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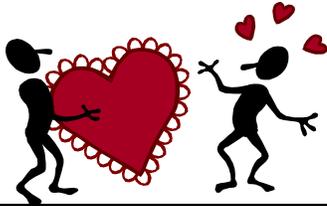
The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

February 2014

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

Non-emergency, after hours



Happy Valentine's Day

Coming Events:

- 5 Feb – City Council, 6pm
- 8/9 Feb – Western Weekend & Cowboy Breakfast (see article)
- 10 Feb – Quarry Commission, 7pm
- 11 Feb – Planning and Zoning Commission, 6pm
- 12 Feb – Lincoln's Birthday
- 12 Feb – Joint Land Use Study Public Workshop (see enclosed flyer)
- 14 Feb – Valentine's Day
- 17 Feb – Presidents' Day (City Hall closed, Library Open)
- 18-28 Feb – Early Voting @ City Hall (see article)
- 21 Feb – Community Paper Shred Day (see enclosed flyer)
- 22 Feb – Washington's Birthday
- 22 Feb – Comal County Household Hazardous Waste (see city website)
- 25 Feb – Water Commission, 6pm
- 01 Mar – Hanson Mulch/Dirt/Rock Giveaway (see enclosed flyer)

NOTE: All meetings subject to change!

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

The Democrat and Republican Primary Election dates are below. As with each election, it is **important** that you vote.

EARLY VOTING - All Early Voting will be held at **City Hall**.

- Tuesday, Feb 18 - Friday, Feb 21: 8:00AM - 5:00PM
- Saturday, Feb 22: 7:00AM - 7:00PM
- Sunday, Feb 23: Noon - 6:00PM
- Monday, Feb 24: 7:00AM - 7:00PM
- Tuesday, Feb 25: 7:00AM - 5:00PM
- Wednesday, Feb 26: 7:00AM - 7:00PM
- Thursday, Feb 27: 7:00AM - 4:00PM
- Friday, Feb 28: 7:00AM - 7:00PM



ELECTION DAY VOTING - Election Day Voting will be held at the **Community Center**, Tuesday, Mar 4: 7:00AM - 7:00PM

Safety Tips for Pedestrians

Concerns have been brought to my attention about our residents walking in the early hours and late afternoon hours while it is dark. There are a few things that you can do that can keep you safe while walking in the dark. First, walk facing traffic. This gives you the best chance to see traffic approaching closest to you and take evasive action when needed. Second, be visible by wearing light colored clothing. Third, if you are wearing earphones don't drown out the volume of the environment. Fourth, talking on your cell phone while you walk is just as dangerous as talking on your cell phone while you drive. If it is not important try to refrain from using your cell phone till you get to your destination. Last, always be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious activity. Just a reminder, do not walk in the roadway where a sidewalk is provided. Drivers it is equally important to be observant and respectful to pedestrians.

Cpl. Navarro
Garden Ridge Police Department
Crime Prevention Officer

From the Mayor

I hope everyone is off to a great start in 2014. From the City's perspective, we will be focusing on water and zoning issues through the spring. Our water efforts will focus on updating Ordinances 54 and 61, improving our drought management program and considering a water rate structure for large volume consumption during peak water use and drought periods. Our zoning efforts will look to update and improve Ordinances 7 and 13, and focus on a possible development plan for the FM 2252 corridor. Both efforts would significantly benefit from public comment and participation, so please watch for updates on these issues in the Grapevine and on the City's website.

As many of you know from recent news accounts and Facebook, Leanne Hecht Bearden, was visiting with her family in Garden Ridge and unexpectedly went missing on January 17, 2014. The City's Police Department is investigating this matter, and is working closely with the family and other law enforcement agencies to help find Mrs. Bearden. We will maintain updated information on this case on the City's website and the family has created a Facebook page you can follow as well – "Our Friend Leanne Hecht Bearden." Please keep the Beardens in your prayers, and if you have any information regarding this investigation please contact the Police Department immediately.

Sincerely,
Andrew Dalton

Stage 2 Water Restrictions

- Hours for Stage 2 have changed to:
4:00am - 8:00am & 8:00pm - 11:00pm
- Watering days have changed from a 5 day to a **6 day** watering week (see Watering Schedule Calendar)
- Watering times applies only to watering with an irrigation system, soaker hose, or sprinkler system.
- **See the February 2014 Stage 2 Watering Schedule Calendar.**

WESTERN WEEKEND AND COWBOY BREAKFAST

You are invited to join TRIUMPHANT LUTHERAN CHURCH, 21315 Bat Cave Road, Garden Ridge, for *Country Western Services*, Saturday February 8th at 5:00PM and Sunday February 9th at 8:30 and 11:00AM. Wear your boots and jeans or other cowboy/cowgirl outfit. A free Cowboy Breakfast featuring biscuits and gravy will be served between services Sunday morning. Pony rides and a trick roper will be there to entertain the kids. Free nursery available.

For more information visit our website at www.triumphantlutheran.org or call 651-9090. Y'all Come!!

Calling all Garden Ridge area businesses!

The students of Garden Ridge Elementary School are gearing up for their third annual Walkathon. This event, taking place March 7, 2014, encourages a healthy lifestyle while raising funds for important materials and programs to give students the best educational experiences possible. The Garden Ridge Elementary School PTA is looking for local businesses to help support this event with sponsorship. Your tax-deductible donation to the GRES PTA will help provide students with science materials, musical instruments, recess equipment and other educational programs. For information please contact Karen Gardner of the GRES PTA at 210-204-7387 or by email at kkolivosky@satx.rr.com.

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE New Residents:

JESUS & JODI LOPEZ III NANCY & NEIL HEATH
KIMBERLY PARKER GILES & MELANIE DODSON

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.



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

Please donate unused items!

Donations to sell at the GRWC table would be greatly appreciated!

Drop off at the Community Center after 3:00 pm on Friday, March 14

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;

lauriekgageman@gmail.com.

Got Dresses?

Do you have used prom dresses or bridesmaid dresses taking up room in your closet? If so, then you can make a high school girl in foster care very happy! We here in Garden Ridge are collecting dresses and any shoes/handbags/jewelry that goes along with them, to donate to the Roy Mass Youth Alternative charity. In the past, these have been much appreciated, and allowed girls to go to Prom who may not have been able to otherwise.

So, please bring your prom or bridesmaid dresses and accessories to the Garden Ridge Library by March 15, 2014, and Pam Camosy will see that they get to the girls.

Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission's monthly meeting was held on January 13, 2014. A review of December blasts was conducted. A total of 5 blasts occurred in the month of December. The highest ground vibration measured was .130 in/sec on December 20 and the highest air blast measured was 130.5 dB on December 10. All readings with the exception of air blasts measured on December 10 were within the criteria of City Ordinance 34. The December 10 air blast violation is being processed in accordance with City Ordinance 34. There were no Citizen Blasting Reports submitted for the month of December. The Vibra Map data obtained during a special test in October 2013 is under review by Vibra Tech and Hanson Quarry. Upon completion of their review Hanson Quarry will provide the City an overview of the results.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the monthly quarry commission meetings. Next meeting is February 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 are encouraged to attend the February meeting.

Significant Actions - January City Council Meeting

January 9th, 2014

- Shawn Willis appointed to serve a two-year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Amended Drought Management Plan for the City of Garden Ridge (Ordinance 61-012014)
- Amended comprehensive water ordinance (Ordinance 54-012014)
- Amended Ordinance 7 as it relates to requirement to provide transferable water rights to the City. (Ordinance 7-012014)
- Adopted addendum for a 1% increase in franchise fee from CPS Energy (Ordinance 165-102011)

2014 Garden Ridge Citizens Police Academy Class

We are planning the 2014 Citizens Police Academy (CPA) class and are actively seeking students to attend. This class is by no means a resource to teach you how to be a police officer; this class is a way for the Garden Ridge Police Department to form a relationship with the residents of Garden Ridge and offer an insight into what happens behind the scenes of your local police department. This is your community and this class is the perfect way to be more involved in helping us keep your neighborhoods safe. The 2014 CPA class will be 8 consecutive Tuesdays from 7pm - 10pm, (03-11-14 through 04-29-14). To show your interest in attending the CPA class, complete the membership request form at <http://www.grcpaaa.com/> or call the police department at 210-651-6441.

New U 2014 - Eat...Think...Move

Forest Waters has partnered with Fitness Kinektions in hosting the "New U 2014" contest. Participants learn how to eat, think, and move toward a new, improved you in 2014. It is a new twist on the traditional new years contest that focuses totally on weight loss. This contest is a great way to learn how to eat healthy, get active, and think positive. You get points for food logs, exercising, attending seminars, weight or inches lost, and more. Surprise drawings will happen throughout the contest. First place winner gets dinner and a seat at Jillian Michaels "Maximize Your Life" tour at the Majestic Theater on April 2nd. For more details contact Kimberly Meyers at 210-838-5699 or fitnesskinektions@gmail.com

Library Footnotes - By: Karen Bishop

February is a month of several notable dates for specific observation. The entire month is designated Black History Month. It's a great motivation to read about historical figures such as Frederick Douglass on to more recent people such as Martin Luther King and President Barack Obama. This month also sees the 2014 Winter Olympic games in Sochi, Russia, and, closer to home, the 2014 San Antonio Rodeo.

Presidents Day will be observed on February 17. While we know a great deal about the United States presidents who have served in our individual lifetimes, there are also inspiring stories of other presidents about whom we know little. Consider educating yourself about some of these other great presidents who, by their service, have been influential in shaping our country.

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. There are many romantic stories written by such authors as Barbara Cartland and Danielle Steel on the library shelves but there are a number of other authors of romantic novels you might have overlooked. The library shelves hold a wealth of new discoveries. On the other hand, maybe true to life romance is more to your liking. Biographical accounts of Jack and Jackie Kennedy, Bill and Hillary Clinton and of royal couples such as Nicholas and Alexandra, William and Mary and Victoria and Albert can all be found in the Garden Ridge library. Even fictionalized stories such as Stephanie Cowell's Claude (Monet) and Camille, and Mary Higgins Clark's Mount Vernon Love Story about George and Martha Washington are based on actual facts about the lives of these people. We also have a number of new titles ready to be checked out, read and enjoyed. The library will be open Presidents Day and we will always be there for your reading (and DVD watching and audiobook listening) pleasure!