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Coming Events:

- 1 Jan — Happy New Year!
 - 8 Jan — Planning and Zoning meets 6 pm
 - 9 Jan — City Council meets, 6pm
 - 14 Jan — Quarry Commission meets, 7 pm
 - 21 Jan — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day — City Hall closed and Library open.
 - 22 Jan — Water Commission meets, 6 pm
 - 26 Jan — GRWC Cowboy Casino Night, Community Center 6 - 10:30 pm
- Dumpsters - Christmas trees and more - on Municipal Parkway
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| 5 - 6 January | 12 - 13 January |
| 19 - 20 January | 26 - 27 January |



Oak Wilt Prevention this Winter

Prevention is the key to preventing Oak Wilt spread.



- Select Well seasoned firewood
- Safely store unknown sources of firewood
- Destroy diseased Red Oaks
- Avoid wounding oaks during vulnerable seasons (Feb—June)
- Paint all oak wounds including pruning cuts

Oak firewood is an important commodity to Texans, whether it is used for firing up the barbecue pit or for warming up the home on a cold winter day. By selecting well-seasoned, disease free firewood and following other disease prevention guidelines, homeowners are taking the correct steps to prevent a new oak wilt disease outbreak in their neighborhood. Please visit www.texasoakwilt.org for more information on this devastating tree disease.

WEIGHT WATCHERS

Weight Watchers® is coming to Forest Waters Club! Having meetings right in your Garden Ridge community can help create a supportive environment, which can help you reach your weight-loss goals. That's why we're hoping to bring Weight Watchers® meetings to you, so you can attend and stay motivated. If interested in joining Weight Watchers® meetings please email: Megan@ForestWatersClub.com or call 210-651-6505. We need at least 15 interested participants to have the meetings at Forest Waters Club, so please encourage your friends and family! You do not have to be a Forest Waters Club Member to attend the Weight Watchers® Meetings.

In addition to a convenient setting for ongoing support and motivation, the program will also provide:

- Practical guidance from an experienced leader who has lost weight with Weight Watchers®
- Weekly meetings that fit perfectly into the busy workday
- Meetings work for both men and women
- Each weigh-in is confidential
- Weight Watchers eTools, the Internet weight-loss companion to meetings

Support, convenience, and a scientifically proven approach - A winning combination!

TV and COMPUTER RECYCLING RULES

In Texas, a new television recycling program went into effect on May 1, 2012. This program will provide Texans additional opportunities to recycle used TVs. The rules are available at 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 328, Subchapter 1.

Beginning April 1, 2013, a list of TV manufacturers who have approved recycling programs will be available through TexasRecyclesTVs.org.

Texas also has a computer-equipment recycling program. Find more information about that program at Texasrecyclescomputers.org.

FROM THE MAYOR

2012 was a good year as the City finance remains strong and many projects were initiated to improve infrastructure; among these -- drainage improvements, water projects, and street works: city park upgrade to include new restrooms to keep up with city growth and give accessibility to the handicapped.

We made it through another year of draught and our water system held out beautifully thanks to a lot of effort and support from residents.

Thanks to everyone for the support and a very productive 2012.

I wish all a very safe and prosperous 2013. Don't forget to continue rain dancing.

Jay F. Feibelman
Mayor

Library Footnotes

By Linda Crosland



As always at this time of year, it is exciting look back to see how the library has grown. New books added to the collection totaled 1612, while 584 books were deleted for various reasons. That brings us a total of 17,546, thanks mostly to donations. Another 168 people became patrons for a total of 1042. Slightly over 6,500 visitors checked out 10,136 books and movies. That's about 2,000 more than last year. Also, many hours were logged in on our five computers.

Some milestones for 2012 are: We are now officially accredited with the State of Texas; we have access to free computer classes from the State; we initiated online access to our book catalog; and we can now check out electronic books. One interesting feature of looking at your library account online is that it will tell you how much money you saved during the year by checking out books rather than buying them. As a whole, our patrons have saved \$113,111.23 this year by checking out books rather than buying them -- and we store them for you! Another great activity this year is the inauguration of the Kids' Chess Club. Anywhere from 8 to 12 students meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month to learn and practice this challenging game.

Again, this year we wish to acknowledge our gratitude to the **Lion's Club, Garden Ridge Women's Club and Knotty Knotters** for donations enabling us to become members of the Lone Star Consortium where we can now check out eBooks for electronic readers. The Lion's Club also helped us to buy the current **Lone Star Books** for Texas school children. Many of our Garden Ridge Citizens have donated books and movies. Thank you for all the fine, nearly new books which are a wonderful addition to our collection.

The word "exceptional" means unusually excellent, superior. This word can only describe our Garden Ridge library volunteers. We have 42 people who have generously given almost 1900 hours. Without them our city simply wouldn't have the quality of access to the library which we now enjoy. Be sure to thank them when you come in.

While looking back is interesting, the library is eagerly looking forward to an even better year in 2012. **We hope that you will be a part of it.**

Remember, never judge a book by its movie.

Volunteers are needed at the library. If you are interested, call Linda from Noon till 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday at 651-6570 or drop by and see her.



WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents:

Tim & Ann Akard	Karen Archondidis
James Bilbro	Leanne Embry
Zeferino Gomes	Robert & Sheila Griffin
Benjamin & Stephanie Guinn	
Erich Henschel	Julia Chapa Lizcano
Robert & Derry Ann Martinez	
Theresa Mattos	Sharon Mazurek
Bonnieface Premdas	Jimmy & Cindy Stevens



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.

QUICK NOTES



- **THANKS!! Christmas Tree Decorating at the Community Center** The Garden Ridge Women's Club did a super job decorating the Community Center for the holidays! They deserve a special thanks for a job exceptionally well done.
- **PET REGISTRATION** City Ordinance requires all dogs and cats be initially registered on arrival and again each January thereafter. The cost is minimal (\$5.00) and provides a tag for each pet. This tag is on the animal when lost, literally guarantees expeditious return of your treasured pet! Please comply with the ordinance. For Info: 651-6831.
- **Thanks** to the Garden Ridge Lions for providing Christmas dinners and toys to some 50 surrounding area needy families.
- **Special Thanks** to Shelby and Kathy Trial for donating the beautiful Christmas Tree that adorned the City Hall lobby during the holidays.
- **Watch** for the 2013 Garden Ridge phone book!
- **Special Scam Alerts from the GR Police Department.** Keep your cars locked and valuables out of view. Recent car burglars have only entered unlocked vehicles and taken things in plain view such as radar detectors and GPS units. Keeping garage doors closed when not in use, limits the opportunity to observe valuable items to steal or come back later and steal.
Please do not advertise new purchases by placing the boxes out for the trash pick-up. Placing them inside the trash receptacle or bringing them to the county recycling truck can eliminate this invitation and keep you from being a victim. Last and probably most important, don't give any caller your personal information, date of birth, social security number or account numbers. If they are calling you to verify information, they should already have it. Same is true for e-mail inquiries.

Significant City Council Actions in December

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 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, Comal County, Texas, located at the south-east corner of the FM 3009 and FM 2252 intersection
No citizens spoke.

UPDATE:

- 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)
- Design considerations and schedule for 2012 CIP Projects for streets, drainage and water line replacement
- 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:

- Resignation of Bob Gunnarson as Commissioner on the City Quarry Commission effective November 14, 2012 and recognition of City Quarry Commissioner Bob Gunnarson for his service to the City of Garden Ridge on the Quarry Commission
- Resignation of Desiree Mundell as Administrative Assistant in the City of Garden Ridge Administration Department effective November 26, 2012
- Reschedule the January Regular City Council Meeting from January 2, 2013 to January 9, 2013
- Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation of approval on a petition by Tony Overman for rezoning from Residential Agricultural (RA) to Neighborhood Services (B-1) situated in the City of Garden Ridge, Comal County, Texas, and located at the southeast corner of the FM 3009 and FM 2252 intersection
- Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation of approval on Master Development Plan for the Tuscan Village subdivision to be located at the southeast corner of FM 3009 and FM 2252
- Planning and Zoning commission recommendation of approval on a petition by Triumphant Lutheran Church for a variance to Ordinance 55 -112004 to allow the placement of two "No Cell Phone Usage" signs on their property located at 21315 Bat Cave Road
- Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation of approval on a revised Master Development Plan for Forest of Garden Ridge IV to provide for a connection to Bindseil Road within Unit 2 of said subdivision located on the west side of Bat Cave Road northwest of its intersection with Schoenthal Road
- Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation of approval on Final Plat for the Forest of Garden Ridge IV, Unit 1



HEB CENTRAL MARKET COOKING CLASS

It is time to make reservations for the GRWC cooking class at HEB Central Market, located at 4821 Broadway. This is always a popular outing that you will not want to miss!

Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013

Time: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Cost: GRWC Members: \$25 -- Non-Members: \$30

Questions: Kate Kohl – 210-912-9012 or kate.kohl@yahoo.com

Reservation Deadline: February 12, 2013

Please make checks payable to GRWC and send to:

Kate Kohl

20740 Timber Rose

Garden Ridge, TX 78266



GRWC 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 are now on sale 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.

Also – Sponsors are needed who wish to advertise for this event. Please contact June for more information



Garden Ridge Women's Club 31st Annual Garage Sale

Date: Saturday, March 16, 2013, 9 am – 1 pm.

Location: GR Community Center.

Member Fee: Inside Table: \$30; Outside Table: \$35;

Member reservations begin January 7, 2013

Non-member fee: Inside Table: \$40. Outside Table: \$45.

Non-member reservations begin February 4, 2013

To reserve your table(s) make payable to GRWC and mail to:

Laurie Hageman

9430 Blazing Star Trail

Garden Ridge, TX 78266

Questions? Laurie Hageman 658-8731 (home); 512-757-1907 (cell)
lhageman@satx.rr.com.



VALENTINE'S DAY MEMBERSHIP HIGH TEA

Ladies, here is your opportunity to get together and see old friends at this first-time members-only event. You will not be disappointed—this will be an English tea with all the sweet and savory dishes that all will enjoy.

Date: Thursday, February 14, 2013.

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Bluebonnet Room of the GR Community Center

Cost: \$15 by February 1; \$18 after February 1

Reservation Deadline: February 10.

Ticket Information or Questions: Contact Sharon Duemler – 210-651-0654 or Linda Leonard – 830-714-4345