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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

## March 2014

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

Non-emergency, after hours



### Texas Independence Day

March 2nd



### Happy St. Patrick's

Day

March 17th



### Coming Events:

- 1 March – Hanson Mulch/Dirt/Rock Giveaway (9am-12pm)
  - 2 March – Texas Independence Day
  - 4 March – Primary Election Day (7am-7pm Community Center)
  - 5 March – City Council, 6pm
  - 9 March – Daylight Savings Time
  - 10 March – Quarry Commission, 7pm
  - 11 March – Planning and Zoning Commission, 6pm
  - 15 March— GRWC Garage Sale
  - 17 March – St. Patrick's Day
  - 20 March – Spring Begins
  - 22 March – Hanson Mulch/Dirt/Rock Giveaway (9am-12pm)
  - 25 March – Water Commission, 6pm
- \* Brush and recycle dumpsters: March 1-2, March 8-9, March 15-16, March 22-23 8am—5pm

Watch your water bill for flyer on hazardous waste disposal in April

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

### Ways to Avoid becoming a Victim of Identity Theft

Due to many recent identity information breaches, we want to provide a few tips. If someone asks for personal information, ask how it will be used and NEVER give any personal information over the phone or internet unless you have initiated contact. Always password protect your credit card, bank, and phone accounts. Use something that only you would know. Last, shred any documents that contain personal information.

If you feel you have been victimized you should immediately contact the credit bureaus and request that a Consumer Fraud Alert be placed on your credit information: Equifax: 1-800-525-6285, Experian: 1-800-749-7576, Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289

Also, notify your bank immediately, close any accounts that may be compromised and file a police report. There are companies that alert you if your account has been compromised and the Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Hotline is also available at 1-877-ID-THEFT, or 1-877-438-4338.

**Cpl. Navarro**  
Garden Ridge Police Department  
Crime Prevention Officer

### WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE New Residents:

JAMES BILBRO  
EDWARD VALICKUS

MARK D MATTISON  
WILL J VASQUEZ

**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.**

### From the Mayor

On February 21, 2014, the City of Garden Ridge held its first ever Shred Day, and about 60 Garden Ridge residents participated. The Shred Day needed to happen so the City could comply with its record retention and destruction program and we opted to also open the City's scheduled shred day to the public. In about two hours, we shredded 8,700 pounds of paper. I have received several comments from residents thanking me for starting this event. However, all of the thanks for this event belongs to our City Secretary, Shelley Goodwin, who came up with this good idea to cost effectively perform a required city function while also allowing residents to participate for free. With the event being such a success, the City is looking into continuing to provide this service to our residents in the future.

On a less happy note, some of you may know or heard rumors, that I have been struggling with medical issues. As it turns out, I was recently diagnosed with bone cancer in my pelvis. While the variant of bone cancer has not yet been definitively identified, it will require surgery and possibly other adjuvant therapy. While I am not yet sure how this diagnosis will affect my ability to serve as Mayor going forward, it is clear I will need to take a medical leave of absence for some time to facilitate my upcoming surgery and recovery. I will try to provide more information as I learn more about my condition and prognosis.

On a more positive note, we have a dedicated and effective City staff and a strong City Council and Mayor Pro Tem Britan to conduct the City's business in my absence.

Also, please remember to have a happy St. Patrick's day and a great spring break with your families.

*Andrew*

### Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission's monthly meeting was held on February 10, 2014. A review of January blasts was conducted. A total of 8 blasts occurred in the month of January. The highest ground vibration measured was .245 in/sec on January 30 and the highest air blast measured was 122.0 dB on January 15. All readings were within the criteria of City Ordinance 34. Citizen blasting reports submitted for the month of January for blasts occurring on January 22 and January 30 were discussed.

Hanson quarry has indicated a willingness to conduct tours of the quarry for Garden Ridge citizens. In addition to receiving a tour and briefing of quarry operations the tours will allow citizens a chance to witness an actual blasting sequence. Interested citizens are encouraged to contact City Hall at 651-6632.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the monthly Quarry Commission meetings. Next meeting is March 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](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 March meeting.

## Significant Actions - February City Council Meeting

**February 5, 2014**

- Ordering City of Garden Ridge General Election on May 10, 2014.
- Hired Gary Olivas as Service Representative I, Water Department
- Discussion regarding Oak Wilt ordinance
- Discussion regarding peddlers, solicitors ordinance
- Authorized purchase of two utility trailers



### Garden Ridge Women Club Annual Garage Sale

**SPACES AVAILABLE!**

**Saturday, March 15, 2014, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
at GR Community Center**

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

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

Please donate usable items for the GRWC table—All donations greatly appreciated!

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

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)

[lauriekhageman@gmail.com](mailto:lauriekhageman@gmail.com).

### Picnic in the Park! Members Only Event

Join members again this year for our wonderful picnic in the park.

Wednesday, April 9, 2014, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm,

At GR City Park located near Grasscreek & Bluebell Drive.

Bring a sack lunch, enjoy the company of friends, neighbors, and meet new friends.

Attendees are welcome to:

Display their business and/or organization materials

Share and demonstrate hobbies and crafts

Bring plants, seeds and cuttings to swap and share

Simply enjoy a lovely afternoon and have fun.

(Please bring your own table, if needed)

Tea, water & dessert provided, plus some really swell games & prizes!

As this is a Members Only Event – anyone interested in joining the GRWC, please call Judi Hanna – 210-658-0819. Dues are \$20 per year.

Questions? Call Kate Kohl – 210-912-9012 – [kate.kohl@yahoo.com](mailto:kate.kohl@yahoo.com)

### Botanical Gardens Tour

You are invited to tour the Botanical Gardens in San Antonio Wednesday, April 23, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Cost is \$10.00 and includes a tour of the gardens and a class.

Following the event, attendees may enjoy lunch at the Carriage House Restaurant on the grounds of the Botanical Gardens, if desired.

Make checks payable to **GRWC** and mail to Judi Hanna, 13622 Hercules Lane, Universal City, TX 78148.

Questions? Call Judi at 210-658-0819.

Questions? Laurie Hageman Hm: 210-658-8731/ Cell: 512-757-1907;

[lauriekhageman@gmail.com](mailto:lauriekhageman@gmail.com).

## STAGE 2 WATERING RESTRICTIONS

**PLEASE WATER IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
MARCH AND APRIL WATER CALENDARS**

see City website [www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us](http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us) for more information



## Eggstravaganza!

Community Easter Egg Hunt April 19th 10:30am-12pm  
Garden Ridge Elementary School  
Free Event (bounce houses, door prizes, games and music)

Questions? Email: [outreach@northeastbiblechurch.com](mailto:outreach@northeastbiblechurch.com). To see schedule of events visit website: [www.northeastbiblechurch.com](http://www.northeastbiblechurch.com)

Accepting donations of non-perishable food or school supplies to benefit  
"Communities in School"



## TRIUMPHANT LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Preschool registration will be ongoing beginning March 3, 2014, between the hours of 9:00am – noon. Two, three, and five day classes are offered.

Please visit the Preschool Office, the church website, or call (210) 651-9090 ext. 2 for more information.

[www.triumphantlutheran.org](http://www.triumphantlutheran.org)

## Library Book Sale

When you come to the City Wide Garage Sale on March 15, be sure to save a little money to buy some excellent books at the library. Many are like new, and you **cannot** beat the prices. We'll see you there!

So, for all you bargain hunters, come in and browse with the knowledge that with every purchase, you are helping to better your city library. We could not have accomplished so much without the consideration and support of our citizens.



## Library Footnotes - By Lynne Dean

March doesn't often "come in like a lion" in Garden Ridge, but it does signal our semi-annual BOOK SALE!

And once again it is scheduled for Saturday, March 15th, the same day as the annual Garage Sale. We have received many new additions, of varied interests, and at incomparable prices.

One such patron recently donated more than 45 AUDIOBOOKS, from authors spanning the alphabet; Adair, Brown (Dan & Sandra), Eggars, Evanovich, Connelly, Coulter, Cussler, Delaney, Francis, Grafton, Grisham, Hillerman, Johansen, King, Koontz, Ludlum, Lewis, Patterson (James), Robb, Sandford, Snickett (Lemony), Thor, Wilkerson, and Woods. Our NEW BOOKS; include the just released *Duty*, by Secretary of War Robert M. Gates; *Teaching a Pig to Dance*, a memoir by Senator Fred Thompson; *My Father's Secret War*, by Lucinda Franks, a compelling memoir about a daughter discovering her estranged father's secret life during World War II, learned only in his last days due to the onset of Alzheimers; *King and Maxwell*, two former secret Service Agents turned private investigators brought back by David Baldacci; *Sycamore Row*, the sequel to *A Time To Kill*, by John Grisham; *Betrayal of Rulers*, by Michael Sturdza, an old but very important warning how western democracies have betrayed their countries. A 5 Star rating by Amazon reviews; and for all you gardeners, *Perennial Gardens for Texas*, by Julie Ryan.

As Thomas Jefferson said "I cannot live without books!", and fortunately, we don't have to, thanks to your Garden Ridge Library.