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## December 2014

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# Merry Christmas



### Coming Events

- 3 Dec City Council meets, 6pm
- 7 Dec Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day "Lest we forget"
- 8 Dec Quarry Commission meets, 7pm
- 9 Dec Planning and Zoning Commission meets, 6pm
- 12 Dec City Offices close at 1pm (City Employee Christmas Party)
- 16 Dec Water Commission meets, 6pm
- 16 Dec Hanukkah begins
- 24 Dec City Offices close at noon
- 25 & 26 Dec City Offices will be closed
- 26 Dec Kwanzaa begins
- 1 and 2 Jan City Offices will be closed



**NOTE: All meetings subject to change!**

It is hard to believe but the holiday season is upon us! Time for friends and family, lights and decorations, trees and food with all the trimmings.

Unfortunately, it is also the time for accidents at home (falling off ladders hanging those outdoor lights) and thefts. Enjoy the season, but take care, whether at home, out shopping or traveling.

It is a great time for all of us to say thank you to the employees of the City. I have seen first-hand how much these individuals care about the City and its citizens. They do so much for us that we often take them for granted. From handling all the administrative and financial duties required to keep the city running, to our library; from dealing with court matters, to ensuring we have safe drinking water and fixing water leaks; from picking up injured animals and finding homes for lost ones, to maintaining our streets and parks; from checking on residents who are homebound or ill, to patrolling our streets and keeping us safe – they are always there. Take a minute when you see them to say thanks to all these hardworking professionals!

### WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

#### New Residents

JUAN & RHONDA DELEON	BRET PLUMER
BRIAN THOMAS	WILLIAM L ISOM
MARIKA MISANGYI	CARSON & JOSEPH MORTON
JUANITA SALAZAR	VINCENT ZAMORA
CHRISTY MYHRE & STEVE TYO	



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.

Thanks also to our many Commissioners and volunteers who continue to help build our beautiful city! You do so much behind the scenes that no one is aware of. Your expertise is invaluable and we couldn't do it without you.

So, to all our citizens, Merry Christmas, have a wonderful holiday season and an even brighter new year!



Nadine  
Mayor Pro Tem

### A SAFETY TIP FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Please remember when you go out shopping this Christmas Season there are other less desirable people out there shopping as well. Keep a few things in mind when you are out collecting those gifts. If you need to go put items in your vehicle you should consider getting in and moving your car to another area of the parking lot to give those watching the inference you are leaving so they don't target your vehicle. Don't leave those boxes, bags and treasures lying on the seat of your car when you're running other errands. It only takes a couple seconds for someone to break that window and grab your gifts. Don't leave packaging out on the curb to tell everyone what you have purchased but instead try to break those boxes down and hide them in with other trash items.

Remember that this time of year everyone is planning those visits and trips to see their closest friends and relatives. Unfortunately we tend to forget that no matter how careful we are with settings and friendships, when you start posting on social media those trips and days you are going to be away there are thousands of people out there also able to get your holiday plans and know when you will be away from your home. Don't let your social media playground be the basis of letting someone else have your holiday packages. Keep the details of your trips on social media sites to a minimum until you complete those trips so you don't return to a surprise.



**Water Commission** would like to remind you to use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks

### Christmas Tree Disposal

You can dispose of your Christmas trees on January 3-4, 9-10, 16-17, and 23-24 (more details will be in January Grapevine).



### December 2014 Grapevine Contest

Rules to play:

1. All City residents are eligible to win; regardless of age.
2. Count a total number of the following words or art appear:

Christmas tree	Star	Elf	Angel
Candy Cane	Stocking	Holly	Santa
Christmas	Snowman	Nutcracker	Gifts
3. Submit your total count along with your name and address to [citysecretary@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us](mailto:citysecretary@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us)
4. Your entry must be submitted by December 15, 2014.
5. All correct entries will be entered into a drawing on December 16, 2014; the winner will be notified by email.

Winner will receive a prize from the City of Garden Ridge and your name will be published in the January 2015 Grapevine.

Good Luck,  
Santa's Elf



### Significant Actions - November City Council Meeting

- Approval of participation in the Alamo Regional Transit-Alamo Area Council of Government for transportation services
- Approval of the hiring of Faaron Saunders as Police Officer
- Approval of promotion of Interim Lt. Bellinger to Lt. Bellinger
- Approval of resignation of Police Officer Kelly.
- Approval of support of legislation creating the Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
- Approval of Ordinance 178-112014 reducing the speed limit on F.M. 2252 from 55 miles per hour to 50 miles per hour.
- Approval of design and materials for a structure at 19421 Bat Cave Road.
- Authorized a contract to be negotiated between the City of Garden Ridge and Ron Eberhardt as Chief of Police.



**DEC. 15:** GRWC MEMBERS: RESERVE your spot for our upcoming "Hill Country Christmas Tour of Lights" bus tour. Cost will be **\$65.00** per person. Starting at Bandera, to Kerrville, Schreiner University, Johnson City, & Perdarnales Electric Co-op. Cost includes supper, charter coach, driver tip, escorts, hot chocolate and caroling all the way!! **SPOUSES** are welcome to join in the fun as well!  
Depart 4:00 PM from Laurel Heights UMC, 227 W. Woodlawn Return at 11PM. Contact Tanya Haddad to reserve your space at (210) 651-9241.



**JANUARY 8:** 10 AM - GRWC Member BUSINESS MEETING to be held at the Garden Ridge Community Center. This will be an invitation for open discussions, questions and ideas to improve our club. Please RSVP to Diana Scott at (210) 651-3320.



**JANUARY 15 - RESERVE NOW!:** Dinner & Show at "HARLEQUIN DINNER THEATER" Ft. Sam Houston, for "The Murder Room" by Jack Sharkey, (A comedy). Includes Dinner - \$35.00 per person. Dinner 6:30 pm, Curtain 8pm. Call Diana Scott for reservations (210) 651-3320.

### DEER MANAGEMENT



Please don't feed the deer. It's bad for the deer, especially if you feed them corn, and results in overpopulation of the herd. The City of Garden Ridge has too many deer, and is in the process of developing a deer management plan. Currently we "manage" our deer herd by hitting them with cars, with an average of over 300 car/deer accidents reported each year. This combined with the non-reported deer strikes results in an estimated 400-500 deer killed each year by cars. See: [http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd\\_bk\\_w7000\\_1197.pdf](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_1197.pdf), for more information.

### 8th Annual Wild Game Dinner

January 31, 2015 5-8pm

Garden Ridge Community Center

Cost: \$20

Buy your tickets online while they last!



Tickets online at [www.gardenridgewildgame.com](http://www.gardenridgewildgame.com)

The annual Wild Game Dinner returns to the Garden Ridge Community Center this year featuring an exciting line up of entertainment, events, prizes, and a menu teaming with wild game!

What to expect: **Raffles** - Including Guns, Gear and much more.... **Wild**

**Game** - We will have everything from Audad to Alligator **Featuring**

**professional comedian** - Bob Smiley

"Like" us on Facebook—Garden Ridge Wild Game Dinner

The City Library would like to remind you....

As you order Christmas gifts, please consider using the Library's website to order your Amazon gifts. You DON'T have to be a library member.



Go to the City's website:

[ci.garden-ridge.tx.us](http://ci.garden-ridge.tx.us)

Click on "Departments."

Scroll down to "Library."

Go to "Support Your Library."

Click on the Amazon logo and

shop, shop, shop!

The library will receive between 4% and 15% of your purchase – anything, not just books.

### Holiday 2014 Trash and Recycling Collection

**No trash collection on: December 25th and January 1st**

Monday-Thursday residential schedules for the City of Garden.

Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 2014- Recycling collection will be on Saturday Dec. 27, 2014.

New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2015 - Recycling collection will be on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2014.



### Triumphant Lutheran Church

21315 Bat Cave Road  
Garden Ridge, Texas



### CHRISTMAS EVENTS

The community is invited to the following Christmas events at Triumphant Lutheran Church, 21315 Bat Cave Rd:

**Christmas Cantata – "Canticles in Candlelight" -**

Saturday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 PM

Sunday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 & 11:00 AM.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services –**

Wednesday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00, 7:00 & 10:00 PM.

**Christmas Day Service –**Thursday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

For more information please call the church office at 210-651-9090, or visit us on line at: [www.triumphantlutheran.org](http://www.triumphantlutheran.org)



### Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission's monthly meeting was held on November 10, 2014. A review of October blasts was conducted. A total of 12 blasts occurred in the month of October. The highest ground vibration measured was .235 in/sec on October 29 and the highest air blast measured was 116.3 dB on October 14. All readings were within the criteria of City Ordinance 34. Citizen blasting reports submitted for the month of October for a blast occurring on October 29 were discussed.

Many Garden Ridge citizens took advantage of the October 25 Quarry tour and open house. Feedback from a number of citizens indicated that they felt the tour was very informative and they appreciated the opportunity to better understand the many facets of operating a quarry.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the monthly quarry commission meetings. Next meeting is December 8 at 7:00 pm. A revised and hopefully a more user friendly Citizen Blast Report Form can be found on the city's web site home page ([www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us](http://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 December meeting.



### Library Footnotes

By Suzanne McCandless

Once again the children of Garden Ridge will be treated to a Christmas Story Time. Come on Saturday, December 6, at 10:30 a. m. for the story and activities, followed by a Visit from Santa Claus at 11:15 a. m. Don't miss this highlight of the Season!

We wish to thank those who made our tribute to veterans such a success: The Canyon High School Junior ROTC and the Garden Ridge Elementary School, and the guitarist and pastor of the River City Community Church, Sean Azzoro.

Heads Up to all who might have a long overdue book tucked away. January will be Amnesty Month at the library to give everyone a fresh start. Wipe the slate clean by bringing in your long overdue books without penalty of a fine.

Here is another reason to belong to the City of Garden Ridge Library: TexShare Cards! Patrons in good standing for six months (no late fees, or problems with our books) may receive a TexShare card which enables the holder to check out five items at a time from any Texas library that participates, such as the San Antonio Library system. The SA library currently charges Garden Ridge residents \$200 to get a card.

Of course, we hope you will read all the books in our library first, and continue to avail yourself of the many activities and services provided so close to your home here at the City of Garden Ridge Library.

To see the books we have added, check our website: <http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/index.aspx?nid=103>

