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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

## January 2014

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# Happy New Year - 2014

### Coming Events:

- 1 Jan – New Year’s Day (City Offices & Library Closed)
- 9 Jan – City Council, 6pm
- 13 Jan – Quarry Commission, 7pm
- 14 Jan – Planning and Zoning Commission, 6pm
- 20 Jan – Martin Luther King Day (City Offices Closed)
- 28 Jan – Water Commission, 6pm

**NOTE: All meetings subject to change!**

### Disposal of Brush, Metal/Appliances and Furniture

Dumpsters for brush disposal (**Christmas Trees included**) will be provided on the following Saturdays and Sundays during the month of **January: 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, and 25-26**. 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. Disposal site located on Municipal Parkway.



**7th Annual Wild Game Dinner**  
 February 1, 2014  
 5-8pm  
 Garden Ridge Community Center  
 Cost: \$20

**Tickets online at: [www.gardenridgewildgame.com](http://www.gardenridgewildgame.com)**

The annual Wild Game Dinner returns to the Garden Ridge Community Center this year featuring an exciting line up of entertainment, events, prizes and a menu teaming with wild game!

What to expect:

**Raffles** - Including Guns, Gear and much more....

**Wild Game** - We will have everything from Audad to Alligator  
**Featuring inspirational entertainer and magician -**  
 Lyndy Phillips



“Like” us on Facebook -  
 Garden Ridge Wild Game Dinner

### From the Mayor

I hope you and your families are having a very joyous and memorable Holiday Season. As I reflect on 2013, it has been an eventful year for our City. We gave a warm and heartfelt goodbye to former Mayor, Jay Feibelman, who retired after serving our City with distinction and dedication for 16 years, and we wished him well on his future endeavors. Schoenthal Road has been rebuilt, we leased 400 acre feet of additional Edwards water to assist in dealing with continued water restrictions and drought conditions, a new restroom facility was installed in the Paul Davis Park and greater use of electric and utility vehicles is now permitted in our gated subdivisions. We also developed and fully funded a plan to rebuild the water system, drainages and streets in the area between Blue Bell Drive and Garden Ridge Drive and along the full length of Garden Ridge Drive, a plan which we call the “CIP.” Perhaps most importantly, we achieved these accomplishments without raising taxes and while also increasing the annual contribution to the City’s reserve funds.

As I look toward 2014, we still have many challenges ahead of us, particularly with regard to long-term water planning and other critical infrastructure, traffic and zoning issues. However, I am also happy to report that our excellent City staff, and all of the dedicated volunteers who serve our City well, have our City well positioned to navigate and overcome these challenges.

I am humbled and honored to have the opportunity to serve as your Mayor. I wish all of you very Happy and Healthy New Year, and I am confident 2014 will be another great year for Garden Ridge.

Sincerely,  
 Andrew Dalton

### Stage 2 Water Restrictions

Hours for Stage 2 have changed to:  
 4:00am - 8:00am & 8:00pm - 11:00pm

Watering times applies only to watering with an irrigation system, soaker hose, or sprinkler system.

Information of this can also be reviewed in your January 2014 Stage 2 Watering Schedule Calendar.

### Quick Notes

- A big Thank You to the Garden Ridge Women’s Club for a super job decorating the Community Center for the Holidays!
- **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
- Watch out for the 2014 Garden Ridge Phone book!!

**WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE  
New Residents:**

MICHELLE CARROLL & BRUCE EMBREY  
JOHN GRONNER  
RONALD & ALISA LEININGER  
THOMAS BUGOSH  
MIKE & HANDAN KILBORN  
EVA SCHAPATONE

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, and each January thereafter. Call 651-6831 for information.



**Garden Ridge Women's Club  
Annual Garage Sale**



Saturday, March 15, 2014  
GR Community Center



**Member Fee:** Inside Table: \$30; Outside Table: \$35;  
**Member reservations begin January 6, 2014**

**Non-member fee:** Inside Table: \$40. Outside Table: \$45.  
**Non-member reservations begin February 6, 2014**

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 Hm: 210-658-8731/ Cell: 512-757-1907;  
[lauriekhageman@gmail.com](mailto:lauriekhageman@gmail.com).

**Quarry Commission  
Happenings**

The Quarry Commission's monthly meeting was held on December 9, 2013. A review of November blasts was conducted. A total of 5 blasts occurred in the month of November. The highest ground vibration measured was .195 in/sec on November 18 and the highest air blast measured was 120.6 dB on November 26. All readings were within the criteria of City Ordinance 34. Citizen blasting reports submitted for the month of November for blasts occurring on November 8 and November 18 were discussed

The Quarry Commission is considering several types of venues to improve presentation of information to our citizens concerning future quarry operations. Venues under consideration range from development of an enhanced web page with actual video of quarry blasting, quarry handouts mailed to citizens and informal citizen discussions with Quarry representatives and Commission members including questions and answers during a sit down meal. As these venues are further defined citizens will be asked for their input as to their interest in attending/utilizing these enhanced quarry informational venues. Please consider helping us in this effort.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the monthly quarry commission meetings. Next meeting is January 13 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](http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us)). Citizens that wish to make a comment about a blast or have input for the Commission are encouraged to attend the December meeting.



**Significant Actions - December City Council Meeting**

**December 4, 2013**

- Approved Resolution 315 Government/Municipal/Public Funds Banking Resolution
- Certified Tax Levy for the 2013 Tax Year
- Approved Resolution 314-122013 requesting the release of Extraterritorial Jurisdiction from the City of San Antonio
- Authorized the Mayor to execute Lease of Ground Water agreement with the City of Schertz for the lease of 400 acre feet of Edwards Water Rights
- Amended Ordinance 61-122013 changing hours for watering with an irrigation system or sprinklers during Stage 2
- Amended Ordinance 67-122013 approving a records management plan and updating records retention schedule
- Conceptual approval for the construction of a gazebo to be incorporated into landscaping for the Garden Ridge Library

**Plans for Christmas 2014**

We hope everyone had a safe and joyous Christmas 2013. Now it's time to start taking down and storing all of your wonderful decorations. If you plan on retiring some of your decorations don't throw them out. The City is eager to accept any and all Christmas decorations for use in decorating the grounds of City Hall for Christmas 2014. Decorations can be dropped off at City Hall all year long. If you would like to join in or help organize a Christmas decorating group for the City Hall grounds please fill out a Citizen Concern Form on the City website and mention "Christmas volunteer" in the 'Brief Description' box located at the bottom of the form. Happy New Year!



**Library Footnotes  
By: Linda Crosland**



Back in 1964 Isaac Asimov made several predictions as to what our world would look like today. Here are just a few which have come eerily true.  
~Kitchen units will be devised that will prepare "auto meals," heating water and converting it to coffee.  
~Complete lunches and dinners, with the food semi prepared, will be stored in the freezer until ready for processing.  
~The appliances of 2014 will have no electric cords, of course.  
~For short-range travel, moving sidewalks will be making their appearance.  
~In 2014, there is every likelihood that the world population will be 6,500,000,000 and the population of the United States will be 350,000,000.  
~Communications will become sight-sound and you will see as well as hear the person you telephone.

Asimov also predicted that

**~Even so, mankind will suffer badly from the disease of boredom.**

Well, even Asimov couldn't predict our present-day world 100% correctly. I don't believe that the last one is true, especially for those people who frequent the library. There is a world of information and entertainment in books. Our own predictions for 2014 are that more people will join the Garden Ridge Library; more will learn to read the eBooks on Overdrive, the library's electronic collection; more people will participate in programs here such as Veterans Day, Story Hour and other clubs and programs. Also, we predict that more than 12,000 "real" books will be checked out, along with more than 2000 eBooks, and that we will have more than 20,000 items our collection. We look forward to seeing you here as we observe these predictions coming true.

**The most technologically efficient machine that man has ever invented is the book. – Northrop Frye**