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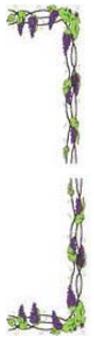
The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

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December 2012

City Hall 651-6632 Lost Pet 651-6831 GRPD 651-6441

Non-emergency, after hours 651-6831



Happy Holidays

and

A Very Merry Christmas to All !!

Coming Events:

- 5 Dec — City Council meets - 6 pm
- 7 Dec — Pearl Harbor Day- 1941 "Lest we forget"
- 8 Dec — First Day of Hanukkah
- 10 Dec — Quarry Commission meets, 7 pm
- 11 Dec — Planning & Zoning Meets, 6 pm
- 15 Dec — Library Story Telling Hour 10:30 am.
Santa at 11:00 to 12:00 (See Library Footnotes)
- 17 Dec — Due Date for January Articles for the Grapevine
- 21 Dec — Winter begins
- 21 Dec — Garden Ridge Employee Christmas Party - City Hall closed at Noon
- 22 - 25 Dec — Library closed
- 24 - 25 Dec — City Hall closed
- 25 Dec — Merry Christmas!
- 26 Dec — Kwanzaa begins
- 31 Dec — New Years Eve - City Offices and Library closed
- 1 Jan — New Year's Day, City Offices and Library Closed

FROM THE MAYOR

'Tis the Season!

Every year it seems the "no goods" devise new means to separate people from their money. If it's not outright theft, then it involves all the electronics and gadgetry that has come on the scene in recent years. During this time of year, particularly, thefts increase, no doubt by those who try to illegally obtain money for the holidays. Please be vigilant to protect your valuables, from closing garage doors, locking vehicles (removing door openers) and keeping items out of sight, whether at home or while shopping. Nothing in view, thieves will probably not strike. New scams come along constantly; one of the latest is outlined in a separate article - A Big Scam - in this newsletter. You work too hard for what you have! Don't allow those "leaches" a chance to deprive you of your efforts! For more timely tips or info, call the Garden Ridge Police Department at 651-6441.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

**Jay F. Feibelman
MAYOR**

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to our City Library volunteers and the library supervisor, Linda Crosland, for the display, entertainment and decorations to honor our area veterans for Veterans Day. An open house was conducted from 2 to 5 pm with wonderful refreshments. Those attending were treated to an excellent musical presentation by 5th Grade from Garden Ridge Elementary School. Special thanks to Principal Joni Coker for her support.



Record Voter Turnout

Precinct 205 set a record for voter turnout in November's election. These are the figures for the precinct:

Voter Turnout	3965 (74.9% of registered voters). Precinct 205 had the highest number of votes cast in Comal County.	
Early Voting	79% of votes cast in the precinct were early voting	
Results	<u>Precinct 205</u>	<u>Comal County</u>
Romney/Ryan	3108 (78.4%)	39,291 (76.1%)
Obama/Biden	812 (20.5%)	11,437 (22.1%)
Other	45 (1.1%)	876 (1.7%)

Garden Ridge Police Explorers

If you live in the Garden Ridge area, are a high school student and interested in the criminal justice field, you might be interested in joining the Explorer Post. For further information e-mail :

grexplorers1666@yahoo.com

Back by Popular Demand! Cowboy Casino Night



Date: Saturday, January 26, 2013, 6 pm – 10:30 pm.

Location: GR Community Center

Cost: \$40.00

What better way to spend a Saturday night than "fun" gambling, live music, dancing, and dinner, all things Texans love to do! Tickets go on sale December 2! Only 200 tickets available and will NOT be sold at the door. For reservations contact June Fordiani at 210-651-9111. Make checks payable to GRWC and mail to June at 8824 Garden Ridge Dr, Garden Ridge, TX 78266.

Holiday Tour of Homes



Date: Thursday, December 13, 2012 – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: Meet at Community Center to sign in, for refreshments, and maps to homes.

Cost: \$10.00/Members - \$15.00/Nonmembers.

MORE HOMES ARE NEEDED TO SHOW! Please consider opening up your home for this wonderful event—all you have to do is provide the tree! Several GRWC members will be stationed and assisting at each of the homes, so you will have plenty of help—all proceeds go to local charities.

Contact Sharon Duemler--651-0654 or sduemler@satx.rr.com.

A BIG SCAM

To All — check this one out....

Pay attention to your receipts!!

With the Christmas season coming up this is really important.

Check your receipts before leaving any cashiers station!!!!

This could happen anywhere and has, as related by a targeted consumer:

I bought a bunch of stuff, over \$150, and I glanced at my receipt as the cashier was handing me the bags. I saw a cash-back of \$40. I told her I didn't request a cash back & to delete it. She said I'd have to take the \$40 because she couldn't delete it. I told her to call a supervisor. The supervisor came and said I'd have to take it. I said NO! Taking the \$40 would be a cash advance against my Discover & I wasn't paying interest on a cash advance. If they couldn't delete it then they would have to delete the whole order.

The second time I looked at the electronic pad before I signed & a cash-back of \$20 popped up. At that point I told the cashier and she deleted it. The total came out right. The cashier agreed that the electronic pad must be defective. (yeah right!)

Can you imagine how many folks went through before me and at the end of her shift how much was pocketed?

This is a new scam! Check your receipts always when using credit or debit cards and insure the card provided is the card you receive back.

TRIUMPHANT LUTHERAN CHRISTMAS EVENTS

The community is invited to the following Christmas events at Triumphant Lutheran Church, 21315 Bat Cave Rd:

- Hanging of the Greens - Saturday, Dec 1st, at 5:00 PM.
- Children's Christmas Program – Sunday, Dec 2nd at 10:00 AM
- Christmas Cantata – “A Celebration of Carols” - Saturday, Dec 8th, at 5:00 PM Sunday, Dec 9th, 8:30 & 11:00 AM.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Services – Monday, Dec 24th, 5:00, 7:00 & 10:00 PM.
- Christmas Day Service – Tuesday, Dec 25th at 10:00 AM.

For more information please call the church office at 210-651-9090, or visit us on line at: www.triumphantultheran.org

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents:

- KAREN CUIEL
- MARK GONZALEZ
- JAMES HAHN
- SCOTT & SONG LEHMKUHL
- EDMUNDO & IMELDA REVERON
- KRISTINE SCHROEDER



NOTE: Newcomers are identified by water service records. Consequently, not all names in the household will appear. Those not appearing are also welcomed!

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

Highpoint Church in Garden Ridge

Highpoint Recovery and Restoration Ministry is a Christ centered program directed towards those who may be struggling emotionally, with an addiction, or find themselves in the midst of life change. It is centered around small groups that offer support and a safe place to share. We meet every Monday (except Christmas and New Year's Eve) at Highpoint Church located at 9357 Schoenthal Road, Garden Ridge, TX. If you have any questions email Teresa at highpointrecovery@hotmail.com Childcare is provided.

Library Footnotes
By Suzanne McCandless



Don't forget that Santa Claus will visit the Library on Saturday, December 15, at 11:00 a.m. Be sure to dress up the kids in Christmas attire and bring a camera. Story Time will begin at 10:30 a. m. that day. The Library opens, as always, at 10:00 a. m.

We have so many new books on the shelf this month that I will only have space to mention a few. One of the most requested in *A Wanted Man* by Lee Child, and another is *Force of Nature* by C.J. Box.

The neat thing is that you can see all the new books listed on our web page. Try going to <http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us> and scrolling down to Library under Quick Links. There you will be able to access your account, reserve a book, learn what is new, and check out an e-book.

E-Books are fabulous! If you have a tablet device of any kind, you will find that checking out an e-book is easy and a lot less expensive than purchasing one. In fact, they are free! If you don't know how to do this, stop by the library to read the tutorial, or better yet request that we e-mail the instructions.

You can also check out audio books through Lone Star Overdrive, but if you prefer the CDs to play in the car, we have added several this month. Two very new ones are *Killing Lincoln* and *Killing Kennedy* both by Bill O'Reilly.

With the holidays in December, the library will be closing for a few days. We will be closed Saturday, December 22 through Tuesday, December 25 for Christmas and December 31 and January 1, 1213 for New Year's. These hours will be on the web page.

Significant City Council Actions in November

UPDATE:

- Update on public safety concerns in the Wild Wind Unit 3 Subdivision of Garden Ridge, Texas
- Update on Park Committee formation and study of parks within Garden Ridge
- 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

PRESENTATION:

- Presentation of Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation on a petition by Tony Overman for rezoning from Residential Agricultural (RA) to Neighborhood Services (B-1) 13.532 acres of land, situated in the City of Garden Ridge, FM 3009 @ FM 2252
- Presentation of the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation on Master Development Plan for the Tuscan Village subdivision to be located at the southeast corner of FM 3009 and FM 2252
- Design considerations and schedule for 2012 CIP Projects for streets, drainage and water line replacement

APPROVED:

- Resolution 280-112012 designating the official newspaper for the City of Garden Ridge — New Braunfels Herald Zeitung
- Resignation of Frank Powers as Water Commissioner, Place 1 effective October 25, 2012
- Appointment of Jim Kohl as Water Commissioner, Place 1, to fill unexpired term of office expiring September 30, 2014
- Ordinance 156-112012 of the City of Garden Ridge specifying a duty of an occupant, owner or agent of a premise within the city to keep all vegetation well trimmed and avoid impediment to vehicular traffic and users of the roadways and right-of-ways and providing for penalties
- Certification of Tax Levy for the 2012 Tax Year in accordance with Section 26.09(e) of the Texas Property Code
- Transfer of Administration Department Administrative Assistant Sandy Edwards to the newly created Administrative Assistant position in the Garden Ridge Police Department
- Employment of Desiree Mundell as Administrative Assistant in the City of Garden Ridge Administration Department effective November 19, 2012 at salary set in the 2013 Fiscal Year Budget for said position with a 90 day probationary period and salary being 5% less during probationary period

QUICK NOTES



- Thanks to members of Garden Ridge Lions Club who assisted and delivered dinners to 17 families, many in Bracken.
Randy Maschek, President, Garden Ridge Lions
- **Garden Ridge Community Center**— A reminder to all that you can rent the Community Center for functions. Dates are available for holiday needs or any other occasion. Call Kim at 843-0509 for info.
- **January Newsletter Cutoff:** Due to the holidays, the cut-off for inputs to the Grapevine is Monday, December 17.

2013 Garden Ridge Directory

If you desire to be included in the 2013 Garden Ridge Directory you need to respond by December 28, 2012. You may go to www.GardenRidgeDirectory.com and complete the online form or complete the yellow form included in your water bill and return it to City Hall. Direct questions to the web site or call 210-348-3709.

Hope for the Holidays

Please join us December Sundays at 9am or 10:45am this Christmas season as we rediscover Hope for the Holidays

- Dec 2nd-Joy
- Dec 9th-Hope
- Dec 16-Peace
- Dec 23-Presence
- Dec 24-God Gave (Christmas Eve Services 3pm, 4:15pm, 5:30pm & 6:45pm)

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