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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

September 2015

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September



Coming Events

- Sep 2nd City Council meets, 6pm
- Sep 7th City Offices and Library will be closed
- Sep 14th Quarry Commission meets, 7pm
- Sep 15th Planning and Zoning Commission meets, 6pm
- Sep 16th Lunch-n-Learn: "What's Missing From Your Pantry?"
Library @ noon
- Sep 17th Learn the new voting machine, 2pm (see article)
- Sep 24th Deer Management Meeting, 6pm (see article)
- Sep 22nd Water Commission meets, 6pm

Dumpster Weekends- Sept. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27

NOTE: All meetings subject to change!

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents

TINA BROCK	BRIAN CRANLEY
JONATHAN & CHRISTA ELZA	RICHARD & NIKKI FLORES
JAMES & ANGELA HAMILTON	GARY & JO MARIE LARREW
JASON LOWRIMORE	NANCY ROBLES
MICHAEL & DEBORAH NIELSEN	DAVID WARNKE
JEFFREY & ARACELI SCHRANTZ	MARK T WOOD
JEREMIAH & LEANNA MCKINNEY	
JEFFREY & DALE RAGLAND	
MATTHEW & LISETT TOMPKINS	
JOSEPH BAMBOLA & DEIDRE NGUYEN-DO	

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 Hearings

City Council Meeting September 2, 2015 @ 6:00pm
Annexation of a portion of 170.14 acre tract of land located in the Daphne Development, commonly known as the Woodlands at Garden Ridge, Texas.

Significant Actions - August City Council Meeting

August 5, 2015 Regular Meeting

- Proposed a Tax Rate of \$0.3002 for 2015 tax year
- Approved a water bill adjustment for water leak
- Approved a resignation of Police Officer Robert Acosta
- Approved banking resolutions
- Announced Public Hearing dates for 2015 Tax Rate and 2016 Budget (see article)
- Held the following discussion:
 - Christmas Decorations with community involvement
 - Hand-held mobile communication devices ordinance
- Received the following updates:

CIP Project 2015	Deer Management Committee
Garden Ridge Parks Committee	MS4 Permit

Mayor's Desk

The summer is over and children are back at school. Please watch for children getting on and off the bus. Thanks to everyone who filled out the Parks survey – the response was much higher than we expected. We got a lot of good ideas and a lot to think about. We will keep you posted as the Parks Committee moves forward. Just a reminder, we have a Citizen Concern Form on our website. It is easy to use, but does require you to set up an account on our tracking system – but even that is relatively painless. The form allows you to input concerns and issues that you may have. And don't forget to sign up for the Notify Me service. It is a great way to keep up with all that is going on in the City. Finally, mark your calendars now for early October events - the Lions Club Fish Fry, BBQ and Auction (Oct. 3), National Night Out (Oct. 6) and the Women's Club Holiday Marketplace (Oct. 10).

Have a great fall!
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Veterans Services

Veterans Services will not be in Garden Ridge on September 16, 2015. They will be here to assist you on October 21, 2015 from 9am-3pm.

Deer Management

Please don't feed the deer! According to Texas Parks and Wildlife, feeding the deer increases their reproductive success rate by 50-80%, resulting in overpopulation. In 2008 our city public works removed 70 deer carcasses from our roads and properties, by 2014 this number had risen to 312. The city is currently working on a deer management program. Your input is valuable! Please attend one of the deer management meetings or contact the city with your concerns.

Stormwater Runoff and Pollution

The City of Garden Ridge is asking that you take the time to complete the Public Survey regarding stormwater. You can complete the form provided in your utility bill or complete the form online <http://tx-gardenridge.civicplus.com/FormCenter/Surveys-6/Stormwater-Runoff-and-Pollution-Public>

News from Comal County

Thursday, July 23, 2015 Comal County Commissioners approved seven appointments to the Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District. The directors will be responsible for establishing a conservation plan for the Trinity Aquifer in Comal County and regulating the wells that tap into it. They are:

- Larry Hull, Spring Branch
- Jim Bower, Garden Ridge
- Clinton Dietert, New Braunfels
- H.L. Saur, Spring Branch
- Larry Sunn, Bulverde
- David Davenport, New Braunfels

Police Department

The Garden Ridge Police Department will be joining agencies across the State of Texas in celebrating National Night Out on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 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 2015 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.



NEW ELECTION EQUIPMENT

Comal County has purchased new election equipment-eSlate Voting System. Come join us on September 17, 2015 at 2pm in City Council Chambers for cookies, punch and the opportunity to learn about the new voting machines.

Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission met on August 10, 2015 and discussed the 12 blasts that occurred in July. The highest ground vibration measured was .255 in/sec on July 20 and the highest air blast measured was 113.3 dB on July 29. All readings were lower than last month and were below the City's Blasting Ordinance limits. One citizen filed a blast report for a blast on July 20. That blast, which was discussed during the June Quarry Commission meeting, was below the City's Blasting Ordinance limits, and, as noted by the citizen, the effects of the blast were minor.

The Quarry Commission has an opening for a citizen to serve on the Commission. If you are interested in helping your community and working with the Quarry Commission to limit the effects of blasts in Garden Ridge, please contact City Hall or one of the Quarry Commissioners.

The Quarry Commission is considering meeting on a less frequent basis. If you have any comments or a recommendation about how often the Commission should meet, please contact City Hall or one of the Quarry Commissioners.

We encourage citizens to file a blast report if they have a question about a blast or wish to document the effect of the blast. You may file a report by calling City Hall (210) 651-6632, completing the on-line Citizen Blast Report Form, or printing the Citizen Blast Form and submitting the Form to City Hall via email, mail, fax, or in person. (The forms may be found on the City's Web Site, under the Quick Links section (<http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/>))

The next Quarry Commission meeting will be on September 14 at 7:00 pm. Citizens who wish to make a comment about a blast, learn about blasting and its effects, or have an input for the Commission are encouraged to attend the September meeting.



HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

Mark your calendars for our annual Holiday Marketplace

Saturday, October 10, 2015, from 10:00 am – 4:00 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 handmade quilt and, of course, lots of food. **Vendors, we still have a few outside spaces left.** Contact Gail McLeod at grwcmarketplace@gmail.com or (210) 273-4787. **We need donated items for the silent auction.** Contact Jeanie Springer at jbbk01@yahoo.com, or (210)-651-3175, 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 Tanya Haddad at (210) 651-9241 or mimitn7@yahoo.com. All profits from this event will be donated to local charities.



Please come out and join us for some great fun, food & friendship at the **43rd Annual Fish Fry, BBQ, and Auction** on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at the Garden Ridge

Community Center on F.M. 3009.

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 Baskets and Christmas toys for needy families; and scholarships.

Activities:

- Dinner served 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 6:30 p.m. Super Raffle following Live Auction

Your valued support is very much appreciated.

Library Footnotes

The Library has a nice selection of new non-fiction books. Sometimes, people don't get past the first few rows of books, which are all fiction. While many of us like rousing adventure stories, some of the true-life stories are every bit as exciting, if not more so. Check out titles such as **Team of Teams, The Billion Dollar Spy, Being Mortal**, and even a short history of **Comal County**. But, whether you like fiction or true stories, you'll be sure to find something great to read here.

Christmas in July was a great success, thanks to wonderful, generous patrons. However, don't forget that it's a program which continues all year long. Whenever you have a special occasion or wish to honor someone in some way, think about buying a **Bookplate** for only \$25. Your name, along with the name of the honoree, will appear on a bookplate in the front of a book of your choosing, or you may leave the choice up to us.

Our prolific local author, **Bob Doerr**, has just completed his third children's book. It is part of the **Enchanted Coin Series**. That makes 9 books for him. Congratulations, Bob!

September is National Get Your Library Card Month

Thank You

The Garden Ridge Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association want to thank the bidders and the sponsors of the silent auction for their participation at the 4th of July celebration. When you are shopping in Garden Ridge, Bracken, Schertz, Cibolo, Marion, New Braunfels, Bryan, Live Oak, Selma, San Antonio or Branson, Missouri stop by and say thank you to the supporters of our organization. We could not have done this without you. Thank you to the following vendors: A Shop Around the Corner, Animal World & Snake Farm, American Bank, Anytime Fitness, Artistic Counters, Bill Miller Bar-B-Q, BJ's Brewhouse, Jupe Mills aka Bracken Feed & Seed, Carino's Italian, Chick-Fil-A, Christian Brothers Automotive, Chuy's, Claire's Sweet Treats, Confident Defense, Cooper's Old Time Bar B Q, Dry Comal Creek Vineyards, Encanto Mexican Restaurant, Garcia's Mexican Food, Garden Ridge Animal Hospital, Garden Ridge Police Department, Gg's Corner Café, Hanson Aggregates, Harmon's Barbecue, HEB, IHOP San Antonio, Interstate All Battery Center, J & R Gymnastics, Just Friends Custom Framing, Keller Material Limited, Kiobassa Provision Co., Lakeside Golf Club, Laser Legend, Little Caesars Pizza, Loka Studios, Massage Heights, Messina Hof Winery & Resort, Mindful Living Counseling, Midas, Moe Bandy, Montana Mike's Steakhouse, Natural Bridge Caverns, New Braunfels Smokehouse, Panera Bread, Paw Prints Grooming & Boarding, Raising Cane's, Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union, Red Lobster, Renown Auto Restoration, Rockin' R River Rides, SAS Shoes, Schulz Nursery, Sea Island Shrimp House, Sea World, Spurs Sports and Entertainment, The Voller Law Firm, Weber Autowerks, Wildflower Barn, Wittie Museum, Woods Cycle Country. Thanks again and see you next year.