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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge



## April 2015

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**Non-emergency, after hours**



### Coming Events

- Apr 1st City Council meets, 6pm
- Apr 2nd Preschool Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am at City Library
- Apr 5th Easter
- Apr 13th Quarry Commission meets, 7pm
- Apr 14th Planning and Zoning Commission meets, 6pm
- Apr 25th Garden Ridge Clean Up Day (see article)
- Apr 28th Water Commission meets, 6pm
- May 2nd Tree Dedication for Mayor Dalton (see invitation)

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

### WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

#### New Residents

ROBERT BRUST            OPHELIA & TIMOTHY MURPHY  
AARON DAVIS            MATTHEW & MARY RIVERA  
TOMMY J KUBLER        TATE & LAUREN SAATHOFF

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.

It is April already, the bluebonnets have been blooming and everyone is doing their spring cleaning and planting. The City's hazardous waste disposal/shred day is coming up on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> - more details are in your water bill or on the City's website. Remember to use drought tolerant and deer resistant plants as you spruce up your landscaping. The Library has been offering classes on gardening and native plants and they will be willing to point you in the right direction. There will be no election for City Council this year – only one candidate filed for each place. So congratulations to Shelby Trial and Bryan Lantzy! There will be a Comal school district bond election on May 9.

The Citizens Police Academy finished its class for this year. Over 50 people participated in the class. If you haven't ever attended, I highly recommend it. You'll learn a lot about law enforcement, public safety and criminal justice. It is also a great way to get to know your neighbors as well as your Police Department.

Our Scout troop is ramping up their civic involvement and they plan on doing a number of projects to help beautify the City. If you can donate materials to this effort, contact Nancy Cain to get put on the list of potential donors. She will call you as a need arises.

Finally, our Scout troop will be planting a tree at City Hall in honor of Mayor Dalton. The ceremony will be held at noon on Saturday, May 2. Hope many of you will attend.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS, SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH CLEAN UP DAY IN GARDEN RIDGE

- 8:00 AM-2:00 PM Household Hazardous Waste
- 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Shred Day (paper)

Check the city website for more information and acceptable items [www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us](http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us)



### THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all the volunteers who made the GRWC Garage Sale a tremendous success! We couldn't have done it without you! We appreciate all you ladies and guys who helped load and unload, set up, take down and clean up. Thanks also to our great members and friends who donated so many treasures to the GRWC tables.

### NEWS FROM THE CHIEF

Garden Ridge is a very unique and diverse community. Our uniqueness though can also bring unwanted attention to our neighborhoods. You may or may not have heard we recently had a few vehicles burglarized on Garden Ridge Drive. All of the vehicles were left unlocked in the driveway. The suspect in these cases did not break into vehicles but merely walked down the street checking doors and removing property from unlocked cars. All the vehicles were within one block. I have suspicions that the suspect is very familiar with this street. It happened during Spring Break and all within 1 block during a rainy night. These characteristics are not often seen from suspects who visit an area to commit crimes but more often when someone commits crimes in an area familiar to them.

Please remember that crimes are going to happen everywhere from time to time but by remembering a few simple steps we can minimize the effects these criminals have on our community. Don't leave valuables in your vehicles. Lock your vehicles and houses and turn on your porch or security lights during the night time hours. Criminals don't like to be seen and lights are the easiest way to deter them.

We do not have an epidemic here so please don't panic but try to take steps to ensure it is deterred from happening again. Should you have any information or hear anything that may be useful in solving these cases please contact either Inv. Spiller or the Police Chief either by phone or email.

### Invitation

Cub Scout Pack 828 would like to invite everyone to a tree dedication and a moment of silence in honor of late Mayor Andrew Dalton. Dedication will be held on Saturday, May 2nd at noon on the grounds of the City of Garden Ridge City Hall.

### Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission met on March 9, 2015. There were a total of 11 blasts in February. The highest ground vibration measured was .24 in/sec on February 11 and the highest air blast measured was 117.5 dB on February 4. All readings were within the criteria of City Ordinance 34. One citizen filed a Citizen Quarry Blast Impact Report for the blast on February 11.

A revised and more user-friendly Citizen Quarry Blast Impact Report can be found on the city's web site home page ([www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us](http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us)). The Commission encourages citizens to use the form to ask questions and report their concerns about the Quarry's blasting activities.

The next Quarry Commission meeting will be on April 13 at 7:00 pm. Citizens who wish to make a comment about a blast, have recommendations for the Quarry Commission, or are interested in the Quarry's blasting activities are encouraged to attend the April meeting.

**Significant Actions - March City Council Meeting**

- Approved Ordinance 11-032015 Permits and fees (see article)
- Approved the hiring of Steve Dennis as Patrol Officer
- Declaring unopposed Candidates for General Election and cancelled the May 9, 2015 City Election
- Discontinued the Dust and Noise Monitor at 9967 Trophy Oaks
- Received updates: CIP Project, CISD Activities, City Councilmember email address, Deer Management, and Trinity Wells #2

**Ordinance 11-032015**



The City Council amended this Ordinance for health and safety reasons. There is now a requirement for a permit to replace water heaters. The permit cost is free and the Water Manager will inspect the installation of the water heater to insure it was installed correctly. The City Council also realizes that water heaters fail at the most inconvenient time, so when those times occur, you can replace your water heater, but you will need to get a permit as soon as possible, so it can be inspected. For more information please contact Royce Goddard, Water Manager, (210)651-6632.

**SAVE OUR WATER**

By the Water Commission

**Load the Dishwasher.** Most newer, efficient dishwashers use much less water than washing by hand, make sure it's full to get the most out of your water.

**Use It Twice.** When you rinse produce, save the water to put on your plants.

**Xeriscape.** Design your landscaping to reduce the need for water. Try drought-tolerant plants like cacti and herbs that need less water, such as sage and thyme.

**Good to the Last Drop.** Use a rain barrel to collect water for your garden.

**Check for Efficiency.** Consider upgrading fixtures and appliances, such as toilets and washing machines, to water efficient models. Check with the City for rebates!

**Take It Outside.** Compost instead of using the garbage disposal, (you'll save water and reduce food waste).

**25 Gallons!** Approximately how much water you use taking a 10 minute shower. Aim for 5 minutes or less to save more than 300 gallons of water per month.

**Footnotes**

by Suzanne McCandless



The Easter Bunny will read stories for preschoolers at the Garden Ridge Library on Thursday, April 2, at 10:30AM, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

Our catalog has a new look. To reach it you need to go to the city website, [www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us](http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us) and follow the link to the library and the catalog. You will notice a string of books crawling across the page. These are the newest arrivals to our library, both hard copies and ebooks. If the movement annoys you, place your mouse on any book without clicking, and it will stop them. If you click on one which happens to be an ebook, you can download it directly from that window as long as your account has previously been logged onto. Hard copies can be reserved there as well, and you will see much information about it, sometimes even a summary.

Under the green column entitled "What's Hot," you can see the most popular books right now and a list of the new books. If a new book is highlighted in pink, it is already checked out, but you can reserve it by clicking on it. The "Visit Us" button on the turquoise line at the bottom has our hours. "Contact us" gives you the option of calling or emailing us as well as language choices. Once you get used to the new look, you will really enjoy using this catalog page.



**Picnic in the Park! Members Only Event**

On Tuesday, April 7, 2015, 11:30 – 1:00 pm. At GR City Park located near Grasscreek & Bluebell Dr.

Bring a sack lunch, enjoy the company of friends & neighbors & make new friends. Attendees are welcome to: Display their business and/or organization materials, share and demonstrate hobbies and crafts, bring plants, seeds and cuttings to swap and share, and simply enjoy a lovely afternoon and have fun (Please bring your own table, if needed). Tea, water & dessert provided, plus some really swell games & prizes! As this is a Members Only Event – anyone interested in joining the GRWC, please call Gail McLeod – 210-273-4787 -- Dues are only \$10, as we are winding down the year .

Questions? Call Kate Kohl – 210-912-9012 – [kate.kohl@yahoo.com](mailto:kate.kohl@yahoo.com);

**SAVE THE DATE!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

June 2nd, 2015 for an exciting GRWC Spring Luncheon.

Our GRWC Fashion show and business luncheon has changed from SEPTEMBER to JUNE and so has our location.

Mix & mingle with new friends and old, at 10:30 am, followed by a brief business meeting, awarding donations to our charities, and our famous fashion show, and lastly, installation of our new GRWC President, VP, and new board members!

Please join us at: OLYMPIA HILLS GOLF & EVENT CENTER 12900 Mt Olympus Drive, Universal City, TX.

**RSVP DEADLINE: MAY 25th**

**MEMBERS: \$15.00. NON-MEMBERS. \$20.00** Make checks payable to: GRWC and mail to: Diana Scott, 21916 Deer Canyon Dr, Garden Ridge, TX 78266. (210-651-3320)

**\*\*\*\*\*The GRWC will be starting our membership drive very soon. Details to follow.\*\*\*\*\***

**Communicating Everyone Does It**

Communicate with the City of Garden Ridge in person, phone, fax, email or even through website using citizen concerns link. Stay informed about the City of Garden Ridge through the Grapevine, Facebook, CTY Messages, City website, and City Council or Commission Meetings. Visit our website [www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.com](http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.com).



**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. 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.

**JOIN US**

**TRIUMPHANT LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**This Easter Season**

**APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>** Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service: 7:00 PM

**APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>** Good Friday Services: Noon & 7:00 PM

**APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>** Easter Vigil: 5:00 PM

**APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> - EASTER SUNDAY:**

Sunrise Service: 6:30 AM Traditional Service: 8:30 AM

Easter Breakfast: 7:15 AM & 9:45 AM

Easter Egg Hunt: 10:00 AM

Contemporary Service: 11:00 AM

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**Mother's Day Out Registration** for the 2015 Summer Session will begin on Wednesday, April 1, in Heimer Hall, and continue through the month of May. Registration for the Mother's Day Out 2015-2016 school year will begin on Wednesday, April 1, and continue throughout the month of August. We accept ages 6 weeks to 4 years.

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