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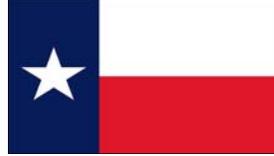
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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge
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March 2013

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

Non-emergency, after hours 651-6831

Happy
St. Patrick's
DAY
March 17th



Texas Independence Day March 2

Coming Events:

- 1 Mar — Last day to file for City Election
 - 2 Mar — Texas Independence Day
 - 6 Mar — City Council meets, 6 pm
 - 6 Mar — Alamo Day - the Alamo falls in 1836 after a 13 day siege. All defenders killed.
 - 8 Mar — Drawing for place on ballot 9 AM Council Chambers
 - 11 Mar — Quarry Commission meets 7 pm
 - 12 Mar — First day to apply for ballot by mail
 - 12 Mar — Planning and Zoning meets, 6 pm
 - 16 Mar — GRWC Annual City-wide Garage Sale 9 am - 1 pm (See Article) Library Book Sale
 - 17 Mar — St. Patrick's Day
 - 20 Mar — First day of Spring
 - 21 Mar — Garden Ridge Citizens Police Academy Alumni Assn. Meets Bluebonnet Room 7 pm
 - 21 Mar — Garden Ridge Elementary Annual Walkathon (See Article)
 - 24 Mar — Palm Sunday
 - 25 Mar — Passover begins at sunset
 - 26 Mar — Water Commission meets, 6 pm
 - 27 Mar — First day to mail early ballots
 - 29 Mar — Good Friday and Viet Nam Veterans Day
 - 31 Mar — Happy Easter
 - * Brush and recycle dumpsters: Mar 2-3; Mar 9-10; Mar 16-17; Mar 23-24 8 AM — 5 PM
- Watch your water bill for flyer on hazardous waste disposal in April.

Significant Past Events in March

- 2 Mar 1836 - Texas declares independence from Mexico
- 3 Mar 1931 - Star Spangled Banner made US national anthem
- 6 Mar 1836 - Fall of the Alamo
- 27 Mar 1836 - Goliad Massacre

Garden Ridge Elementary 2nd Annual Walkathon!

Garden Ridge Elementary will be holding its 2nd annual Walkathon on Thursday, March 21st to help promote a healthy lifestyle. Money raised will be used to support programs that directly benefit the students. During the Walkathon, students will walk as many laps as they can during their special class time. Interested in volunteering or making a donation? Contact Erin Hardison at ehidell@yahoo.com.



Picnic in the Park

Save the Date! Wednesday, April 10, 2013
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Location: GR City Park
Bring your lunch and join other GRWC members. This is the perfect opportunity to let others know about your business or interests. More details to follow.

FROM THE MAYOR

The City Election is scheduled for May 11. By now all the candidates have filed and are actively pursuing the positions. **PLEASE VOTE!** The viability of the city depends on intelligent consideration of candidates, their qualifications and willingness to serve. Voting remains one of the most important functions and rights of a democracy.

Thank you for your support and have a very pleasant spring! Please watch your water usage.

Jay F. Feibelman
Mayor



Garden Ridge Women's Club Annual Garage Sale



Date: Saturday, March 16, 2013

Time: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Location: GR Community Center

Member Fee: Inside Table: \$30; Outside Table: \$35;
Non-member fee: Inside Table: \$40. Outside Table: \$45.
To reserve your table(s) make check 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.

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents:

Burt Anderson
Guy Capparelli
Jesse & Eileen Chavarria
Jeremy Duerr
Jana & Michael Williams



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 initially registered and again each January thereafter. Call 651-6831 for information.

Quick Notes

- Construction continues on the widening of the intersection of FM 3009 and FM 2252. The project will run for several months. The price of progress is inconvenience.
- See the City web site or call city hall for information on watering restrictions.



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Northeast Bible Church

Easter Services-Sunday, March 31
 Please join us for Easter Services as we learn about:
The Funky Things Christians Do!
 8:00am
 9:10am
 10:20am
 11:30am
 Children's Ministry available 9:10, 10:20 and 11:30am services
 19185 FM2252
 Garden Ridge TX
 210 651-5462

The Community is invited to attend **Holy Week and Easter Worship** services at **TRIUMPHANT LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 21315 Bat Cave Road.
 March 28 **Living Last Supper Drama**: 7:00PM
 March 29 Good Friday Worship Services: 12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM
 March 30 Saturday Easter Vigil Service: 5:00 PM
 March 31 Easter Sunday:
 Sunrise Worship Service: 7:00 AM
 Easter Breakfast: 7:45 – 10:45 AM
 Traditional Worship Service: 8:30 AM
 Children's Easter Egg Hunt: 9:45 AM
 Contemporary Worship Service: 11:00
 www.triumphantlutheran.org

Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt!

March 30, 10:30-12:00
 Garden Ridge Elementary School
 Free Family Community Event Sponsored by Northeast Bible Church
 Egg hunt for walkers thru 5th graders
 Games, inflatables & door prizes

Library Footnotes

By Lynne Dean
GARDEN RIDGE LIBRARY BOOK SALE!
MARCH 17TH



Through the generosity of our citizens, the library continues to expand its collection of current materials which reflect the interests and ideals of this great community. One book that will appeal to a great many people is SEAL TEAM SIX, by Howard E. Wasdin, and Stephen Templin. Wasdin, who became the best of the eighteen snipers in Seal Team Six, very nearly had both of his legs blown off in his hunt to capture and kill Somali warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid in the Battle of Mogadishu in 1993. This book is not only a fascinating and intimate look at the rigorous training that enabled Seal Team Six to pull off the bin Laden raid with such precision years later, but also an adrenaline-laced memoir of the dangerous job as a member of the most elite sniper team in the world. Another book that is sure to be very popular is The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey, by Candice Millard. At once an incredible adventure narrative and a penetrating biographical portrait, The River of Doubt is the true story of Roosevelt's harrowing exploration of one of the most dangerous rivers on earth, the Amazon. Along the way, Roosevelt, his son Kermit, and his men faced an unbelievable series of hardships, losing their canoes and supplies, enduring starvation and Indian attack, disease, drowning, and a murder within their own ranks. Three men died and Roosevelt was brought to the brink of suicide. In the process, he changed the map of the Western Hemisphere forever. This is a brilliantly written debut from a promising new author. These books represent just two of the many new choices available now in your library!

Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission's monthly meeting was held on February 11, 2013. A review of January blasts was conducted. A total of 14 blasts occurred in the month of January. The highest ground vibration measured was .270 in/sec on January 10 and the highest air blast measured was 122.8 dB on January 16. All readings with the exception of the 122.8 dB air blast reading were within the criteria of City Ordinance 34 for which charges are now pending within the Municipal Court system. Citizen blasting reports for December 13 and 18 and January 17 and 18 were reviewed.



The manager of Hanson Servtex has indicated a possible interest to notify Garden Ridge citizens by phone prior to commencement of a blast. If interested in such notification please contact City Hall (651-6632) for the purpose of compiling a list to be forwarded to Hanson for their consideration. Respond NLT 11 March.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the monthly quarry commission meetings. Next meeting is March 11. Citizen Blast report Forms can be found on the city's web site home page (www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us). Citizens that wish to make a comment about a blast or have input for the Commission or are interested in a tour of the quarry are encouraged to contact City Hall at 651-6632.

Significant City Council Actions

FEBRUARY UPDATE:

- City of Garden Ridge annual Audit Report for the period ending September 30, 2012
- Public safety concerns in the Wild Wind Unit 3 Subdivision of Garden Ridge and Bracken Rifle and Pistol Range
- Update on Park Committee study of parks within the City of Garden Ridge and possible authorization to proceed with development of specifications, contract documents and the bidding process for new restroom facilities at Paul Davis Park
- Update on design considerations and schedule for 2012 CIP Projects for streets, drainage and water line replacement
- Submission of the Garden Ridge Police Department Racial Profiling Policy 507 and the 2012 Racial Profiling Report

APPROVED:

- Agreement to conduct joint elections between the Comal Independent School District and the City of Garden Ridge for May 11, 2013 Election
- Ordinance 172-022013 to call a General Election on May 11, 2013 for the City of Garden Ridge for the purpose of electing the Mayor and Aldermen to City Council Places 2 and 3; such election shall be a joint election between the City of Garden Ridge and the Comal Independent School District; making provisions for the conduct of such election and resolving other matters related to the conduct of such election.
- Resolution 281-022013 complying with annual review and adoption of the Public Funds Investment Policy for the City of Garden Ridge, Texas as required by the provisions of Chapter 2256, The Public Funds Investment Act, as amended, the Texas government Code.
- Dismissal of City employee Tera Charlton.

OAK WILT THREAT

The season is upon us to be most conscious of the Oak Wilt threat. Now and through June, the beetles that carry the disease are most active. Insure all cuts and wounds on the oak trees are painted. If we let down our guard the cost and devastation to the homeowner and our beautiful city could be monumental. Check information on the internet.

Forest Waters Dance Club

The Forest Waters Dance Club will meet for the second dance lesson session on March 8, 2013. The time for these ballroom, country and western, polka and Latin dance lessons is 7 PM, upstairs in the Duck Blind Banquet Room. We meet once a month, on the second Friday of the month. Club dues are \$10 per person. You do not have to be a member of Forest Waters Club to take these dancing lessons. The banquet room is equipped with a professional wooden dance floor, bar, restrooms, and dining facilities. Contact John Axsom at 654-1447 for more information.

How to Read Bar Codes

The first three digits of the bar code indicate the source country of the item. In the example below 471 is made in Taiwan. Packaging may not include the name of the country of origin, but the first digits of a bar code should show it. See below for select bar code digits:



- 00-09 US and Canada
- 30-37 France
- 40-44 Germany
- 49 Japan
- 50 UK
- 471 Taiwan
- 690-692 China

The Texas Lions Camp

The Texas Lions Camp provides camping experiences at no charge, to children with medical conditions. Information about the camp and registration for it is available at www.lionscamp.com. They are accepting applications now and request that the applications be sent at least one month prior to the requested date. They will be processed in the order received.

2013 Summer Camp Dates:

- Session 1 – June 9-15; Session 2 – June 16-22;
- Session 3 – June 23-29; Session 4 – June 30-July 6;
- Session 5 – July 7-13; Ages for handicapped children in Sessions 1 – 5 is 7 through 16.

Down Syndrome Session is July 14-20 for ages 12 through 16. Diabetes 1 Session is July 28-Aug 3 and Diabetes Session 2 Aug 4-10. Both sessions are for Type 1 diabetes and for ages 8 - 15

Each application requires the signature of a Lions Club member. Lion Harvey Bell will happily sign as the sponsoring member for the Garden Ridge Club and provide the parents with more information. Contact Harvey at 210-451-7088.