



NOV 11  
**VETERANS' DAY**  
 Remember with great  
 gratitude and honor  
 all members of our  
 Armed Forces  
 Especially those who  
 fought & died serving  
 America!

# THE GRAPEVINE

NOW OVER 1,400 HOUSEHOLDS SERVED  
 The Newsletter of the City of Garden  
 Ridge

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November 2011

City Hall 651-6632 Lost Pet 651-6831 GRPD 651-6441

Non-emergency, after hours 651-6831



## Happy Thanksgiving !

### Coming Events:

- Nov 2 - City Council Meets 6 pm.
- Nov 6 - Daylight Savings Time ends.
- Nov 8 - Planning and Zoning Workshop 6 pm.
- Nov 8 - Election Day
- Nov 11 - Veteran's Day "Lest we forget" - City Offices Closed and Library Open
- Nov 14 - Quarry Commission meets 7 pm.
- Nov 17 - Planning and Zoning meets 6 pm.
- Nov 17 - GRCPAAA meets 7 pm - Community Center
- Nov 22 - Water Commission meets 6 pm.
- Nov 24 - Happy Thanksgiving City offices and Library closed.
- Nov 25 & 26 - City offices and Library closed.

**NOTE: Disposal of brush, metal/appliances and furniture, Holiday curbside trash and recycle schedule. (See Article)**

### FROM THE MAYOR

With the current world situation, the war on terror, our troops in harms way, etc., November 11th, Veterans Day takes on a regenerated meaning. This year on Veterans Day, make a conscious effort to pause and reflect on the meaning and significance of the day.

The observance was originally designated Armistice Day, the date which signified the end of WW I. Documents were signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. It was subsequently changed to Veterans Day to honor all who serve.

Honor all who are serving and have served to preserve the freedoms we enjoy. Please display the flag!

Have a great fall and thank you for allowing us to continue to move our city forward.

**Jay F. Feibelman**  
 Mayor

### WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

#### New Residents:

Porfirio Arreguin IV  
 Scott Oberneder  
 Ricky E. Spillman  
 James & Deborah Soloman



*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. Call 651-6831 for information.*



### SPOOKTACULAR EVENT!

The City of Garden Ridge along with several community organizations will host the 2011 Halloween Event.

This event is free to all with fun,

games, costume contest, tasty treats and the ever spooky haunted house. Everyone is invited October 29, 2011 from 7 - 9 PM at the Garden Ridge Community Center. If you are interested in helping, there are jobs for everyone from acting to leading tours through the haunted house, please contact Officer Spiller at 210-651-6441 or email [cid@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us](mailto:cid@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us).



### Disposal of Brush, Metal/Appliances and Furniture

Dumpsters for brush disposal will be provided on the following Saturdays and Sundays during the month of November: 5-6, 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27. Dumpsters will also be provided for the disposal of metal, appliances, furniture and wood. Disposal will only be allowed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. 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 located on Municipal Parkway. There will not be any trash or recycling collection on Thursday, November 24, 2011 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. There will not be any trash or recycling collection on Thursday, November 24, 2011 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

### A Day to Honor VETERANS at the Garden Ridge Library

As a way to honor our Veterans and Active Service People, the Library is sponsoring an open house on Friday, November 11, 2011. It will be held from 3-5 pm and light refreshments will be served. It is planned that we will have some singers and ask everyone to join in an old-fashioned singing of patriotic songs.

If you are a veteran or active in the military, we hope you will come so that we can thank you in a very small way for your service. If you have never served in the military, please come and help us honor our heroes.

**FREEDOM ISN'T FREE!**

### Homes Wanted

The city has rescued several wonderful dogs that need a home—2 small Chihuahuas, a small white Lab, medium brown Terrier and a beautiful Malamute mix. They are available for adoption from the City or foster through Homes for Pets. They need a home for the holidays. Call 651-6632 for details — all dogs will be vetted prior to going to their new homes.



### Garden Ridge Women's Club

#### Help Decorate the Community Center for Christmas

Come join us! Show us your decorating talents! The GRWC will be decorating our Community Center for the Holidays on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. We always have such a great time and what an opportunity to unleash your decorating talents. Last year we were so pleased with the results -- It looked absolutely beautiful. Drinks will be provided.

#### Cookbook News!

We have lowered the cost of our GRWC cookbook to \$10. This is a bargain, and a wonderful Christmas gift. They are available at the GR library or by calling Sharon Duemler at 651-0654.



### HOLIDAY PARADE OF HOMES

This year the Garden Ridge Women's Club will be hosting its first Holiday Parade of Homes on December 16<sup>th</sup> 2011, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM. So mark your calendar. To date, we have 6 individuals who have agreed to open their delightfully decorated homes to the Women's Club for display. Final details are still being worked out, but there will be maps available and refreshments for a minimal fee of \$10, which will be donated to our local charities. If you are interested in being part of the Holiday Parade of Homes by displaying your decorated home, please give Sharon Duemler a call at 651-0654. What a fun event, and great ideas to gain. More to come, so watch your e-mail.

## Significant City Council Actions in October

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation



### UPDATE: WORK SESSION:

- Public safety concerns in the Wild Wind Unit 3 Subdivision of Garden Ridge, Texas
- Water System Capital projects
- City of Garden Ridge 2010 Storm Water Master Plan
- Report on status of Schedule of Events in regards to proposed amendments to Ordinance 34

### APPROVED:

- Resolution 248-102011 designating the New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung as the official newspaper of the City of Garden Ridge
- Resolution 249-102011 nominating James Bower as a candidate for the Comal Appraisal District Board of Directors Election
- Government/Municipal/Public Funds Bank Resolutions to update authorized signatories on all accounts of the City of Garden Ridge held with American Bank of Texas, N.A.
- Ordinance 165-102011 granting an electric and gas franchise to City Public Service (CPS Energy)
- Ordinance 22-102011 regulating traffic on streets, roads, and highways within the City of Garden Ridge by establishing stop sign locations and placement of traffic control devices; establishing speed limits and placement of traffic control devices; establishing no parking zones; and regulating and requiring permits for certain assemblages and processions. Amending Ordinance 22-092010 passed and approved September 1, 2010
- Continuing collection of Public Education and Government (PEG) facility fees through Time Warner Cable franchise authority

### Continuing Fire Danger

Even though we have received some rain, dry conditions persist. Use extreme caution with outdoor grills, and, particularly with cold weather coming, "fire pits". One spark can ignite a catastrophic fire.

### Constitutional Election November 8

There will be a Statewide Constitutional Amendment Election on Tuesday, November 8. There are 10 amendments on the ballot. Voting will be from 7:00AM to 7:00PM at the Garden Ridge Community Center (not City Hall). Sample ballots available in the library.

### Signs of Blood Clots and Strokes

**STROKE:** Remember the first 3 letters...**S.T.R.**

#### Recognizing A Stroke

Thank God for the sense to remember the "3" steps, Read and Learn.

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking these simple questions:

**S** \* Ask the individual to SMILE.

**T** \* Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE "coherently".

**R** \* Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher..

**NEW SIGN OF A STROKE** ——— **STICK OUT YOUR TONGUE**

When the person sticks out their tongue if it is "crooked" (goes to one side or the other) that is also an indication of a stroke.

### Garden Ridge Elementary PTA Holiday Bazaar

On Saturday, December 3rd from 10 am to 2 pm, Garden Ridge Elementary PTA will be hosting a Holiday Bazaar. There will be a small silent auction (in the cafeteria), a marketplace (in the gym), and kid's activities (free of charge)! Hope to see everyone there for this great event. Please contact Jill Creel, creelsjc@gmail.com, with any questions.

## GARDEN RIDGE LIONS CLUB THANK YOU !!



On behalf of the Garden Ridge Lions' Club, I thank everyone in the community who helped make our annual Fish Fry, BBQ, and Auction a great success. Because of your generous participation, we will be able to continue many important services to our community. The Lions in our club could not achieve our civic and humanitarian goals without the support of our entire community.

Last year we were able to provide Christmas groceries and gifts to many needy families, scholarships to local high school graduates and Texas Lions Camp counselors. We are major contributors to the Texas Lions Camp for Disabled Children in Kerrville, and Lions Club International, which is the leader in providing blindness prevention services, leader dogs for the blind, diabetes prevention and research and many other services. We also support other local organizations such as the Bracken Fire Department, Boy Scouts, Garden Ridge Library, Texas Boys and Girls State and many others.

Thanks to all of you who donated and volunteered to work before, during and after the Fish Fry, BBQ, and Auction. We could not pull off an event of this magnitude without everyone's help. For membership information, contact Dick Vogt at 651-5894.

The planning process has already begun for next year's event which is scheduled to be held the first Saturday in October at the Garden Ridge Community Center. See Ya There!

Wayne Tyson  
President  
Garden Ridge Lions Club

### Guaranteed Income Planning Event

Please join us at Forest Waters Country Club on November 15th from 6:00-8:00pm for a presentation on Guaranteed Income with guest speakers from Edward Jones and Lincoln Financial. Please RSVP to Elsa Cranford at 210-651-1742. Limited seating.

### Your Garden Ridge State Farm Agent Marlenn Guerra Invites you to Donate to the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center Blood Drive

As we start the month of November and take out our long sleeved blouses and sweaters, it's also time to roll up those sleeves and give to those in need. In October we recognized Breast Cancer Awareness. As a daughter to four generations of Breast Cancer Survivors I personally realize the importance of Blood Donations. On Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, we are asking the residents of Garden Ridge to tell their friends and family that we will be having a blood drive to help those in need. In the winter months there is an increase in need. We want to encourage residents to come out to help. To sign up please call 210-651-3717 or email [marlenn.guerra.r5e3@statefarm.com](mailto:marlenn.guerra.r5e3@statefarm.com)

### Library Footnotes

By Lynne Dean

We are slowly building our audio CD collection with the following new titles: "Grant Comes East: a Novel of the Civil War" by Newt Gingrich and William Forstchen, "Full Black" by Brad Thor, "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosney, "To Kill a Mockingbird" the 50th anniversary edition, by Harper Lee, "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese, and "Dreams of Joy" and "Shanghai Girls" by Lisa See.

New DVD's added to our collection include the BluRay versions of "Kingdom of Heaven", and "Pirates of the Carribean: At World's End". Also new are "Voyage of the Dawn Treader", and "Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story", a fascinating account of an African-American brain surgeon who separated Siamese twins.

Santa's visit to the library for storytime is set for Saturday December 10th, so mark your calendars for this annual popular event. Don't forget November 5 – Authors' Book Signing  
November 11 – Veterans' Day Celebration



### Book Signing Event

On Saturday November 5th, the library will be hosting another book signing event featuring two of Garden Ridge's own authors. From 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. We will hear from Denise Britan about her children's book "Harry Meets Sam", a charming book about a boy in Slapout, Alabama. It is illustrated by her son Jeff. Bob Doerr, who spent 28 years as a Special Agent with the AFOSI, has brilliantly drawn from his own investigative and forensic experiences in developing the intriguing character of Jim West, in "Loose Ends Kill". A murder is solved in San Antonio. Please come by and meet these authors and have some fun and refreshments, too!