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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

September 2014

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Non-emergency, after hours



Coming Events

1 September	Labor Day, City Hall and Library closed
3 September	City Council meets, 6pm
7 September	Grandparents Day
8 September	Quarry Commission meets, 7pm
9 September	Planning and Zoning meets, 6pm
11 September	Patriot Day
11 September	Special City Council meets, 6pm
23 September	Water Commission meets, 6pm
23 September	Fall Begins
24 September	Rosh Hashanah (begins at sundown)

NOTE: All meetings subject to change!



Dumpsters September 6th & 7th, 13th & 14th, 20th & 21st

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents

Nathan & Janet Mascar	Max Brooks
Patrick & Sue Price	Ashley Dill
Josh & Keri Novak	Corwin Priest & Megan Ward

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.

Public Notice

The Garden Ridge City Water Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on September 23, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive citizen input on proposed amendments to Ordinance 159 which establishes landscape and irrigation system requirements for residential and commercial properties in the City. All citizens are invited to attend and provide comments. Ordinance 159 can be viewed on the City website at www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us.



Water during the early parts of the day; avoid watering when it's windy. Early morning is generally better than dusk since it helps prevent the growth of fungus. Early watering, and late watering, also reduce water loss to evaporation. Watering early in the day is also the best defense against slugs and other garden pests. Try not to water when it's windy - wind can blow sprinklers off target and speed evaporation.



Library Footnotes

By Suzanne McCandless

Although it's still two months away, we urge you to start planning to attend the library's Veterans Day observance. It will be held on November 10, the day before the official holiday. We will have a special presentation by the Canyon High ROTC and a group of singers to help make our day special. If you have never signed up for our Wall of Honor, please do so. All we need is your name and branch of service. It makes a lovely display, and we feel that it is honoring to all who have served or who are now serving. If you have previously signed up, you don't need to do it again. Sign up when you visit the library, or email us at library@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us. For a list of recently added books, go to our website: ci.garden-ridge.tx.us > Departments > Library > Activities/Events. The new books are at the bottom or Activities.



Summer is over, school is back in session and hopefully the weather will begin to cool down soon. Be sure and watch for children as they enter and leave school buses.

As you probably know by now, our Chief of Police, Donna O'Conner retired at the end of August. Chief O'Conner served as our Chief for 3 1/2 years and during that time she truly transformed our police department. Her dedication to the police profession and demonstrated commitment to serving our citizens has taken our police department to an even higher level of professionalism. She is a role model for all and will be sorely missed. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

On another front, the City will begin a study of our deer population. The process will include the creation of a committee to learn more about ways to manage our deer population in order to prevent overpopulation and the terrible suffering that would mean for our deer. If you are interested in serving on this committee, contact our City Administrator, Nancy Cain, to express your interest.

Water continues to be an issue in the region. Please continue to do your part by watering by sprinkler only on your designated watering day. Remember, you can water by hand or by bucket anytime.

National Night Out will be Tuesday, October 7 from 7 to 9 pm. Mark your calendars. There will be lots of community groups and organizations with information at the event. I look forward to seeing you there.

Nadine
Mayor Pro Tem

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 keep the community united.

The 2014 National Night Out event will consist of civic organizations that focus on making the community a better place to live. Many of these organizations will have a table at this event and representatives to answer questions about what services they have to offer and how they could help in a time of need. Bring the kids with you for face painting and free food. This is a great way to teach them how the community comes together to help those in a time of need and what resources are available.

Lieutenant Daniel Bellinger

Deer Management Program

The city of Garden Ridge is looking for volunteers to help draft a Deer management program for the city. Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologist for Comal County will be giving a short presentation at the 3 Sep City council meeting. Citizens interested in being involved should attend, or contact Nancy Cain at 210-651-6632

Building Inspections

If you are a home owner and take out a permit for a project at your house please remember the following:

1. All permits must be signed by both the home owner and the contractor.
2. All permits should be posted in the front yard of your home.
3. To ensure that your project is completed correctly, be sure to obtain a **final inspection** from the City Building Department before paying your contractor.

Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission's monthly meeting was held on August 18, 2014. A review of July blasts was conducted. A total of 11 blasts occurred in the month of July. The highest ground vibration measured was .340 in/sec on July 14 and the highest air blast measured was 114.2 dB on July 7. All readings were within the criteria of City Ordinance 34. Citizen blasting reports submitted for the month of July for blasts occurring on July 14, 28 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 blast.

Mark your calendar. The Quarry is planning on holding an open house on Saturday, October 25, 2015. Details on this open house will be provided in upcoming publications.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the monthly quarry commission meetings. Next meeting is September 8 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 September meeting.

Significant Actions - August City Council Meeting

•August 5, 2014 Work Session

- Reviewed and discussed the proposed 2015 Fiscal Year Budgets
- Reviewed and discussed the proposed 2014 Property Tax Rate

•August 6, 2014

- Authorized the City Administrator to negotiate with Sam Russell for Interim Police Chief until a Police Chief could be hired. Since then Mr. Russell withdrew due to family emergency.

August 11, 2014 Special Meeting

- Review and discussed on the proposed 2015 Fiscal Year Budgets for the General Fund, Water Fund, Interest and Sinking fund and Capital Improvement Fund
- File proposed 2015 Fiscal Year Budgets for the General Fund, Water Fund, Interest and Sinking Fund and Capital Improvement Fund with the City Secretary
- Review and discussed the 2014 Effective and Rollback Tax Rate Calculations
- Reviewed and discussed the proposal to adopt a tax rate of \$0.2757 for the 2014 tax year after compliance with all requirements related to the adoption of the proposed tax rate
- Announce dates and times of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2015 Budgets and Public Hearings on the proposed 2014 Tax Rate (August 25, 2014 at 6:00pm)
- Authorized the City Administrator to negotiate with the City of Selma for the loan of Sergeant Ronald Eberhardt as Interim Police Chief until a Police Chief could be hired.

GRAPEVINE SEPTEMBER 2014

Here's what's new at the Forest Waters Club for September! TWO fabulous new fitness programs to benefit area residents as they head into the fall/winter holiday season!

JUMPSTART Program: This 12-week seminar is a common sense approach to developing life style behaviors that promote a continued state of health and fitness. This program includes a tour of a local grocery store and is accompanied by a workbook to keep!

Jillian Michaels BODYSHRED! This intense, endurance based 30-minute class is designed to shred fat, define muscle and enhance overall health and fitness performance. Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6am and will start at Level 1.

Please see the FWC website for additional information about costs, times, etc. Thank you for your consideration...Dawn Coleman, Club Manager
Forest Waters Club 210-651-6505

Garden Ridge Area Democrats and Independents will have an inaugural meeting on Thursday, September 25, 2014, 6:30pm, at the GR Community Center, Bluebonnet Room. Come one...! Come all...! to meet and greet your neighbors! Points of contact: Carolyn Cohen (carlycoh@aim.com); Ron or Marcia Schmidt (noscamsinnb@yahoo.com); Rose Mary Valdez (rm_valdez@sbcglobal.net)



GARDEN RIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB

Annual Fall Business Luncheon & Fashion Show

Calling ALL GRWC members!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS for **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014 FOR AN EXCITING GRWC Fall Luncheon!**

Mix and Mingle with new friends and old starting at **10:30 am**, followed by a business meeting, lunch, and fall fashions by Chico's! This event will be held again this year at: La Fontana Springs, 27618 Natural Bridge Caverns Rd. (Just north of Natural Bridge Caverns Wildlife Ranch) Ph: 210-883-8304.

Please make **check payable to GRWC** and send to: **Diana Scott, 21916 Deer Canyon Dr., Garden Ridge, TX 78266** Cost: Members \$23.00, Non-members \$28.00 **RSVP DEADLINE IS: September 12, 2014**

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

Mark your calendars for the 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 Knotty Knotters handmade quilt, and of course, lots of food.

Vendors, we still have a few outside spaces left. Contact Janet Ruple at grwcmarketplace@gmail.com, or call 210-651-4898.

We need donated items for the silent auction. Contact Cherlyn Koehler at ckoehler@sbcbglobal.net, or call 210-317-2104 if you have items to donate.

Finally, we need volunteers-- we can't do this without you! This is a great way to meet new friends and become more involved with GRWC. If you can volunteer to help, please contact Diana Scott at 210-651-3320 or vadiana44@yahoo.com. All profits from this event will be donated to local charities.

I owe a HUGE THANK YOU

We are honored to have many businesses and individuals support the 4th of July silent auction for the Garden Ridge Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. We were not able to mention all of them last month. Kudos and thanks to Dollar Wealth Management, Early Training & Supply, Encanto Mexican Grill, Forest Waters Club, Frost Bank, Garden Ridge Animal Hospital, Garden Ridge Police Department, Genghis Grill, Gg's Corner Café, Gracie Gene's Boutique, Hanson Aggregates-Servtex Quarry, Harmon's Bar B-Que, HEB, R. Hakim Corp (IHOP), Institute of Texan Cultures, Interstate All Battery Center, Just Friends Custom Framing, Little Caesars Pizza, Loka Studios, Lowes, Magik Theatre, Mattress Firm, Montana Mike's, Natural Bridge Caverns, New Braunfels Smokehouse, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Outback Steakhouse, Panera Bread, Paw Prints Grooming, Raising Cane's, Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union, Red Lobster, Rustic Creations, Salsalito Cantina, San Antonio Shoes(SAS), Spurs Sports and Entertainment, San Antonio Zoo, Schertz Bank & Trust, Schulz Nursery, Sea Island Shrimp House, Sea World San Antonio, Security Service Federal Credit Union, Splashtown, Starbuck's Coffee Company, Urban Studio Salon, The Wash Tub, Westridge Pet Hospital, Wildflower Barn, The Witte Museum, Woods Cycle Country and Willie's Corporate (Willie's Grill and Icehouse). Please continue your support to these businesses in Garden Ridge and surrounding communities.



42nd Annual Fish Fry, BBQ and Auction

The Garden Ridge Lions Club presents their 42nd annual Fish Fry, BBQ and Auction on Saturday October 4, 2014 at the Garden Ridge Community Center on F.M. 3009 (3.2 miles NW of I-35, by the water tower)

This event is the primary fundraiser for the Garden Ridge Lions Club Charities, Inc. Proceeds support: sight services including eye glasses & exams for needy children; youth services including The Texas Lions Camp for Special Needs Children; community services including Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets and Christmas toys for needy families; and scholarships.

Activities:

- Dinner served at 3:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- Fish Fry & Bar-B-Q: Adults \$10.00 / Children \$5.00
- Live Entertainment 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- Silent Auction 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Live Auction @ 6:45 p.m. - Raffle drawing at 6:30pm, Super Raffle following Live Auction

Please come out and join us for some great fun, food, & friendship. Your valued support is very much appreciated.