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February 2012

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Happy Valentine's Day



Lincoln's Birthday — 12th

President's Day — 20th



Washington's Birthday — 22nd

Coming Events:

- 1 Feb — City Council Meets, 6 PM
 - Calling for the May 12, 2012 City Election — Election Packets available and filing starts February 6. (See Article)
- 2 Feb — Groundhog Day
- 7 Feb — Planning and Zoning Meets, 6pm
- 12 Feb — Lincoln's Birthday
- 13 Feb — Emergency Services District 6 (ESD6) Meets, 7 PM
- 13 Feb — Quarry Commission Meets, 7pm
- 14 Feb — Valentine's Day — The World needs love!
- 20 Feb — Washington's Birthday (observed) President's Day — City Hall closed; Library open
- 22 Feb — Washington's Birthday — City Offices and Library Open
- 28 Feb — Water Commission Meets, 6 pm
- 29 Feb — Leap Day

FROM THE MAYOR

February marks the start of another City election cycle. In this newsletter you will find information regarding this very important activity. I encourage any that are interested, and more importantly community minded, to study the process, and if they feel can contribute, to file for these positions.

The City continues to thrive, is in a very enviable position in regard to finances, personnel and other issues that ensure a smooth running municipality. I maintain a concern regarding rainfall. Without normal winter resupply/recharge, we could be in store for another long, hot summer.

As always, thank you for your support. For every naysayer there are many, many that support the direction we are going.

Jay F. Feibelman
Mayor



PICNIC IN THE PARK

Ladies, Save the Date!.....Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

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. Details and hours to follow.

Questions? Contact Laurie Hageman at 658-8731, or lhageman@satx.rr.com.

Quick Notes

- **Pet Registration.** If you did not register your pets in January, please do so as soon as possible. This is required by city ordinance, costs \$5.00 and requires proof of a rabies vaccination. 651-6831.
- There are indications that Verizon Wireless is contemplating the placement of a tower at 9229 Schoenthal Road. This address is across FM 3009 at Schoenthal Road and not within the City of Garden Ridge nor its jurisdiction.
- If your pet is missing, contact the City at 651-6831.



Comal County No Refusal

Comal DA's Office has organized a No Refusal policy for all agencies in Comal County. The program runs 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with no exceptions. Expect all police jurisdictions in Comal, including Garden Ridge PD to participate.



HEB COOKING CLASS

It's time to make your reservation for the HEB Central Market Cooking Class. Not only will you have the thrill of watching talented chefs prepare a delicious meal that you will *get to eat*, but you will also learn



how to prepare each item and obtain many valuable cooking and preparation tips from the Pros!

This event fills up quickly and seating is limited to the first 30 people who send in their money. Reservation and payment due by Tuesday, February 7.

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2012
Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Location: HEB Central Market
 4821 Broadway, San Antonio

Cost: \$25.00 – Members
 \$30.00 – Non-members

Please make check payable to GRWC and send to:

Kate Kohl
20740 Timber Rose Dr.
Garden Ridge, TX 78266

Questions? Contact Kate at 210-912-9012, or kate.kohl@yahoo.com.



WESTERN Weekend at Triumphant Lutheran



Come join TRIUMPHANT LUTHERAN CHURCH, 21315 Bat Cave Road for the following events:

Saturday, Feb 11th, casual worship service with country gospel music at 5:00PM followed by a Chili Tasting and Judging at 6:00PM. Admission is free.

Sunday, Feb 12th, at 8:30 or 11:00 A.M, for *Country Western Services with country gospel music* and a free Cowboy Breakfast.

- The breakfast, featuring biscuits and gravy, will be served between services beginning at 9:45AM.
- After a hearty breakfast, mosey outside to watch Trick Roper Kevin Fitzpatrick or pose for a picture with Oreo the Longhorn Steer. Pony rides are available for the kids.

Free Nursery Available both days.

For additional information see our web site at www.triumphantlutheran.org, Send email inquiries to secretary@triumphantlutheran.org, or call the church office at 210-651-9090. Y'all Come!!



CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE
Sponsored by
THE GARDEN RIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB

**Saturday, March 17th, 2012,
9 AM – 1 PM**

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 CHECK PAYABLE TO
GRWC &
MAIL TO:

SHARON DUEMLER
9233 SCHOENTHAL ROAD
GARDEN RIDGE, TX 78266

HAVE QUESTIONS? CALL SHARON AT 651-0654



**Significant City Council
Actions in January**



APPROVED:

- Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation on a petition by William and Rebecca Gervasi, 21004 Hickory Bend, for a variance to Ordinance 13-122008 for the construction of a fence that exceeds the six foot height requirement.
- Resolution 252-012012 of compliance with annual review and adoption of the Public Funds Investment Policy for the City of Garden Ridge, Texas as required by the provisions of Chapter 2256, The Public Funds Investment Act, as amended, the Texas Government Code
- Release of City Secretary Shelley Goodwin from 90 day probation period effective December 17, 2011 at salary set for said position by the Garden Ridge City Council in the 2012 General Fund Budget
- Promotion of Garden Ridge Police Department Acting Sergeant Daniel Bellinger to the position of Sergeant effective January 4, 2012 at rate of pay set for said position by the Garden Ridge City Council in the 2012 General Fund Budget

OTHER:

- Deferred decision on request from Regency Oaks Homeowners Association for the City of Garden Ridge to take over the maintenance and financial responsibility of seven (7) street lights with the Regency Oaks subdivision pending funding status FY 2013
- Update on the status of negotiations for the lease of 15 acre feet of Edwards Aquifer water rights
- Change of Planning and Zoning Commission meeting dates to once per month/second Tuesdays at 6 PM
- Update on public safety concerns in the Wild Wind Unit 3 Subdivision of Garden Ridge, Texas
- Update on 2010 Storm Water Master Plan for the City of Garden Ridge
- Report on recent ISO (fire protection) rating of a Class 4 for the City of Garden Ridge
- Results of the 2012-2013 Comal Appraisal District Board of Directors' election

Library Footnotes

By Karen Bishop



The library will be open Presidents' Day, Monday, February 20.

There are several news items in regard to library operations. A new computer program has been installed which enables patrons to access their individual library accounts from home.

The address is gardenridge.biblionix.com/atoz/catalog. Log in using the telephone number you gave the library and your patron number which you can get from the library. You can see what materials you have checked out, when the items are due, reserve items and add your e-mail address.

Another feature of the new system is that it will send patrons e-mail notices 3 days before materials are due and send another notice on the due date. Very soon we will begin charging fines for overdue materials. Most books, audiobooks, and DVDs are checked out for a period of three weeks. We will give an additional 7 days grace before charging fines.

We do have a number of new titles. C.J. Box's *Back of Beyond*, Bernard Caldwell's *Stonehenge*, and David Baldacci's *The Sixth Man* are ready to keep you involved with good stories. Susan Wittig Albert has started a new series, the *Darling Dahlias*, and we have two titles from that series. Most of the books chosen by the Garden Ridge book clubs for 2012 are in the library ready to go. Others are on order and will be included soon. Popular new DVD titles include "The Help" and the first season of the PBS series "Downton Abbey."

Quarry Commission Happenings



The Quarry Commission held its monthly meeting on January 9, 2012. The Commission reviewed and discussed the blasting data from the 8 blasts in December, 2011.

Three Citizen Blasting Reports for blasts on Dec 20 & 22 were reviewed. The Dec 20 blast had slightly higher than normal Peak Particle Velocity (PPV) and the Dec 22 blast had slightly higher than normal Air Blast reading. Measurements were within proposed Ordinance 34 limits. The Commission heard from the Citizen Review Committee and discussed additional changes to the draft Ordinance 34 revision. The draft revision is posted to the city web site. A public hearing on the proposed revision could be held by the city as early as March, 2012. A Public Information meeting will be held the evening of Feb 27 in the city Council Chambers. Areas to be discussed include blasting operations at the Hansen Quarry, new blasting techniques to minimize community impacts, and local soil and geology related to quarry operations. 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 February 13, 2012 at 7 pm.

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents:

Sarah Diep
Luis & Claudia Hinojosa
Brent Hoben
Michael Shands
Ong Ngoc-Tuyen
Randy & Diana Tillery



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.



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

**WHAT: The Texas Tenors
"2009 #1 Vocal Group of the Year"
On America's Got Talent**

When: February 9
7:30 p.m.

Where: Newly Renovated Brauntex Theatre
In New Braunfels,

Tickets: \$35 - available at the Brauntex box office

Brauntex.org or call 830-627-0808

Contact Person: Janet Allen, Artistic Director, 830-627-0808

2012 City of Garden Ridge Election

The City of garden Ridge will be Calling the May 12, 2012 City Election on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. This Ordinance Calling for the Election will be for the position of City Councilmember Place 1, City Councilmember Place 4 and City Councilmember Place 5. Election Packets will be available on Monday, February 6, 2012 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Filing for one of these positions will begin on Monday, February 6, 2012 and end on Monday, March 5, 2012 during regular business hours in the City Secretary's Office.