2806 Mesquite Lane, Georgetown  
737-202-6242  
orthodoxaustin.org  
orthodoxaustin@gmail.com  
priestmoses@gmail.com

### Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill

8626 Farm to Market Road 1105, Jarrell  
512-863-3020  
holytrinityofcornhill.org  
holytrinitycc@yahoo.com

### Hope Family Fellowship

303 East Morrow Street, Georgetown  
512-943-9886  
hopefamilyfellowship.com  
hffgeorgetown@gmail.com

### Hope United Georgetown

702 Heritage Oaks Bend, Georgetown  
512-686-6335  
HopeGeorgetown.org  
hopeunitedgt@gmail.com

### Hutto Church of Christ

100 Mager Lane, Hutto  
512-497-0143

### Jarrell United Methodist Church

404 First Street, Jarrell  
254-227-4486  
jarrellumc.org  
umcjarrell1949@gmail.com

### Jesus Life Center

2806 Mesquite Lane, Georgetown  
512-688-5472  
jesuslife.center  
Pastor@JesusLife.Center

### Kingdom Hall of Jehovahs Witnesses

1701 North Austin Avenue, Georgetown  
512-863-5337  
3511 County Road 100, Hutto  
737-242-0488  
jw.org

### Kingdom Point Georgetown

1351 Old Farm to Market Road 1460, Georgetown  
512-900-5950  
kingdompoint.org  
info@kingdompoint.org



Reverend Rich Cromwell, pastor at Bartlett United Methodist Church, preaches a sermon from the bed of a trailer in the church's parking lot Sunday, August 2, 2020. This church is small, not set up to hold online services, prompting Cromwell to offer services in their parking lot, where attendees can either remain in their vehicles or use folding lawn chairs to sit outside to practice social distancing.

### Lakewoods Drive Church of Christ

6613 South Lakewoods Drive, Georgetown  
850-602-8420  
georgetownchristians.com  
preacherhal1966@gmail.com

### Lawler Baptist Church

151 County Road 230, Florence  
254-793-2414

### Light of Christ Anglican Church

505 West University, Ste. 109, Georgetown  
512-400-4215  
lightofchristgeorgetown.org  
office@lightofchristgeorgetown.org

### Macedonia Baptist Church

206 Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Georgetown  
512-863-6044  
mbcgtxx.org/contact  
mbcgtxx@gmail.com

### Main Street Baptist Church

1001 Main Street, Georgetown  
512-869-7854  
msbchurch.com  
office@msbchurch.com

### Messiah Echad

505 West University Avenue,  
Ste. 109, Georgetown  
512-525-0736  
messiahechad.org  
office@messiahechad.org

### New Creation Baptist Church

702 East 15th Street, Georgetown  
512-762-9962  
Bilingual Iglesia Bautista Nueva Creacion  
newcreationbaptistchurch20@yahoo.com

### New Hope Baptist Church

1700 County Road 305, Jarrell  
512-746-2828  
newhopebaptistjarrell.org  
nhbcjarrell@gmail.com

### Oak Grove Cumberland Presbyterian

12951 Ranch Road 2338, Georgetown  
512-789-0952  
oakgrovecpc@sbcglobal.net

### Open Road Biker Church

8420 North Interstate 35, Georgetown  
512-966-8817  
mybikerchurch.com

### Peace of Christ Church

1400 East Old Settlers Boulevard,  
Ste. 116, Round Rock  
512-402-8388  
peacewilco.com

### Pentecostal Lighthouse Church

346 Meadow Drive, Jarrell  
pentecostalsofjarrell.com

### The Potter's House

301 West Avenue H, Jarrell  
512-364-0063  
jarrell.church  
info@jarrell.church

### Providence Baptist Church

5105 North Interstate 35, Georgetown  
512-524-7448  
pbcctx.org  
pastor@pbcctx.org

### Ridge Fellowship

1460 County Road 313, Jarrell  
512-736-3903  
jarrell-tx.alluschurches.com/ridge-fellowship



**River of Life Assembly of God Church**

6040 Airport Road, Georgetown  
512-863-0854  
riveroflifegt.org  
riveroflifegt@yahoo.com

**River Rock Bible Church**

420 Wolf Ranch Parkway, Georgetown  
512-763-4700  
riverrockbible.com

**Round Rock Christian Church**

22 Chalice Way, Round Rock  
512-244-3260  
rdisciples.org

**San Gabriel Presbyterian Church**

5404 Williams Drive, Georgetown  
512-868-0902  
sgpcgeorgetown.org

**San Gabriel Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

1322 East University Avenue, Georgetown  
512-688-5069  
sangabrieluu.org  
info@savinggracefellowship.com

**Santa Rosa de Lima Catholic Church**

6571 Farm to Market Road, Ste. 970, Andice  
254-793-0273  
srdl-cc.org

**Saving Grace Christian Bible Fellowship**

411 South College Street, Georgetown  
512-869-4111  
savinggracefellowship.com

**Servants Heart Restoration Ministry**

2544 Shell Road, Ste. B, Georgetown  
737-240-5514  
ashrm.net  
aservantsheartrestorationministry@outlook.com

**SS Cyril & Methodius Catholic**

100 North Brazos, Granger  
512-859-2223  
sscmchurch.org  
sscmchurch@gmail.com

**St. Helen Catholic Church**

2700 East University Avenue, Georgetown  
512-863-3041  
sainthelens.org

**St. John's United Methodist Church**

311 East University Avenue, Georgetown  
512-863-5886  
stjohnsumc.cc

**St. Paul United Methodist Church**

610 Martin Luther King Jr. Street,  
Georgetown  
512-859-6161  
thstpaulchurch.org



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Sarah Henderson, was one of the volunteers helping unload pumpkins at First United Methodist Church on October 13, 2021. An estimated 2,470 pumpkins from the Navajo reservation in New Mexico were unloaded by volunteers throughout the afternoon. Proceeds from pumpkin sales raise funds for children and student ministries, plus mission efforts.

**St. Peter Lutheran Church**

2929 Farm to Market Road 972, Walburg  
512-863-5600  
stpeterwalburg.org  
stpeter.walburg@gmail.com

**Strickland Grove Church of Christ**

261 County Road 234, Georgetown  
512-863-3955

**Templo de Gracia**

712 First Street, Jarrell

**Terranova**

5060 East Highway 29, Georgetown  
512-843-3832  
tnova.org  
kim@tnova.org

**T'Shuva Israel**

262 County Road 234, Georgetown  
512-818-0233  
tshuva-israel.com

**Unity Church of Georgetown**

online services  
unitygeorgetown.org  
unitygeorgetown@gmail.com

**Upwards Church**

1460 County Road 313, Jarrell  
512-736-3903  
833 874-7387  
https://upwards.church

**Victory Tabernacle UPC**

1192 North Patterson, Florence  
254-307-7937  
florenceupc.com

**Wellspring United Methodist Church**

6200 Williams Drive, Georgetown  
512-930-5959  
wellumc.org  
admin@willumc.org

**Wesley Chapel AME Church**

508 Fourth Street, Georgetown  
512-931-2305  
FB Wesley Chapel AME-Georgetown

**Word of Reconciliation**

1227 Leander Road, Georgetown  
737-225-4111  
info@2c519.org

**The Worship Place**

811 Sun City Boulevard, Georgetown  
375 County Road 245, Georgetown  
512-869-1310  
TWPTx.org  
TWP@TWPTX.org

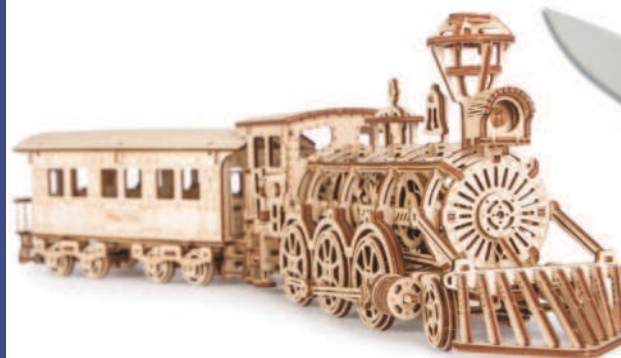
**Zion Lutheran Church**

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### ArtESCAPE

at Oasis, Texas on Lake Travis  
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