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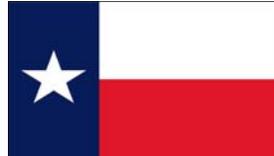
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March 2012

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Happy  
St. Patrick's  
DAY  
March 17th



## Texas Independence Day March 2

### Coming Events:

- 2 Mar — Texas Independence Day
- 5 Mar — Last day to file for City election
- 7 Mar — City Council meets, 6 pm
- 11 Mar — Daylight Savings Begins—Spring forward
- 12 Mar — Quarry Commission meets 7 pm
- 13 Mar — Planning and Zoning meets, 6 pm
- 14 Mar — Congressman Lamar Smith Small Business Forum N.E. Lakeview College 8 am-12:15 pm
- 15 Mar — Meet the Candidates, Main Hall Community Center 7 pm (See article)
- 15 Mar — Garden Ridge Citizens Police Academy Alumni Assn. Meets Community Center Bluebonnet Room 7 pm
- 17 Mar — St. Patrick's Day
- 17 Mar — Garden Ridge Library Book Sale 8 am - 1 pm
- 17 Mar — Women's Club Garage Sale Community Center 9 am to 1 pm (See article)
- 20 Mar — First Day of Spring
- 27 Mar — Water Commission meets, 6 pm

\* Brush and recycle dumpsters: Mar 3 - 4; Mar 10 - 11; Mar 17 - 18; Mar 24 - 25

### Significant Past Events in March

- 2 Mar 1836 - Texas declares independence from Mexico
- 3 Mar 1931 - Star Spangled Banner made US national anthem
- 6 Mar 1836 - Fall of the Alamo



### SPRING GARDENING COFFEE

Would you like some advice from a professional gardener about the Garden Ridge area's gardening challenges, such as drought, flooding, heat and deer resistant plants? Come join us at Antique Rose Emporium, 7561 E. Evans Rd, San Antonio, TX. We will be serving coffee, tea, juice and pastries. Space is limited to 45, so make your reservation early.

**Date:** Thursday, April 5, 2012  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 12:30 pm  
**Cost:** Members: \$10.00  
Non-members: \$15.00

### Reservations and payment due by March 29, 2012

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

**Questions:** Call Judi at 658-0819

### FROM THE MAYOR

As many may have noticed, decorative street lamps have been placed strategically within the city to address safety and mark important intersections. These were installed at no cost to the taxpayer. There is currently no plan to increase the number of lights. In fact, the CPS program used is being discontinued. I believe these are a lovely enhancement to the city.

Thanks for your support. 2012 is shaping up to be another great year for our city!

Jay F. Feibelman  
Mayor

### GARAGE SALE

Sponsored by  
Garden Ridge Women's Club



**TABLES ARE STILL AVAILABLE  
FOR THIS POPULAR EVENT!**

**Saturday, March 17, 2012 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
**Garden Ridge Community Center**  
9500 Municipal Parkway

GRWC Members: Inside Table: \$30 – Outside Table \$35

Non-Members: Inside Table: \$40 – Outside Table: \$45

To reserve your table(s) make your checks payable to GRWC &

Mail To:

SHARON DUEMLER

9233 SCHOENTHAL ROAD

GARDEN RIDGE, TX 78266

HAVE QUESTIONS? CALL SHARON AT 651-0654

### WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

#### New Residents:

Gordon Chisenhall  
David & Melinda Felts  
Jason Holder  
Hector & Lisa Reyes  
Dennis & Terry Stirm  
Ryan Vo



**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 again each January thereafter. Call 651-6831 for information.**

#### Monthly Coffee Club

A monthly Coffee Club is offered at 19115 FM 2252, Ste. 5. Financial Advisor, Elsa Cranford leads the discussion on current events. Come join us on March 9, 2012 from 10 am to 11 am. Coffee and donuts are served. RSVP at 651-1742.

## QUARRY COMMISSION HAPPENINGS



The Quarry Commission held its monthly meeting on February 13, 2012. The Commission reviewed additional draft Ordinance 34 recommendations. Among the recommended changes to the current draft were: 1) No blasting shall occur within 1000 feet of any residence unless the owner of any affected property issues written permission. This must be filed with the City prior to the blast or a Variance to this ordinance is granted by the city of Garden Ridge. 2) The recommended Air Blast limit was lowered from 125 dB to 122 dB and the maximum recommended Peak Particle Velocity (PPV) is .35. The Commission reviewed and discussed the blasting data from the 10 blasts in January, 2012. Two blasts resulted in higher than normal readings as the Quarry attempts to improve the balance and accuracy of their planning models. If you wish to comment about a blast or have input for the Quarry Commission, contact City Hall at 651-6632 or visit the city's home page, where you will find the Citizens' Blast Report. If you are interested in learning more about the Quarry's operations and would like to tour the Quarry, please contact City Hall. Citizens are invited to attend the next Quarry Commission meeting on March 12, 2012 at 7 pm.

## MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT!

The Garden Ridge Area Republican Club will be sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates Night" for all candidates in the Republican Primary on Thursday, March 15. It will begin at 7:00PM and will be held at the Garden Ridge Community Center. Most of our local Republican Primary races are contested, including US Congress, Texas Senate, Texas House, Comal County Sheriff and Constable. Most candidates are planning to attend. Everyone is invited to attend and hear from the candidates. Call Charlie Flink at 210-651-6631 with questions.

## Library Footnotes

By Lynne Dean

### GARDEN RIDGE LIBRARY BOOK SALE! MARCH 17TH



Don't forget to mark your calendars for our book sale which will take place the same day as the city garage sale. There will be a great selection of books at rock bottom prices. We will be open from 8 am to 1 pm.

Our new library circulation computer system is up and running. This new system allows patrons to access their individual library accounts from home. The address is [gardenridge.biblionix.com/atoz/catalog](http://gardenridge.biblionix.com/atoz/catalog). Log in using the telephone number you gave the library and the patron number which you can get from us. This allows you to see what materials you have checked out, when the items are due, reserve items and add your email address. Another feature of the new system is that it will send patrons email notices 3 days prior to the due date, and then again on the due date. This will be important as we regrettably must begin charging fines for overdue materials, although we will begin by giving a 7 day grace period. Our check-out period will remain at 3 weeks for most audiobooks, books, and DVDs.

We have several of the new Caldecott and Newbery winners and honorable mentions:

Caldecott Winner: A Ball for Daisy by Chris Raschka

Honors: Blackout by John Rocco, and Me...Jane, by Patrick McDonnell

Newbery Winner: Dead End in Norvelt, by Jack Gantos

Honors: Inside Out and Back Again, by Thanhha Lai

Breaking Stalin's Nose by Eugene Yelchin.

For Adults: In the Garden of Beasts, by Eric Larson, author of Devil in the White City; The Paris Wife, by Paula McLain; Death Comes to Pemberley, by P.D. James. New on DVD: Courageous.



## PICNIC IN THE PARK

**Ladies, Save the Date!.....Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 11:30, rain or shine.** Bring a sack lunch and drink, and we'll provide the dessert. Casual dress to walk around the neighborhood or relax and socialize in our beautiful Paul Davis Park, located at Bluebell and Grass Creek Roads. Feel free to network: if you have anything such as Avon, Pampered Chef, Tupperware, jewelry, crafts, plants to exchange, or anything else that you'd like to show to the membership, this is the day. **GRWC members only.**

**Questions?** Contact Laurie Hageman at 658-8731, or cell: 512-757-1907, [lhageman@satx.rr.com](mailto:lhageman@satx.rr.com).

## Significant City Council Actions

### FEBRUARY UPDATE:

- Public safety concerns in the Wild Wind Unit 3 Subdivision of Garden Ridge
- Street light project through the CPS Energy CIED Fund
- 2010 Storm Water Master Plan for the City of Garden Ridge
- Relocation of 12" water line at the intersection of FM3009/FM2252
- Submission of the Garden Ridge Police Department Racial Profiling Policy 507 and the 2011 Racial Profiling Report

### APPROVED:

- Audit Report for the City of Garden Ridge for the period ending September 30, 2011
- Ordinance 167-022012 to order a General Election on May 12, 2012 for the City of Garden Ridge for the purpose of electing Aldermen to the City Council Place One, Place Four and Place Five; making provisions for the conduct of such election and resolving other matters related to the conduct of such election.

## The Texas Lions Camp

The Texas Lions Camp provides camping experiences at no charge, to children with medical conditions. Information about the camp and registration for it is available at [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com). They are accepting applications now and request that the applications be sent at least one month prior to the requested date. They will be processed in the order received. 2012 Summer Camp Dates:

Session 1 – June 3-9; Session 2 – June 10-16;

Session 3 – June 17-24; Session 4 – June 24-30;

Session 5 – July 1-7; Ages for handicapped children in Sessions 1 – 5 is 7 through 16.

Down Syndrome Session is July 15-21 for ages 12 through 16.

Diabetes 1 Session is July 22-28 and Diabetes Session 2 is July 29-

August 4. Both sessions are for Type 1 diabetes and for ages 8 - 15

Each application requires the signature of a Lions Club member. Lion Harvey Bell will happily sign as the sponsoring member for the Garden Ridge Club and provide the parents with more information. Contact Harvey at 210-451-7088.

## QUICK NOTES



◆ **Comal County Tuesday** recycling at the City Hall parking lot is now taking Styrofoam.

◆ **Edwards Aquifer** management fees are

Increasing to \$84.00 an acre foot. On the water bill there is an EAA fee of \$1.85. Expect an increase of \$1.40 to \$3.25 per month.

◆ If you haven't done so, please register your pets per ordinance. 651-6831.

## GOOD FOR YOUR BODY & SOUL

Feel doubly good about life when you help your community and yourself. **Bring a bag of non-perishable food items into Curves and you can join absolutely free.** But hurry! This is a limited time offer. Last year, we raised over 1,200 pounds of groceries to be donated to the community in 2011 & we hope to surpass that this year for the 14th Annual Curves Food Drive. Call us at **210.651.9500** or come visit us at 18771 FM 2252, inside Bracken Village.

We have enjoyed helping many Garden Ridge women reach their fitness goals over the past 6 years. and are excited of the many more years to come!

## Memo From the Chief

As Chief, I hear a lot of comments, most related to traffic, whether there is too much enforcement or not enough. Traffic enforcement serves one main purpose, to gain compliance from the violator and other drivers.

During 2011, Garden Ridge Police Department issued 1256 citations and 2393 warnings. Depending on the seriousness of the violation, a warning may accomplish our goal.

Another common comment is that the officer was not friendly or that he asked questions that were offensive. Officers are trained to handle traffic stops for their safety and the safety of others. This begins when they observe the violation and initiate the traffic stop. The officer must provide information to dispatch, determine a safe place to make the stop, initiate the stop keeping in mind other vehicles on the road and what they might face as they approach the violator. If an officer becomes complacent and lets his guard down, he might place himself and others in danger. Every traffic stop is captured on the in-car video, which is routinely reviewed by administration.

If you were stopped and have a concern regarding your treatment, please call so that we can review the video and determine if we need to address the actions. Your input is always welcome. Chief Donna O'Conner 210-651-6441.