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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

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September 2012

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Non-emergency, after hours 651-6831

LABOR DAY
3 SEPTEMBER

DO NOT FORGET SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 !!

Coming Events:

- 3 Sep — Labor Day, City Hall and Library closed
 - 5 Sep — City Council Meets, 6 pm
 - 9 Sep — Grandparents Day
 - 10 Sep — Quarry Commission meets — 7 pm
 - 11 Sep — Patriot Day — “Lest We Forget September 11”
 - 11 Sep — Planning and Zoning meets — 6 pm
 - 11 Sep — Last day to register for Garden Ridge Police Academy
 - 17 Sep — Rosh Hoshannah
 - 18 Sep — Garden Ridge Police Academy Start
 - 20 Sep — GRCPAAA meets 7pm, Community Center
 - 22 Sep — Autumn begins
 - 25 Sep — Water Commission meets — 6 pm
 - 26 Sep — Yom Kippur
- NOTE: Weekends - Brush, metal, appliance disposal 8 am - 5 pm**
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| 1 - 2 Sep | 8 - 9 Sep | 15 - 16 Sep |
| 22 - 23 Sep | | |

Significant Events in History Sep 11, 2001 “9-11”

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE



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| Valerie Cahue | Mark Ecton |
| Laura Lopez | Leonard & Latisha McCreary |
| Christopher Mora | Gordon & Tina Rabe |
| Steven Ruiz | Lawrence & Candace Sansone |
| Steve Tate | Bradley Westfall |
| Troy & Shari Wilkerson | |

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. Call 651-6831 for information.



40th Annual Fish Fry, BBQ and Auction

The Garden Ridge Lions Club presents their 40th annual Fish Fry, BBQ and Auction on Saturday October 6, 2012 at the Garden Ridge Community Center on FM 3009 by the Water Tower.

Dinner will be served from 3:30 pm till 7:30 pm

Adults \$10.00 Children \$5.00

Live Entertainment 4:00 to 5:30 pm

Children's Activities 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Silent Auction 3:00 - 6:30 pm

Live Auction begins at 6:30 pm

Raffle during the Live Auction

Super Raffle drawing after the Live Auction

This event is the primary fund-raiser for the Garden Ridge Lions Charities. These funds support the following: Sight services, including eye glasses and exams for needy children; Youth Services, including the Texas Lions Camp for special needs children; Scholarships; and community Services including Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets and Christmas toys for needy families.

Please come out and join us for some great fun, food, and friendship. Your valued support is very much appreciated. .

DROUGHT



As most are aware, South Texas is in the middle of one of the worst droughts in history. If the situation continues to worsen, please do not complain or blame the City for doing what officials are paid or elected to do. This isn't a “my or your problem”, but an “OUR” problem. Please work to conserve and together we'll get through this!

FROM THE MAYOR

Putting it all in perspective, we have a lot to be thankful for. Even though we are now confronted with one of the worst droughts in Texas history, water supplies are ample to supply daily needs of the City. The fear is, if it continues into ensuing years, what actions may have to be taken to ensure water for basics: hygiene, cooking, etc. In a pie chart, landscaping takes up approximately 75% of City water resources. We need to work to reduce this figure. Although landscaping represents a capital investment, and is aesthetically pleasing, it could someday be prudent to adjust priorities. Rocks, native plants, and cactus require little water! Please do your part as we confront this problem.

Jay F. Feibelman
Mayor

Do You Desire to Serve on a City Commission?

The City of Garden Ridge has several Commissions that assist the City Council with making decisions for the betterment of our great city. Vacancies occur on these commissions from time to time and there is a need for citizens who are willing and have a desire to serve the city. City Commissions are the Planning and Zoning Commission, Quarry Commission, Water Commission and Impact Fee Committee. Anyone who has a desire to serve on a City appointed Commission should submit a resume or bio to the City Administrator. If you want more information, please contact City Administrator Nancy Cain at 210-651-6632 or at administrator@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us.

Disposal of Brush, Metal/Appliances and Furniture

Dumpsters for brush disposal will be provided on the following Saturdays and Sundays during the month of September: 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23. Dumpsters will also be provided for the disposal of metal, appliances, furniture and wood. Disposal will only be allowed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on the specified dates, the site will be locked at all other times. Garden Ridge residents must show proof of residency to utilize the disposal site.

National Night Out THANK YOU!!

The City of Garden Ridge, the Garden Ridge Police Department and the Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, would like to thank all the city, county, state organizations and volunteers that helped make our 10th anniversary of National Night Out a large success. Special thanks to Mickey Sanders and Pat Cook for their hard work organizing the event. A “Big Thank You” to all who attended and helped in this event.



Planning is already underway for the August 6, 2013 National Night Out.

QUICK NOTES

- **Caution** your children to look before stepping out from their school bus into a traffic lane. Many do not heed the law and still pass stopped busses.



Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy

The 2012 Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy starts September 18th. The deadline for registration is September 11th. The 8 week session (every Tuesday night) is very informative, providing the opportunity for citizens to meet and learn the functions of the Police Department, City Staff and Elected Officials. Please register on the city website www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us or contact Sgt. Bellinger or Chief O'Conner at 210-651-6441.

Significant City Council Actions in August 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 2nd 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

- 6.17 AF of water to be brought in and transferred to the City of Garden Ridge in accordance with the Transferable Water Rights – Requirement of Ordinance 7-022011 for a commercial development at the northeast corner of the intersection of FM 2252 and FM 3009
- City Water Commission recommendation on resignation of Tony Zugay as Water Commissioner, Place 3 effective July 12, 2012
- City Water Commission recommendation on appointment to fill the vacancy in Place 3 on the Water Commission for the unexpired term of office through September 30, 2012 — Patricia Ramirez.
- City Water Commission recommendation on appointment to Place 4 on the Water Commission for a period of two years due to expiring term of office on September 30, 2012 — Ray Pitzen
- Ordinance 143-082012 granting an exclusive franchise agreement between the City of Garden Ridge, Texas and Bexar Waste, for the collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling service, authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract, setting forth general specifications establishing rates for collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling service, providing for collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling service, providing for the collection of established rates

Quarry Commission Happenings



The Quarry Commission's monthly meeting was held on August 13, 2012. A review of the 16 Quarry blasts occurring in July revealed that the highest Peak Particle Velocity (vibration) occurred on July 2nd and the highest Air Blast reading occurred on July 9th. Seven Citizen Blasting Reports received in July were also reviewed. These citizens' reports provide valuable insight on personal perception of the blasts as compared to actual measured readings. The Citizen Blast Report form can be found on the city's web site home page (www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us). Orica USA Inc. of Watkins Colorado has won Hanson-Servtex's Quarry blasting contract. Orica has applied for the required city permits and will be replacing Austin Powder Company after a short overlap period. 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 September 10, 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 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our membership drive continues, and we welcome new members Brenda Harris, Cherlyn Koehler, and Jeanie Springer. If you are interested in joining, please contact **Membership Chairman, Judi Hanna, 210-658-0819**. Dues are only \$20 per year. Membership renewal forms have been mailed to current members. Please return forms, along with your check for \$20 payable to GRWC to:

Judi Hanna
13622 Hercules Ln.
Universal City, TX 78148.

Garden Ridge Women's Club Annual Holiday Marketplace

Mark your calendars for the GRWC Annual Holiday Marketplace

Date: Saturday, October 20th from 10am-4pm.

Location: GR Community Center

Around 50 vendors offering unique, one of a kind items.

In addition we will have a silent auction, a raffle of original handmade quilt, and of course lots of good food.

We are still looking for items for the silent auction... this is a really good way to introduce people to your business or perhaps you would like to repurpose a gift you can't use.

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 have a gift for the silent auction or you want to volunteer contact Nancy Oro at grwcmarketplace@gmail.com.



FALL LUNCHEON, FASHION SHOW, AND BUSINESS MEETING

"Uno non può mai avere troppo di pane o vestiti"

(One Can Never Have Too Much of Bread or Clothes)!

LADIES, MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS, GRAB YOUR CHECK-BOOKS,

AND SEND IN YOUR PAYMENT TODAY!

RSVP DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 14TH -- NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Date: Thursday, September 20, 2012

Time: 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. luncheon & fashion show

10:30 a.m. mix n mingle

Location: La Fontana Springs Event Center, 27618 Natural Natural

Bridge Caverns Rd. **Cost:** Members \$23.00 per person and non-members \$28.00.

Bring a friend or a new member, and join us for this big event!

Please make your check **payable to GRWC** and send to:

Missy Lantzy

20515 Wahl Lane

Garden Ridge, TX 78266.

Questions, please call Missy Lantzy at 651-3531, or Diana Scott at 651-3320.

Library Footnotes

by Linda Crosland

SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY!

Did you know you could help fund the library at no cost to you? If you shop on Amazon (and who doesn't?), you can sign in through the library's web page, simply shop for any item, not just books. The Library will receive between 4% and 20% of your sale, but **it won't cost you a penny**.

Go to the City's website: ci.garden-ridge.tx.us

Click on "Departments" at the top of the page. Scroll down to "Library."

Go to "Support Your Library." Click on the Amazon logo (ignore the boxes to the right), and it will take you directly to Amazon. Shop, shop, shop!

You will be helping us while you save gas and energy at the same time.

EBOOKS ARE HERE!

Thanks to the generosity of the Lion's Club, Women's Club and Knotty Knotters, the Library now has eBooks to check out. Again, go to the city website, then "Library", and choose the "EBooks" section. There are directions there as well as the eBook catalog, or we will be glad to help you here. Thank you to all who made this possible! If you don't have an e-reader, go to Amazon and buy one!

A HEALTHIER YOU

This month's health talk by **Dr. Pam Camosy** will be "Memory Loss – Is it Alzheimer's?" This is a question faced by nearly all people at some time concerning parents and other family members.

STAGE 3 SURCHARGE

Currently the City of Garden Ridge is in drought. According to Ordinance # 61, a surcharge is applied to water bills during drought condition 3 for usage over 45,000 gallons per month. Please watch your consumption.

Grand Opening of River City Community Church

River City Community Church will have their Grand Opening Celebration on September 16th at their new property on Lookout Road across from Retama Park. They extend a special invitation to the community to come find out who the church is and what they have for the community.

The two services at 9:00 and 11:00 am will have their usual contemporary worship, practical Bible teaching, and dynamic kids' programs.

Questions? Contact: Jackie McGinnis

River City Community Church

Phone (210) 490-5262

Fax (210) 496-2888

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Give water to the wildlife!