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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

August 2011

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## Summer Fun !



### Coming Events:

- 2 Aug — National Night Out in Garden Ridge (See Article)
  - 3 Aug — City Council meets, 6 pm
  - 8 Aug — Quarry Commission meets, 7 pm
  - 9 Aug — Planning & Zoning Workshop, 6 pm
  - 18 Aug — Planning & Zoning meets, 6 pm
  - 23 Aug — Water Commission meets, 6 pm
- NOTE: All meetings subject to change!

### Significant Past Events in August

- 6 Aug 1945 — First atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan
- 9 Aug 1945 — Second atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan
- 14 Aug 1945 — World War II Pacific hostilities end

### FROM THE MAYOR

Another 4th of July and the opportunity to celebrate and recognize our great nation. A large crowd this year, possibly a record and a parade that stretched a block and a half. Thanks to all who participated. Many thanks to those who made it happen. The GRPD, Public Works, GRCPAAA, Women's Club, Pack 828, "Three Hits and a Miss" Quartet — Indeed a team effort!

As I write this, water again is a pressing issue. A reminder, the Edwards Aquifer is our backup water source and during times such as this drought, we call upon it to supplement our water supply. By using one gallon of Edwards water, it subjects us to drought management and restrictions. As always, we will get through this bad period. Water usage, however, has been astronomical. What is particularly troublesome is the fact that usage on weekends is as much as weekdays, and in some cases more. Please help. Water wisely and conservatively.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer. Play carefully and drive safely.



**Jay F. Feibelman**  
Mayor

### WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

#### New Residents:

- John & Vanessa Hale
- Attila Hertelendy
- Malcom & Mary Huston
- Debra Lefforge
- Jeanie Oliphant
- Curtis & Tama Sanders
- Mary Vera
- Joseph & Stephanie Winkler



*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.*

### Comal Independent Schools Registration Garden Ridge Elementary

Aug 9, 10, 11 from 8 am to 4 pm

Comal Middle School

Aug 8, 9, 10

Comal High School

Aug 1- 4 New Registration: Aug 8-11 Returning Registration

See [www.comalisd.org](http://www.comalisd.org) for information required for registration. Minimum documentation includes:

Two documents showing proof of residency; Immunization record from doctor or previous school; Unofficial transcript or last report card; Birth Certificate; Social security number (optional); and Custody papers if applicable.

### DROUGHT!

During this period of extreme drought each month the top 50 water users are reviewed. During the period of June and July, the high user was 418,000 gallons 18 users over 100,000 gallons. Number 50 used 73,000 gallons. The average is about 30,000. Thought you would like to know.

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The City of Garden Ridge, the Garden Ridge Police Department, the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, the American Bank of N.A as well as your local Ameriprise Financial Advisors are sponsoring the 9<sup>th</sup> National Night Out, Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at our Community Center from 7PM-9PM.



DigiKids will again be sponsored by Ameriprise Financial Advisors, Doris Dollar and Ivan Friend. DigiKids is an organization that finger prints and photographs children and puts this information into a National Data base incase the child is lost. Ameriprise has been sponsoring this organization for the benefit of our children in our area for years. We are very grateful of their continued support. Come to National Night Out and avail your children of these services.

We will have a magician, face painter and other activities as well as free food and drink. There will be many local organizations as well as City and County representatives. Come see what is available to you and your family.

Garden Ridge Elementary will be having an Open House in conjunction with our National Night Out. Come and see what our city has to offer.

### Quarry Commission Happenings

On July 12, 2011, the Quarry Commission met in joint session with the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City's attorney to discuss the proposed Ordinance 34 (the blasting ordinance). Both Commissions agreed the "land use" issues that were included in the draft Ordinance 34 should be included in Ordinance 13 (the zoning ordinance) and Ordinance 34 would only govern blasting activity. On July 18, 2011, the Quarry Commission met for its regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The Commission reviewed the blasting data for the seven blasts in June, none of which were statistically remarkable. If you wish to complain about a blast or have comments for the Quarry Commission, contact City Hall at 651-6632 or visit the City's web site, where you will find the Citizens' Blast Report. If you are interested in having a seismograph placed on your property or would like to serve on the Quarry Commission, please contact City Hall. Citizens are encouraged to attend the next regularly scheduled Quarry Commission meeting which will be held on August 8, 2011 at 7 pm.



## QUICK NOTES



- If a citizen has an item they feel should be addressed by the City Council, please call the City Administrator, Nancy Cain at 651-6632 or email — [administrator@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us](mailto:administrator@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us).
- The Mayor, Council Members and staff are always accessible to citizens. All are listed in the Garden Ridge Phone book and email addresses are available.
- Please, as you walk your pets, carry means to clean up any unwanted deposits. The city receives several complaints per month.
- If your pet is missing check with the City and County as soon as possible to see if the animal has been picked up or reported. Also watch the City sign. Prompt action can return the animals safely.

**City of Garden Ridge 651-6831**  
**New Braunfels Humane Society 1-830-629-5287**  
**Comal County Animal Control 1-830-608-2016**

- A very nice dedication ceremony was held on 15 July to kick off the construction of a "Homes for our Troops". The home is being built for MSgt Daniel Robles and his family. Sgt Robles lost both legs in Iraq. We thank him for his dedication and service to country and welcome the family to Garden Ridge.

### Join the Garden Ridge Women's Club!

The Garden Ridge Women's Club is an unincorporated organization whose purpose is to promote civic improvements, charitable activities, and social interaction for the benefit of the citizens of the City of Garden Ridge and surrounding areas.

**Enjoy monthly special interest groups:** Book Club, Knotty Knotters, Lunch Bunch, Bridge Club, Bunco Club, Dining In/Dining Out, and more.

**Events:** Luncheon & Style Show, Holiday Marketplace, HEB Cooking Class, Gardening Event, and more.

**And special projects:** Helping Hands Community Outreach and Informal Day Trips.

Dues are \$20 for the 2011-2012 year. Renewal forms have been mailed to current GRWC members—thanks to all who have sent in your dues. If you would like to join, please mail your check with contact information to:

Judi Hanna  
13622 Hercules Lane,  
Universal City, TX 78148;

Or for more information,  
Contact Judi at: 210-658-0819 or [judihanna@satx.rr.com](mailto:judihanna@satx.rr.com)

### GARDEN RIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB



It's time again for the annual GRWC Luncheon and Fashion Show!  
Mark your calendars for **Thursday, September 22, 2011.**

Members, make your reservations **now** for this big event and bring a friend or a new member. You don't want to miss the great location, food, fashions, fun, and door prizes!

**La Fontana Springs** will prepare a fabulous lunch for us and **2 P's Boutique** will provide beautiful fall fashions for us to preview!

Location: La Fontana Springs

27618 Natural Bridge Caverns Rd  
(Just north of Natural Bridge Caverns Wildlife Ranch)  
Ph: 210-833-8304

Cost: Members \$23.00  
Non-members \$28.00

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (10:30-11:00 – gather to visit with old & new friends)

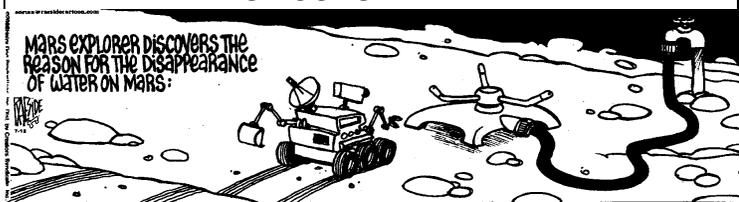
Please make check payable to GRWC and send to:

Diana Scott  
21916 Deer Canyon Dr  
Garden Ridge, TX 78266

Questions: Contact Diana Scott at 651-3320, [vadiana44@yahoo.com](mailto:vadiana44@yahoo.com)  
or Missy Lantzy at 651-3531, [mmlantzy@hotmail.com](mailto:mmlantzy@hotmail.com)

RSVP & Checks must be received by September 15th, 2011

### PLEASE CONSERVE WATER!



## Significant City Council Actions in July:

### Update:

- Update on Homes For Our Troops home build occurring on July 15-17 in the City of Garden Ridge



### Presentation:

- Presentation by River City Engineering of the City of Garden Ridge Storm Water Master Plan and possible action on schedule of future review, discussions and public hearing on aforementioned
- Report on status of Schedule of Events in regards to proposed amendments to Ordinance 34
- Report on status of Water System Capital Projects

### Approved:

- City Water Commission recommendation on request from Rodney Appar, 21034 Cristobal, for a variance to the Demand Reduction Measures of Ordinance 61-062011 to be allowed to wash vehicle on weekends with washing of vehicle in grass and use of automatic shut-off nozzle
- City Water Commission recommendation on proposal from Keith Zars Pools to transfer leased water rights to the City of Garden Ridge and be granted building permits for swimming pools during Demand Reduction Measure Stages
- City Water Commission recommendation on request for variance from Cody Pools for a variance to the Demand Reduction Measures of Ordinance 61-062011 for the construction of two (2) swimming pools (truck in water)
- City Water Commission recommendation on request from Roy Evans, 20512 Wahl Lane, for an adjustment to his April water bill for excessive usage and undetermined cause of usage
- City Water Commission recommendation to amend Ordinance 61-062009, Section 4.04, Water Rate Surcharges
- Ordinance 61-062011 establishing the Drought Management Plan for the City of Garden Ridge; providing definitions, establishing trigger points for Stages 1 through 5, restricting the use of water upon implementation of specific stages of said plan; establishing water surcharge rates for Stages 3 through 5 of said plan; providing a variance procedure; providing a penalty clause; providing for severability and providing an effective date and amending Ordinance No. 61-062009 adopted June 23, 2009
- City Quarry Commission recommendation on resignation of Andrew Dalton as Quarry Commissioner effective May 23, 2011 due to election to City Council
- City Quarry Commission recommendation on appointment of James Morgan as Quarry Commissioner to fill the unexpired term of Andrew Dalton with term of office expiring September 30, 2012
- Appointment of Garden Ridge Police Department Corporal Dan Bellinger as Interim Sergeant effective July 7, 2011 and retroactive Sergeant's pay to March 1, 2011
- Bexar Metro 9-1-1 Network Fiscal Year 2012 Proposed Budget in accordance with Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 772.309
- The Comal Appraisal District 2012 Approved Budget in accordance with Section 6.06(b) of the Texas Property Code
- Letter of retirement from City Secretary Yolanda Benitez effective September 30, 2011

## LIBRARY FOOTNOTES

By

Suzanne McCandless



National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, 2011, will also find the Garden Ridge Library sponsoring a BIG SALE. Time has come to clean out the sale room with some very special prices. People who still have a cassette player can get some very inexpensive audio books.

We need you to help us, too.

First, SIGN UP. If you are a vet or if you know a vet who did not sign up for our WALL OF HONOR on Veteran's Day, we would like you to add your name or the name of a loved one to the list.

Second, MAKE A SUGGESTION. We want our collection to reflect the reading desires of our community. So please give us the names of authors, titles, subjects, movies, or audio books which you would like to see on our shelves. We will do our best to see that they magically appear there soon!

Third, VOLUNTEER. We are particularly looking for teenagers who need community service hours. We ask that you are at least 15 years old, are punctual and responsible, and are willing to commit to 4 hours per month on a Saturday for at least six months.

Thanks to a wonderful donation, you will find 22 new audio books (CDs) on the shelves. Nine of these are James Patterson books and two are Patricia Cromwell, with the rest just as promising.

Many readers like to get into a series of books and we try to accommodate this trait in readers.

Because of a suggestion, we have added a new series of 7 books by C. J. Box about Joe Pickett a Wyoming game warden. Another new series is the Restoration novels by Terri Blackstock who writes Suspense/Christian books.

An exciting new series of four books for young adults by Ally Carter introduces Cammie Morgan, a teenage spy. The first one is I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You.

As Harry Potter, books and movies, wrap up, it is time to introduce a new series to the elementary set. Fortunately, we have just the next new thing in the 39 CLUES SERIES. These books (11 so far) are each written by a different outstanding children's author (Rick Riordan, Linda See, etc.) Follow the Cahills through the books and play the game on line.

On the shelves reserved for new books you will find the latest Anne Perry, Shoulder the Sky, a novel set in World War I and a new to us Henning Mankell, The Man Who Smiled. One non-fiction that caught my eye is Heaven Is For Real by Todd Burpo, the story of Todd's 4 year old son, Colton, who has some remarkable things to say after a life threatening surgery. Come see us at the library soon, and Happy Reading!