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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge



November 2014

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Coming Events

- 2 November Daylight Savings Time ends
- 4 November General Elections (see article)
- 5 November City Council meets, 6pm
- 10 November Quarry Commission meets, 7pm
- 11 November Veteran's Day– City Offices will be closed
- 18 November Planning and Zoning meets, 6pm
- 25 November Water Commission meets, 6pm
- 27 November Thanksgiving
- 27 & 28 November City Offices will be closed



Dumpsters: November 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, and 22-23 (see article)

NOTE: All meetings subject to change!

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE New Residents



JUAN & RHONDA DELEON

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.

A SAFETY TIP FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Garden Ridge Police Department would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of a traffic issue that is being observed frequently which can be extremely dangerous. The center medians of FM3009 and FM2252 are designated to either divide the roadway into 2 traffic lanes or in some areas are marked as a left turn lane to enter our communities. It is not intended for nor is it legal for these areas to be used for merging into traffic. A number of drivers are exiting residential areas from the smaller feeder roads onto FM3009 and FM2252 rushing out into the center lane and then trying to merge into traffic. This practice is extremely dangerous and creates an abrupt movement which cause's panic in the drivers on the main roadways which in turn strikes fear and results in the drivers either slamming on brakes or swerving toward the shoulder to avoid what they believe is going to be a collision. Please take a moment and wait for the right of way to clear before entering the state highways from feeder roads. When the right of way is clear then proceed into the available traffic lane and not the median. The few seconds saved by darting out into traffic is not worth the risk to all drivers.

The National Night Out was a great success! Our thanks to the Police Department for all their hard work putting this together, and to all the organizations that participated in the event.

As I reflect on this year, I am reminded that November is a month for giving thanks.

Nov 4 – Election Day – a day to give thanks that we live in a country of free and fair elections - where we can vote our conscious and where every vote counts.

Nov 11 – Veterans Day – a day to give thanks for all who serve and have served in the military – for keeping us safe home and abroad, and for their humanitarian works around the globe.

Nov 27 – Thanksgiving – a day to give thanks for the roof over our heads, the bounty on our tables, the safety and security of the community we live in, and the community, friends and family that support us.

As we give thanks for all the blessings we have in Garden Ridge, it is also a time to think about those who are not as blessed. There are people in our nation and around the world without a place to live or food to eat. There are those without a safe place to go. And there are those with no community, friends or family to love and support them. Now is the time for us to not only give thanks but to recommit to helping those less fortunate than we.

I am reminded of the quotation: "To those whom much is given, much is expected." We are much blessed, and much is expected.

Nadine
Mayor Pro Tem

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE! **VOTE!**

ELECTION DAY VOTING is Tuesday, November 4, 2014
Polls will be opened from 7:00AM - 7:00PM
Election Day Voting will
be held at the Community Center.

Don't run the hose while washing your car

Clean the car using a pail of soapy water. Use the hose only for rinsing - this simple practice can save as much as 150 gallons when washing a car. Use a spray nozzle when rinsing for more efficient use of water. Better yet, use a waterless car washing system; there are several brands, such as EcoTouch, which are now on the market.



Significant Actions - October City Council Meeting

- Approved a Resolution designating the New Braunfels Herald the official newspaper
- Approved the Preliminary Plat for Nacogdoches Loop Subdivision (Winco)
- Received a presentation by CPS Energy:
- Received a presentation by Alamo Regional Transit-Alamo Area Council of Governments concerning ridership
- Reappointments of Johnell Holly and Jim Morgan as Quarry Commissioners for two year terms expiring September 30, 2016
- Re-establishment of dust monitor to be placed at the Cain residence, 9967 Trophy Oaks Dr.
- Update on proposed legislation on formation of a Ground Water Conservation District in Comal County
- Update on deer management program

Triumphant Lutheran Church

21315 Bat Cave Road
Garden Ridge, Texas

Will hold a Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 25th, at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Disposal of Brush, Metal and Furniture

Dumpsters for brush disposal will be provided on the following Saturdays and Sundays during the month of November 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, and 22-23. Dumpsters will also be provided for the disposal of metal, furniture and wood. Disposal will only be allowed between the hours of 8am and 5 pm on the specified dates, the site will be locked at all other times. Garden Ridge residents must show proof of residency to utilize the disposal site. Disposal site is located on Municipal Parkway. There will not be any trash or recycling collection on Thursday, November 27, 2014 due to Thanksgiving Holidays.



January will be here before you know it.....
The City of Garden Ridge would like to remind you to get your pet registered.

Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission's monthly meeting was held on October 13, 2014. A review of September blasts was conducted. A total of 10 blasts occurred in the month of September. The highest ground vibration measured was .180 in/sec on September 25 and the highest air blast measured was 119.8 dB on September 24. All readings were within the criteria of City Ordinance 34. A citizen blasting report submitted for the month of September for a blast occurring on September 11 was 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. Please contact City Hall to express your interest in such a tour. Citizens are encouraged to attend the monthly quarry commission meetings. Next meeting is November 10 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 November meeting.



GRWC CHRISTMAS "WINTER WONDERLAND" GALA

It's that time of year again when we all gather with family and friends and begin our Holiday celebrations. So, to begin the celebrations, the GRWC Board would like to extend an invitation to our members & spouses (or guests) for an evening of fun, music and food!

The GRWC "Winter Wonderland" Gala will be held at the **GR Community Center on Saturday, December 6 -- 6:30 pm until 11:00 pm.**

So mark your calendars and reserve the date!

There will be wine and other beverages, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and live music.

Cost: \$10.00 per person or \$20.00 per couple.

Attire: Cocktail/dressy and yes, you men can come in your favorite Christmas sweaters.

RSVP by December 1 to: Diana Scott: 651-3320 or email:

VADiana44@yahoo.com.

Make checks payable to GRWC and mail to:

Diana Scott
21916 Deer Canyon Dr
Garden Ridge, TX 78266



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STAGE II WATER RESTRICTIONS NOW IN EFFECT.

Please refer to watering calendar to determine your days to water.

Every Drop Counts



Library Footnotes

By Lynne Dean

We now have Diana Gabaldon's just released edition of the wonderful Outlander saga, the first of which has come to life in a much praised TV series on the Starz cable channel. The much anticipated "Written In My Own Blood" is the eight in the enthralling series and is sure to please it's millions of fans. Also newly published is "All The Light We Cannot See" by multitude award winning author Anthony Doerr. A deftly interweaving of the lives of a young Jewish girl who flees Nazi occupied Paris and a young German Hitler Youth, who, against all odds, find the good in each other. For our non-fiction enthusiasts, comes "Flash Boys" the latest expose by Michael Lewis, author of "Liar's Poker" and "Moneyball". This the account of a small group of Wall Street guys who figure out that the U.S. stock market has been rigged for the benefit of insiders and that, post-financial crisis, the markets have become not more free, but less, and more controlled by Wall Street banks. They set out to reform the financial markets in this ultimately uplifting book, where morality wars against institutionalized injustice.

We have also begun a subscription to "The Smithsonian" magazine for our history buffs.

Please check our website for information on our Veteran's Day Celebration. <http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/index.aspx?nid=103>