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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

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*Thank you Joe Britan for
Your service to Garden Ridge*



Armed Forces Day



Coming Events:

- 6 May – Early Voting ends, Council Chambers
- 7 May – City Council, 6pm
- 10 May – City Council Election Day 7am-7pm
- 11 May – Mother's Day
- 12 May – Quarry Commission, 7pm
- 13 May – Planning and Zoning Commission, 6pm
- 17 May – Bicycle Rodeo (See Article)
- 19 May – Canvass and Reception, 6pm
- 26 May – Memorial Day-City Offices Closed
- 27 May – Water Commission, 6pm

Dumpsters– May 3rd & 4th, 10th & 11th, 17th & 18th, and 24th & 25th

NOTE: All meetings subject to change!

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents

GREGORY & MARIE CZERNIAK	JD FONTENOT
KEITH CZELUSNIAK	ANDREW INSELMANN
WILL SHERMAN	ERNEST PETROWSKY
ROBERT & PATRICIA MCGLAMORY	

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 2014 Community Bike Rodeo

The Third Annual Community Bike Rodeo will be held May 17, 2014 at Garden Ridge Elementary School. Registration/Check-in begins at 8:30 am. This is a free event for children in grades K–5th grade to learn bike safety. Home school, private school, and children with special needs are encouraged to attend. Children are encouraged to bring bicycle, helmet (some loner helmets will be available), and be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Students will have the opportunity to navigate through four obstacle courses and will be scored on their performance.

For additional information or registration contact Garden Ridge Police Investigator William Spiller at (210) 651-6441 / cid@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us or Erin Hardison, GRES PTA president, at ehidell@yahoo.com.

All participants are eligible to register to win a new bicycle. One boy's and one girl's bike will be given away in a drawing.

Water conservation in the yard and garden...

Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants. Mulch will slow evaporation of moisture while discouraging weed growth. Adding 2 - 4 inches of organic material such as compost or bark mulch will increase the ability of the soil to retain moisture. Press the mulch down around the dripline of each plant to form a slight depression which will prevent or minimize water runoff.



The bluebonnets have gone to seed, the oak pollen has fallen and the temperatures are rising – that must mean summer is on the way in the Hill Country! It also means that City Elections are almost here. Early voting continues during the first week of May with Election Day scheduled for May 10.

On May 19 at 6pm, the votes for the City elections will be canvassed, new Councilmembers sworn in and your Council for next year will be seated. Immediately following the canvass, at 6:30 pm, we will be holding a reception in the City Council Chambers honoring retiring Councilman Joe Britan. I invite all to come and express your appreciation to Joe and his wife Deni, for their unselfish years of service to the City.

The CIP project has crossed Bat Cave, is moving up Garden Ridge Drive and down Timber Rose. Unless you have to drive through the area, I strongly encourage you to take an alternate route. Our streets are narrow and the construction equipment and crews take up the majority of the street. I would like to thank the citizens along the CIP route for their patience and understanding. While the contractor attempts to mitigate the impact, there is a lot of dust, traffic and noise associated with sawing through limestone. I also know it can be disheartening to see a neighborhood you are proud of torn up by construction. Thanks for your patience.

Thanks to the employees of Garden Ridge for their work making the Hazardous Waste Disposal day such a success.

Thanks also to the library staff and volunteers who welcomed over 30 children to the annual Easter Bunny Story Time.

Finally, on this and every Memorial Day, may we take a moment to honor those who have died serving our country.

Nadine
Mayor Pro Tem

Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission's monthly meeting was held on April 14, 2014. A review of March blasts was conducted. A total of 10 blasts occurred in the month of March. The highest ground vibration measured was .275 in/sec on March 19 and the highest air blast measured was 116.9 dB on March 26. All readings were within the criteria of City Ordinance 34. Citizen blasting reports submitted for the month of March for blasts occurring on March 18 and 19 were discussed.

OUR THANKS TO THE QUARRY On March 22 Hanson Quarry gave away over 100 pick up and trailer loads of mulch, top soil and crushed rock to Garden Ridge citizens. The response by our citizens to this offer from Hanson exceeded that of March 1 and was a resounding success. Citizens wishing to thank the quarry may do so by mail at Hanson Aggregates, P.O. Box 311535, New Braunfels, TX 78131

Citizens are encouraged to attend the monthly quarry commission meetings. Next meeting is May 12 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 May meeting.

Significant Actions - March City Council Meeting

April 2, 2014

- Approved rezoning from Residential Agricultural to Industrial Zone District 2 tracts of land located south and adjacent to 20762 F.M. 2252
- Approved amending Ordinances 13-122008 and 7-092006 for non-conforming lot sizes
- Approved a variance to Ordinance 55-112004, 7.b..
- Approved Ordinance 54-042014, Water Rate increase
- Approved a watering variance for the Woodlands of Garden Ridge.
- Approved a 9.8% (\$2.20) rate increase per month for solid waste disposal and recycling services
- Approved an Increase of off-duty security pay for Police Officers at the Garden Ridge Community Center

City of Garden Ridge Election is May 10, 2014

Its election time again! In the City of Garden Ridge Municipal elections; City Council Place 1, City Council Place 4 and City Council Place 5 will be on the May ballot. For more information go to the City's website at www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us or contact the City Secretary at (210)651-6632.

Candidates

Place 1	Place 4	Place 5
John McCaw	Patricia A. Ramirez Todd Arvidson	Bobby Roberts

Early voting begins on April 28 and runs through May 6, 2014.

8:00 am to 5:00 pm April 28, 30 May 1, 2, and 5, 2014

7:00 am to 7:00 pm Tuesday, April 29 and Monday, May 6, 2014

Election Day, May 10, 2014 7:00am to 7:00 pm

Both Early Voting and Election Day Location:

City of Garden Ridge City Hall



Garden Ridge Food Drive

May 16 – 26

Various Locations in Garden Ridge

Hanson Aggregates – Servtex Quarry is organizing a food drive to help ensure children in neighboring communities have enough to eat over the summer. The **Garden Ridge Food Drive** will take place May 16 – 26 to collect non-perishable, non-glass food items for Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP), a Schertz-based food bank serving portions of Comal, Guadalupe and Bexar counties. During the drive, residents can drop off donations of food items at Garden Ridge City Hall, Garden Ridge City Library, Forest Waters Club, and local businesses including Bracken Store Café, Bucket Brigade BBQ, Little Mexico, Figlio's, Capparelli's and American Bank of Texas. Items in high demand include peanut butter, canned pastas with meat, other canned meats, rice, beans, fruit and other shelf-stable items. For more information, please contact Hanson Aggregates – Servtex Quarry at (210) 658-7461.

Hanson Aggregates – Servtex Quarry gives away hundreds of loads of mulch, top soil and crushed rock during "Garden Goodie Giveaway"

More than 105 residents of Garden Ridge received 200 loads of mulch, top soil and crushed rock during Hanson Aggregates – Sertex Quarry's "Garden Goodie Giveaway." Servtex Quarry welcomed Garden Ridge residents to its 3,400-acre site to load them up with free landscaping materials at two events in March. Prized by gardeners, the materials are side products of the quarry operations, so the quarry shared them at no cost with their neighbors in Garden Ridge, just northeast of San Antonio. Quarry trucks loaded them up to haul the "garden goodies" back to their own lawns and gardens.

Mothers...



Come by your Garden Ridge Library on May 9 or 10 to receive your free Mother's Day flower!



Rio Cibolo Cooking Event – Entertaining 101

Make your reservations now! This entertaining and cooking event will be held at the lovely Rio Cibolo Ranch. Forget the forks and formality for this one. It will include "Easy Decorating, Entertaining and Appetizers" demonstrated by Margie Christopher. Lunch will follow.

Date: Thursday, May 15, 2014

Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Rio Cibolo Ranch, www.riociboloranch.com
1101 Ulrich Rd, Marion, TX 78124, Ph: 830-914-3325

Cost: \$30.00 members \$35.00 non-members

Reservations and checks required by May 8. Please make check payable to GRWC and send to: Janet Ruple
9628 Kurre Way
Garden Ridge, TX 78266

If you would like to **carpool** from the GR Community Center, please contact Janet at: 210-651-4898 or jruple@aol.com.

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

Mark your calendars for our 8th annual Holiday Marketplace

Saturday, October 11, 2014, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

There will be vendors selling unique one of a kind items. In addition, we will have a silent auction, a raffle for an original handmade quilt, and of course, lots of food.

If you would like to participate as a **vendor**, contact Janet Ruple at 210-651-4898 or jruple@aol.com.

"Savvy Women, Smart Investors Take Charge of Their Financial Future"

Hosted by Elsa Cranford, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones.
Thursday, May 15, 2014 from 11:30 am -12:30 pm.

COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH at McAdoo's Seafood Company,
196 N. Castell Ave, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

Limited seating. RSVP: 210-651-1742 by May 9, 2014.

Footnotes

by Nancy Feibelman

The library will be closed May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

Recently added to our collection are four books which you can find on the left hand shelves as you walk in the front door.

The Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman is the fictional story of the Roman siege of the Jewish stronghold of Masada told from the viewpoint of four women who make their way to the ill-fated fort.

The Fault in our Stars by John Green is a fictional story of two teens with cancer which the author tackles with the major questions of existence with humor, honesty, and grace.

Ten Years in the Tub by Nick Hornby is from the author's monthly column, "Stuff I've Been Reading." These columns chronicle an impeccable, wide-ranging reading list and an indispensable reminder of why we read. It's for real book lovers!

Girl on the Golden Coin by Marci Jefferson concerns a young Frances Stuart who must play royal games as a pawn between Louis XIV of France and King Charles of England. In this fictional story she is chosen to pose as Britannia for England's coins.

We also have a series of mysteries by Deborah Crombie.

There are several upcoming events at the library coming up. Be sure to read about them on the enclosed flyer.

TCA Train Collector's Association

Central Texas Chapter 39th Annual Spring Meet

On May the 10th at the Garden Ridge Civic Center. 9500 Municipal Parkway. Open to the general public at 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Model trains, accessories, and collectibles for sale. Operating layouts, silent auction, raffle, and concessions too. Admission \$6 adult, \$9 family rate.