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We can see the light at the end of this pandemic tunnel, friends. Please practice safety. Wear a mask. Wash your hands. And spend time only with the people who are in your household. For now, our meetings will continue to be online. We look forward to when we can be together, in-person again.



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

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Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Ways to Honor the Day Monday, January 18th By: KB

This Federal holiday marks the January 15, 1964 birth of Civil Rights movement leader Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and is celebrated on the third Monday of each January. The date is also recognized in Canada, Japan and The Netherlands. Rev. Dr. King allowed people to imagine a just world, and invited them to practice humanitarianism, even when confronted with forces of inhumanity and hate. Through his teachings and examples of non-violent activism, Rev. Dr. King's words and actions call on us, even now, to reflect on what his unshaken message might look like today.

Below are some ways one can honor the legacy and work of MLKJ locally.

The Seattle MLK Jr. Organizing Coalition, an all-volunteer organization, is celebrating with their 39th annual event, welcoming all community members and volunteers. (<https://www.seattlemkcoalition.org/>)
January 12-16 Virtual Workshops hosted by Seattle MLK Coalition
January 18 Garfield High School, 23rd and Jefferson. Rally at 11:00am, March at 12:30pm

You might also choose to use the day for channels of civil service, volunteering with local organizations, supporting Black-owned businesses, donating, and diving into education through art and media.

Pod Save The People, a podcast hosted by DeRay Mckesson, invests listeners with "... a unique take on the news, with a special focus on overlooked stories and topics that often impact people of color" in addition to interviews with John Legend, Nancy Pelosi and other guests.

Black Lives Matter Seattle King County (<https://blacklivesseattle.org/>) is 501(c)(4) organization highlighting the demands for funding community health, ending voter suppression, and dismantling the school to prison pipeline. This is one platform leading initiatives aimed at raising awareness and funds to combat injustices facing the community.

Even during a pandemic, let this January 18th call you to act and manifest a world of equality and equity to support Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's dream in a way that is meaningful to you.

Georgetown Community Council Board Elections!

We get that elections at the national level may have you a bit worn out on this topic. Here's where Georgetown's is different. The folks serving on the Board are our friends and neighbors—working hard to make and keep Georgetown a place where all who live, work and play here can thrive.

Each January, the Georgetown community elects a board of directors to steward the Georgetown Community Council's not for profit organization. This allows us to produce *the Gazette*, sponsor events, apply for grants, and support other neighbor-driven community programs.

The Board meets on the first Monday of each month to discuss issues that relate to Georgetown. In addition, the Board sets agendas for the Georgetown Community Council monthly meetings and often helps to plan neighborhood events. You hooked yet? How about...as a member of the Board you have the chance to work on neighborhood challenges, interact with City and County elected-officials, develop relationships with local, state and regional agencies and non-profits, and serve your community.

A call for volunteers and an election will take place at our January 25 GCC meeting. So please plan to attend, get more involved, and cast your vote for the 2021 Board.

To learn more about the GCC, check out georgetowncommunitycouncil.com. To learn more about the Board of Directors, email: directors@georgetownneighborhood.com

GCC Meeting: Monday, January 25, 7 p.m. georgetowncommunitycouncil.com for details

Wining about Georgetown

An occasional column about tasting rooms, wineries and purveyors of wine in Georgetown, by local enologists.

Welcome to 2021, and to this new column that will periodically feature information about wine in Georgetown. This month we feature two newcomers to the neighborhood (but not to the industry): **Tinte Cellars** and **Cascade Cliffs Vineyard and Winery**.

Both establishments bravely made their entrances into Georgetown just before or during the COVID-19 outbreak, and successfully adapted their business plans to accommodate unexpected challenges. Both have other tasting rooms in Woodinville and locations in the Pacific Northwest. But each has a unique vibe, and really delicious wines that reflect distinct craft and styles of the winemakers.

Tinte Cellars occupies the restored and remodeled gem at **5951 Airport Way**, former home of Big People Scooters, with a Vespa proudly parked on the roof, celebrating its heritage. Currently no indoor seating is allowed, but the space you walk through to arrive in the outdoor patio in back is lovely. Cozy with an open firepit and plenty of heaters, you will be welcomed by friendly staff (Neil, Matt and D greeted us on January 2nd), and some really fantastic wines. Don't miss "Raise The Roof" rosé, made especially to celebrate the opening of the Georgetown tasting room. Tinte Cellars has a strong commitment to not only provide great wines, but to create a socially conscious business, supporting local foods and services via rotating light bites menus, beer from local brewers, and also giving back to the community by following a generous philanthropic vision. For now, tastings can be made by appointment by visiting their website, tintecellars.com. You won't regret a visit, or if you are not ready for an in-person trip yet, try their home delivery or curbside pickup options.

Cascade Cliffs Georgetown tasting room is over one year old, and is located in the Hotel Horton building at **6006 12th Ave South**, previously the location of Rainier Glass Studio and the Mix. This tasting room has very limited outdoor seating options, available by appointment, but also has curbside pickup available and a terrific wine club. They feature outstanding quality Italian style wines from Washington grapes, made by the award-winning winemaker Bob Lorkowski. A visit to their tasting room will delight; Sylvia will introduce you to the wines, the style and the history of the vineyard, which focuses on optimal growing conditions for exquisite wines. You can taste the difference, and so can the experts – the 2018 Syrah was awarded "The Best of the Best" in the blinded 2020 Platinum Judging, from Wine Press Northwest. Make a tasting appointment or learn more about the winery at cascadecriffs.com.

Have a "wine" about Georgetown to suggest for review? Please send it to gazette@georgetownneighborhood.com

This month, **please take a moment to check-in with a neighbor**. Lots of our neighbors are not on social media, the internet or even cell phones. A note from you might make their day. And it may make yours too!



Georgetown Pastry News

Pastry chef Kait Winowitch, AKA **Cake Life Everyday**, is baking awesome sweet and savory croissants in the kitchen at Lowercase Brewing. She bakes and delivers to Georgetown on Wednesdays and Fridays. Order online the day before (Tues or Thurs) starting at 10 am; she often sells out. Minimum 4 croissants + \$5 delivery fee. Follow her on Instagram for updates and gorgeous cakes @[cake.life.everyday](https://www.instagram.com/cake.life.everyday). To order croissants, go to <https://cake-life-everyday.square.site>

After a short holiday closure, **Cakes of Paradise** is back to selling tropical deserts (banana cream pie, mango cake, pineapple upside down cake, and more) from its pickup window on 6th Ave S. Open Wednesday through Saturday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Deep Sea Sugar and Salt is taking a winter break, but mark your calendars for their return to normal business hours on Thursday, February 4!

Georgetown Records For All and You, Too. By: KB

Once home to a bank and formerly Lucky's Choppers, Georgetown Records has gracefully occupied 1201 S. Vale Street since 2004. Housed in a 1914 ox blood brick building, this record shop shares wooden framed doors with the publisher of the world's greatest cartoonists, Fantagraphics, to which Records shop co-owner, Martin, says is a great fit.

Last year's summer was cold and lifeless without the lovely Georgetown Carnival, which was started by Georgetown Records with 9lb Hammer, Jules Maes Saloon (RIP) and others. Before there were Hazard Factory Power Tool Races, dancers from Sirens of Serpentine, performers from SANCA and NW bands sounding the backdrop, the first carnival had music, games to the likes of milk bottle toss, and was fancied up with bales of hay for a petting zoo featuring a Saint Bernard, all without the busyness of a permit. Until we are able to crowd the storefront and S Airport Way for festivals and folly, we are lucky the record store is still open and welcoming neighbors and newcomers to comb stacks and categories of used vinyl acquired from private collections, CDs and cassettes. (And pick up some comic books a couple steps to the right. It'll be like getting two birds stoned at once).

At the beginning of the COVID19 pandemic, the shop closed for a couple months but now sees a humble upswing in traffic, possibly attributed to folks feeling pause, holiday gifting, remembering the joy of music, and taking advantage of a place to be.

What can be found is eclectic, but does not feel random. An intentional Ennio Morricone, Grace Slick, Flying Lotus and film soundtrack for Enter The Dragon live together, but in their assigned seats. Martin and I agree that this is a safe space to 'judge books by their covers'. Within reach, he grabs 'The Fool, a psychedelic folk album, and Bob Dylan's, 'Bringing It All Back Home', admiring the unseen time and thoughtfulness required to visually represent what is to be heard. Bringing It All Back Home's cover is a photo of Dylan on a couch with a short pile of records. This is pointed out and I'm told, "even those are planned and carefully chosen". This appreciation is contagious and I now flip slower through each stack, spending extra seconds on each to absorb more of what is intended in the sound.

Whether you own a turntable or not, make time for a visit to see the shop's memorabilia, lively walls and inventory of only what is good to hear. At Georgetown Records, you can rest from the chaos and feel what it means to be human, again. For those who are COVID-cautious beyond wearing masks and can't make a trip yet, I occasionally give my mediocre opinion in the *Gazette* on some of the wonderful treasure I find in the shop.

Who's Car Is This?

Auto theft is way up across the city and especially in the south end, and many of those cars are dumped here in Georgetown where the lack of parking restrictions mean they often sit for months or more, undiscovered. Especially now, while the Mayor's office paused the 72-hour parking rule and the abandoned vehicle reporting tools have been disabled, we see cars sitting.

We talked with the SPD South Precinct and Seattle Parking Enforcement to understand what we can do about legally parked but abandoned cars in our neighborhood.

- Collect vehicle make, model, color, license plate, and location information and call non-emergency police services: 206-625-5011 and ask police to run the plates to see if they are stolen. Be prepared for a long hold-time when you call. (be ready to say why you think its stolen)
- Contact Mayor's office and council person to voice concerns. Mayor's office has not indicated when 72 hour rule will be reinstated (supposed to be phase 3). The Hope team (replaced CPT team) is pushing for this ordinance to be suspended indefinitely.
- We have enforcement options: Tabs exp. more than 45 days, junked vehicle if it doesn't run, other ordinances
- Ask for officer contact, and always ask for incident number for your request (that makes them request SPD in order to create an incident number)

How to help RVs and encampments with trash:

Check out the City's Purple Bag Program- Encampment Trash Program. Neighbors can report any uncollected bags through the Find it Fix it App to be collected.

Find more City and non-profit programs and contacts on the GCC's website.

www.georgetowncommunitycouncil.com

Opportunities for Action—Meetings & Workshops

Clean Air—January 19 @ 6 p.m. on Zoom

The Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition is hosting a community workshop to address air pollution. For your time, we will offer a stipend and Duwamish Dollars. You'll learn about the progress of the DV Clean Air Program and about air pollution, health & climate justice . You'll also help come up with strategies to improve the air that we breathe. To register: email, contact@duwamishcleanup.org

Duwamish Valley Youth Corps—January 21 next cohort starts

Are 13-19 years old and live in the Duwamish Valley? Join the Duwamish Valley Youth Corps next cohort The Duwamish Valley Youth Corps (DVYC) is a youth engagement program focusing on environmental justice and job skills. Classes will be virtual and in person. Please contact carmen@duwamishcleanup.org for more info or go to: <https://www.duwamishcleanup.org/youth-programing>

King County Airport Community Discussion—January 28

Join community members, airport staff, and elected officials in a discussion about the King County International Airport (KCIA) master plan and how it will affect the health of our community. 6:30—8 p.m. Register at: www.bit.ly/KCIAMeeting

2021 Georgetown Community Council Meeting Dates

Please mark your calendars. Meetings start at 7 p.m.

January 25	July—Break
February 22	August—Break
March 15	September 20
April 19	October 18
May 17	November 15
June 21	December—Break



For now, meetings are being held online, via Zoom. We know this doesn't work for all of us and we wish we had a better answer. We'll resume in-person meetings when it's safe to do so.

Islands of Puget Sound

Alegria	Fidalgo	Protection
Allan	Fox	Ram
Anderson	Frost	Reef
Baby	Gedney	Ripple
Bainbridge	Guemes	San Juan
Barnes	Harstine	Shipjack
Bell	Hat	Squaxin
Blake	Herron	Stretch
Blakely	Hope	Stuart
Burrows	Indian	Vashon
Cactus	Johns	Vendovi
Camano	Ketron	Victim
Center	Marrowstone	Waldron
Cliff	McConnell	Whidbey
Coon	McNeil	Yellow
Cypress	Portage	

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Did you know there are over 170 islands in the Puget Sound? Find 47 of them in this wordsearch!

WILD GEORGETOWN

By Jeff Tobin

COYOTES!



Just when I thought I had exhausted the well of content for further WILD GEORGETOWN articles, a friend sent me a photo of a rather well-fed coyote emerging from the greenbelt directly east of Georgetown.

I assumed there might be Coyotes (*Canis latrans*) aka American Jackyls among us but seeing the photograph confirmed my suspicions. An obviously stealthy urban carnivore, they are clearly elusive and this has helped to keep them under the radar for most of us within the city limits.

Are the animals reclaiming their territories now that the pandemic has shuttered many businesses resulting in less humans being out and about? Or, is it because we are home more and maybe more observant of what goes on in the natural world as we watch it from our windows? Likely the latter. Perhaps you have encountered a local coyote during a late night drive, walk or bike ride. They would rather remain unseen and do their best to avoid human contact. Here are some coyote facts and tips for you to consider;



How do I know it's a coyote?

Most western coyotes are 20 to 44 pounds and about 25 inches tall at the shoulder. In Eastern parts of the United States coyotes have bred with wolves creating a wolf/coyote hybrid. Genetic studies have shown that most North American wolves contain some level of coyote DNA. Fortunately this hybridization has not happened to our local coyotes due to a lack of wolves and coyotes preference for other coyote mating opportunities. Dogs and coyotes are two different species and most likely would not create offspring. So don't worry about your dog surprisingly having a litter of dog/coyote hybrid puppies. This would be VERY unlikely.

Can I shoot a coyote?

Not in the Seattle city limits, however (RCW 77.36.030) indicates that a Washington State property owner may kill or trap a coyote on that property if it is damaging crops or domestic animals. Coyotes can be hunted year-round and does not require a license to do so. I've read coyote tacos are tasty but I think I would decline should I be offered one.

Coyotes role in American folklore.

Usually depicted in Native American folklore as a trickster, using deception, cunning and humor to defy social conventions. Anglo-American culture often considers coyotes a cowardly and untrustworthy animal and are viewed somewhat unfairly in a largely negative light.

Are giant packs of coyotes living in our midst?

Thankfully and unlike wolf packs, coyote "packs" are generally smaller than a wolf pack and consist of the male, female and that seasons offspring. Wolf packs are often multi-generational, larger and thereby more dangerous.

Limit food opportunities for coyotes.

If you live near the Eastern Georgetown greenbelt it may be a decent idea to not have dog or cat food sitting outside. If raccoons and rats hadn't already pillaged it, coyotes will welcome a free, safe dish of food. If it has a consistent source of food it will return. A coyote will eat cats and small dogs so keeping cats indoors may be a swell idea. If you want to keep them around. Keep small dogs (or any dogs for that matter) on a leash when walking trails in the area.

Should you happen to raise chickens or ducks, extra caution should be taken to protect them. Coyotes mostly prefer smaller animals like rabbits, rats and squirrels and help to reduce rodent overpopulation. Awareness is everything.

Are coyotes overpopulating?

Due to ever-increasing development, the coyote and its habitat diminish as a result. This of course increases the odds of human contact creating the appearance of the city being overrun with the carnivorous canid. In fact, in some urban situations where coyote population control efforts have been attempted, this had an opposite effect as the coyotes felt an urgency to reproduce at a greater rate than previously documented. So though it may seem that coyotes are encroaching our space more and more, the reality is that they are not.

Celebrity Coyotes!



Wile E. Coyote



Peter Coyote

NEXT MONTH IN WILD GEORGETOWN!
SASQUATCH SPECIAL EDITION!