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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge



August 2014

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Non-emergency, after hours



Coming Events:

- 5 August Special City Council, 6pm
- 6 August ☼ City Council, 6pm
- 11 August Special City Council, 6 pm
- 12 August ☼ Planning and Zoning Commission, 6pm
- 18 August ☼ Quarry Commission, 7pm
- 25 August Special City Council, 6pm
- 26 August ☼ Water Commission, 6pm

NOTE: All meetings subject to change!

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE New Residents

NOTE: Newcomers are derived from water service records, and thus, not all family members are included. Those not appearing are also welcomed! The

Olen & Jerri Ponder	Michael & Ivette Cotter
Mike & Karen Carney	John Wright

City of Garden Ridge requires that all dogs and cats be registered, and each January thereafter. Call 651-6831 for information.

Significant Actions - July City Council Meeting

July 7, 2014

Approved

- Petition by Garry Lugar and Richard Winkler for rezoning, variances, and master plan for an office and shop for Winco Construction
- ORDINANCE 23-072014 regulating peddlers, solicitors and certain circumstances canvassers
- Resignation of Garden Ridge Police Officer Kevin Hendrick
- Promote Police Officer Richard McMahan to Corporal
- Hiring of Kevin Kelley and Christian Oehler as Police Officers
- Renewal of employees' health and dental insurance coverage with TML

Disapproved

2015 Comal Appraisal District Budget

Volunteers Needed

The City of Garden Ridge is looking for volunteers to service on one of their Boards or Commissions (Planning and Zoning Commission, Quarry Commission, or Water Commission). If you are interested in serving please email a resume to administrator@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us

The Garden Ridge Police Department will be joining agencies across the State of Texas in celebrating National Night Out on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The event will be held at the Garden Ridge Community Center. National Night Out is a historic event designed to bring neighbors and community organizations together to make a better and stronger community for everyone.

We are inviting any and all local non-profit organizations to join us for National Night Out by reserving a table to set up a display of what your organization offers to better the community. If you are interested in reserving a table, send an email to dbellinger@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us no later than September 5, 2014.

Lieutenant Daniel Bellinger

The City's annual 4th of July picnic and parade was a great success! Thanks to all the City staffers, civic organizations and other volunteers who made it such a success. You may have heard we did a parade "drive by" our Mayor's house to show our support for him and his family as he continues his cancer fight.

I recently made an extended road trip out west and saw the devastating effects of the western drought on the lakes and rivers. While recent rains have helped us somewhat, the level in our aquifers continue to decline. As a result, I have called for the City to enter Stage 3 of our drought management plan effective with the August billing cycle. New calendars are on our website and included with this month's water bill.

I would like to thank the many citizens of Garden Ridge who have joined their neighbors and responded to the water conservation challenge by voluntarily reducing their watering this summer – it has made a difference. Also, as you look forward to redoing or updating your landscape next spring, think about native plants and materials. Members of our Water Commission are available to explain our landscaping ordinance and can put you in contact with websites and other resources for your landscaping research.

Unfortunately, summer seems to be the time for swindles and scams. It is always good to carefully research the reputation of contractors. If you have any issues with what you consider to be a questionable practice, contact our Police Department – they are always willing to help.

Hope you are having a safe and happy summer!

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Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission's monthly meeting was held on July 14, 2014. A review of June blasts was conducted. A total of 9 blasts occurred in the month of June. The highest ground vibration measured was .310 in/sec on June 26 and the highest air blast measured was 117.4 dB on June 9. All readings were within the criteria of City Ordinance 34. Citizen blasting reports submitted for the month of June for blasts occurring on June 11, 26 and 30 were discussed.

Tours of the quarry are being conducted on an ongoing basis to citizens of Garden Ridge. The tours are conducted during quarry operation and generally will include a chance to witness an actual quarry blast. Citizens are encouraged to call city hall and express an interest in such a tour.

VACANCY ON THE QUARRY COMMISSION The Commission is looking for a volunteer to fill a vacancy on the Commission commencing September 2014. Interested citizens are encouraged to contact City Hall at 651-6632 for further details.

Our thanks to Hanson Quarry for the donation and delivery of landscaping rock placed around the Library and City Hall grounds.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the monthly quarry commission meetings. Next meeting is August 11 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 August meeting.

Water

When watering the lawn, do it long enough for the moisture to soak down to the roots where it will do the most good. A light sprinkling can evaporate quickly and tends to encourage shallow root systems. Put an empty tuna can on your lawn - when it's full, you've watered about the right amount. Visit our [natural lawn care](#) page for more information.

Wow! I owe a HUGE **THANK YOU** to our sponsors for the silent auction. They were very generous to support our efforts. Please support the sponsors so they can continue to help our community. These sponsors came from the communities of Garden Ridge, San Antonio, Bracken, Schertz, New Braunfels, Marion, Cibolo, Selma and Brenham. Thanks to: Aerial Athletics, Alamo Drafthouse, Alamo Trolley, American Bank, Artistic Counters, AshLynn Rose, Baish Electric Company, Ltd., Best Friendz Gifts, Bill Miller Bar B Que, Blue Bell Creameries, Bracken Store Café, Jupe Mills (Bracken Feed & Seed), Bracken Postal, Bradzoil Oil, Brauntex Performing Arts Theatre, Johnny Carino's, Brinker International (Chili's), Chelsea Brewster of Stylin' Hair Salon & Spa, Claire's Sweet Treats, Cibolo Valley Nursery, Clear Springs Restaurant, Confident Defense, Cooper's Old Time Pit Bar B Que, CosMedical Esthetics, Dick's Sports. Thank you to the individuals who contributed by donating items or sought out donations. Thank you to everyone who helped set up, watched the booth, who bid or encouraged others to do so, settle the bids at the end of the auction and helped take things down. I could not have done this without you. Your challenge and words of encouragement will not be forgotten. Thank you members, residents and sponsors from the bottom of my heart. Barbara Kneupper

Surveys

Over the course of the next year, Garden Ridge is looking at doing opinion surveys on a number of different issues. We are looking for citizen volunteers with expertise in the area of survey and sample design and analysis to prepare and analyze these surveys. If you would be willing to give of your time and talents to volunteer, please send a resume to Nancy Cain, City Administrator.

The summer is FLYING BY! Close out the summer with some late summer fun for the kids – Art Camp, Tennis Camp and Sports Camps – all available at Forest Waters Club in Garden Ridge. Please see our website for dates, times and registration form!

Have you wanted to get your fitness routine started – but been unsure where to start? Did you make all kinds of healthy New Year's resolutions...but in August – it's hard to remember what they were?? Maybe some time with a personal trainer would help get you back on track! Contact the Forest Waters Club at 210.651.6505 to set up a consultation with our Fitness Coordinator and learn how membership at Forest Waters could get you into the condition you know you want to be in! A new healthy you could be the result!

Forest Waters Club is the best kept secret in Garden Ridge! We are ready to help you with your fitness needs – and we're just around the corner from you!

The Garden Ridge Area Republican Club meets each month in the Bluebonnet room at 7 PM. On Aug 11 Royce Goddard will provide a status update of the city's water and road projects. He will provide schedules and details of the overall project, work progress, road closures, and costs. Future plans will be discussed. All are welcome. Contact Bob Dosee at 210 219 3741 for further information.

Become educated with the City of Garden Ridge website....

Did you know you can receive an email and/or a text regarding the information that you are interested in from the City of Garden Ridge? It's called "Notify Me".

Setting up notifications can be done by using these few easy steps:

1. Go to City of Garden Ridge website <http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us>
2. On the home page of the website on the left side of the page you will find Quick Links; choose "Notify Me"
3. Now you are on the Notify Me page follow the instructions on this page.
4. Type in your email address in the box and select Sign In.
5. If you want to receive text messages enter your phone number and select Save.
6. Choose the items which you want to be notified of.
7. You will also see a confirmation email (if you do not receive it in your inbox, check your spams).
8. Once you confirm your request, you are now on your way to receiving the items you have selected.

GARDEN RIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB

"Pamper Yourself"

Annual Fall Business Luncheon & Fashion Show

Calling all members, make your reservations **now** for this big event and bring a friend or a new member. You don't want to miss the great location, food, fashions, fun, and door prizes!

La Fontana Springs will prepare a fabulous lunch for us and "**Chico's**" will provide beautiful fall fashions for us to preview! We still need models—members, please volunteer!

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2014, Location: La Fontana Springs 27618 Natural Bridge Caverns Rd, (Just north of Natural Bridge Caverns Wildlife Ranch), Ph: 210-883-8304 Cost: Members \$23.00, Non-members \$28.00

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (10:30 – 11:30 – mix & mingle with old & new friends) Please make **check payable to GRWC** and send to: **Diana Scott, 21916 Deer Canyon Dr, Garden Ridge, TX 78266** Questions? Contact Diana Scott at 651-3320, vadiana44@yahoo.com. **RSVP & Checks must be received by September 12, 2014**

Holiday Marketplace

Mark your calendars for our annual Holiday Marketplace -- **Saturday, October 11, hours 10 am – 4 pm**. There will be more than 50 vendors who offer 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. **Vendors, we still have a few outside spaces left.** Contact Janet Ruple, at grwemarkplace@gmail.com or (210) 651-4898.

Join the Garden Ridge Women's Club!

The Garden Ridge Women's Club is an unincorporated organization whose purpose is to promote civic improvements, charitable activities, and social interaction for the benefit of the citizens of the City of Garden Ridge and surrounding areas.

Enjoy monthly special interest groups: Book Club, Knotty Knotters, Lunch Bunch, Bridge Club, Bunco Club, Scrapbooking, and more.

Events: Luncheon & Style Show, Holiday Marketplace, Cooking Event, Gardening Event, Picnic in the Park, and more.

And special projects: Helping Hands Community Outreach and Informal Day Trips. Dues are \$20 for the 2014-2015 year. Renewal forms have been mailed to current GRWC members—thanks to all who have sent in your dues. If you would like to join, please mail your check with contact information to: **Gail McLeod, 10445 Montanio Dr., New Braunfels, TX 78132, gailmcleod@satx.rr.com.**

Library Footnotes

By Suzanne McCandless

GREAT NEWS!

Malcolm and Delphine Beck will be at the Library on August 13th at noon to answer your vegetable and organic questions. The Becks are pioneers of organic gardening in the San Antonio area. They are both teachers and students of nature and they have developed many of the organic growing techniques that are now used worldwide. We are expecting a good turnout but we will only be able to guarantee seating for the first 50 people so mark your calendars and come early to get a good seat.

The Becks' visit is just the latest in a series of exciting events that have entertained and informed the public at the Library this summer. More than 50 people came to hear Shelby Trial talk about the plants he used in landscaping the Library Garden. Shelby, with the help of Manuel Troncoso, has laid out a wonder of color, shade, comfortable benches (donated by the Garden Ridge Women's Club) and bowling ball creatures, (created by Malcolm and Linda Crosland). The worm of many hues has been christened PAGE CRAWLER the BOOKWORM, after more than 50 suggested names by patrons of all ages were considered.

Summer Story Hour on Thursdays at 10:30 am started small with only 3 children. Recently, the number has swollen to 17! On Mondays a Day Care Class from GRES comes to library for a special Story Time with Linda Crosland. These story times will continue until the start of school, August 20th.

Our collection continues to grow as you can see on our website: www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us>Departments>Library>/Activities/Events.

This month we are highlighting the more than 40 Large Print Books we have added, including Fannie Flagg's *The All Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion*, Maeve Binchey's *A Week in Winter*, Ace Atkins, *Broken Places* and Craig Johnson's *Longmire* mystery series (about a dozen in the series).

Spice up your life with a visit to YOUR library. PAGE CRAWLER wants to meet you!