

# GEORGETOWN

## Gazette



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### Upcoming Events

**Please stay home.  
Stay safe. Be kind.  
Check on your  
neighbor.**

**NOTE: April GCC  
meeting will be held  
virtually!**

The GCC is an independent, non-profit organization comprised of residents, property owners, and businesses of Georgetown.

Contact:  
directors@  
georgetownneighborhood.com

### Help During COVID-19

We are in challenging times. The good news is that our efforts to flatten the curve are working! The hard truth is that, if we can, we need to continue to stay home to continue to keep safe ourselves, our loved ones, and people we don't know. The virus does not affect everyone equally. It hits some harder than others. Below are some resources for help during this time:

#### Community Living Connections

For questions about aging or disability and access to services for older people, adults with disabilities, and caregivers, contact Community Living Connections, a service provided by Seattle Human Services Department's Aging and Disability Services division. Toll-free 1-844-348-5464. Calls are confidential, professional, and free of charge.

#### Utilities to Stay On During this Outbreak

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), Seattle City Light (SCL) customers who need help can call (206) 684-3000 or send an email anytime at [seattle.gov/utilities/about-us/email-question](mailto:seattle.gov/utilities/about-us/email-question).

#### No-Cost Childcare for Front Line Workers

The City of Seattle has opened 28 classrooms of Emergency Child Care to offer more than 230 spaces of no-cost childcare to families of healthcare professionals, first responders, and pharmacy and grocery workers who are on the front lines of the COVID-19 response.

#### Mutual Aid Network

If you would like food or other supplies dropped off at your front door, please let us know. We are prioritizing folks who are sick, disabled, quarantined without pay, elderly, undocumented, queer, Black, Indigenous, and/or people of color. We are an all-volunteer grassroots group operating in Duwamish and Coast Salish territories.

Reach them at: [covid19mutualaidsea@gmail.com](mailto:covid19mutualaidsea@gmail.com)

You can also learn about other services listed by calling the City of Seattle Customer Service Bureau from Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM at (206) 684-2489 or (206) 684-CITY.

<http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/covid-19>

### You are Invited to our *online* GEORGETOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING



**Where:** The meeting will be hosted on Zoom

**When:** Monday, April 20, 2020 at 7:00pm

**Register in advance:** <https://bit.ly/GCCmeeting>

Note: URL is case sensitive. You can also find the link on Facebook on the Georgetown Community Discussion Group or at [georgetowncommunitycouncil.com](http://georgetowncommunitycouncil.com)

We will allow time for people to connect and hope to make this an informal meeting with some information, time to share, and some community building online.

### Things to Celebrate in May

- May 1 May Day
- May 2 World Tuna Day
- May 3 National Raspberry Popover (or tart) Day
- May 4 "May the fourth be with you" Day
- May 5 Cinco de Mayo ("The Fifth of May"). This day celebrates the victory of the Mexicans over the French army at The Battle of Puebla in 1862.
- May 5—11 Root Canal Awareness Week
- May 6 National Nurses Day
- May 8 No Socks Day
- May 12 Mother's Day
- May 14 Dance Like a Chicken Day
- May 27 Memorial Day

**GCC Meeting: Monday, April 20, 7 p.m. Online...because COVID-19**

### Good Hot Food to Go

*Support the local restaurants that are still serving. As of April 13, these eateries were open for takeout.*

**Calozzi's Cheesesteaks** | (206) 762-1777  
Walk-up /takeout Mon-Fri 10 am – 4 pm.

**Corson Building** | 206-762-3330  
Order online on Monday for a 5-course carry out meal  
Thurs, Fri, or Sat: [www.thecorsonbuilding.com/carryout](http://www.thecorsonbuilding.com/carryout)

**Daimonji** | (206) 762-7820  
Lunch and dinner takeout Mon-Fri, dinner only Sat, closed Sun

**Donburi Station** | 206-767-8075  
Lunch and dinner daily except Mon,  
order online: [donburystationseattle.com](http://donburystationseattle.com)

**Georgetown Liquor Company** | (206) 763-6764  
Limited takeout menu on website, Tues-Fri, noon – 8 pm,  
Sat 3 -8 pm

**Ghostfish** | 206-397-3898  
Gluten-free menu and beer daily 12-8 pm, order online for curbside pickup

**I Luv Teriyaki** | (206) 764-3878  
Takeout daily 10 am – 8:45 pm

**Jack's BBQ** | 206-467-4038  
Takeout 11 AM – 7 PM Tues-Sun

**Katsu Burger** | 206-762-0752  
Takeout daily, 11am - 8pm

**Lect's Soup Stop** | 206-829-8204  
Takeout Mon-Fri 10 am – 2:30 pm

**Lucky Chinese** | 206-762-0676  
Takeout Mon-Sat, 10 am – 8 pm

**Marco Polo** | 206-762-3964  
Full menu and growler fills for takeout daily, 11 am – 9 pm

**Smarty Pants** | 206-762-4777  
Takeout Mon-Fri, 11am – 3 pm

**Star Brass Works** | 206-851-8628  
Full menu for takeout, 3-7 pm daily

**Stellar Pizza**  
Takeout 12pm – 8 pm daily

### HISTORY FUN FACT:

The City of Georgetown was officially consolidated with Seattle on April 4, 1910. It was the last of the small incorporated cities to be annexed to Seattle.

From: Seattle Municipal Archives—[archives@seattle.gov](mailto:archives@seattle.gov)

### Springtime in the Duwamish River Basin

People have been enjoying springtime in Georgetown for at least ten thousand years. The earliest archaeological evidence of ancestors of the Coast Salish people dates to 12,000 years ago, at the Bear Creek settlement on the Sammamish River, as land began to be cultivated. Approximately 5,000 and 3,500 years ago, the geological landscape and the climate of South Seattle resembled that of our times.

In her essay, "Duwamish-Green Watershed," Cynthia Updegrave described the area as "Four-hundred ninety two square miles of forests, meadows, hills, and valleys that have been shaped by environmental forces and generations of human activities. The watershed, in turn, has shaped the communities along its rivers. The ancestors of today's Coast Salish people developed a wide range of practices to facilitate a greater abundance of resources and far-reaching trade and social networks to develop stable communities that could adapt to the region's dynamic environment."

The Coast Salish people moved around the watershed, seeking food sources that allowed their communities to flourish. In the Spring, families migrated to prairies in the uplands and along the Duwamish River, areas which were fertile with new growth. T'Suqálapsub, or "High-on-the-Neck," was a prairieland near the area that is now Georgetown. Camas root was gathered here, and berries picked in summer. In late summer, salmon was caught on the rivers and in the fall, late-ripening huckleberries were gathered and land animals hunted. Tuq'báli, or "Aerial-Duck-Net-Place"), is where Boeing Field is today – never a safe place for waterfowl, as migrating flocks of birds were captured there long ago, and today birds must contend with jet engines and a generally inhospitable environment surrounding the airport.

From the 1850s, European settlers began engineering the land, rerouting three rivers and two large lakes, filling lowland swamp and wetland areas for farming and homesteading. Live-stock-grazing and lumber extraction was introduced into the Green River Valley and coal found on the upper Black River, hence steamships were introduced in the 1870s, and log-jams critical for salmon habitat were cleared to allow vessel passage. Later, thousands of acres of Duwamish estuary tidelands were drained, dredged and areas re-filled to support industry. Channel straightening created the Duwamish Waterway by 1915.

Today, industrial use of the Duwamish Waterway still dominates, but pockets of springtime past can be found: blossoms of once-abundant flora such as camas, huckleberries, currants, wood sorrel and *Holodiscus discolor* (ocean spray), in both wild and cultivated settings. As you plan your Georgetown gardens, consider including these and other native flowering plants of the beautiful Duwamish river basin. Look for more information about opportunities to get involved in local planting and restoration efforts in future issues of the Georgetown Gazette.

Based on source information and essay by Cynthia Updegrave, "Duwamish-Green Watershed," at [Historylink.org](http://Historylink.org):

<https://www.historylink.org/File/20272>

**Gardening Season: How to Grow Veggies in Georgetown**

By Amy Kate Horn

During the current pandemic many of us are creating or reviving vegetable and herb gardens. Planting food can feel like an act of self-reliance and a signal of resilience and frugality. Checking the progress of and tending to seedlings can add a mindful routine to an otherwise untethered day, and the season is right for starting crops indoors and outside. If you don't already have a food garden growing, here are some ideas to get you started now that we're past final frost.

Sow these seeds or plant starts outdoors now for harvest in early summer: Kale, lettuce, spinach, arugula, peas, parsnips, carrots, radish, chives, cabbage, and asparagus (which can take 2-3 years to truly get going). These plants prefer cooler temps and don't need full sun.

Start these seeds indoors now and transplant to the garden in late June: Corn, cucumber, squash, beans, dill, and cherry tomatoes. Pre-soak seeds and keep your soil moist for faster germination; a heating pad under the pot will also encourage the seeds to germinate. Once they spout, remove the heat and add good light in the form of a bright window sill or grow light for 8 hours a day. A fan simulating wind will promote hardy stems.

Start these indoors now and keep them indoors in a warm/bright spot until July: Peppers, tomatoes, basil, and sage. These are warm-weather plants that need an indoor or greenhouse boost to produce well in late summer.

These herbs grow outdoors year-round here: Rosemary, oregano, thyme, lavender, bee balm, mint (but keep mint in a container—it spreads like crazy).

If you need supplies, you can book a safe shopping appointment at West Seattle Nursery (California Ave SW) and Urban Feed and Garden (Beacon Ave S), or call in an order and pick it up curbside. Seeds are easy to buy online. Cedar Grove is delivering bagged and bulk soil. Georgetown's Sawdust Supply delivers planting soil, compost, and mulch. And Home Depot has a decent selection of vegetable starts, soil, and pots.

The Seattle Tilth Alliance is a great resource if you're new to gardening and need a lot more expertise: Check out [www.tilthalliance.org](http://www.tilthalliance.org). Their fantastic annual edible plant sale will be online this year starting May 1.

And a final note on the fitness of our Duwamish Valley soil: May parts of Georgetown are known to have toxic industrial pollutants in the dirt, so it's best to bring in clean soil for growing edible crops.



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**Find 36 Georgetown streets**

Albro	Ellis	Mead
Bailey	Fidalgo	Michigan
Bennett	Findlay	Myrtle
Brandon	Flora	Nebraska
Brighton	Fox	Ohio
Carleton	Garden	Orcas
Carstens	Hardy	Perimeter
Corson	Harney	River
Dawson	Homer	Vale
Denver	Hudson	Warsaw
Doris	Lucile	Webster
Eddy	Marginal	Willow

**A street name is missing!**  
**Other hidden words hint at what the missing street name is....**

Apple	Fig	Pear
Cherry	Nut	Plum



# WILD GEORGETOWN!



## Let's Talk About Birds!



Many homes in the Georgetown neighborhoods have bird feeders and enjoy the tranquility and joy that bird watching can provide. An inexpensive hobby, bird watching is fun for all ages. Here's a small sampling of the birds that are common to Georgetown (and other parts of Washington State).



### American Robin:

The quintessential early bird, you'll find them at daybreak foraging for earthworms in front and backyards across America. Since they get much of their food from lawns, it's important to consider the Robin if applying pesticides to your lawn. The oldest recorded Robin was 13 years and 11 months old!



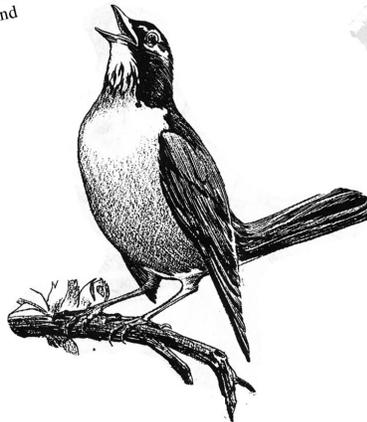
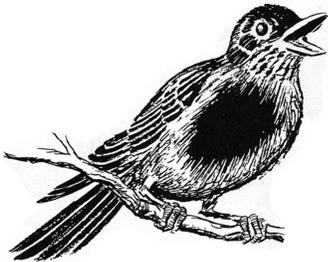
### Cooper's Hawk:

These carnivorous raptors are being seen somewhat often here in Georgetown. They eat smaller birds and are quite dramatic about it often leaving only a cloud of feathers in their wake. They will sometimes frequent bird feeders and not for the bird seed! If you notice this, remove the bird feeder for a few days and the hawk will likely move along to another potential food source. They can live to be twenty years old.



### Dark-Eyed Junco

A medium sized sparrow, the Junco is similar to the chickadee in size and shape. One difference is the Junco has a solid black head. Widespread throughout the Western United States, Junco's vary in color but mostly they are dark gray or brown with the black cap. They like to hang out at the base of trees and chirp noticeably as they forage for seeds.



### Black Capped Chickadee:

These fun little birds are a common visitor to the feeder! Small birds with a black "cap" and white spots on both sides of its head. I don't observe much stress in their community as they seem to allow one another to take turns at the feeder. They tend to build nests in Birch and Alder trees.



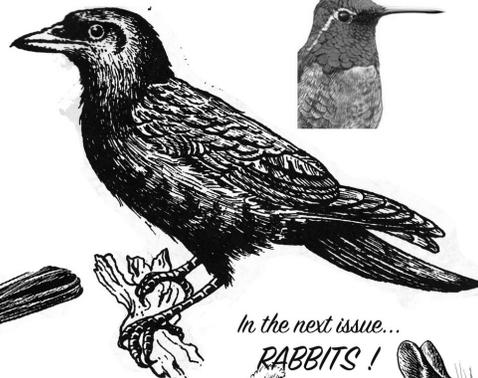
### Western Scrub Jay aka California Scrub Jay:

One of the smartest (and noisiest) birds in Georgetown, The Western Scrub Jay can remember hundreds of locations it has hidden food. It's possible to even hand-feed peanuts to these birds once they are comfortable with you over time. Deep blue with a crest-less head and grayish underparts, these birds enjoy peanuts and sunflower seeds. They appear to have "funerals" when they encounter a dead Jay, staying near the fallen bird and screeching relentlessly, seemingly mourning the loss. The Scrub Jay can reach over 15 years of age.



### Anna's Hummingbird:

Colorful and fast, Anna's Hummingbirds are a common site at hummingbird feeders in Washington and other parts of the western United States. Iridescent green feathers and bright, almost-metallic-in-appearance throats make this an entertaining bird to have around. It's easy to invite hummingbirds to your yard or porch. Feeders are inexpensive (you can often find them at thrift stores) and no need to buy fancy, red hummingbird nectar. Make your own by simply mixing one part sugar to four parts water. Regular cleaning of the feeder will insure frequent visitations.



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**RABBITS!**

