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FLAG DAY
JUNE 14



SUMMER!

FATHER'S DAY
JUNE 16



THANK YOU JAY FEIBELMAN FOR 18 YEARS OF VOLUNTEER ELECTED SERVICE TO GARDEN RIDGE — Editor



Coming Events:

- 5 June — City Council meets, 6 pm
- 6 June — D-Day "Lest We Forget" (1944 invasion of Europe)
- 10 June — Quarry Commission meets, 7 pm
- 11 June — Planning and Zoning meets, 6 pm
- 14 June — Flag Day — Display Old Glory!
- 16 June — Father's Day
- 21 June — First Day of Summer - Drive and Play SAFELY!
- 25 June — Water Commission meets, 6 pm

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday August 6, 2013 National Night Out — Night Out Against Crime. Garden Ridge Community Center 6 PM to 8 PM. Meet your neighbors and learn about resources in our community. Food and fun for everyone.

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents:

Nina & Javier Carvajal
Michael Garcia
Ray Harris
Scott Lockard



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 each January thereafter. Call 651-6831 for information.

CARS/TRUCKS/CLASSICS/MOTORBIKES/UTVs NEEDED FOR JULY 4TH SHOW

Show off your classic, special interest, UTV or prized cars/trucks/motorbikes, etc. at the **CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY Celebration at Paul Davis Park.**

Reserved parking spaces will be provided as available.

Call Gary stegman at 651-5528 or Jack Cook at 651-4082 and watch the July Grapevine for more information.



Bracken United Methodist Church
Vacation Bible School

It's that time again to register for Bracken UMC's Vacation Bible School! Kingdom Rock, where kids stand **STRONG** for God. July 15-19th from 9am-12:15pm. Please visit bracken-umc.org for more information or call 830-606-6717.

Editor's Note: After 18 years of dedicated service to the city, as a city council member and Mayor, Jay has elected to step down. Thank you JAY for your service and guidance through the years. You will be missed!



Library Footnotes

By Karen Bishop

Attention students, parents and grandparents too! School's out and the school library is closed for the summer. Remember the city library is open and summer reading programs are beginning.

Bonzo Crunch will be at the library Tuesday, June 11, at 11:00 to kick off the Ringling Brothers Reading Program. Participants will receive tickets for the Ringling Brothers Circus San Antonio appearance July 4 - 8.

A summer story hour for pre-schoolers and anyone else interested starts June 5. Story times are always fun and well attended so watch for further information on this library activity.

The 2013 - 14 Bluebonnet and Lone Star books are now available. Summer is a great time for students to get a head start on these school required reading programs. During the summer these books can be checked out for three weeks, two at a time. The Garden Ridge Women's Club, Lions' Club and Knotty Knotters are responsible for providing funds for these programs.

We continue to advertise that the library does have ebooks. Email or call the library for directions. Be sure to specify Kindle, iPad, Nook or Android. Thanks go to the Lions' Club, Garden Ridge Women's Club and the Knotty Knotters for contributing funds for this possibility.

Our Saturday afternoon volunteer has been a college student whose generous contribution of his time has been greatly appreciated. With the end of the semester he will no longer be able to continue. So we are reverting to our previous Saturday schedule of 10AM to 1PM. That is, unless someone reading this wants to step up and volunteer for Saturday afternoons??? If that person is you, call Linda Crosland at the library (651-6570) and she will get you started.

We do have some new books, among them:

Life After Life by Kate Atkinson

Sins of the Father by Jeffrey Archer (the second in the Clifton Chronicles)

The Best Kept Secret by Jeffrey Archer (the third in the Clifton Chronicles)

The Racketeer by John Grisham

The library has several activities planned for the summer. Take advantage of them!

2013 Vacation Bible School Garden Ridge Church of Christ

June 18-21 Ages: Pre-School – 12th Grade

New this year: Adult Auditorium Class

Tuesday – Friday 9:30AM – 11:30AM

The Parables of Jesus

The Sower – The Good Samaritan – The Prodigal Son – The Lost Sheep
Send your registration to GRCCOC, 19881 FM 2252, Garden Ridge, TX 78266 or FAX it to 210-651-5009. (Forms available at www.grcoc.org.)

QUICK NOTES

- **Feeding Deer:** If you must feed deer, at least feed them something of nutritional value. In particular feed corn can be a very dangerous product if it becomes damp and develops aflatoxin which preys on mostly younger and older deer. Not a pleasant death. Please remember our authority to control and manage deer is very limited as they are owned by Texas Parks and Wildlife who impose stringent rules that must be followed.



DEER CAUTION !



While walking or just out and about, use caution when confronted by any wildlife, especially deer. Although dangerous anytime, fawn season is upon us and doe vigorously protect their young.
KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!



Brief children on the danger and report incidents to GRPD at 651-6441.

Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission's monthly meeting was held on May 13, 2013. A review of April blasts was conducted. A total of 12 blasts occurred in the month of April. The highest ground vibration measured was .155 in/sec on April 1 and April 30 and the highest air blast measured was 117.6 dB on April 4. All readings were within the criteria of City Ordinance 34. Citizen blasting reports for the month of April were discussed and follow up action assigned.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the monthly quarry commission meetings. Next meeting is June 10 at 7:00 pm. 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 attending a tour of the quarry including witnessing an actual blast on Wednesday June 12 are encouraged to contact City Hall at 651-6632.



GARDEN RIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



The Garden Ridge Women's Club has started our "GRWC 2013-2014 Membership Drive," and we are looking forward to welcoming new members, as well as keeping our current members. We plan to continue many of our traditional activities and special interest groups, but are always open to new ideas and fresh input.

If you are interested in joining our club or are already a member and have any questions, please contact our **Membership Chairman, Judi Hanna, 210-658-0819**. Dues are only \$20 per year, and the new year is June 1, 2013 – May 31, 2014. Membership renewal forms have been mailed to current members. Please return them by July 1, 2013, along with your check for \$20 payable to GRWC to:

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

Community Center Enhancements

Many Thanks to our GRWC for their very generous purchase of a beautiful new Electric Range for the Community Center and also to our Lion's Club for their purchase of two new Chair Carts. These items that were donated by both of our Garden Ridge City organizations are very much appreciated !

Bicycle Rodeo

The 3rd Garden Ridge Community Bicycle Rodeo was held on May 11, 2013 and there were 38 community children from kindergarten to 5th grade who participated in the event. There were four skill tests that included balance, steering, circling and maneuvering. The top scoring boy and girl in each grade level received a bicycle helmet.

This event was made possible by the Garden Ridge Elementary School who provided the location for the event along with the Garden Ridge PTA, the Triumphant Lutheran Church, the Canyon Lake PILOT International Club, the Garden Ridge Police Academy Alumni Association and the Garden Ridge Police Explorer Post who were all instrumental in setting up and managing each event. Special thanks to the Bracken Volunteer Fire Department who were in attendance for any medical needs and to Mr. Bob Eccleston of the "Team New Braunfels" bike club for coming out to inspect, adjust and repair all the bicycles.

Significant City Council Actions in May:

Special Presentations:

- Proclamation declaring the week of May 12th - 18th as National Police Week and Peace Officers' Memorial Day Proclamation
- Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month Proclamation

Update:

- Update of work activities at Paul Davis Park
- Update and possible action on public safety concerns in the Wild Wind Unit 3 Subdivision of Garden Ridge, Texas
- Update on the City of Garden Ridge 2013 Schoenthal Road improvements
- Update and review of the 2012 CIP Projects for streets, drainage, and water line replacement

Approved:

- Authorize the City Administrator to negotiate a lease agreement with AT&T for the installation and placement of a tower, antennas and supporting infrastructure for wireless service in the City of Garden Ridge maintenance yard located off Municipal Parkway
- Employment of Robert Acosta as Police Officer with the City of Garden Ridge Police Department effective May 2, 2013 at salary set in the 2013 Fiscal Year Budget for said position with a 6 month probationary period and salary being 5% less during probationary period
- Recommendation and award of bid for the City of Garden Ridge 2013 Paul Davis Park Restroom Facilities project and authorize the City Administrator to execute contract for the aforementioned project
- Award of contract to provide lighted City emblem on 200,000 elevated storage tank and authorize the City Administration to exercise control for the project.
- CenterPoint Energy 2013 Annual GRIP Adjustment for the South Texas Division suspended for 45 days.

Special Meeting

- Canvass of votes and swearing in of Mayor and two Council members.

Crime Awareness

During May several car break ins were reported in the City. These apparently occurred at night and its obvious the thieves are casing the inside of the vehicle, and if valuables are apparent they strike. Always place valuables, lap tops, etc. out of sight much as we preach during holiday seasons or even as you shop normally. Empty vehicles are normally not the target. If the no-goods see nothing they probably will not strike.

More information on prevention—GRPD-651-6441

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR THURSDAY, JULY 4TH PARADE and PICNIC AT THE PARK



We continue to expand our antique/classic car or whatever "wheels" for display at our 4th of July event. If you have an item to show off, please call Gary Stegman at 651-5528 and Jack Cook at 651-4082. (See article).

Don't forget the city tradition "wheels" parade. Decorate your "wheels" and come out with flags and your best patriotic garb.

Activities at the Park for the 4th are welcome. If you have a group, etc., that would like to put up a display, sell items, and so forth, contact Robert Marin at 651-6632. By coordination we can avoid duplication and organize the event properly. Let's make this the biggest and best ever!!

SCHEDULE

Gather:	9:30 AM
Flag Raising:	10:00 AM
Parade:	10:20 AM
Food:	10:45 AM — 2:00 PM
Activities throughout	12:00 - 2:00 PM

Watch the July Grapevine for final details!