



Grant to expand internship, career opportunities in the life sciences

Funds to help build classroom, wet lab at TLCC in Georgetown

By Beth Wade

Jane Neill said she spent many years working before she decided she wanted to do something that made a difference.

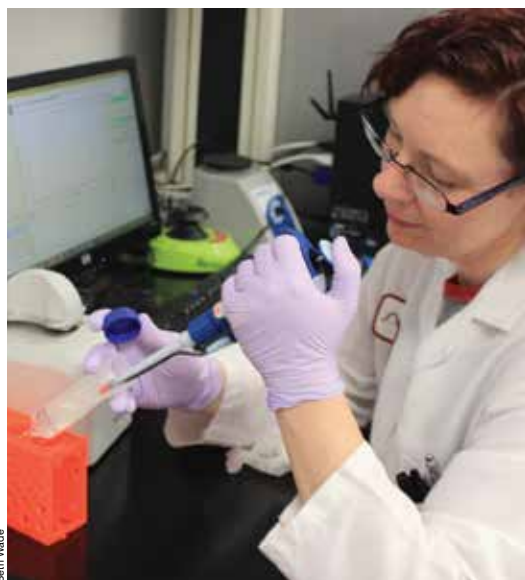
"I had a friend who passed away in 2008 from cancer, and I thought, 'He didn't have an opportunity, and I'm wasting mine,'" Neill said. "That's what made me decide to go back to school."

Neill began taking classes at the Austin Community College Round Rock campus in 2013 and landed in the school's biotechnology program, she said.

"It was one of the classes offered at the campus closest to me," Neill said. "I was looking at different things. ... Biotech just seemed like the right fit for me. So that's what I went into, and it's been great."

While studying at ACC, Neill was able to earn an internship in January 2013 at the Texas Life-sciences Collaboration Center, a biotech company accelerator in Georgetown—through the center's

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Jane Neill started as an intern at Molecular Templates in Georgetown in January 2013. She now works there full-time.

Police plan for safer Georgetown

By Kate Morris

When compared with the other 28 cities in Texas with populations of 50,000 to 100,000 residents, Georgetown ranks after Flower Mound as the second-safest city.

In fact, the Texas Department of Public Safety's 2013 Crime in Texas Report shows that less than 2 percent of the total 64,203 crimes that occurred in these cities took place in Georgetown, yet the city's Police Department still strives for a safer city.

"As a chief you want to look at these numbers and think, 'Where can we impact this?'" Georgetown Police Chief Wayne Nero said. "How can we bring these

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Congress battles to solve Highway Trust Fund deficit

Local dollars used to fill lack of adequate federal funding for transportation planning in Central Texas

By Amy Denney and Matt Stephens

Although Texas voters approved Proposition 1—a constitutional amendment which could provide \$1.7 billion to state transportation projects in 2015—on Nov. 4, Texas and the rest of the country have an even more significant long-term transportation funding problem on the horizon: the Highway Trust Fund.

The federal government's funding source for transportation projects throughout the country, the HTF could run out of money if Congress does not pass new legislation this session.

In addition, decreasing revenue from the federal motor vehicle fuel tax and a growing need for transportation projects means the HTF is facing a projected average

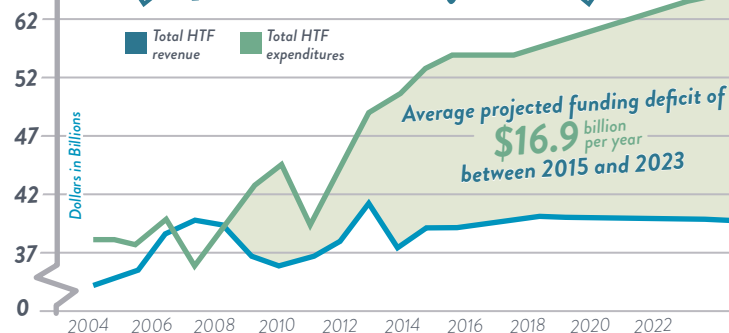
\$17 billion annual deficit from 2015–23 unless Congress finds a new funding source.

"Texas is home to four of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S.," said U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Austin. "As more Americans continue to migrate to Texas, it is important that we continue to develop and maintain our infrastructure in order to accommodate the increasing population. That is why it is crucial that Congress comes together to enact a permanent fund solution that will bring long-term solvency to the Highway Trust Fund."

Funding problems

The majority of HTF revenue is generated by 18.4 cents taxed for every gallon of gas pumped

FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION funding deficit



Highway Trust Fund revenue has not kept up with the need for transportation projects. Since 2008 the federal government has borrowed \$64.1 billion to make up the difference.

Source: AASHTO

throughout the country as well as 24.4 cents per gallon of diesel gas. The gasoline tax has not increased since 1993, said Janet Kavinoky, executive director of transportation and infrastructure for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

With less gasoline tax revenue being generated, the federal government has had to borrow

from the rest of the budget to make up the difference. Since 2008, \$64.1 billion has been borrowed to make up the shortfall, she said.

The national recession in 2008 exacerbated the gas tax revenue decline, Kavinoky said.

"When [people] drove less, See **HTF** | 32



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FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



As I write this note it is cold and dreary in Central Texas, which is not uncommon for this time of year, but the previously spring-like weather has already turned many of my conversations to the anticipation of warmer days. Much of the talk has been about what to do when the spring finally blooms.

The nicer weather provides many opportunities for outdoor fun. If you are into gardening, you might want to read our Composting Guide on Page 27, or for our more adventurous readers, check out our story on local business Georgetown Paintball on Page 7.

I'm looking forward to enjoying all of the events springtime brings to Georgetown, including the Georgetown Swirl, which benefits the Main Street Program, as

well as Market Days, which starts March 14. On March 26 the Downtown Georgetown Association will also host its inaugural Spring Fling Girls Night Out. Read more about these events and other upcoming happenings on the calendar on Page 20.

For those with children, springtime also means it is time to start planning for summer vacations. Check out our Summer Camp Guide on Page 24 for a variety of camp options. Looking at the variety of camps, from academics to sports, has me envious of all the opportunities that exist today.

Regardless of how you spend your time this spring, we hope you are out enjoying what Georgetown has to offer—maybe we'll even run into each other on the paintball field of battle.

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COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

TAKE THE POLL

This month's front-page story, "Police plan for safer Georgetown," discusses the police department's plans to lower the city's crime rate. According to the 2013 Crime in Texas report, the city of Georgetown is the second-safest city of its size in the state.

What should be the Georgetown Police Department's focus?

- ☐ Traffic enforcement
- ☐ Reducing violent crimes
- ☐ Reducing white-collar crimes
- ☐ Drug and alcohol enforcement
- ☐ Other

➔ Take the poll online at impactnews.com/geo-poll.

Look for the results right here in next month's print edition of *Community Impact Newspaper*.

LAST MONTH'S POLL RESULTS

In last month's issue we wrote about the city's options to repair or replace the Austin Avenue bridges that span the North and South San Gabriel rivers. Three options could be presented to City Council for consideration.

Which option should the city use to replace or repair the Austin Avenue bridges?

Replace both bridges with five-lane bridges with a center turn lane and wider sidewalks

46.3%

Replace both bridges with four-lane structures with additional pedestrian facilities such as wider sidewalks

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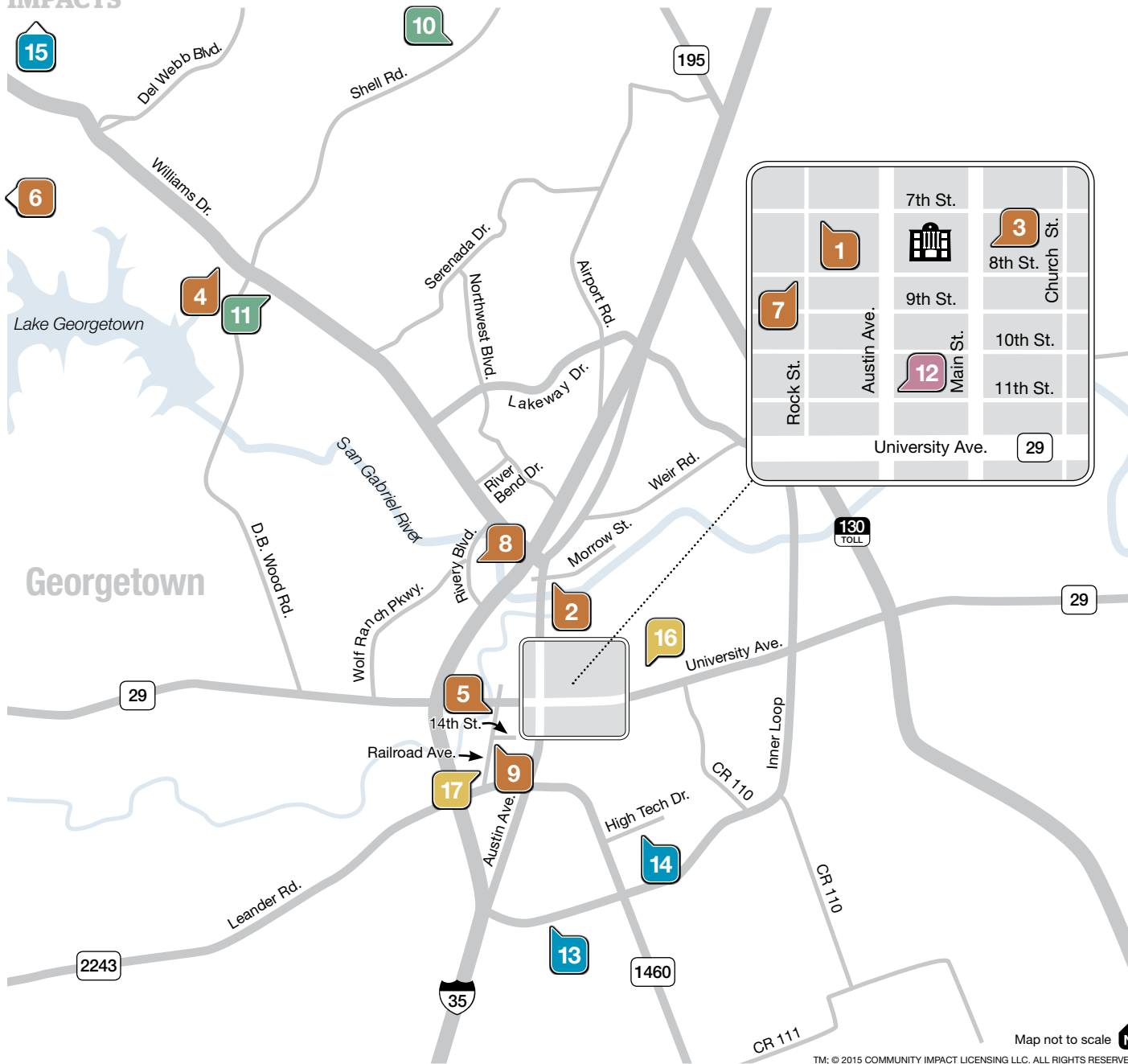
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2 Two clinical psychologists opened private practices at 102 W. Morrow St. on Jan 1. **Sue McCann** sees adolescent and

adult patients and takes a no-constraints approach to appointments, which allows patients to meet in the office or at another location. McCann also offers life coaching and hosts educational seminars. **Melora Jacober** focuses on elderly adult patients and accepts Medicare and Tricare plans. Jacober also has specialized training in rehabilitation and neuropsychology. McCann: 808-937-8783. drsuemccann@gmail.com. Jacober: 512-661-8747. drmelorajacobergmail.com

3 **Mikey V's Hot Sauce Shop** opened March 1 on the Square at 711 S. Main St. The store carries its own line of sauces, salsas, jerkies and pickles as well as locally sourced jams and jellies. While shopping customers have the opportunity to sample products in-store. 512-688-5071. www.mikeyvsfoods.com

4 **Texan Urgent Care** opened Feb. 10 at 4506 Williams Drive, Ste. 120. The clinic accepts walk-in patients for all medical

conditions and non-life threatening emergencies. 512-869-3355. www.texanurgentcare.com

5 **Domino's** opened Feb. 16 at 1204 Railroad Ave., Ste. 102, offering a variety of pizza, pastas and sandwiches. 512-688-5014. www.dominos.com

6 The Maclaskey family opened **Dimebox Ballroom at Fire and Ice Hall** on March 1. The event space is the first of three to open on 23 acres at 715 Young Ranch Road. Dimebox Ballroom is a two-story cedar barn with an outdoor bandstand and wedding ceremony space. There are also designated spaces for a bride and groom to get ready before their ceremony. Fire and Ice Hall, the biggest venue, and Gypsy Camp, an outdoor venue, are anticipated to be completed by early 2016. 512-813-5911. www.dimeboxballroom.com

7 Kelly Carney, owner of the **Therapie Boutique** fashion truck, opened a storefront location inside The Co-Op 78626 in early January. The new permanent location at 308 W. Eighth St. sells women's accessories and clothing. Carney said the fashion truck will still be used for area events. 619-507-8163. www.therapieboutique.com

8 **Rivory Park Apartment Homes** at 1400 Rivory Blvd. are now available to lease. Apartments with one to three bedrooms are available to rent. The community features a pool, grills, a social lounge and a clubhouse. Rivory Park Apartment Homes will have a grand opening move-in day April 1. 512-819-6860. www.rivoryparkapts.com

9 **Friendly Will Missionary Baptist Church**, located at 706 W. 14th St., held its first service in its new building Feb. 22. The new building has room for more than 325 people and replaces the former 1940s-era building, which was demolished in 2014. Worship services are Sundays at 11 a.m., and there is a weekly Bible study Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. 512-863-2006. www.friendlywmbs.org



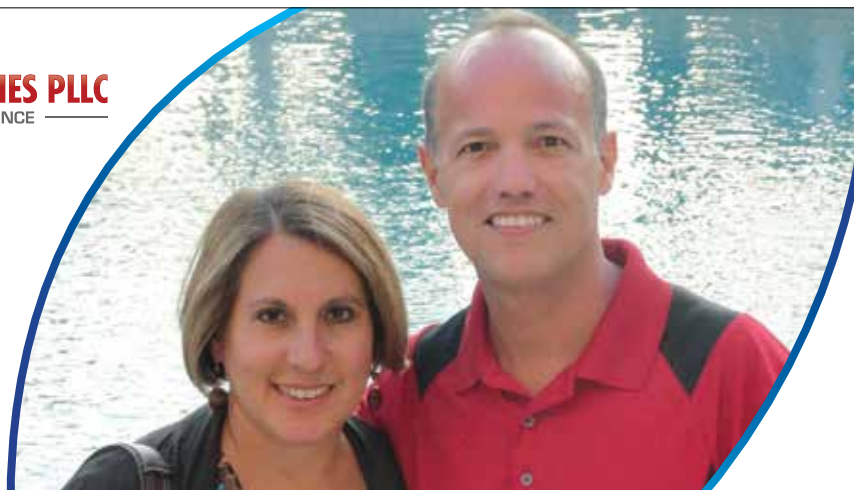
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Relocations

10 Almighty Rentals, located at 2534 Shell Road, will move to a larger location in the Berry Creek Business Park on Shell Road this summer. The company offers furniture and equipment for events as well as tool rental. 512-868-3788. www.almightyrentals.com

11 Suddenlink relocated its Georgetown store to 4402 Williams Drive, Ste. 125, on Feb. 16. Suddenlink provides cable TV, high-speed Internet and telephone services. 888-822-5151. www.suddenlink.com

A Dallas-area lawn care company, Ruffin Mowing, relocated to Georgetown in January and changed its name to **Southern Lawncare**. The company is accepting lawn maintenance appointments and offering estimates in person or based on Google Earth. 469-569-4108. www.facebook.com/pages/southern-lawncare/194678907264834. southernlawncare@gmail.com

New Ownership

12 Shari White purchased **Divine Patina** at 1005 S. Austin Ave. and will rename the shop Sunshine West Vintiques. White's ownership is effective April 1, and former owner Amy Vanderford will continue to offer items

for sale, including Divine Patina Chalk Paint, at the store. White said she is developing a website for the business. 512-819-9555

Anniversaries

13 Rock Springs Behavioral Hospital, a 72-bed treatment center at 700 SE Inner Loop, celebrated its first anniversary Feb. 28. The center offers mental health and addiction services for military service members, adolescents, adults and seniors. 512-819-9400. www.rockspringshealth.com

14 Williamson-Burnet County Opportunities, the community action agency with programs such as Williamson County Meals on Wheels and Head Start, is celebrating 50 years in the area in 2015. The organization, located at 604 High Tech Drive, offers volunteer opportunities to help serve the thousands of people that benefit from its programs each year. 512-763-1400. www.wbco.net

15 Assisted-living facility The Lodge at Rocky Hollow celebrated 10 years of serving residents with memory disorders in February. The community, located at 1650 CR 245, has semi-private and private rooms available as well as care options for residents. 254-793-2311. www.thelodgeatrockyhollow.com

Name Change

On Feb. 2 custom homebuilder Jimmy Jacobs Homes was rebranded as **Century Communities**, a Colorado-based homebuilder with projects in the Austin and San Antonio areas. The changes come as a result of the company being purchased in September 2013. Jimmy Jacobs Homes has built three Georgetown communities—Shady Oaks Estates, Woodland Park and Heritage Oaks. 877-869-6748. www.centurycommunities.com

In the News

16 The former director of development and gift planning at Drake University, Paul Secord, has been appointed vice president of university relations at **Southwestern University**, 1001 E. University Ave. Secord, who will assume his new position June 1, will work with university President Edward Burger to expand SU's fundraising efforts. www.southwestern.edu

17 On Feb. 6 the **Rotary Club of Georgetown** presented a \$5,000 check to The Caring Place to purchase a walk-in refrigerator. The refrigerator will allow The Caring Place, located at 2000 Railroad Ave., to store fresh produce and other perishable items that will be given out through the nonprofit's food pantry program. www.georgetownrotary.org, www.caringplacetx.org

Compiled by Kate Morris



Mikey V's Hot Sauce Shop, which opened March 1, offers in-store samples of its products.



On Feb. 6 the **Rotary Club of Georgetown** donated funding to The Caring Place for a walk-in refrigerator.

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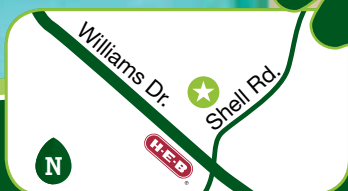
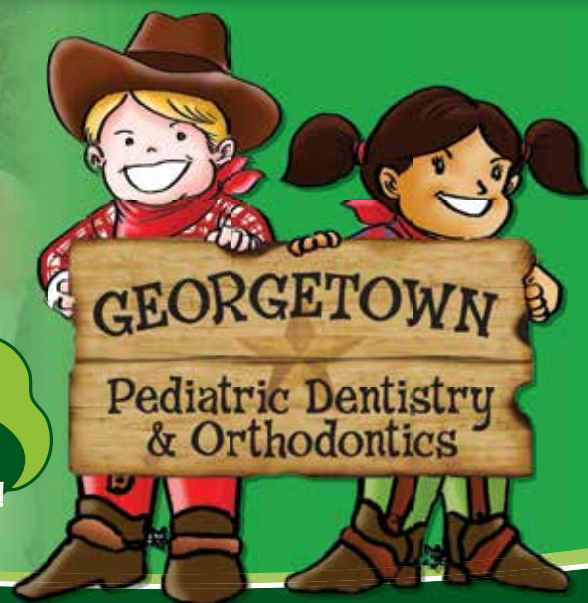
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BUSINESS

Georgetown Paintball

Business aims to provide outdoor fun

By Kate Morris

Nestled among acres of cattle ranches is a slice of wilderness occupied by Georgetown Paintball.

To get there, guests must enter through a cattle gate—which they open and close themselves—and drive about a mile down a dirt road.

Owner Trevor Eissler said that not only is the rural environment part of the adventure, but it is also exactly what he had in mind when planning the business.

“This is just one little patch in the middle of Georgetown, and it’s just perfect for this type of playing around,” he said. “It’s away from everything; there are no houses nearby and no cars driving by.”

Eissler, who works full-time as a pilot, decided to open Georgetown Paintball as a family-oriented side business after playing for the first time more than a year ago.

“I thought, ‘Man, that was a lot of fun,’” he said. “It was like ... being a kid again.”

The business opened in March 2014 and is operated by the Eissler family, including his wife, three children and two of his nephews, as well as four employees. Together they work to ensure that the environment is fun as well as safe.

“Put yourself in the mind of a 12-year-old playing in the woods with his or her friends,” he said. “That’s exactly what we do here.”

Before playing each customer is given a safety lesson by a referee and practices shooting the paintball gun—referred to as markers—at targets.

Throughout the game the referee

accompanies each group to watch for foul play or help in the case of injury.

“The referees are there to make sure everyone stays safe and, especially, to make sure everyone keeps their masks on,” he said. “That’s the No. 1 thing we have to look for. People get hot and take their masks off, and we can’t have that. The biggest safety issue is getting shot in the eye.”

Players are required to be at least 10 years old, and Eissler said he has seen customers as old as 81 play.

“We want it to be a place where a 50-year-old mom, a 12-year-old boy and a 15-year-old sister can come out and have a party or just come out for the weekend,” he said. “We had a group of [about] 15 Sun City ladies come out. We’ve had a couple of women’s groups.”

In addition to making sure the players are not hurt, Eissler said they also make sure the business is environmentally safe.

“Paintballs are biodegradable and non-toxic, so it doesn’t hurt you or the environment,” he said.

The players have 12 acres with four different setups to use. Each area has a different terrain—some parts are covered in rock, and other parts are thick with trees.

Much of the land has been left natural, although Eissler has set up an occasional barricade for players to use for hiding.

Georgetown Paintball accommodates birthdays and group events, and players must book their spots online. However, Eissler said the hours are subject to change this summer.



Georgetown Paintball owner Trevor Eissler helps customers get acquainted with the equipment.



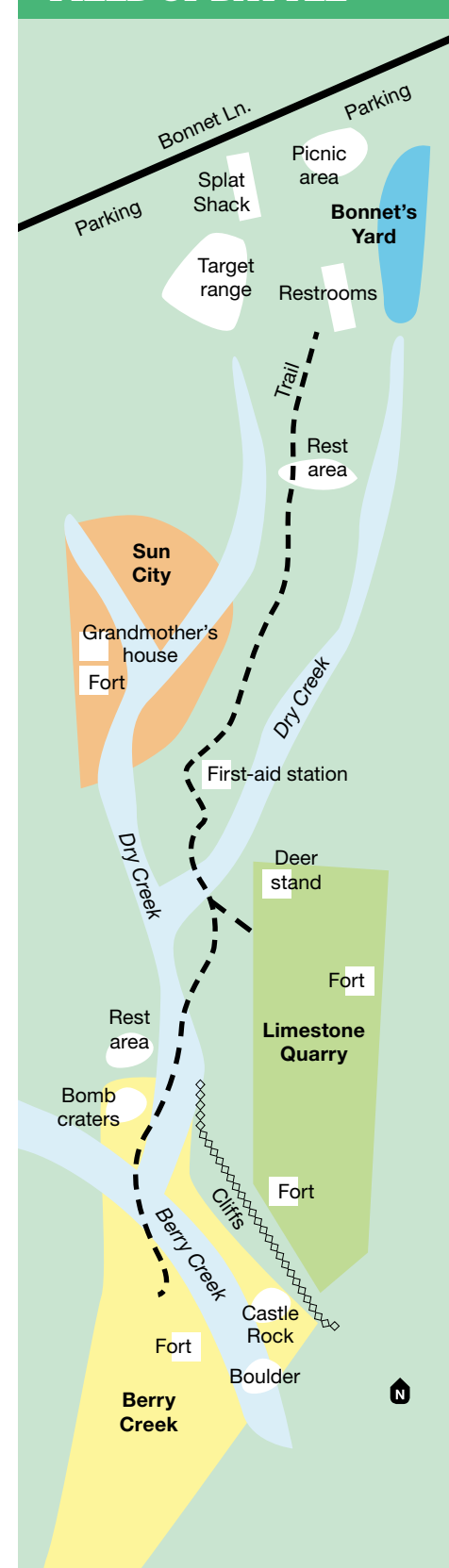
Eissler has left most of the 12 acres of land in its natural terrain. The area is divided into four setups.

Good to know

Georgetown Paintball owner Trevor Eissler said the company hosts first-time players all the time. Here’s what newcomers should know:

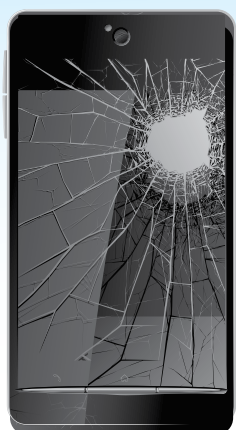
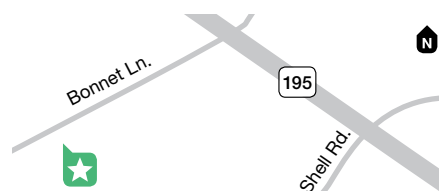
1. For \$20 players get a paintball gun—referred to as a marker—a facemask, 200 paintballs and three hours of playing time.
2. Georgetown Paintball splits the day into two sessions—the first from 9 a.m.–noon and the second from 1–4 p.m.—and Eissler said each game lasts about three hours.
3. Long-sleeved shirts, jeans and comfortable shoes are recommended but not required.
4. The paintball leaves the gun at 280 feet per second, and the employees test the guns to make sure they are tuned to speed. Players are not allowed to shoot each other from closer than 20 feet apart.
5. Family members may go out in the field to watch or take pictures, but they are required to wear a facemask.

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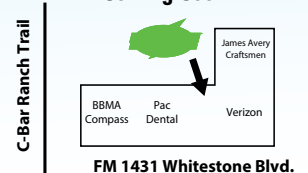
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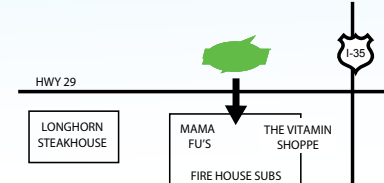
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DINING

FullHouse BBQ

Pitmaster parks food trailer in Georgetown

By Kate Morris

Robert Garrett is a self-proclaimed artist whose work comes smoked and served with a side of beans.

His art—barbecue—has fed people in Round Rock, Austin and Georgetown through the window of the FullHouse BBQ food trailer.

“Barbecuing is an art form,” Garrett said. “I’ve been doing this for three years, and I love every day of it.”

Garrett said he takes advantage of the different properties oak and pecan woods offer while burned when preparing meats such as the pork and beef ribs he serves on Fridays and Saturdays.

The technique and resulting flavors help set his barbecue offerings apart, he said.

“If you go into a barbecue place and they don’t have a wood pile, run away from it because it’s not real barbecue,” he said. “They’re running heat off of gas or electric, but they’re putting pellets in to cause the smoke. They’re not actually using wood to cook the food with.”

Garrett said he got into the food industry in 2012 after a parent at his daughter’s school took interest in his barbecue.

“A guy asked me where I got the barbecue, and I told him I got it from my backyard and cooked it myself,” Garrett said. “He was really disappointed because he wanted to stop on his way home to get some more for that night.”

The man later invested in Garrett’s product, which allowed the pitmaster to buy his first food trailer.

FullHouse started operating in Round Rock in October 2012. On Jan. 1, 2013, however, Garrett received the news of something smoking other than his brisket—his truck.

“My trailer burned down,” he said. “I got the trailer I’m serving out of now, and we stayed open until the [Round Rock] food [trailer] park closed about May 2013.”

After trying different spots throughout

Austin, Garrett said he received a call in July about the San Gabriel Food Court.

“They made me an offer I couldn’t refuse, so I came here and have been open since August,” he said.

As a trailer owner Garrett said that part of the industry is the battle to change the perceptions that surround food trailers.

“One of the most frustrating things for us is that a lot of people still have the attitude that food trucks and trailers are the 1980s roach coaches,” he said. “I’m a small business in the community, and I’m trying to make a living and provide for my family. I take a lot of pride in not only how the food is served but also the customer service.”

Garrett said that like restaurant kitchens, food trailers are regulated, and in order to operate the owners are required to have a food handler permit.

“Basically by health code we have all of the equipment that any other restaurant is required to have,” he said. “We don’t take food safety and health lightly—we take them very seriously.”

When Garrett started, he said he wanted to accomplish two things through his trailer. First, he wanted to see if the job was right for him, and second, he wanted to make sure enough people liked the food.

“I’ve been able to accomplish both of those, so my next step is to open a brick-and-mortar [location],” he said. “That is going to happen when the time is right [for it] to happen. I’ve had numerous opportunities to do it already, but it just hasn’t been the right fit for me to do it.”

He said that once he opens a restaurant he will use his trailer for events, including the Red Poppy Festival, which FullHouse BBQ will attend for the first time this April.

Until then customers can find Garrett at the San Gabriel Food Park.



FullHouse BBQ Pitmaster Robert Garrett said he offers an alternative dining experience in Georgetown.

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TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

Major projects in the area

Compiled by Beth Wade

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Other transportation projects

Project description	Estimated timeline
The city of Georgetown is working with the city of Round Rock to extend existing Oakmont Drive, which will be renamed Mays Street, from its intersection at Teravista Parkway to just north of the existing intersection of Westinghouse and Rabbit Hill roads. Design work is still in progress.	TBD
Design is underway by H.W. Lochner Inc. to replace the two-lane bridge at the intersection of CR 305 and I-35 in Jarrell.	TBD



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Ninth Street improvements

The city of Georgetown project to upgrade utilities, parking, sidewalks and landscaping along two blocks of Ninth Street between Rock and Main streets is nearly complete. The section between Austin Avenue and Main Street is expected to be completed in April, and the portion between Austin Avenue and Rock Street was completed in January.

Timeline: September–April
Cost: \$787,000
Funding sources: City of Georgetown
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CR 245 and Williams Drive intersection realignment

Williamson County plans to realign the intersection of CR 245 and Williams Drive to align CR 245 with the Gabriel Woods Drive and Williams intersection. The project will also add a left-turn lane from CR 245 onto Williams. County commissioners are expected to approve a construction contract in March.

Timeline: April–August
Cost: \$550,000
Funding sources: Williamson County road bond
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Hwy. 195 expansion

Construction to widen Hwy. 195 to a four-lane divided highway from just south of the Bell/Williamson County line to I-35 is underway. The project is divided in three segments—Segment 1 runs from just south

of the Bell County line to 3.4 miles south of Hwy. 138; Segment 2 from just south of Ronald Reagan Boulevard to 3.4 miles south of Hwy. 138; and Segment 3, which runs from just south of Ronald Reagan Boulevard to I-35. Segment 3 is expected to be completed in the spring.

Timeline: Segment 1 was completed in October; Segment 2 to be completed fall 2016, Segment 3 to be completed this spring
Cost: \$39.2 million (Segment 1), \$33.3 million (Segment 2), \$18.8 million (Segment 3)
Funding sources: Texas Department of Transportation; Williamson County funded right of way acquisition and utility relocation

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FM 971 at Austin Avenue

The city of Georgetown will realign and make improvements to the intersection of FM 971 and Austin Avenue. The project will align the intersection with the proposed Northwest Boulevard bridge, which would span I-35. The bridge is expected to provide an alternate route from the west side of town to Georgetown High School and SH 130. The FM 971 improvements will also include a pedestrian tunnel along the east side of Austin Avenue. In March the city completed improvements in San Gabriel Park near the intersection, which included relocating the granite trail, Soccer Field 4 and other elements, including baseball backstops and exercise equipment, to make room for the roadway improvements. Design work on the realignment is still being completed. TxDOT will complete the construction.

Timeline: Spring 2016–early 2017
Cost: \$5.5 million
Funding sources: City of Georgetown 2008 road bond

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FM 1460 expansion

Construction to widen FM 1460 to four lanes from Quail Valley Drive in Georgetown to University Boulevard in Round Rock is expected to begin this spring. Utility relocation for the project is ongoing. TxDOT will complete the construction.

Timeline: spring 2015–spring 2017
Cost: \$38.4 million
Funding sources: City of Georgetown, city of Round Rock, TxDOT, Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and Williamson County

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EDUCATION

Trustees approve naming new school Carver Elementary, attendance zones

By Kate Morris

As Georgetown ISD prepares to open Elementary School No. 11 in August, the board of trustees approved a name for the campus during its meeting Feb. 17.

The school, located at 4901 Scenic Lake Drive, will be named George Washington Carver Elementary School, and the current school building will be repurposed.

"What is your reason for choosing to consider stripping George Washington Carver Elementary of its name?" said Paulette Taylor, a former teacher at the school. "It should not be assumed that the name automatically goes with the new school."

Taylor cited a dissertation written by state Rep. Marsha Farney, R-Georgetown, that chronicles Georgetown public schools from 1850–1966.

"It is my prayer that a swish of a pen [and] a showing of hands won't be the detriment of George Washington Carver Elementary losing its name as well as its legacy," she said.

According to a Farney, the board of trustees renamed the Georgetown Colored School to Carver High School in the 1930s.

The Carver school served as the city's segregated black campus until 1964 when the Westside School opened and the Carver

building was closed. Taylor approached the board in the early 1990s to have the Westside School renamed as George Washington Carver Elementary School.

The district's plans to repurpose the current building for other academic uses led the board to decide if the name should stay with the building or be used for the new campus.

"Integration was not easy in Georgetown," board President Scott Alarcon said. "The significance of the struggle that occurred here and what the name George Washington Carver means to our community is not something that I take lightly. The risk of even possibly losing that name for a year is not one that I'm personally willing to take."

Trustees voted 6-1 to approve the name. Trustee Ronna Johnson was the lone dissenting vote.

"I realize and respect that the board has a very strong vision for the name Carver, but I also respect that it has a deep-rooted historical significance to the community," she said.

Superintendent Fred Brent said the decision to repurpose the former Carver is part of a bigger plan that the district has to move away from the split-campus model, which divides some elementary campuses into pre-K through second grades and



For the third time in Georgetown ISD history, the Carver name is being transferred to a new school.

others into third through fifth grades.

"I think it's important that the community understands that the board began the pursuit of a prekindergarten through [fifth grade] model for teaching and learning across the district when the bond was passed to build this new elementary school," he said. "The name Carver will stay relevant regardless of what the board does. ... And we will always honor the historic significance of that site."

Brent confirmed that the historic landmarks on the former Carver campus would not be affected by the changes. However,

at the end of the meeting, Taylor requested the outside classroom that bears her name not be moved to the new location.

"I taught there 31 years," she said. "Of course the board can do what they want, but I would rather my name not go to the [new campus]."

During the meeting the board also approved the attendance boundary changes, which affects students currently zoned for the new Carver as well as Pickett, Mitchell and Cooper elementary schools.

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HEALTH CARE

Georgetown Center for Adult Medicine planned for former shopping center

Clinic focused on providing care for patients age 55 and older

By Beth Wade

St. David's HealthCare is making plans to serve the growing number of aging adults in the Georgetown area.

"We heard a lot from our medical staff physicians, especially the specialists—cardiologists, pulmonologists and orthopedists—who were saying they had a large number of Medicare patients in their populations, and they didn't have primary care physicians," said John Rebok, vice president of physician operations at St. David's HealthCare. "As Georgetown continues to grow, and this population is one of the fastest-growing in Central Texas, we found there to be this need for patients moving in with either commercial insurance or transitioning to Medicare who were unable to find primary care doctors."

This summer the Georgetown Center for Adult Medicine is expected to open in affiliation with St. David's HealthCare at 105 Wildwood Drive, Bldg. 1, ste. 105 and 111, in a former shopping center. The center will open with two doctors specializing in care for patients typically age 55 and older who either have or are transitioning to Medicare.

"The challenge in Georgetown has been finding a doctor who accepts Medicare," St. David's Georgetown Hospital CEO Hugh Brown said. "It's very financially challenging to take on new [Medicare] patients."

Rebok said after surveying patients in the St. David's Georgetown Hospital emergency room and studying the area's demographics, the need for primary care and geriatric providers became apparent.

"I think we have a shortage of physicians that we're seeing in the market," he said. "In Georgetown there are very few primary care physicians."

In anticipation of the opening Drs. Paula Bordelon and Saramma George have

begun seeing patients at Austin Avenue Medical Plaza, 3201 S. Austin Ave., Ste. 115.

"We are getting many phone calls for new patient appointments because doctors stopped taking or are not taking new Medicare patients," George said.

The new office will open with Bordelon and George, and depending on patient growth, additional doctors could be added to the practice as well as additional or ancillary services, George said.

"Eventually when we are in full swing we will likely have a social worker on staff," she said, adding that a social worker could help coordinate with Meals on Wheels or help find transportation for patients.

The doctors also see patients at the Wesleyan at Estrella assisted and independent living facilities in Georgetown.

Bordelon said the center will be able to offer seniors and elderly patients a chance to optimize their health. During a new patient appointment, which can take at least an hour, the doctors review all of a patient's medications as well as his or her social history and which specialists he or she is seeing, she said.

"In our practice we see seniors of all ages, which give us an idea of what it takes to live to be 90," Bordelon said. "We're helping [patients] age well in the healthiest manner."

When it opens the office will have nine exam rooms as well as offer X-ray and laboratory services.

Bordelon said the center was designed with enhanced colors to help individuals with eyesight challenges as well as widened doorways and hallways for wheelchair accessibility throughout.

"We've tried to plan it with all disabilities in mind," Bordelon said. "If you have any physical infirmities, we are definitely trying to meet your needs."



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1 Located in a former shopping center, the Georgetown Center for Adult Medicine will offer primary care for patients typically age 55 and older either transitioning to or with Medicare.

2 Center physician Dr. Paula Bordelon said the office was designed with aging patients in mind. Each exam room offers space for wheelchairs as well as paint colors that are designed to help those with eye conditions see definition more clearly.

3 The 5,000-square-foot office features nine exam rooms as well as X-ray and laboratory services. The doctor's office is expected to open this summer at 105 Wildwood Drive, Bldg. 1, ste. 105 and 111.



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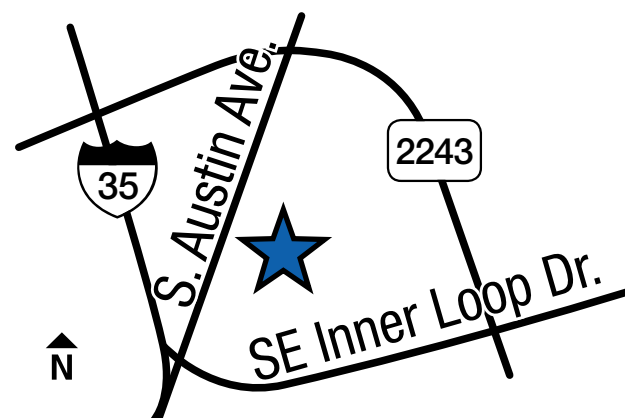
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News from Georgetown and Williamson County

Compiled by Kate Morris and Beth Wade

City ups alarm permit fees, false alarm fines

GEORGETOWN At its Feb. 24 meeting City Council approved increases to commercial alarm system permit fees and fines for false alarms and unregistered alarms.

Police Chief Wayne Nero said the changes were expected to help reduce the number of false alarms and align the fines with the actual cost to respond to alarms and the administration of the alarm program.

The cost for a commercial alarm system permit was increased from \$25 to \$35

annually. The change also implements a graduated fee scale for false commercial panic alarms—the first instance is free, the second and third times are \$100, the fourth and fifth times are \$250, and any additional occurrences are \$500.

Residential alarm permit fees did not change.

Non-permit holders will receive a notice by mail for the first offense. Any additional offenses after 30 days from the initial offense will result in a \$25 fine for residential and a \$35 fine for commercial.

Verde Vista roadway requirement removed

GEORGETOWN During its Feb. 10 meeting City Council approved removing a requirement for developers to extend Verde Vista through their property at Shell Road and Sequoia Spur.

Ryan Ziehe, vice president of land development for Spicewood Development, said the company requested the change saying the roadway would make it nearly impossible to build a proposed 151-unit garden home development.

Council votes to delay code amendments

GEORGETOWN City Council voted 6-1 at its Feb. 10 meeting to delay a decision on changes to the city's unified development code, or UDC, relating to historic properties. Councilman John Hesser was the lone dissenting vote.

Proposed changes include administrative review of sign designs and small projects, identification of structures requiring review for demolition and clarification of the building demolition process. In total there are 35 changes proposed to the UDC.

Several residents asked the council to delay a decision citing concerns there was not enough public input in the process.

Commissioners discuss issuing \$70M in bonds

WILLIAMSON COUNTY As of press time March 6 commissioners were expected to vote March 10 to approve a \$70 million bond plan that would help fund county building and facility needs through certificates of obligation.

After a debate during the Commissioners Court meeting Feb. 24, commissioners voted to postpone the decision.

Certificates of obligation are bonds that are issued without voter approval.

If the court approves the bonds at its March 10 meeting the county will publish two notices of intent, the first of which will be a minimum of 31 days prior to authorizing the certificates.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Valerie Covey, who voiced concerns about the bonds, suggested the county take a closer look at the costs of the suggested projects to determine if the bond amount could be decreased.

The bond money could help fund sheriff's office training facilities and improvements to the county's maintenance facilities.

Each of these projects will be discussed in the court during the upcoming years and must be approved by the commissioners before any work begins.

Council OKs sidewalk, transportation plan

GEORGETOWN City Council approved the first readings of the Overall Transportation Plan and 2014 Sidewalk Master Plan at its Feb. 24 meeting.

The plans lay out transportation needs throughout the city.

The sidewalk master plan includes a comprehensive review of the city's existing network of sidewalks as well as future needs. Projects in the sidewalk plan could be reprioritized annually, city Transportation Analyst Nat Waggoner said.

Downtown parking zone to be expanded

GEORGETOWN City Council approved the first reading of an ordinance to amend the downtown three-hour parking zone at its Feb. 24 meeting.

The change expands the zone to the north side of Ninth Street between Austin Avenue and Rock Street as well as both sides of Eighth Street between Myrtle and Church streets.



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AT THE CAPITOL
News from the 84th Texas Legislature

Patrick, Straus name committees
in Senate, House for 84th session

By Amy Denney

AUSTIN For Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, his first time assigning senators to each of the 14 Senate committees was a bit like the NFL draft and involved charting assignments on a whiteboard.

The 84th Legislature will have the large undertaking of considering which of several thousand bills to approve. To assist with that process each chamber utilizes committees tasked with considering legislation on specific issues.

“That’s where everything happens,” Patrick said.

The 31 senators typically sit on four to five committees, which mostly have between seven and 11 members. Patrick has sole discretion for making committee assignments in the Senate and released his assignments Jan. 23. He used his knowledge of being a senator to provide insight into determining assignments and also asked each senator his or her preferences.

“You try to put people on committees where they have interest and passion,” Patrick said.

The Senate has 14 committees with one subcommittee on border security, which is a decrease from 18 committees during the 83rd Legislature. Once he assigns bills to committees, Patrick said he lets chairmen and chairwomen lead. This session he appointed the first woman, Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, to chair the finance committee. Patrick also reduced the number of Democrats serving as chairmen and chairwomen from six to two.

Patrick said he considered a senator’s experience and subject knowledge in making appointments for committee chair.

“The chairman has all the power,” he

said. “They decide which bills to hear. They decide which bills are voted out. They decide who the invited expert witnesses are. A chairman has to be decisive.”

In the House of Representatives, seniority plays a significant role in determining some of the committee placements. Members who have served the longest get first pick, and House Speaker Rep. Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, appoints the remainder of the assignments. This is Straus’ fourth time to make committee assignments as speaker.

The House has 38 committees and two select or special committees Straus created for this session. Each of the 150 House members sit on at least one committee with most serving on two or three committees. Committees typically have between seven to 11 members. House committees are

each assigned different subject matters to determine which bills it considers. In making the committee assignments, Straus said he considers the demographic and geographic makeup of

the House to ensure balance.

“It’s impossible to make it exactly balanced and to make it exactly perfect, but we do our best to please the members and put them in positions where we think they can be effective,” Straus said.

This session brought the challenge of appointing new chairmen and chairwomen to committees because many members either did not run for re-election or ran for other offices, Straus said. This allowed him to effect change in leadership.

“It’s good not to be too stagnant and a good signal to the public that we have versatile members, and they can handle a wide variety of challenges,” Straus said.

“You try to put people
on committees
where they have
interest and passion.”

—Dan Patrick, lieutenant governor

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



Dan Patrick served in the Texas Senate for eight years before being elected lieutenant governor. He is the first senator to become lieutenant governor in Texas since the 1960s. Patrick was first elected to the Senate in 2006 to serve District 7, which covers most of Northwest Houston and areas of Tomball, Jersey Village and Katy. Patrick released his committee assignments

four days after the start of the 84th Legislature, allowing senators to begin considering legislation. During the first weeks of the session, committees have already approved bills on open-carry laws and the allocation of a portion of the motor vehicle sales tax toward transportation. Patrick and his wife, Jan, have two children, Ryan and Shane, and live in Cypress.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE



Joe Straus has served as speaker of the House since January 2009. He was first elected to the House in February 2005 to represent District 121, which includes Bexar County and areas of Northeast San Antonio. During his time in the House, Straus has helped the House pass balanced budgets, reduce the number of state tests in public schools, improve career readiness and make

the budget more transparent for taxpayers. He also helped build support for a long-term water plan that would not raise taxes. Straus launched a fiscal review process in 2014 to analyze state agencies. Results were incorporated into the House’s proposed budget in January. Straus is a San Antonio native, where he lives with his wife, Julie, and two daughters, Sara and Robyn.

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HOUSE COMMITTEES

Below is a selection of six of the 38 House committees, topics they discuss and top issues this session. For more information or to watch live feeds of meetings visit www.house.state.tx.us.

- **Appropriations:** approves the budget. Top issues: Employee retirement system, border security, transportation and education. Meetings: Frequently in Room E1.030
- **Economic & Small Business Development:** workforce training, commerce and economy. Top issues: economic development incentive programs. Meetings: Thursdays at 8 a.m. in Room E2.010
- **Higher Education:** colleges and universities in the state. Top issues: funding capital projects and addressing the medical profession shortage. Meetings: Wednesdays at 8 a.m. in Room E2.014
- **Public Education:** public school system, the State Board of Education and Texas Education Agency. Meetings: Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in Room E2.036
- **Public Health:** the practice of medicine and dentistry, prevention and treatment of mental illness and the overall protection of public health. Meetings: Tuesdays at 8 a.m. in Room E2.012
- **Transportation:** roads, bridges, ports, the Texas Department of Transportation and Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Top issues: funding the state’s growing transportation needs. Meetings: Thursdays at 8 a.m. in Room E2.012

SENATE COMMITTEES

Below is a selection of six of the 14 Senate committees, topics they discuss and top issues this session. For more information or to watch live feeds of meetings visit www.senate.state.tx.us.

- **Business and Commerce:** insurance, banking, real estate, construction and licensing. Top issues: Payday loans and windstorm insurance. Meetings: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. in Room E1.012
- **Education:** Primary and secondary education. Top issues: Early childhood education, school finance and school choice. Meetings: Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in Room E1.028
- **Finance:** Approves the budget and addresses tax revenue bills. Meetings: Frequently in Room E1.036
- **Health & Human Services:** Agencies and policies related to health and human services, such as Child Protective Services. Top issues: improve response to infectious diseases and mental health. Meetings: Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. in Senate Chamber
- **Higher Education:** gaps in higher education, impact of technology on instruction, alignment between high school and freshman-level college. Meetings: Wednesdays at 8 a.m. in Room E1.012
- **Transportation:** roads, public transit, railroads, ports, the Texas Department of Transportation and Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Top issues: use of motor vehicle sales tax for state highways. Meetings: Wednesdays at 8 a.m. in Room E1.016

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CALENDAR

March

14 Market Days

The open-air market returns for its 18th year with music and vendors from throughout Texas. The event continues each month on the second Saturday through November. 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Free. The Square. 512-639-8719. www.thegeorgetownsquare.com/marketdays.html

20 'Psychology in the Workplace'

Georgetown-based licensed clinical psychologist Sue McCann leads a presentation and group discussion about psychological issues and behaviors commonly seen in the workplace environment. Employees and employers are encouraged to attend. RSVP suggested. 2–4 p.m. \$50. Texas Heritage Plaza, 201 W. Morrow St. 512-639-6155. drsueMcCann@gmail.com

26 Spring Fling: Girls Night Out

The Downtown Georgetown Association hosts an evening of local shopping and live music. Event co-chair JJ Parker said guests should expect an evening similar to Ladies Nite Out. A portion of the money raised is donated to the Georgetown Animal Shelter. 5–9 p.m. Free. The Square. 512-868-8675. www.facebook.com/gnogttx

27 and 28 Georgetown Quilt and Stitchery Show

Handcrafts Unlimited hosts a "Lovely in Lavender" weekend of quilting at the Georgetown Community Center. The event includes a quilt raffle, a tea room and a challenge block in which participants use provided materials to create a square of quilt. Challenge block entries are open to the public. 10 a.m.–5 p.m. \$6. Georgetown Community Center, 445 E. Morrow St. 512-869-1812. www.handcraftsunlimited.com

28 Eggstravaganza

More than 25,000 eggs are hidden throughout the softball fields of the McMaster Athletic Complex. Also hidden in each field is a grand prize egg. Children are divided by age for this event. 9 a.m. Free. McMaster Athletic Complex, 101 W. L. Walden Drive. 512-930-8459. www.events.georgetown.org/eggstravaganza



Courtesy Texas State University

28 Paws for a Cause 5K

The 5K fun run organized by Texas State University nursing students raises funds to assist underserved populations. This year the proceeds benefit children in Round Rock and Georgetown ISDs. 7 a.m. (registration), 8 a.m. (run). \$25 (until March 1), \$30 (March 2 and later). San Gabriel Park, 445 E. Morrow St. 512-716-2900. www.nursing.txstate.edu

28 Barn Dance

The Ride On Center for Kids hosts an evening of dancing, dining and auctions with a live performance by country singer Gary P. Nunn. Proceeds benefit the organization's programs, including aiding children and adults with cognitive and physical needs and providing scholarships to veterans with injuries. 6 p.m. \$200 (individual ticket). Ride On Center for Kids, 2050 Rockride Lane. 512-930-7625. www.rockride.org



Courtesy Run Free Texas

28 Dodgeball tournament

The third annual Guns 'n' Hoses and Average Joes dodgeball competition returns. Teams are required to have six to 10 players who are at least 18 years of age. Registration fees and donations support Run Free Texas' program for at-risk youth. 3 p.m. \$2 (seating for children), \$5 (seating for adults), \$150 (team registration). Georgetown High School, 2211 N. Austin Ave. 512-788-4762. <http://runfreetexas.org/event2.html>

28 Dust Off fundraiser

Georgetown Mortgage hosts a classic car and motorcycle show with live music and a barbecue lunch. All proceeds go to the Boot Campaign, a nonprofit that supports veterans. 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Free (to attend), \$5 (lunch). Georgetown Mortgage, 4819 Williams Drive. 512-982-4616. www.bootcampaign.com

April

11 Autism Awareness bike ride

The Autism Society of Central Texas hosts its bike ride fundraiser through part of Williamson County. Riders can choose among 9-, 24-, 42- and 68-mile paths that start and finish at Georgetown High School. There is also a 5K walk and fun run beginning at 9:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m.–2 p.m. \$25 (walk/run registration), \$50 (cycling registration). Georgetown High School, 2211 N. Austin Ave. www.austinautismsociety.org/get-involved/bike-ride

Online Calendar

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SPRING BREAK



Kate Morris

March 10-12, 17-19 Art camp

Paint With Me Kimberly Keller hosts two weeks of a spring break painting camp for children age 6 and older. Painting themes are a unicorn, a teapot and trees. There is a morning and an afternoon class, and all supplies and a snack are provided. 9 a.m.–noon, 1:30–4:30 p.m. \$35 (per session), \$70 (for two or more children), \$90 (all three courses). Paint With Me Kimberly Keller, 114 E. Seventh St. 512-635-7936. www.paintwithmekeller.com

March 16 'Frozen' party

Children can dress up and sing along with the movie "Frozen" while partaking in themed crafts and treats. 2 p.m. Free. Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth St. 512-930-3551. <https://library.georgetown.org>

March 18 Fabulous '50s Social

The library hosts a sock hop-themed party. Poodle skirts and leather jackets are encouraged. Registration is required and can be done at the children's desk. 2 p.m. Free. Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth St. 512-930-3551. <https://library.georgetown.org>

March 20 Lego day

Children can build and play during a two-hour Lego event at the library. 10 a.m.–noon. Free. Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth St. 512-930-3551. <https://library.georgetown.org>

March 16-20 Camp Goodwater spring break

The camp for children ages 5 through 12 includes snacks and activities. The final day features a field trip to Cameron Park Zoo in Waco. Children must be enrolled in school and should bring a packed lunch daily. 9 a.m.–4 p.m. \$140 (residents), \$175 (nonresidents). Georgetown Recreation Center, 1003 N. Austin Ave. 512-930-3596. <http://parks.georgetown.org>

March 16-20 Spring break camp

Children ages 4 through 12 can bowl, fly kites, watch movies and jump on trampolines at Kidsport's spring break camp. Parents have the option of enrolling children in half-day classes or full-day classes. 8 a.m.–1 p.m. or 1–6 p.m., 8 a.m.–6 p.m. \$35 (half day), \$55 (full day). Kidsport, 2524 Shell Road. 512-864-1334. www.gtgym.com

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Compiled by Beth Wade

Boys & Girls Club of Georgetown 7th Annual Celebration Banquet

The Boys & Girls Club of Georgetown hosted its 7th Annual Celebration Banquet on Feb. 26 at the Georgetown Community Center in San Gabriel Park.

The event honored the club's members, club volunteers and community partners as well as the club's board of directors.

Members of the Jeremiah Milbank Society, donors who have given more than \$10,000 in the past year, were also honored.

In late 2014, 21 acres near SE Inner Loop and Maple Street were donated to the club, said Bob Novello, chairman of the club's board of directors. The land will be used to build a new facility that would combine both current clubs into one location.

- 1 Club member Sebastian Garcia (right) serves as the evening's master of ceremonies. Garcia was also named 2014 Senior Youth of the Year.
- 2 Outgoing board member Bill Stanley (right) receives the Helping Hand Award.
- 3 Club member and 2014 Junior Youth of the Year Skyla Rosales (right) presents the Bill McEntire Volunteer of the Year Award with help from Gia McEntire.



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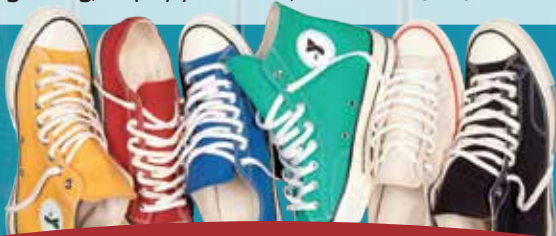
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INSIDE INFORMATION

Filing PROPERTY TAX exemptions

Appraisal districts deadline approaching

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Texas law allows a variety of exemptions from local property taxes. A partial exemption removes either a percentage or a fixed dollar amount of the property's value from taxation, and a total exemption excludes the entire property from taxation. In essence exemptions lower the total property value amount that is taxed by an entity, such as a city, school district, county or municipal utility district, or MUD.

The deadline for filing an exemption application is April 30. In most circumstances exemptions from property tax require an application to be filed with the county's central appraisal district. There is no charge to file an exemption application. The property owner only needs to apply for an exemption once unless there is a change to the status of the property, such as a new owner or tenant, or if a new application is requested by the central appraisal district.

How much it could save

State law requires public school districts to offer a \$15,000 homestead exemption as well as at least an additional \$10,000 for property owners age 65 and older and at least \$10,000 for disabled property owners. Any taxing entity, including a city, county, school district or special district, has the option of offering a separate exemption of up to 20 percent of the property's appraised value but not less than \$5,000. Taxing units can also offer an optional senior or disability exemption of \$3,000. A county may also offer a \$3,000 exemption if it collects a property tax to fund farm-to-market roads or flood control.



How to check if you have exemptions

Property owners can check if they have exemptions filed using the property search tool on the Williamson Central Appraisal District website, www.wcad.org.



How to file

Exemptions in Williamson County can be filed online at www.wcad.org, by email to exemptions@wcad.org, or hand-delivered or mailed to the Williamson Central Appraisal District, 625 FM 1460, Georgetown.



LOCAL EXEMPTIONS OFFERED

	HOMESTEAD	65+	DISABILITY
City of Georgetown	\$5,000	\$12,000	\$40,000
City of Florence	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
City of Jarrell	\$0	\$0	\$0
City of Liberty Hill	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
Williamson County	\$0	\$25,000	\$15,000
Williamson County FM/RD	\$3,000	\$0	\$0
Georgetown ISD	\$15,000	\$13,000	\$10,000
Leander ISD	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Round Rock ISD	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$13,000

This list is a sampling of local exemption amounts but is not comprehensive.

Sources: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Williamson Central Appraisal District, Williamson County Tax Assessor Collector

COMMON PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS



Age 65 or older exemption

To qualify for the age 65 or older exemption, the homeowner must be age 65 or older and live in the house. If the age 65 or older homeowner dies, the surviving spouse may continue to receive the exemption if the surviving spouse is age 55 or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home and applies for the exemption.



Homestead exemption

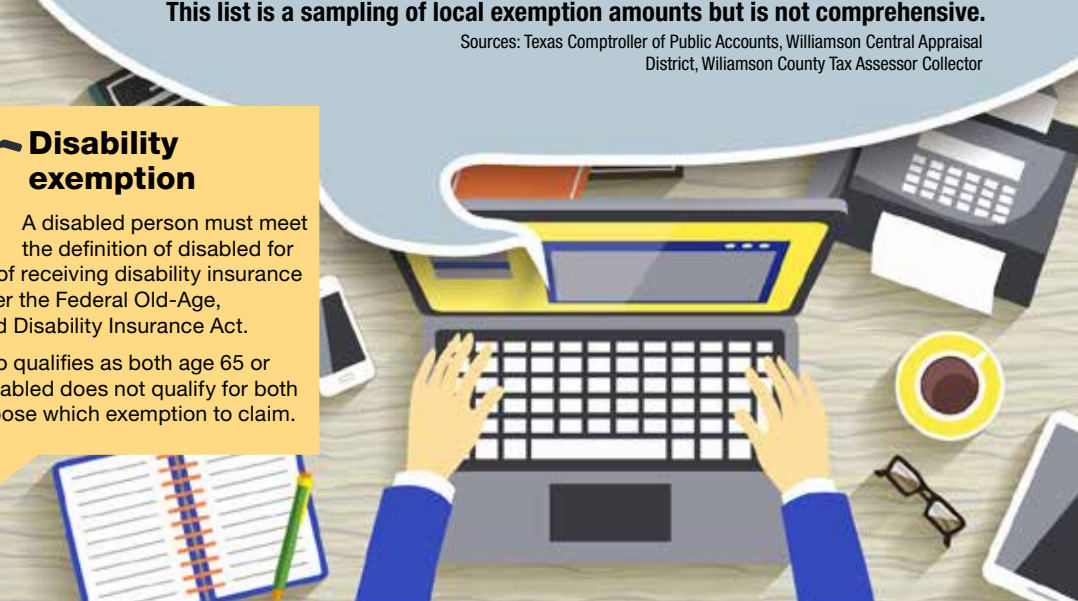
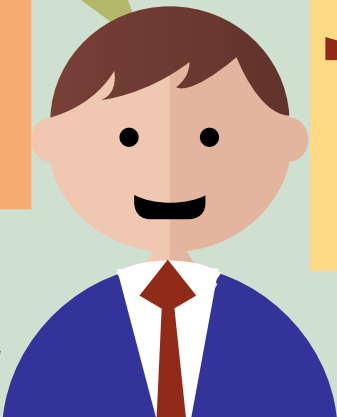
General homestead exemptions require that the owner claims the property as the primary residence and not claim an exemption on another residence in or outside of Texas. The exemption also limits the amount the assessed value can increase year over year to 10 percent.



Disability exemption

A disabled person must meet the definition of disabled for the purpose of receiving disability insurance benefits under the Federal Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance Act. A person who qualifies as both age 65 or older and disabled does not qualify for both but must choose which exemption to claim.

There are many additional exemptions allowed under the Texas Property Code, including those for veterans and charitable organizations. For additional information, visit <http://comptroller.texas.gov>.



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GUIDE

Summer Camp

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School may be out during the summer, but that does not mean learning, fun or the performing arts have to end. Summer camps can provide a way for children of all ages to get an academic edge, learn a new skill or simply have fun during the break. Below readers will find a variety of camps. Although this list is not comprehensive, it is a guide to help make sure children have plenty to keep them busy this summer.

ACADEMIC

LEARNING FUN 101

Georgetown Recreation Center,
1003 N. Austin Ave.
512-930-3596
www.camps.georgetown.org

AGES: 8–16
DATES: June 1–July 31, 8 a.m.–noon
COST: \$185 per week (resident),
\$230 per week (nonresident)

This camp introduces science, technology, engineering and mathematics to children at younger ages. All supplies are included, and computers are provided as needed. Camp sessions include video game creation, Web design, scratch visual programming language, video production and crafting for cash.

LEGO CAMP

Georgetown Recreation Center,
1003 N. Austin Ave.
512-930-3596
www.camps.georgetown.org

AGES: 5–14
DATES: Aug. 10–14 and 17–21,
8 a.m.–noon
COST: \$185 per week (resident),
\$230 per week (nonresident)

Children can learn about engineering and robotics concepts using Lego sets. Campers will use Lego WeDo, the Lego Mindstorms NXT and the Lego EV3 Robotics systems.

SUMMER HISTORY EXPLORERS

The Williamson Museum,

716 S. Austin Ave.
512-943-1670
www.williamsonmuseum.org

AGES: Entering third–sixth grades
DATES: July 20–24 and 27–31,
9 a.m.–3 p.m.
COST: \$20 per day, \$100 per week
(museum members), \$25 per day, \$125
per week (non-museum members)

The Williamson Museum teaches about life in Williamson County during the Civil War. Campers can hear stories of local historical figures and experience the music, art and food of the times. At the end of the week campers make presentations of their interpretations of Civil War stories from Williamson County.

VACATION LIBERTY SCHOOL

Heritage Baptist Church, 1601 FM 971
www.georgetownlibertyschool.eventbrite.com.
donnajo1200@gmail.com

AGES: 7–12
DATES: July 8–10, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.;
July 13–17, 9 a.m.–noon.
COST: \$40 for first child, \$25 for each
additional child (per week)

Participants explore the principles of liberty through faith, hope and charity. Camp activities include games, presentations, skits, crafts and puzzles.

ADAPTIVE

The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department and Exceptional Georgetown Alliance offers summer camp sessions for Georgetown ISD

students. Registration is available at the Georgetown Tennis Center, 400 Serenada Drive; Georgetown Recreation Center, 1003 N. Austin Ave.; and the Parks and Recreation Administration Building, 1101 N. College St. Students must be able to coexist in a small-group setting. Registration begins 8 a.m. March 30 for residents and 8 a.m. March 31 for nonresidents. Registration will be available for non-GISD students June 1 depending on space.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Locations to be determined
512-930-3595
www.camps.georgetown.org

AGES: Middle and high school
DATES: June 15–18, 22–25, June 29–
July 2, July 6–9 and 13–16, 8 a.m.–2 p.m.
COST: \$135 per week (residents),
\$170 per week (nonresidents)

Circle of Friends camp aims to help older children with cognitive and developmental disabilities who are seeking an opportunity to retain communication and social skills during the summer. This camp is designed to encourage campers to develop their imagination and individual ability while enhancing self-esteem. Activities include music, drama, arts and crafts, menu planning, gardening, daily exercise, cooking and movies. Campers will also participate in community-based outings, such as recycling, grocery shopping and weekly field trips.

LET'S MAKE FRIENDS

Locations to be determined
512-930-3595
www.camps.georgetown.org

AGES: First–eighth grades
DATES: June 15–18, 22–25, June 29–
July 2, July 6–9 and 13–16, 8 a.m.–2 p.m.
COST: \$135 per week (residents),
\$170 per week (nonresidents)

The camp focuses on building social and communication skills, and facilitating social and emotional development of children with autism spectrum and Asperger's disorders. Participants take part in arts and crafts, swimming, field trips and other activities to build skills for successful relationships.

ADVENTURE

ARKANSAS TRAVEL CAMP

512-930-3596
www.adventure.georgetown.org

AGES: 12–17
DATES: June 18–25
COST: \$460 (resident),
\$575 (nonresident)

Activities for the eight-day camp include snorkeling at Cossatot Falls, rock climbing at Sam's Throne and canoeing on the Buffalo River.

COLORADO TRAVEL CAMP

512-930-3596
www.adventure.georgetown.org

AGES: 14–17

DATES: July 6–14
COST: \$550 (resident),
\$690 (nonresident)

Camper activities include rock climbing near Colorado Springs, backpacking in the Sangre De Cristo wilderness and whitewater rafting on the Arkansas River.

EXTREME WATER SPORTS CAMP

512-930-3596
www.adventure.georgetown.org

AGES: 12–17
DATES: July 27–Aug. 5
COST: \$425 (resident),
\$535 (nonresident)

Camp activities include a challenge course, whitewater kayaking, snorkeling, wake boarding and sailing during the first week and travel to Padre Island for kayaking and windsurfing the second week.

WELCOME TO ADVENTURE

Georgetown Teen Center,
1003 N. Austin Ave.
512-930-3596
www.adventure.georgetown.org

AGES: 11–12
DATES: June 1–5, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
COST: \$215 per week (resident),
\$270 per week (nonresident)

Day trips take campers to a challenge course, rock climbing, caving, kayaking and horseback riding.

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www.adventure.georgetown.org

AGES: 11–12
DATES: June 1–5, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
COST: \$240 per week (resident),
\$300 per week (nonresident)

Campers visit a challenge course, canoe, kayak, paddleboard and go to Schlitterbahn Waterpark & Resort.

ART

A PREMIUM BLEND SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

A Premium Blend School of Performing Arts, 708 S. Austin Ave., Ste. 201
512-630-5338
www.apremiumblend.com

AGES: 5–15
DATES: June 8–Aug. 14, 9 a.m.–noon
or 1–4 p.m. (early drop-off is available)
COST: \$150 per session

APB offers a variety of half-day and full-day weeklong summer camps, including beginning and advanced A Taste of Premium Blend sessions, in which children can learn music, acting, singing and dance; a selection of dance techniques; or musical instruments. Other camps include “Pitch Perfect Jr.” musical theater, youth orchestra, composition, filmmaking, dance, improv and rock ‘n’ roll programs. The school will also offer a half-day masters violin camp for advanced students. Campers may participate in separate morning and afternoon sessions to make a full-day camp.

ART CAMP

Georgetown Recreation Center,
1003 N. Austin Ave.
512-930-3596
www.camps.georgetown.org

AGES: 8–12
DATES: July 6–10, 20–24, 27–31,
Aug. 3–7 and 17–21, 8 a.m.–noon
COST: \$125 per week (residents), \$155
per week (nonresidents)

Children can learn about color theory, forms of media and techniques through the study of famous artists. Each day of the weeklong camp will focus on a different artist with projects based on his or her style. All supplies are included.

GEORGETOWN ART CENTER

Georgetown Art Center, 816 S. Main St.
512-930-2583
www.georgetownartcentertx.org

AGES: 4–18
DATES: June 1–Aug. 21, 9 a.m.–noon
and 1–4 p.m.
COST: \$145 per week (members),
\$165 per week (nonmembers)

Camp sessions will allow students to explore various media, art processes and approaches. Each week of half-day camps will feature a different theme, such as ceramics and pottery, oil painting, urban art and more. Camps are divided by age group, and materials are included.

THE PALACE THEATER SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Georgetown Palace Theater,
810 S. Austin Ave.
512-868-3643

www.georgetownpalace.com

AGES: 7–18
DATES: June 15–Aug. 21,
8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
COST: \$180 per week (before May 1),
\$200 per week (after May 1)

Children and teens can participate in two-week camps in which they will produce and perform a play. Children ages 7–9 may take part in “Magic Tree House: The Knight at Dawn, Kids,” “Once Upon a Lilypad,” “The Cuckoo,” “The Unity Tree” or “Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock.” Children ages 10–12 may participate in producing “The Taming of Katy Lou,” “Cinderella Kids,” “Bebop with Aesop,” “Musical Theatre Revue” or “Seussical Jr.” Teens age 13 and older may take part in “The Pirates of Penzance, Jr.,” “Broadway Revue” or “Into the Woods, Jr.” A 10 percent discount is offered for siblings or campers taking part in multiple sessions. Sessions for ages 7–12 are two weeks long, and sessions for ages 13 and older are three or four weeks long.

TAL LOSTRACCO'S SUMMER THEATRE CAMP

Southwestern University,
1001 E. University Ave.
512-863-1364
www.talscamp.com

AGES: Children must be attending
or entering high school. Graduating
seniors may submit a letter of intent to
the camp director for approval.
DATES: July 12–26

COST: \$1,550 (includes room and
board)

High school thespians spend two weeks with instructors to strengthen acting and technical skills at this overnight camp.

GENERAL CAMPS

CAMP GOODWATER

Georgetown Recreation Center,
1003 N. Austin Ave.
512-930-3596
www.camps.georgetown.org

AGES: 5–12 (participants must have
completed kindergarten)
DATES: Weekly June 1–Aug. 7,
9 a.m.–4 p.m. (early drop-off and late
pickup are available)
COST: \$140 per week (resident),
\$175 per week (nonresident)

Children can participate in a variety of activities. Weekly field trips include outings to zoos, museums and water parks.

PRIMROSE SUMMER ADVENTURE CLUB

Primrose School of Georgetown,
2205 Wolf Ranch Parkway
512-868-4000
www.primroseschools.com/schools/
georgetown

AGES: 5–12
DATES: Weekly June 1–Aug. 7,
6:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
COST: \$215 per week

Children can participate in a variety of activities with two weekly field trips, and all meals are provided. Each week features a different theme.

SPORTS

AMERICAN RED CROSS JUNIOR GUARD SAFETY CAMP

Georgetown Recreation Center,
1003 N. Austin Ave.
512-930-3596
www.camps.georgetown.org

AGES: 11–14
DATES: June 8–12, 15–19, 22–26,
June 29–July 3, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
COST: \$195 per week (residents),
\$220 per week (nonresidents)

Campers can learn lifeguarding skills, babysitting fundamentals and pet first aid. Each week features daily field trips to a pool in Georgetown as well as an educational field trip.

BRITISH YOUTH SOCCER CAMP

San Gabriel Park soccer fields,
1003 N. Austin Ave.
913-232-5178
www.challengersports.com

AGES: 3–16
DATES: June 8–12, July 20–24 and
Aug. 10–14, times vary
COST: Varies depending on age

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advance of camp get a free jersey.

HULA HOOP DANCE CAMP

Georgetown Recreation Center,
1003 N. Austin Ave.
512-930-3596
www.camps.georgetown.org

AGES: 6–15**DATES:** June 1–5, June 29–July 3,
8 a.m.–noon**COST:** \$100 per week (resident),
\$125 per week (nonresident)

Children can learn techniques such
as passing, handoffs, off-body and
on-body hula hoop flow styles. The
fee includes a custom hula hoop and a
wooden hoop holder to take home.

JUNIOR TENNIS ACADEMY

Georgetown Tennis Center,
400 Serenada Drive
512-930-3595
www.camps.georgetown.org

AGES: 11–18**DATES:** June 1–Aug. 7, 10 a.m.–noon**COST:** \$80 per week (resident),
\$100 per week (nonresident)

These weeklong camps offer
instruction for competitive tournament
tennis players. Sessions include
drills and learning specialty shots.
Participants should bring a water bottle,
tennis racquet, hat and sunscreen.

KID CITY CAMP

Location to be determined

512-930-3596

www.camps.georgetown.org

AGES: 5–12**DATES:** June 29–July 3, July 6–10,
13–17 and 20–24, 8 a.m.–noon**COST:** \$10 per week and \$5 per sibling
(resident), \$15 per week and \$10 per
sibling (nonresident)

Georgetown ISD students who qualify
for the free or reduced-cost lunch
program may take part in a week of
half-day summer enrichment programs.
Children receive breakfast and lunch
during the camp. Activities include
games, arts and crafts, field trips and
swimming. Registration begins at
8 a.m. March 30 for residents and at
8 a.m. March 31 for nonresidents at the
Georgetown Recreation Center, 1003 N.
Austin Ave.; the Parks and Recreation
Administration Building, 1101 N.
College St.; or the Georgetown Tennis
Center, 400 Serenada Drive.

MUNCHKIN CAMP

Georgetown Tennis Center,
400 Serenada Drive
512-930-3596
www.camps.georgetown.org

AGES: 5–7**DATES:** June 1–Aug. 7, 8–10:30 a.m.**COST:** \$70 per week (resident),
\$90 per week (nonresident)

The weeklong tennis camp focuses
on basic strokes and hand-eye
coordination. Non-tennis games and

swimming are also incorporated.
Children must have completed
kindergarten by the start of camp.

SPORTS MANIA CAMP

Georgetown Recreation Center,
1003 N. Austin Ave.
512-930-3596
www.camps.georgetown.org

AGES: 5–9**DATES:** June 8–12, 8 a.m.–noon**COST:** \$115 per week (resident),
\$145 per week (nonresident)

Children can learn the basics of more
than 20 sports, including floor hockey,
bowling, kickball and disc golf, with a
focus on development of game skills and
knowledge and sportsmanship.

SUMMER TENNIS CAMP

Georgetown Tennis Center,
400 Serenada Drive
512-930-3596
www.camps.georgetown.org

AGES: 7–12**DATES:** June 1–Aug. 7, 9 a.m.–
4 p.m. (early drop-off and late pickup is
available)**COST:** \$140 per week (resident),
\$175 per week (nonresident)

Participants can learn basic tennis
skills. Activities also include non-tennis
games and swimming.

TEEN SELF DEFENSE CAMP

Georgetown Recreation Center,

1003 N. Austin Ave.

512-930-3596

www.camps.georgetown.org

AGES: 12–18**DATES:** July 13–17 and Aug. 10–14,
8 a.m.–noon**COST:** \$100 per week (resident),
\$125 per week (nonresident)

Teens can learn self-defense and self-
discipline by practicing krav maga and
Brazilian jiu jitsu.

TEXAS STAR FARMS

Texas Star Farms, 3650 CR 255
512-983-3103
www.txstarfarm.com

AGES: 6–16**DATES:** TBD, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. (extended
hours available)**COST:** \$400 per week (fee includes a
camp T-shirt)

Children can learn about taking care
of horses and are responsible for their
own horse. Each weeklong session—
capped at five campers—will end in a
horse show. Campers participate in two
hours of riding a day as well as daily
crafts and water games. A cookout
lunch is available each Friday.

VOLLEYBALL SKILLS CAMP

Georgetown Recreation Center,
1003 N. Austin Ave.
512-930-3596
www.camps.georgetown.org

AGES: 9–14**DATES:** June 15–19 and July 20–24,
8 a.m.–noon**COST:** \$100 per week (resident), \$125
per week (nonresident)

Participants can learn sportsmanship
and basic techniques, including passing,
setting, spiking and serving, as well as
rules. More experienced players can
also learn defense and positions.

XCELERATE LACROSSE CAMP

Southwestern University,
1001 E. University Ave.
415-479-6060
www.xceleratelacrosse.com

AGES: 10–18**DATES:** June 14–18 (girls),
June 21–25 (boys), times vary**COST:** \$695 overnight, \$595 extended
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COMPOSTING

Guide

COMPILED BY STEPHEN BURNETT
DESIGNED BY KARA NORDSTROM

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Guide to VERMICOMPOSTING

Gardeners can also try
vermicomposting and grow
indoor or outdoor compost
mixtures using worms.

1 Buy or find plastic bins or wooden boxes

Drill small holes in the plastic or use gaps between wood. You can also stack one plastic box inside another, using the top box for the mix and the bottom box for drainage.

2 Collect your starter compost mixture

Use brown elements such as leaves or newspaper, green elements such as vegetable scraps, and a small amount of soil and moisture.

3 Find worms to create the compost

Worms from your yard likely won't work. Instead, buy red wigglers or manure worms at garden stores, or find them in a manure pile. Even a few dozen worms will soon multiply.

4 Provide a home and food

Add to your box the starter compost mixture and worms. You can store the box in your yard or under a kitchen sink. Drop new compostable materials in the box about once every week; you want to give the worms just enough food to eat. Avoid letting items decompose or take root.

5 Harvest the compost liquid or solid material

After a few months the new compost—from worm waste—should appear dark and soft, with a sweet smell.

If you stacked your boxes, you can use drained water from the bottom box as a nutrient-rich solution to water plants. Or you can scoop out the actual compost. To avoid scooping out worms, some gardeners move compost to one end of the box, then add items to the other side and wait for the worms to move.

WHY SHOULD I COMPOST?

- Composting is a way to recycle materials that would normally go into landfills.
- Composting gives gardeners their own organic soil that can be used to fertilize plants.
- Homemade compost boosts the growth of homegrown fruits, vegetables and houseplants.

WHERE SHOULD I COMPOST?

You can start a compost mixture in different ways:

- An outdoor pit in the ground
- An outdoor pile, perhaps inside a box
- A closed indoor box that is kept moist and filled with red worms, known as vermicomposting

"We have a heavy alkaline soil here, so when you're planting, trees will get a better start if you mix some compost in there. It's an organic fertilizer."

— Mark Ney, owner of McIntire's Garden Center

WHEN SHOULD I COMPOST?

You can start a compost mixture any time.

However, it is easier to obtain brown elements—dead materials such as leaves and wood chips—during lawn maintenance in the summer and fall.

It is also easier to obtain green elements—organic materials such as fruit and vegetable skins—in the spring and summer. Both sets of materials are vital to a balanced compost mix.

WHAT CAN'T I COMPOST?

- Bones, fish or meat scraps—these can attract pests
- Diseased plants—these can infect the mixture
- Pet manure—these can contain parasites

WHAT CAN I COMPOST?

COMPOST MIXES INCLUDE FOUR COMPONENTS:

Brown elements, green elements, oxygen and water.

Use about 1/3 green materials and 2/3 brown materials.

1/3
GREEN MATERIALS

SOURCES INCLUDE:

- Fruit waste
- Vegetable waste
- Other table scraps (excluding meats)

2/3
BROWN MATERIALS

SOURCES INCLUDE:

- Cardboard or newspaper
- Dryer lint
- Eggshells
- Grass or leaf clippings
- Straw or hay
- Wood chips

GREEN MATERIALS

These can include manures and fruit skins, which contribute nitrogen that oxidizes carbon and bacteria that break down brown materials.

BROWN MATERIALS

These can include items such as coffee filters, paper bags and wood chips. When shredded into small strips for easier breakdown, these contribute carbon energy to the compost mix, ensuring that sufficient oxygen reaches green materials. Adding more brown elements also helps keeps odors low.

HOW DO I MAINTAIN MY COMPOST MIXTURE?

- Avoid using products that are oil-based or could contain chemicals or pesticides.
- Keep your mix in a pile or ventilated space so the bacteria can best break down plant matter. Bacteria also release heat into the mixture, speeding the breakdown process and killing pathogens and weed seeds.
- Make time to turn over your compost mix at least once every two weeks.
- Ensure your compost mixture stays moist to aid in bacteria growth.
- Watch out for animals that may be attracted to open compost mixtures.

WHEN IS MY COMPOST READY?

Healthy compost mixtures can take six to eight weeks to be ready for use in gardening.

NOT READY:

- Mixture has unpleasant odors
- Original materials can be seen in mixture
- Mixture is lumpy and does not easily crumble

READY:

- Mixture has sweet, earthy scent
- Original materials can't be seen in mixture
- Mixture has a smoother texture and easily crumbles



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NEWS

Texas DMV to transition to single sticker



MARCH 1 Drivers will have one year to sync the expiration of the inspection and registration stickers. If the vehicle's inspection is still valid, the vehicle owner may renew the registration and transition to one sticker. If not, the vehicle owner will need to

complete the inspection before registration.

MARCH 1, 2016 Drivers will have a 90-day window to complete both the inspection and registration renewal.

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FEES

Safety inspection
Station fee: \$7
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Source: Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

TEXAS Advocates of Texas' new single-sticker system are hoping it results in a more efficient process for inspecting vehicles and renewing registration as well as safer cars on the road and fewer fraudulent stickers.

Starting March 1 drivers will no longer receive separate stickers for inspection and registration. Drivers will no longer receive an inspection sticker, and instead the registration sticker will serve as proof of both. Once the vehicle passes inspection the status is entered into the Department of Public Safety database, and the vehicle owner receives a printed verification of the passed inspection. Fees remain the same.

A one-year transition phase allows

drivers to sync the expiration dates of their two stickers. If a vehicle's inspection is still valid at the time of registration, the vehicle owner may renew the registration. If not, the owner will need to have the vehicle inspected before registration.

"The reason for this sync-up is to avoid having Texans coming in twice for inspection in a calendar year," said Whitney Brewster, executive director of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

In May 2013 the 83rd Texas Legislature passed House Bill 2305 authorizing the single-sticker system. The issue was brought up by the Texas State Inspection Association, said state Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas.

Full story by Amy Denney

Toll reimbursement program expands to all CenTex roads

CENTRAL TEXAS Carma, a transportation technology company that promotes carpooling, announced Feb. 10 that it will expand its toll reimbursement program to toll fares on all major Austin-area tollways through June 30.

In addition to existing reimbursement options for carpoolers who drive on Toll 183A and the Manor Expressway, Carma has added rebates for tolls charged on Loop 1, SH 45 in South Austin, SH 45 N in Round Rock and SH 130 from Georgetown to the SH 45 interchange.

Two-person carpools can receive 50 percent of the tolls rebated, and carpool parties with three or more Carma users will receive full toll reimbursement. Carma Community Manager Lauren Albright said the program has also been updated so carpoolers receive a credit directly to their PayPal account, which is synced with the Carma app, instead of on their TxTag bill.

To participate the driver and riders



Emilie Lutostanski

must connect using the Carma smart-phone app, which is available for iPhone and Android users. Once the driver provides Carma with the vehicle's TxTag account, GPS technology in the app allows the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority or the Texas Department of Transportation to count the number of people in the vehicle and give a reimbursement.

Through the app, riders also contribute 20 cents per mile for the trip, of which 3 cents goes to Carma and 17 cents is paid to the driver. There is an option for drivers to give a free trip to riders.

More information is available at <http://carmacarpool.com/austin>.

Full story by Emilie Lutostanski

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TLCC TIMELINE

FEBRUARY 2015

ACC announces \$4.9 million grant in partnership with TLCC

AUGUST 2014

TLCC announces a \$300,000 U.S. Economic Development Administration grant to aid in company recruitment

JUNE 2013

TLCC breaks ground on second 15,000-square-foot building

JANUARY 2013

Executive Director Michael Douglas joins TLCC

MARCH 2011

TLCC announces partnership with Austin Community College to provide internship, grant opportunities

OCTOBER 2010

TLCC receives \$245,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to work with local colleges and universities for internship programs

NOVEMBER 2007

Texas Life-sciences Collaboration Center launches with one member company

CELLING BIOSCIENCES | Joined TLCC: 2009 | No. of staff: 4 | www.cellingbiosciences.com

The company is developing methods to enhance cell-based therapeutic approaches to regenerating specific cells in orthopedics, cardiovascular and trauma-related reconstruction and treating diseases.

DIFUSION TECHNOLOGIES | Joined TLCC: 2011 | No. of staff: 7 | www.difusioneotech.com

DiFusion Technologies developed self-sterilizing orthopedic implants, which are in the process of being introduced to the marketplace.

DISPERSOL TECHNOLOGIES | Joined TLCC: 2011 | No. of staff: 10 | www.dispersoltech.com

DisperSol Technologies developed a method to make drugs more water-soluble and is expected to begin manufacturing its products this year.

KJ SCIENTIFIC LLC | Joined TLCC: 2004 | No. of staff: 2 | www.kjscientific.com

KJ Scientific LLC is an environmental chemical testing company that uses new methods to analyze chemical toxins and their metabolites that may have adverse affects on human and animal health.

MOLECULAR TEMPLATES | Joined TLCC: 2009 | No. of staff: 17 | www.moleculartemplates.com

The company will begin Phase 1 trials this year for its cancer therapies designed to kill cancer cells.

RADIX BIOSOLUTIONS INC. | Joined TLCC: 2007 | No. of staff: 9 | www.radixbiosolutions.com

Radix BioSolutions develops chemicals and testing mechanisms for pharmaceutical companies to help them discover and test their drugs effectively.

Sources: Austin Community College, Texas Life-sciences Collaboration Center

Grant

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partnership that was established in 2011 with the community college.

"It's been life-changing for me," Neill said. "I had already worked in a lab in a classroom environment. ... [The internship] gave me a lot of confidence."

After completing her internship with Molecular Templates—a member company at TLCC—Neill was offered an hourly position at the company that was re-evaluated after 90 days and eventually turned into a full-time job, she said.

She is one of several working at the center who earned a certificate or degree in biotechnology from ACC, interned with a TLCC member company and found full-time employment in Georgetown.

Through the partnership 12 ACC students have interned at TLCC companies, and eight have been hired by those companies, ACC spokeswoman Jessica Vess said.

In February, ACC announced a \$4.9 million grant from the state's Emerging Technology Fund that will help develop wet lab and teaching space at TLCC as well as an 8,400-square-foot biotech wet lab at the ACC Highland campus.

Linnea Fletcher, chairwoman of ACC's biotech department, said the grant will help expand the existing partnership between ACC and TLCC to provide additional

internship opportunities for students at TLCC member companies.

ACC President/CEO Richard Rhodes said having more students educated through the ACC biotech program and TLCC partnership could help attract new businesses to Central Texas because there will be a trained and skilled workforce.

"To have students already there in the community and to have jobs there, that's what a community college is all about," he said. "It's making sure we provide the pathways to employment and to meet the needs of business and industry."

Grant award

Through the grant, training opportunities will be available in Georgetown, TLCC Executive Director Michael Douglas said.

"This award recognizes our growing collaboration with ACC to ensure that we have the training resources to meet the growing workforce demands of the life science industry," Douglas said.

The grant will be broken down to several phases, the first of which will be used to fund classroom and wet lab space in the second building under construction at the TLCC campus, located at 111 Cooperative Way.

TLCC will receive nearly \$800,000, Douglas said. About half is for personnel and space. The other half will pay for equipment and supplies, he said.

"This grant will fund training space in the form of a classroom with desks, chairs, and computers, and it provides a laboratory space that is extremely well-equipped for training these students," Douglas said.

Douglas said the space would also be accessible to the center's member companies.

"Providing companies these common instruments I think helps put them over the edge," ACC biotech instructor Sulatha Dwarakanath said.

The grant also supports the development of a Good Manufacturing Practices-certified building, meaning the Food and Drug Administration could approve the building's use for pharmaceutical manufacturing. Member companies moving forward with manufacturing and commercialization of their products, including DisperSol Technologies, Molecular Templates and DiFusion Technologies, could

use the space, according to the grant summary.

Douglas said the grant would help further consulting opportunities for ACC faculty as well.

"The [contract consulting] program that we are initiating with ACC and TLCC basically allows [part-time] faculty ... who want to form relationships with our companies here to do that," he said.

Faculty would be able to consult with TLCC companies and possibly oversee former students with certifications working as interns, Douglas said.

Regional impact

Douglas said the grant would have a regional impact on the biotech industry in Central Texas.

"We're seeing [entities in] Travis and Williamson counties really collaborating together to build this infrastructure," he said.

The opening date for the wet lab at the Highland campus has

not been set, Fletcher said. Once open, 2,000-square-foot will be available to private companies.

"We need to do this because a lot of start-up companies need this help," she said.

The lack of wet labs forced many companies that developed technologies in Georgetown and Austin to travel elsewhere to manufacture their product, Fletcher said. Making such space available to companies helped convince the state to provide support, she said.

According to the grant, building GMP-certified facilities "will address this demand and enable enhanced recruitment of companies currently located elsewhere."

ACC is working with multiple partners, including UT's Austin Technology Incubator.

Additional reporting by Joe Lanane

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HTF

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they also bought less gas, so there were fewer fuel taxes going into the [HTF]," she said. "We didn't anticipate that, so we had to start making up the difference. People didn't jump back into driving the way they did before, so we [have been] making up the difference ever since."

While Congress deals with a long-term problem of fixing federal transportation funding, there is perhaps a more pressing issue of what to do about funding transportation in the next fiscal year.

Kavinoky said Congress passed a bill in July to extend MAP 21—the federal transportation act that has provided states transportation funding since 2013—until May 2015. However, unless Congress acts before then and approves a new bill to fund transportation, the HTF could run out of money.

"We've been expecting [Congress] to address the [funding] gap in the Highway Trust Fund for the better part of a decade," said Ashby Johnson, executive director of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, which is responsible for regional transportation planning in Central Texas. "We knew the trust fund was going to go broke. We've known since the mid-90s it was headed in this direction."

Local effect

Roughly one-third of the Texas Department of Transportation's budget comes from federal funding, TxDOT Public Information Officer David Glessner said. The department's federal obligation authority, or the authority provided by federal law to make funds available for state agencies to use, has hovered around \$3 billion a year since 2009.

Texas is also a donor state, meaning it sends more fuel tax revenue to the federal government than it receives, Johnson said.

"We must also reverse the decades-old trend of Texas paying more into the HTF than it receives," McCaul said. "I hope that when Congress brings up the HTF this year, it will work to resolve these issues."

Johnson said CAMPO typically receives about \$2 million annually for transportation planning efforts, which is far less than the \$6 million he estimates the region needs.

CAMPO also receives about \$21.8 million annually for the Surface Transportation Program. Johnson said CAMPO may use STP funding for a variety of uses, but it often goes toward construction instead of planning.

"We're in a high-growth area, and there's so much change happening so fast that having less money and a choppy stream of funding leads to us not being able to respond to things as quickly as we would like to," he said.

Had the region been able to access more federal dollars, CAMPO and TxDOT might have been able to address congestion on I-35 sooner, he said. Johnson said Congress used to approve six-year transportation bills, making it easier for planning efforts. Now, he said, Congress will pass two-year bills, and funding is never guaranteed.

"It's not unusual now to get six or seven continuing resolutions between bills," Johnson said. "When you get a continuing resolution it's never 100 percent of the money you would have gotten. It's usually about 75 to 80 percent of what you usually would have gotten."

State agencies are preparing for a potential slowdown in transportation projects if Congress does not pass new legislation. Glessner said TxDOT can borrow funds on a short-term basis to cover the operations of the department for several months.

Congress has let the transportation funding program expire for a few days in the past, but it has not been lengthy enough to interrupt construction projects, Glessner said.

For the past 10 years, Johnson said local jurisdictions have taken on federal and state projects instead of waiting for funding that may never come. Hays and Williamson counties have both been aggressive in ponying up local funding and bond money.

"The locals have been shouldering more and more of the burden of what would have been [the state's responsibility]," he said.

Short-term, long-term solutions

With MAP 21 set to expire in May, Congress will be faced with passing a new transportation funding bill this session and likely could take it up this spring.

"The Highway Trust Fund needs to be funded by thoughtful and long-term policies that execute those needs, not another

Band-Aid solution," said U.S. Rep. John Carter, R-Round Rock. "I'm pleased that the House's Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is reviewing proposals that would secure the Highway Trust Fund for years to come. I'll keep the needs of Texas first in mind as Congress crafts policy options in the months ahead."

Carter said Texas has been smart to not completely rely on HTF revenue. He said Texas voters and the Legislature have both approved numerous proposals to leverage local dollars to maintain and improve the state's transportation infrastructure.

Johnson said Congress should consider adjusting the gas tax to match inflation and implementing a vehicle miles traveled fee, which would allow the government to capture revenue from electric and more fuel-efficient vehicles.

"I think we spend a lot of time on the roads, but we need to beef up transit funding as well," he said. "Increasingly in this region if we had a better transit network we could help with some of the congestion on the roads and also encourage economic development just like we do with roads."

David Glenn, legislative director for state Rep. Marsha Farney, R-Georgetown, said with the increasing demand for roadways, leaders should consider a multimodal solution, which could include passenger rail and additional pedestrian facilities.

"There is not one solution that will cover all the costs," Glenn said. "We need about \$4 billion a year to maintain all of the roads. ... As far as a permanent long-term solution, I don't know if there is just one."

State Rep. Celia Israel, D-Austin, sits on the House Transportation Committee and said she filed House Bill 594 that would encourage semitrailers to use SH 130 instead of I-35 by adjusting toll rates.

"We can also encourage state agencies to utilize policies allowing work-from-home options, which are common and popular tools utilized in the private sector," she said.

Israel said funding transportation is just as important as ensuring education and water resources are adequately supported.

Additional reporting by Beth Wade

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FROM THE PUMP to the roadways

Just as transportation projects take years to develop, there are several steps in the process of states being reimbursed for transportation project costs through the federal Highway Trust Fund.



GAS AND DIESEL TAX REVENUE

1

The HTF provides federal funding for transportation projects throughout the country. About 89 percent of the revenue comes from gas taxes—18.4 cents per gallon of gasoline and 24.4 cents per gallon of diesel fuel—drivers pay at the pumps. Taxes on heavy truck sales and heavy truck tires also contribute to the HTF, which is composed of a highway account and a mass-transit account.

18.4¢
PER GALLON
OF GASOLINE
and
24.4¢
PER GALLON
OF DIESEL FUEL



CONGRESS PASSES LEGISLATION

2

Congress has to pass a new federal transportation authorization act before each state receives its yearly apportionment, or the amount of obligation authority allocated. MAP 21—the current act—covered years 2013–14 before Congress extended the bill to May 2015.

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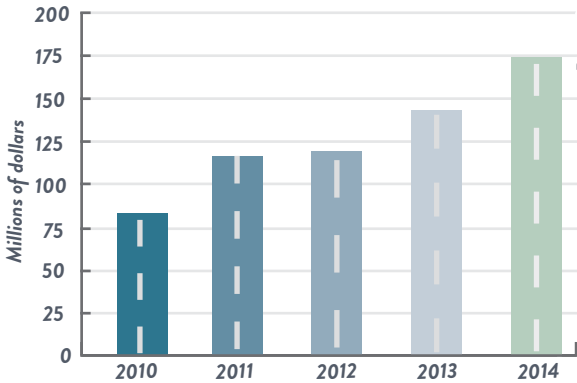


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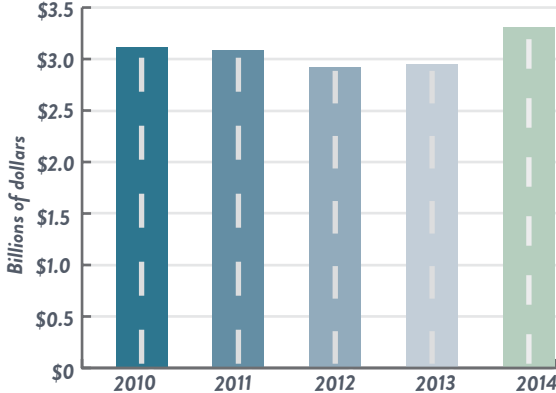
CONTRIBUTING TO Texas transportation

Federal funding contributes to about one-third of TxDOT's budget and provided more than \$634.7 million in funding for TxDOT projects in the Austin area from 2010–14.

TxDOT'S FEDERAL FUNDS SPENT IN AUSTIN



TxDOT STATEWIDE FEDERAL FUNDING AUTHORITY



PROJECT SELECTION

3

TxDOT selects projects to receive federal funding by considering needs for safety, maintenance and mobility. Federal funding is received primarily for highway and bridge projects on or near the state highway system.



STATE FUNDS PROJECTS

4

After receiving its obligation authority from the federal government, TxDOT may enter into contracts for projects. TxDOT uses state funds to pay for projects and is reimbursed from the HTF.

FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT

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Once federal funds have been obligated, the money is available to reimburse TxDOT during the life of the project, which may take several years. The department is typically reimbursed at 80 percent of those projects.

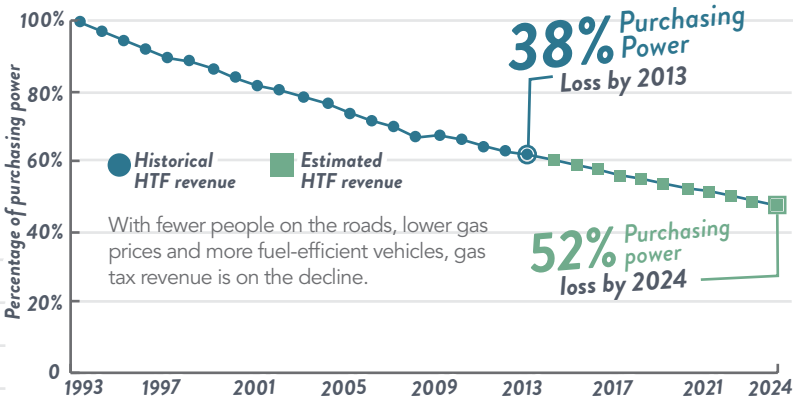
BORROWING MONEY

6

TxDOT can borrow funds on a short-term basis to cover operational costs. If federal funding authorization is not extended or there is not enough revenue to cover obligations, TxDOT can still operate for a few months before it has to slow awarding contracts.

Design by Mike Martinez

RUNNING ON EMPTY



FEDERALLY FUNDED Local projects

Hundreds of TxDOT projects in the Austin area received federal funding or are set to receive federal funding in the next few years. Several of those projects affect the Georgetown area.



PROJECT

- 1 Repair Hwy. 29 from I-35 to D.B. Wood Road
- 2 Resurface Hwy. 29 from I-35 to FM 1660
- 3 Repair Hwy. 29 from US 183 to Cedar Hollow Road
- 4 Widen FM 1460 from Quail Valley Drive to Westinghouse Road
- 5 Improve guardrails and safety on Hwy. 138 from Hwy. 195 to US 183
- 6 Resurface Hwy. 29 from Cedar Hollow Road to River Chase
- 7 Repair the Hwy. 29 bridge spanning the Smith Branch Creek
- 8 Widen more than 7 miles of Hwy. 195 to a four-lane divided highway

OTHER PROJECTS, PROGRAMS

- Landscaping along I-35

U.S. RELATIVE RATES

Unit description	1993	2010	Percent change
Gas prices			
Per gallon	\$1.12	\$2.73	144%
House			
Median price	\$126.5K	\$221.8K	75%
Car			
Average new car	\$19,200	\$26,850	40%
Federal gas tax			
Per gallon	\$0.184	\$0.184	0%

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Police

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numbers down? That’s what’s important to us.”

In April the Police Department will take a step toward decreasing the number of crimes committed by launching a deployment unit.

“That’s one of the big things we’re doing this year,” Assistant Police Chief Cory Tchida said. “It’s a unit that can address specific issues, problems [and] concerns that are outside of the realm of regular patrol work,” he said.

The unit’s staff will be able to detach from all other responsibilities to solve issues—whether drug-, traffic- or neighborhood-related—and Nero said this unit will be similar to a street crimes unit.

“This is an area that many other units are going to be born from because we don’t have a full-time

“As a chief you want to look at these numbers and think, ‘Where can we impact this?’”

—Wayne Nero, Georgetown police chief

need for all of those capabilities right now, but we do have a need,” Nero said. “As a chief I can’t wait for it to be a compelling need before we start to create the capability.”

Mayor Dale Ross said the department will be able to use the unit to identify smaller issues in the city before they can become major problems.

“[The unit] will allow us to use analytics to be even more proactive and manage our crime rate even further,” Ross said.

Tchida said the unit was funded through the city’s 2014–15 fiscal year budget and will begin with three new officers and a sergeant.

One example of the unit’s work could be in parking lots where there have been reported car burglaries, he said.

“We’ll have patrol officers do extra patrols of this area that’s been getting hit, but the reality is that those patrol officers can only stay there until they get called [somewhere else],” Tchida said.

Deployment unit officers will be able spend time in targeted areas without being called away.

Nero said this unit is just the first step in his plans for the department.

“There’s going to be a lot of specialized capabilities that have to be built over the next several years—because the community is going to grow, and things are going to change—whether it’s crime analysis or more traffic enforcement and commercial motor vehicle enforcement,” he said. “There’s all

[of] these extra things that have to occur, and with staffing we don’t always have time to be proactive.”

Digital direction

The new Public Safety Operations and Training Center, which opened in February at 3500 D.B. Wood Road, could also house the Internet Crimes Against Children task force, a part of the Texas Attorney General’s Office Cyber Crimes Unit. The department is negotiating an agreement with the office to bring about 20 staff members to Georgetown.

The agreement would allow the task force to have space in the PSOTC. In addition, the task force would provide computer forensic services for GPD cases, Nero said.

“Right now we do not have the capacity to do [computer forensics].

Most cases, if we can make the case without that, we just don’t do it or we send the case to [the Department of Public Safety] or Round Rock provided they have the time,” Nero told City Council in September. “Sometimes the turnaround is very quick; other times it can take a while, depending on their caseload.”

Although Ross said there are not a lot of cyber crimes in the city, he supports the decision to stay ahead of any issues that could arise.

“We’re being safe and proactive because as more and more crimes are committed using technology—we want to be on the forefront of that,” Ross said.

The Cyber Crimes Unit prioritizes Internet stalking, forensics and hacking and would be able to train Georgetown officers.

“This is a unit that does really good work. ... [And] they will assist us with all of our cyber crime and forensic investigations and assist us in training our staff to be self-sufficient in those areas,” Tchida said.

Technology has been a continued focus of growth for the Police Department. In 2013 it began using PublicEngines software, which allows the department to analyze crime data and identify trends.

Regularly updated crime maps generated by the software are available to the public and can be accessed through the CityConnect smartphone app or online at www.crimereports.com.

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What should be the Georgetown Police Department’s focus?

CRIME RATES

WHEN ANALYZING CRIME STATISTICS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY’S CRIME IN TEXAS REPORT COMPARES CITIES OF SIMILAR SIZES. HERE ARE THE CRIMES REPORTED IN SIMILAR-SIZED CITIES IN 2013:

POPULATION		CRIMES REPORTED
59,948	CEDAR PARK	920
68,835	FLOWER MOUND	525
53,844	GEORGETOWN	864
53,007	PFLUGERVILLE	881
51,786	SAN MARCOS	2,105

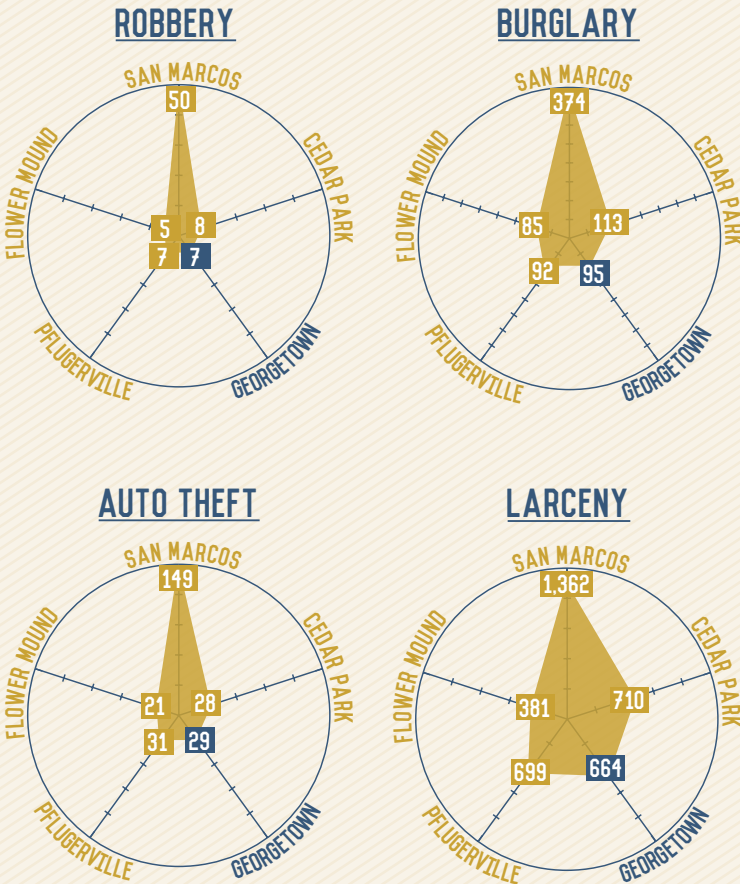
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ASSAULTS

CEDAR PARK	56
FLOWER MOUND	30
GEORGETOWN	52
PFLUGERVILLE	36
SAN MARCOS	137

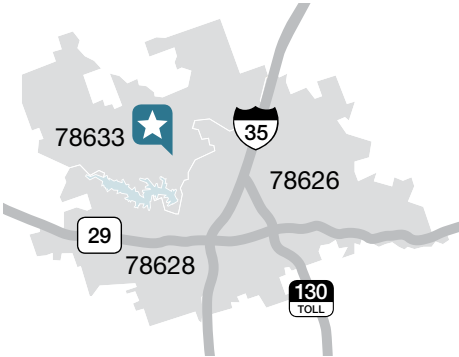
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Source: Texas Department of Public Safety

REAL ESTATE

Heritage Oaks, an active adult community for residents age 55 and older, features homes ranging from 1,400 to 2,700 square feet built by Century Communities, formerly known as Jimmy Jacobs Custom Homes. The neighborhood features a clubhouse, commercial kitchen, fitness center and walking trails as well as a variety of clubs and activities.



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FEATURED NEIGHBORHOOD

Heritage Oaks



Build-out year: Not built out
Builders include: Century Communities
Square footage: 1,400–2,700
Home values: \$235,000–\$450,000
HOA dues (estimated): \$550 annually
Amenities: Clubhouse, commercial kitchen, fitness center, billiards, library, clubs/activities, walking/biking trails, pond with waterfall
Property taxes (in dollars):
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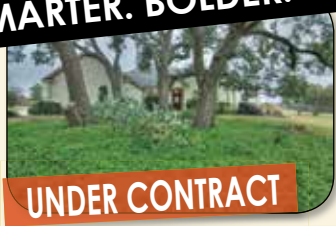
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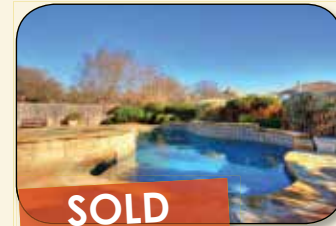
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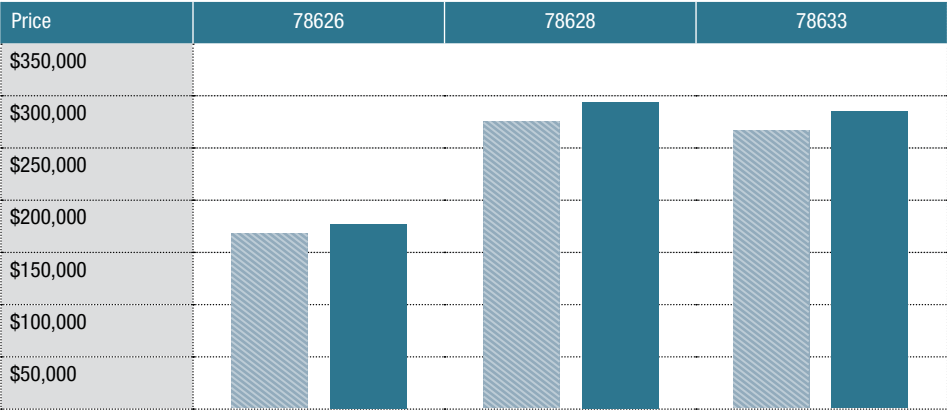
Market Data

On the market (February 2015)

Price Range	Number of homes for sale/Average days on the market		
	78626	78628	78633
\$149,999 or less	2/13	—	—
\$150,000–\$199,999	8/44	2/62	13/42
\$200,000–\$299,999	41/97	29/110	52/75
\$300,000–\$399,999	15/141	51/120	39/112
\$400,000–\$499,999	3/114	38/110	36/104
\$500,000–\$599,999	2/179	10/186	20/122
\$600,000–\$799,999	2/40	21/104	8/140
\$800,000–\$999,999	3/311	5/121	1/71
\$1 million +	—	3/254	—

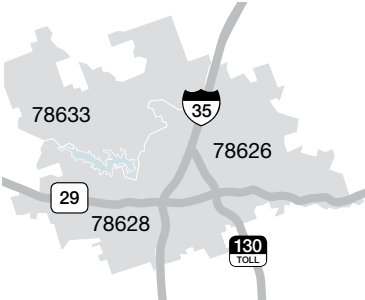
Median price of homes sold

February 2014 vs. February 2015



Recent Property Listings

ZIP code	Subdivision	Address	Bed/Bath	Price	Sq. ft.	Agent	Agency	Phone
78626	Garcia M.J. Survey	3 CR 150	4br/2ba	\$356,993	2,153	Chip Edmiston	RE/MAX Centx Associates	512-686-5888
78626	Eubank Addition	1711 S. Main St.	3br/2ba	\$249,900	1,888	Jay Warren	Berkshire Hathaway TX Realty	512-864-5657
78626	Georgetown City	204 S. Main St.	2br/1ba	\$199,900	1,019	Jay Warren	Berkshire Hathaway TX Realty	512-864-5657
78626	Hughes Addition	1208 S. College St.	3br/2ba	\$289,900	2,996	Nancy Knight	Keller Williams Realty–GT	512-863-4442
78626	Munson Addition	203 E. Second St.	3br/2ba	\$365,000	1,774	Chip Edmiston	RE/MAX Centx Associates	512-686-5888
78626	San Gabriel River Estates	310 Courtnees Way	5br/5ba	\$799,999	5,275	Heather Smith	Keller Williams Realty–RR	512-636-3994
78626	Shell Addition	805 E. Fourth St.	2br/1ba	\$129,900	1,027	Laurie Flood	Keller Williams Realty	512-576-1504
78626	Teravista	1205 Sunny Meadows Loop	3br/2ba	\$239,900	1,580	Steven Fohl	JB Goodwin, Realtors	512-287-1847
78626	Teravista	1106 Sunny Meadows Loop	4br/2ba	\$240,995	1,705	Scott Tolar	Keller Williams Realty–RR	512-693-9020
78626	Walburg Crossing	821 CR 148	4br/3ba	\$402,300	3,972	Michelle Sheehan	Gaston & Sheehan Realty	512-251-4950
78626	Whittle Addition	309 S. Main St.	2br/1ba	\$174,900	984	Jay Warren	Berkshire Hathaway TX Realty	512-864-5657
78628	Berry Creek	30709 Berry Creek Drive	4br/3ba	\$675,000	4,300	Rita Snyder	Keller Williams Realty–GT	512-468-2867
78628	Berry Creek	114 Poppy Hills Cove	4br/4ba	\$475,000	3,948	Stuart Sutton	RE/MAX 1	512-844-3254
78628	Enclave	112 E. Rustle Cove	4br/3ba	\$435,000	2,829	Sherri Revier	ERA Colonial Real Estate	512-769-6000
78628	Fredrickson Ranch	1617 Crockett Gardens	4br/3ba	\$699,000	3,501	Eric Iselt	JB Goodwin, Realtors	512-818-1309
78628	Fredrickson Ranch	1020 Eagle Point Drive	4br/3ba	\$789,000	3,925	Glenda DuBose	Keller Williams Realty–GT	512-970-1057
78628	Georgetown Village	1509 Naranjo Drive	3br/2ba	\$294,500	2,982	Julie Anderson	Keller Williams Realty–GT	512-468-7200
78628	Parkside at Mayfield Ranch	221 Monahans Drive	5br/4ba	\$440,783	3,418	Kenneth Gezella	Gatehouse Properties	210-837-8423
78628	Parkside at Mayfield Ranch	117 Monahans Drive	4br/3ba	\$385,000	3,228	Shavonne Martin	Keller Williams Realty–RR	512-786-7660
78628	Parkside at Mayfield Ranch	272 Caddo Lake Drive	4br/2ba	\$274,900	2,094	Timothy Heyl	Keller Williams Realty	512-330-1047
78628	Reserve at Berry Creek	900 Shinnecock Hills Drive	5br/3ba	\$419,900	3,898	Theresa Boisseau	Keller Williams Realty	512-796-1368
78628	Reserve at Berry Creek	106 Tiger Valley	5br/4ba	\$499,900	3,763	Rita Snyder	Keller Williams Realty–GT	512-468-2867
78628	Reserve at Berry Creek	705 Champions Drive	3br/3ba	\$575,000	3,956	Russell Phillips	Keller Williams Realty–GT	512-698-7877
78628	Reserve at Berry Creek	207 Lancaster Drive	4br/3ba	\$421,965	3,688	Stuart Sutton	RE/MAX 1	512-844-3254
78628	River Ridge	404 River Down Road	4br/4ba	\$498,300	4,420	Mickell Powers	Keller Williams Realty–RR	512-818-9007
78633	Gabriels Grove	135 Vista Lane	4br/3ba	\$624,900	3,506	Mike Hammonds	Moreland Properties	512-983-6603
78633	Heritage Oaks	822 River Walk Trail	2br/2ba	\$299,900	1,978	Shavonne Martin	Keller Williams Realty–RR	512-786-7660



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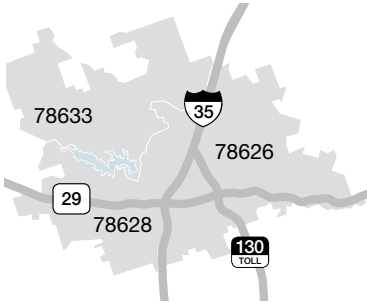
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78633	Park Estates	174 Whitney Woods Circle	4br/3ba	\$650,000	3,806	Nason Hengst	Keller Williams Realty	512-775-7900
78633	Sun City	413 Fort Griffin Trail	2br/2ba	\$292,000	1,712	Robert Sedlor	Coldwell Banker United, Realtors	512-517-8241
78633	Sun City	112 Fox Home Lane	2br/2ba	\$275,000	1,717	Lon Russell	The Stacy Group	512-608-8001
78633	Sun City	118 Nighthawk Way	2br/2ba	\$279,950	1,782	Pokey Delwaide	ERA Colonial Real Estate	512-818-9300
78633	Sun City	100 Wild Rose Drive	2br/2ba	\$239,900	1,632	James Bartley	The Stacy Group	512-630-1032
78633	Sun City	129 Enchanted Drive	2br/2ba	\$212,500	1,330	Cynthia Kelly	ERA Colonial Real Estate	512-948-6088
78633	Sun City	103 Trail of the Flowers	2br/2ba	\$295,000	1,895	Roxanne Rylander	The Stacy Group	512-784-7332
78633	Sun City	407 Deer Meadow Circle	3br/2ba	\$259,500	1,660	Lon Russell	The Stacy Group	512-608-8001
78633	Sun City	110 Honey Creek Trail	2br/2ba	\$189,950	1,426	Pokey Delwaide	ERA Colonial Real Estate	512-818-9300
78633	Sun City	232 Bonham Loop	2br/2ba	\$182,000	1,426	Pete Martin	ERA Colonial Real Estate	512-818-2015
78633	Sun City	609 Breezeway Lane	3br/2ba	\$499,500	2,974	Lon Russell	The Stacy Group	512-608-8001
78633	Sun City	230 Monument Hill Trail	2br/2ba	\$239,950	1,755	Pokey Delwaide	ERA Colonial Real Estate	512-818-9300
78633	Sun City	209 Mustang Island Trail	3br/3ba	\$397,999	2,581	Sylvia Winden	Keller Williams Realty-GT	512-635-4068
78633	Sun City	135 Mountain Creek Pass	3br/2ba	\$335,000	1,888	Lon Russell	The Stacy Group	512-608-8001
78633	Sun City	121 Coreopsis Way	2br/2ba	\$199,950	1,324	Pokey Delwaide	ERA Colonial Real Estate	512-818-9300
78633	Sun City	300 Trail of the Flowers	2br/2ba	\$350,000	2,427	Lon Russell	The Stacy Group	512-608-8001
78633	Sun City	102 Camp Drive	3br/2ba	\$308,900	2,452	James Bartley	The Stacy Group	512-630-1032
78633	Sun City	116 Lubbock Drive	2br/2ba	\$206,000	1,270	Kelly Bartko	The Stacy Group	512-869-0223
78633	Sun City	415 Dove Hollow Trail	2br/2ba	\$249,950	1,666	Pokey Delwaide	ERA Colonial Real Estate	512-818-9300
78633	Timberline Park	206 Timberline Road	4br/4ba	\$469,900	3,443	Lisa Hassel	Coldwell Banker United, Realtors	512-680-5490
78633	Walnut Springs	204 Joshua Drive	4br/3ba	\$515,000	2,908	Alaina Jones	JB Goodwin, Realtors	512-761-6460
78633	West Ridge	105 Rawhide Lane	4br/2ba	\$375,000	2,610	Joseph Kelly	Keller Williams Realty	512-563-0799
78633	Woodland Park West	201 Oak Valley Court	4br/2ba	\$444,900	2,382	Jimmy Goff	Goff Properties	512-784-5175
78633	Woods at Fountainwood	208 Gunn Ranch Road	4br/3ba	\$599,000	3,499	Eric Iselt	JB Goodwin, Realtors	512-818-1309



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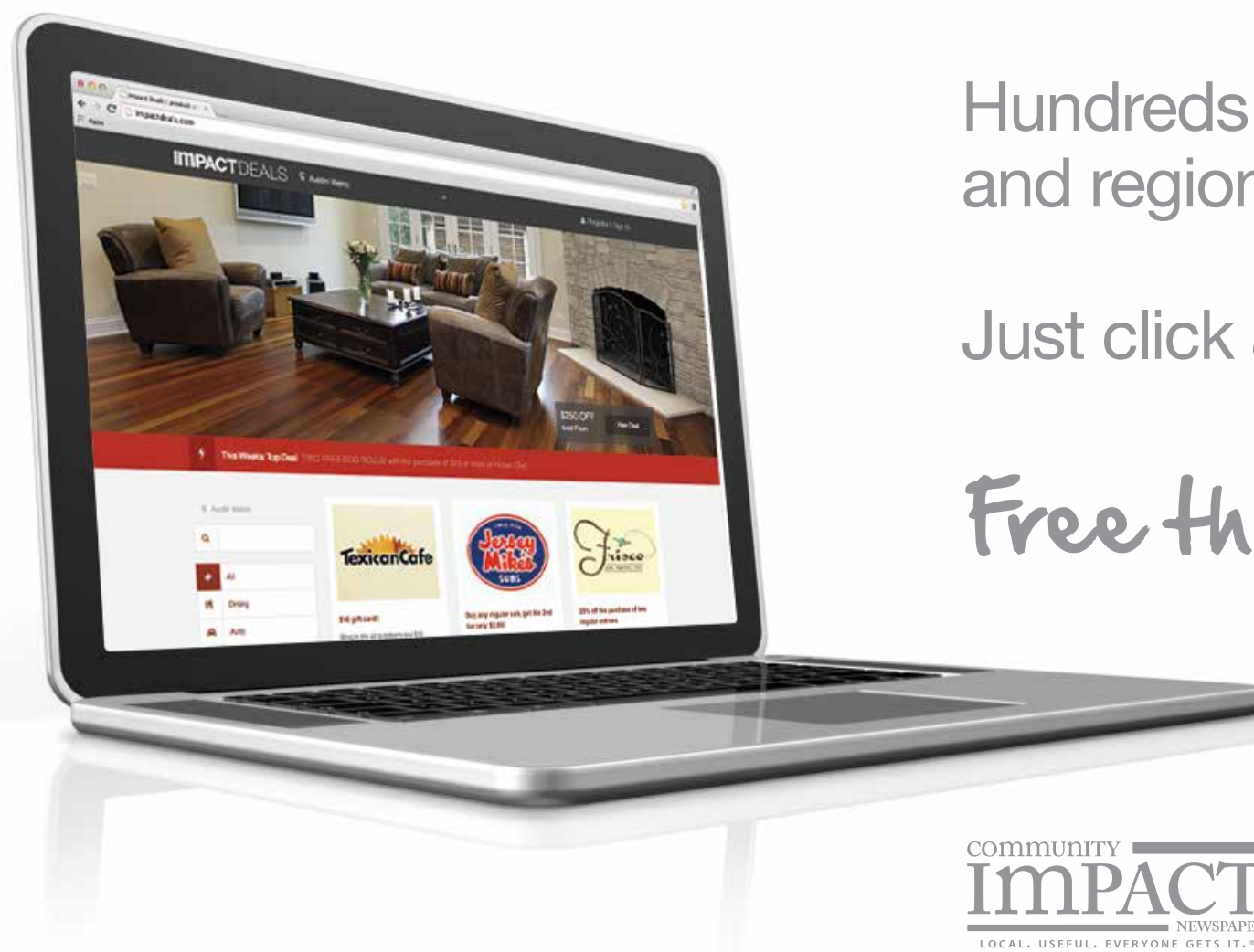
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