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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

August 2012

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Summer Fun !



Coming Events:

- 1 Aug — City Council meets, 6 pm
 - 7 Aug — National Night Out in Garden Ridge (See Article)
 - 13 Aug — Quarry Commission meets, 7 pm
 - 14 Aug — Planning & Zoning meets, 6 pm
 - 28 Aug — Water Commission meets, 6 pm
- NOTE: All meetings subject to change!

Significant Past Events in August

- 6 Aug 1945 — First atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan
- 9 Aug 1945 — Second atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan
- 14 Aug 1945 — World War II Pacific hostilities end

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents:

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| Diana Delgado | Stephanie Eickman |
| Albert & Guadalupe Fern | Oran McClellan |
| Ronald & Megan Miller Jr. | Frank & Hwa Ok Ogo |
| Diane Rosen | Stephanie Stemen |
| Tracie Strubie | Timothy & Teresa Telega |
| Robert Wesley | Lonnie Winley |



NOTE: Newcomers are derived from water service records and, thus, not all family members are included. Those not appearing are also welcomed.

The City of Garden Ridge requires that all dogs and cats be registered and each January thereafter. Call 651-6831 for information.

Holiday Marketplace

Mark your calendars for the annual Holiday Marketplace -- **Saturday, October 20, hours 10 am – 4 pm.** There will be more than 50 vendors who offer unique, one-of-a-kind items. In addition, we will have a silent auction, a raffle for an original handmade quilt, and of course, lots of food.

Vendors, we still have a few spaces left. Contact Nancy Oro, at grwcmarketplace@gmail.com.

We need donated items for the silent auction. Contact Pat Cook at pcook9605@gmail.com.

Finally, we need volunteers-- we can't do this without you! This is a great way to meet new friends and become more involved with GRWC. If you can volunteer some time, please contact Sandra Warner at pswarner333@hotmail.com.

All profits from this event will be donated to local charities.

Citizens Police Academy

Garden Ridge Police Department extends an invitation to all Garden Ridge residents to attend the 2012 Citizen's Police Academy. Classes will be held on 8 consecutive Tuesday nights starting in September. Please register at National Night Out on August 7th or call GRPD at 210 651-6441.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is Tuesday August 7, 2012, from 7 to 9 PM at the Garden Ridge Community Center. We will have Balloons, a Magician and a Face Painter, with free food and drinks. Come "Meet Your Neighbors".

FROM THE MAYOR

Another 4th of July come and gone and a chance to celebrate the birth of our great nation. And that we did! We may be small but if you were at the City celebration, you know we have patriotic spirit. Many thanks to all who helped with the preparation and execution — too many to mention. If this wasn't our best, it was close!

Thankfully we received some rain in July. Continue to do your part in conserving water. Have a great remaining summer but be careful in all your activities.



Jay F. Feibelman
Mayor

CISD Garden Ridge School Registration

Garden Ridge Elementary

August 13: 8-11 am and 1-6 pm

August 14: 8-11 am and 1-4 pm

Canyon Middle School

New students to district

August 7: 8-11 am or 1-3 pm

Returning students

August 8: 8-11 am and 1-7 p.m.

August 9: 9 am to 3 pm

Canyon High School

New student registration

Packet pick up week of July 30 -

August 2

8-11:30 am and 1-4 pm

Registration by Appointment

August 6: 8-11 am and 1-4 pm

August 7: 1-6 pm

August 9: 8-11 am and 1-4 pm

Canyon High School(cont'd)

Returning Student Packet Pickup

August 6: 8-11 am and 1-4 pm

August 7: 1-6 pm

August 8: 8-11 am and 1-4 pm

August 9: 8-11 am and 1-4 pm

Returning Student Registration

August 13: Seniors, 8:30-11:30 am
or 1-4 pm

August 14: Juniors, 8:30-11:30 am
or 1-4 pm

August 15: Sophomores, 10-11:30
am or 1-6 pm

August 16: Freshmen, 10-11:30 am
or 1-6 pm

All students, new and returning, must furnish two proofs of residency. For information about school supplies, immunizations, bus routes, registration requirements and other information, please go to the district website: www.comalisd.org, "Student Registration 2012-13" button.

Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission's monthly meeting was held on July 9, 2012. A review of the 15 Quarry blasts occurring in June revealed that one (on June 8th) resulted in higher than normal ground vibration; however the measured frequency was high which lessened the affects outside the immediate blast area. Several Citizen Blasting Reports from a Trophy Oaks resident were also reviewed. The Citizen Blast Report form can be found on the city's web site home page (www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us). The City Council reviewed the final draft of the new Ordinance 34 and held a Public Hearing on July 3rd. The Council heard from several residents, passed several recommended changes and approved the final version. A copy of the new ordinance is posted on the Quarry Commission page of the city's web site. Interested citizens are invited to attend Quarry Commission meetings on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The next Quarry Commission meeting will be on June 11, 2012. If you wish to comment about a blast, have input for the commission, or are interested in a Quarry tour, contact City Hall at 651-6632.



GARDEN RIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB

"A Taste of Tuscany"

Annual Fall Business Luncheon & Fashion Show

Calling all members, make your reservations now for this big event **Thursday, September 20, 2012** and bring a friend or a new member. You don't want to miss the great location, food, fashions, fun, and door prizes!

La Fontana Springs will prepare a fabulous lunch for us and Chico's will provide beautiful fall fashions for us to preview! We still need a few more models—members, please volunteer!

Location: La Fontana Springs
27618 Natural Bridge Caverns Rd
(Just north of Natural Bridge Caverns Wildlife Ranch) Ph: 210-883-8304

Cost: Members \$23.00
Non-members \$28.00
Time: 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (10:30-11:00 – gather to visit with old & new friends)

Please make check payable to GRWC and send to:

Missy Lantzy
20515 Wahl Lane
Garden Ridge, TX 78266

Contact Missy Lantzy at 651-3531, mmlantzy@hotmail.com; or Diana Scott at 651-3320, vadiana44@yahoo.com.

RSVP & Checks must be received by September 14th, 2012

Join the Garden Ridge Women's Club!

The Garden Ridge Women's Club is an unincorporated organization whose purpose is to promote civic improvements, charitable activities, and social interaction for the benefit of the citizens of the City of Garden Ridge and surrounding areas.

Enjoy monthly special interest groups: Book Club, Knotty Knotters, Lunch Bunch, Bridge Club, Bunco Club, and more.

Events: Luncheon & Style Show, Holiday Marketplace, HEB Cooking Class, Gardening Event, picnic in the park, and more.

And special projects: Helping Hands Community Outreach and Informal Day Trips.

Dues are \$20 for the 2012-2013 year. Renewal forms have been mailed to current GRWC members—thanks to all who have sent in your dues. If you would like to join, please mail your check with contact information to:

Judi Hanna
13622 Hercules Lane,
Universal City, TX 78148

Or for more information, Contact Judi at: 210-658-0819 or judihanna@satx.rr.com

WANTED!!! WANTED!!!

The Park Lane Park is in need of people to adopt one of its flower beds. There are approximately 4 or 5 beds to be adopted. This could be a nice family project and/or several people working together. Once you adopt the plot, you can plant what you want and care for it as you would your own yard. All the plots were originally assigned when the park was established, but families have moved from the Garden Ridge area with no one to tend to their plot. It does not take that much time to maintain the plots (summer months requiring more time for watering). If interested in adopting one of the beds, please call Betsy Eaton - 210-651-5032 or Linda Potts - 210-651-6369.

LANDSCAPE PLANS FOR CITY HALL

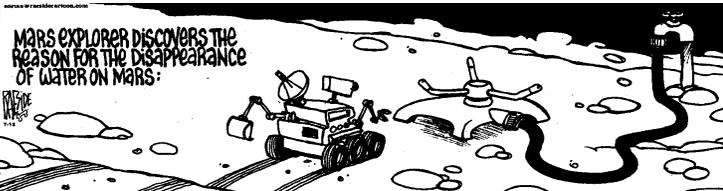
Volunteers are developing plans to improve the landscape around the City Hall complex that will incorporate many water conserving/xeriscaping ideas. Within the next few months the landscape plan will be displayed at City Hall and residents are encouraged to offer suggestions. From native trees to shade City Hall from the hot western sun to drought resistant plants, our new xeriscape will reduce water requirements and ongoing maintenance. Because funding for this project will primarily be from donations and sweat equity, a completion date cannot be set at this time. If you have always wanted to leave your mark on the city, please keep this project in mind. Call Shelby Trial for information and to volunteer at 651-6726.

QUICK NOTES

- If a citizen has an item they feel should be addressed by the City Council, please call the City Administrator, Nancy Cain at 651-6632 or email — administrator@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us.
- The Mayor, Council Members and staff are always accessible to citizens. All are listed in the Garden Ridge Phone book and email addresses are available..
- Please as you walk your pets, carry means to clean up any unwanted deposits. The city receives several complaints per month.



PLEASE CONSERVE WATER!



Significant City Council Actions in July:



Presentations:

- Presentation by Citizens Review Committee regarding proposed Ordinance 34
- Presentation by City Quarry Commission regarding proposed Ordinance 34

Public Hearing:

- Proposed amendments to City of Garden Ridge Ordinance 34 prohibiting blasting within the city limits; providing for limited exemption permit; establishing regulations pertaining to blasting; establishing criminal and civil penalties for violations; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing for severability; including a repealer clause; and declaring an effective date

Update:

- Update and possible action on public safety concerns in the Wild Wind Unit 3 Subdivision of Garden Ridge, Texas and to include City of Garden Ridge v. Vordenbaum, Inc. D/B/A Bracken Rifle and Pistol Range, (Cause No. C2011-1647A, in the 22nd Judicial District Court)
- Update on relocation of 12" water line beginning at the FM 3009/FM 2252 intersection and moving in a westerly direction along the north side of FM 3009 and in a southerly direction along the west side of FM 2252
- Update on 2010 Storm Water Master Plan for the City of Garden Ridge and as it relates to storm water drainage through the Hickory Bend drainage easement and the Arrowood Subdivision

Approved:

- Ordinance 34-072012 of the City of Garden Ridge blasting
- Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation on the Master Development Plan for the Forest of Garden Ridge IV subdivision consisting of approximately 103 residential lots and proposed subdivision located on the west side of Bat Cave Road northwest of its intersection with Schoenthal Road
- City Water Commission recommendation to adopt a Policy concerning the leasing of water held by the City of Garden Ridge
- Agreement incident to termination of the Community Infrastructure & Economic Development (CIED) Fund Program between the City of Garden Ridge and CPS Energy
- Resolution No. 258-072012 through 273-072012 Government/Municipal/Public Funds Banking Resolution with American Bank of Texas deleting Russ Sanders and adding Joe Britan as authorized signator on all city accounts held at said bank
- Bexar Metro Fiscal Year 2013 Budget in accordance with provisions of the Texas Health & Safety Code, Chapter 772.309
- 2013 Comal Appraisal District Budget in accordance with Section 6.06(b) of the Texas Property Code
- Ordinance 11-072012 establishing a comprehensive set of permit fees, service fees, and user fees designed for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Garden Ridge
- Letter of retirement from Garden Ridge Police Department Deputy Chief/Lt. Gary Johnson effective July 31, 2012
- Formal recognition by resolution of the Garden ridge Library

LIBRARY FOOTNOTES

By

Suzanne McCandless



On National Night Out, August 7, look for our table in the Community Center, but also visit us in the Library for a big BOOK SALE. The sale will run all day and the library will stay open until 9 pm that night.

Dr. Pam Camosy is continuing her series entitled "A Healthier You" on the second Thursday of each month. On August 9th at 7:00 pm the topic will be "Menopause and Osteoporosis."

The circle of Garden Ridge authors has widened to include Alec Bagwell, 13, who has written a fantasy called *The Gathering Darkness*. The story of a quest and time travel will engage a large number of youngsters.

Other new books on the shelves are *Master of the Senate* and *The Passage of Power* which are the third and fourth volumes of Robert Caro's series, The Years of Lyndon Johnson. Another book about the presidency, *The Amateur*, Obama in the White House, promises good election year reading.

Perhaps a little lighter reading will be found in *Calico Joe* by John Grisham and *The Morning Show* by Al Roker. *Grace* by Jane Roberts Wood, the author of *The Train to Estelline* is a good story set in an East Texas town during World War II.

Remember Story Hour on Wednesdays at 10:30 am where the youngest will find crafts and snacks as well as an engaging story.

Your new library card will allow you to access the library card catalog, reserve and/or renew books from home. It is waiting for you at the Library! Happy Reading!

NEW ON CITY WEB SITE

The city has added a Pet Lost & Found on our new web site. To see pictures:

- Go to Web Site — www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/
- On the home page, click on — Departments
- On the Department menu, click on — Animal Control
- On the Animal Control page, click on — Lost, Found, and Adoptable Pets
- On the list of pets (found, lost, adoptable), click on the one(s) of interest to see a picture.