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HAPPY 39TH BIRTHDAY GARDEN RIDGE!!

ANNUAL 4th OF JULY PARTY AND PARADE

You are cordially invited to participate and attend the annual City of Garden Ridge Party and Parade at the Paul Davis Park on Monday, July 4th.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Gather	9:30 AM
Flag Raising	10:00 AM
Parade	10:20 AM
Food	10:45 - 2:00 PM
Activities throughout	



This year some of the activities include:

- First annual Raingutter Regatta (Pack 828) 11:30 AM
- Children's activities: NE Bible Church 12:00 till 2:00 PM
- The parade route: Depart the park, Grass Creek to Blazing Star Trail to Timber Rose to Teakwood to Sorrell, right on Bluebell to the park.
- Food — Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Bratwurst, chips, bake sale, snocones, roast corn
- Decorations by Garden Ridge Womens Club; "Three Hits and a Miss" Barbershop Quartet; Food and drinks by GRCPAAA
- Drinks

Coming Events:

- 2-3 Jul — Dumpsters on Municipal Parkway (See article)
- 4 Jul — Independence Day Party and Parade at the Park.
- 6 Jul — City of Garden Ridge 39th Birthday; City Council meets, 6 pm
- 9 -10 Jul — Dumpsters on Municipal Parkway (See article)
- 11 Jul — Quarry Commission meets, 7 pm
- 12 Jul — Planning and Zoning Workshop, 6 pm
- 16-17 Jul — Dumpsters on Municipal Parkway (See article)
- 21 Jul — Planning and Zoning meets, 6 pm
- 21 Jul — GRCPAAA meets, 7 pm
- 23-24 Jul — Dumpsters on Municipal Parkway (See article)
- 26 Jul — Water Commission meets, 6 pm

From the Mayor

As I write this, South Texas is in the midst of one of the worst droughts in its history. I sincerely hope it has rained by the time this newsletter is distributed. My family and I have personally, while on active duty overseas, lived through two summers of drought when water was, in fact, shut off! In the 1950's the water in San Antonio was shut off and citizens went to fire stations to get water needed for basic necessities. It's not pleasant and I sincerely hope it never occurs again. I realize investment and effort in landscaping and personally do all possible to protect same. However if it, and I pray it does not come down to the choice of landscape, drinking water, bathing, sanitation and cooking, the choice is clear. The sky isn't falling - yet, but think about it. We reside on the edge of a desert, in a semi-arid part of the country, so all should pitch in and conserve. Have a safe and productive summer, pray for rain, and together we'll get through this!

Jay Feibelman
Mayor

GARDEN RIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



The Garden Ridge Women's Club 2011-2012 Membership Drive is now under way, and we are looking forward to welcoming new members, as well as keeping our current members. We plan to continue many of our traditional activities and special interest groups, but are always open to new ideas and fresh input.

If you are interested in joining our club or are already a member and have any questions, please contact our Membership Chairman, Judi Hanna, 210-658-0819. Dues are only \$20 per year, and the new year is June 1, 2011 - May 31, 2012. Membership renewal forms have been mailed to current members. Please return them by July 1, 2011, along with your check for \$20 payable to GRWC to:

Judi Hanna
13622 Hercules Ln.
Universal City, TX 78148.

State Rep. Doug Miller to Speak in Garden Ridge

The Garden Ridge Republican Club will hold its regular meeting on Monday, July 11, at 7 pm in the Bluebonnet Room at the Community Center. Our special Guest Speaker will be Rep. Miller who will discuss the recent Legislative session. This is a great opportunity to hear first hand what is happening in Austin. Everyone is invited whether members or not. Call Charlie Flink at 651-6631 if you have questions.

GARDEN RIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB Annual Fall Fashion Show and Business Luncheon

Ladies prepare yourselves for an afternoon at the Springs!

GRWC is requesting your attendance for the annual 2011 Fall Business Luncheon and Fashion Show. This year we will have an exciting new venue for the luncheon. We have chosen La Fontana Springs for this year's event, located on Natural Bridge Caverns Road.

As in the past there will be our traditional Fashion show, door prizes, member recognition and more importantly, a time to become reacquainted with new and old members of the GRWC.

Space is limited so make your reservations early!

Members \$23.00 - Non-members \$28.00.

Please send check, payable to GRWC to:

Diana Scott
21916 Deer Canyon Drive
Garden Ridge, TX 78266
Ph: 210-651-3320

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

Bracken United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School
It will be held July 11-15, from 9 AM to 12:15 PM. Registration forms available at the church office - 20377 FM 2252. Questions? Please call 830-606-6717. Come and be part of the PandaMania!



PLEASE CONSERVE WATER !!



QUICK NOTES

- The Garden Ridge Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (GRCPAAA) meets Thursday, 21 July at 7 PM in the Community Center Blue Bonnet Room
- Fireworks are illegal in Garden Ridge. No tolerance policy!
- Help retain moisture in your yard by cutting grass at a high level .
- Rather than write anonymous letters, wouldn't it be more productive to discuss a problem?



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 9th 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 photograph's 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 and 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.

CAN WE FIND YOU?

When an emergency happens, it is one thing to *easily and quickly* provide your house number to the 9-1-1 dispatcher. It is another for emergency responders to *easily and quickly* locate your house because YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR HOUSE NUMBERS PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED! It is especially difficult to find you at night or during inclement weather. However, you can *easily and quickly* remedy that.

The Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (GRCPAAA) and the Bracken VFD are working together to encourage all folks in the Garden Ridge area to purchase and display the reflective blue address signs for their houses, if they have not already done so. These signs not only help your police and fire departments to find you but also EMS, the gas company, electric company, water department, animal control, etc. In some cases, it can mean the difference between life and death.

Contact Bracken VFD to order your sign today. You can call the fire house at 651-5762 or go by the fire station at 23600 FM 3009. **The cost is \$20, but the benefits to you and your family are priceless!**

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents:

Mark & Teresa Anderson	Jerry & Janet Blanchard
Mary Ann Brown	Dean & Brittany Dimmitt
Karen Eckart	Leonard & Monica Hampel, Jr..
Nathaniel & Jennifer Jeske	Amber Leroy
Patrick & Kim McCormick	James & Sarah Meyers III
Andrew & Rebecca Sasseville	Michael & Sharon Sharp
Aaron Swancey	



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 initially registered and each January thereafter. Call 651-6831 for information.

Quarry Commission Happenings

On June 13, 2011, the Quarry Commission met for its regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The Commission reviewed the blasting data for the eight blasts in May, none of which were statistically remarkable. A resident of Georg Ranch, did complain about the blasts which occurred on May 19 and May 24. As requested by the citizen, a seismograph will be placed at her home for the next month. The Commission then discussed, at length, how to better communicate with the citizens of Garden Ridge. Commissioner Blades offered to talk to the Georg Ranch Homeowners Association at its annual meeting later in June. The Commission also made tentative plans for a fall town hall meeting which will focus on educating the citizenry about quarry operations and answering the citizens' questions regarding blasting. One citizen who attended the meeting questioned the value of the draft Ordinance 34 which the Commission recommended to the City. The significant changes to Ordinance 34 include: restricting the hours for blasting more than the current ordinance; establishing a minimum distance from citizens' property, where none exists with the current ordinance; adding limits to air blasts, where none exist now; and establishing ground vibration limits that are approximately half of the federal standard and 1/6th of the current ordinance's limit. 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.

Significant City Council Actions in June

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation by representatives of Garden Ridge Magazine to Chief Donna O'Conner
- Presentation to Bobby Roberts to honor his dedicated service to the City of Garden Ridge as Councilman, Place 2 from May 1999 to May 2011

UPDATES

- Public safety concerns in the Wild Wind Unit 3 Subdivision of Garden Ridge
- Water and/or drought management
- Update on FM 3009 construction project
- Report on water system capital projects

APPROVED

- City Water Commission recommendation to amend Ordinance 61-062009, Section 4.04, Water Rate Surcharges
- Ordinance 61-062011 establishing a drought management plan for the City of Garden Ridge; providing definitions, establishing trigger points for Stages 1 through 5, restricting use of water on 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.
- Nomination and appointment of Mayor Pro-tem for a term of one year for the City of Garden Ridge; Russ Sanders
- Proposed settlement agreement in City of Garden Ridge v. Richter

DISAPPROVED

- Request from Regency Oaks Homeowners Association for the City of Garden Ridge to take over financial responsibility for seven (7) street lights within the Regency Oaks subdivision

CARS / TRUCKS / MOTORBIKES / CLASSICS NEEDED FOR JULY 4TH SHOW

Show off your classic, special interest, or prized cars/trucks/motorbikes, etc. at the City of Garden Ridge annual 4th of July celebration in the city park.

Reserved parking spaces will be provided. Call Gary Stegman at 651-5528 or Jack Cook at 651-4082 for information.



Disposal of Brush, Metal/Appliances and Furniture

Dumpsters for brush disposal will be provided on the following Saturdays and Sundays during the month of July: 2-3, 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24. Dumpsters will also be provided for the disposal of metal/appliances and furniture. 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.

Animal Control

The city continues to pick up many dogs, and cats. Some are obviously drop-offs, feral, etc. However, many appear to have owners - collars, fixed, well kept - but for some reason we get few calls for lost animals. If you are missing your cat or dog, call 651-6831 to see if they have been impounded by the city. City registration tags on your pet assures its quick return.

Library Footnotes

By Lynne Dean

Our hot, dry summer is in full swing. Several of our young volunteers have left for bigger adventures, thus leaving us short staffed on Saturdays. Therefore, until further notice, the library will be closing at 1:00 pm on Saturdays. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please call the library during open hours. Please remember the library will be closed on July 4th.

We have acquired three new unabridged audiobooks:

Greg Iles, Third Degree; Lisa Kleypas, Blue-eyed Devil; J.D.Robb, Strangers in Death.

A few of our many new fiction books include:

Dean Koontz, Breathless, What the Night Knows, Frankenstein-Lost Souls

Patricia Cornwell, Port Mortuary

Lisa See, author of Shanghai Girls, Dreams of Joy

Ridley Pearson, In Harm's Way, and Killer Summer

Glenn Beck, The Overton Window

One noteworthy nonfiction book is the new book by Greg Mortenson, author of Three Cups of Tea, entitled Stones for Schools: Promoting Peace with Books, Not Bombs in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Come by and see all our new additions, and have a great summer!



Cabaret Dinner Show at Garden Ridge Community Center

Saturday July 23 at 6:00 pm. (doors open at 5:45pm)

1. Award winning Heart of Texas Chorus
<http://www.heartoftexaschorus.org/>
 2. No Strings Attached Instrumental trio from Texas State University <http://www.nostringsattachedtrio.com/>
 3. Acapella show quartet - Sterling
 4. Other great acapella quartets
- General Admission \$30 for show and complete dinner
Military, Students, and First Responders \$15 including meal
contact John Towry tel: 830-837-2279. jfowry@satx.rr.com