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Airport Control Tower Begins Operations

Officials dedicated and toured the 85-foot air traffic control tower at the Georgetown Municipal Airport on October 23. The tower, which began operations in October, was

built by Fazzone Construction and designed by PBS&J. The Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division assisted with project coordination.

Air traffic controllers in the tower are certified by the Federal Aviation Administration. In addition to paying for ongoing staffing costs, the FAA contributed \$1.5 million toward the cost of building and equipping the tower, which was \$2.1 million. The City's airport fund provided \$521,391 for the construction cost of the tower. The airport fund comes solely from revenues generated at the Airport. A donation of \$50,000 from the Central Texas Airshow to the airport fund also helped to pay for equipment and construction costs for the tower.

Statewide Warrant Round-up Starts Feb. 16

More than 210 law enforcement agencies from across the state will be serving warrants for arrest in the biggest-ever Warrant Round-up effort in Texas, which starts on February 16.

Persons with outstanding class C warrants can make payment at Georgetown Municipal Court at 101 E. Seventh Street without fear of arrest. Those with outstanding warrants should act immediately to avoid going to jail. To turn yourself in, go to the Georgetown Police Department located at 809 MLK, Jr. Street in Georgetown.

Give to the Good Neighbor Fund

A one-dollar donation on your monthly utility bill can make a big difference to a family facing an unexpected financial hardship like a big medical bill or an unexpected job loss. Each year, the need for utility bill assistance at The Caring Place far exceeds the available matching donations. The need tends to be highest in the coldest winter months and in the summer. A donation to the Good Neighbor Fund can make a difference to a family in need.



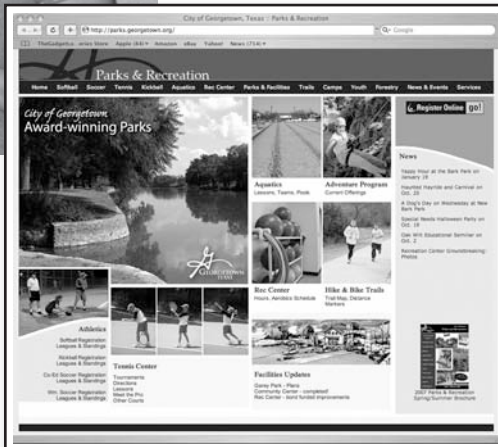
Biotech Center Opens Nov. 29

Dr. Kerry Oliver, president of Radix BioSolutions, cuts the ribbon for the Texas Life-sciences Commercialization Center in Georgetown. Dr. Oliver proposed the idea for the biotech commercialization center more than four years ago. Before the opening event on November 29, speakers at a Biotechnology and

Life Sciences Summit at Southwestern University identified the center as an important development in the emerging regional biotech sector. "Right now, as I look at it, it looks like the hub is in Georgetown," remarked Bruce Leander, chair of the Greater Austin Bio Council.



Erin McDonald, webmaster for the City of Georgetown, presented the Best Website award to Mayor Gary Nelon in November. Web page shown at right.



Parks Website Recognized

The Texas Recreation and Parks Society recently honored the City of Georgetown's parks and recreation website as the best in regions 5 and 7, an area encompassing most of central Texas and a significant portion of southwest Texas. Entries were judged on content, design, ease of use and currency. The website

at <http://parks.georgetown.org> features photos, online scores and rankings for recreational leagues, maps of parks and trails, recreation class calendars, and online registration for classes and special events.

Cupid's Chase 6K Race on Feb. 9

Cupid's Chase 6K, the 13th annual Valentine's Day weekend run/walk event, will be held this year on Saturday, February 9 in Georgetown. The 6K race route follows a course along the City's hike and bike trail, with the starting and finishing line in Rivery Park. The 6K run/walk is sponsored by Georgetown Parks and Recreation.

For details on race the race route, entry fees, or online registration, go to <http://parks.georgetown.org/events/cupidschase.php>, or contact Jaime Jones with the Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department at (512) 930-3541.

Tell us your ideas about parks!

Got an idea for a new activity at a park? Or somewhere you'd like to see a new park? Places for new hike and bike trails? New classes or programs you'd like to see at the Recreation Center, Challenge Course, swimming pools, or Tennis Center? We'd like to know!

The City is requesting citizen input to help develop the Master Plan for Parks and Recreation. Please take a few minutes to visit <http://parks.georgetown.org> and complete the online survey Parks Master Plan.

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Bark Park for Dogs Opens

City officials, dog owners, and plenty of happy dogs were on hand for the opening of the City's new Bark Park at 151 Holly Street on October 24. The fenced area in a shady pecan grove includes a five-acre large dog area and a one-acre area for small dogs. Dogs at the park must wear current license tags and be current on all vaccinations. Other safety rules are posted at the park. The entrance to the Bark Park is on Holly Street, 300 yards south of the intersection with N. College Street.



Tom Chambliss plays catch with Luna, a German Shepherd he brought to the opening of the new dog park.



Mickey Fisher and her Sheltie named Prancey enjoying the dog park opening.

Downtown Happenings

The Palace Theater

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, weekends Jan. 11 – Feb. 10

Jesus Christ Superstar, weekends Feb. 22 – March 23

Details at www.TheGeorgetownPalace.org, or call (512) 869-7469.

First Friday, February 1
Downtown shops, galleries, and restaurants open 6 – 8 p.m.