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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

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

Non-emergency, after hours



Coming Events

- Dec. 2nd City Council meets, 6pm
- Dec. 8th Planning and Zoning Commission meets, 6pm
- Dec. 14th Quarry Commission meets, 7pm
- Dec. 15th Water Commission meets, 6pm
- Dec. 18th City Hall closing at noon
- Dec. 24th City Hall closing at noon
- Dec. 25th City Offices closed
- Dec. 25th Christmas Day
- Jan. 1st City Offices closed



NO TRASH OR RECYCLING PICK UP ON DECEMBER 25TH or JANUARY 1ST

NOTE: All meetings subject to change!

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents

- RANDY & LISA MOLINER JOHHANN PINOT
- RICHARD & NANCY HUGHES
- GLENN & ELFRIEDA ROBINSON

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.

Police Department



I would once again like to remind all of our citizens about an issue that is a serious problem. I am asking all of our residents to please contact the Comal County Dispatch (830-609-3921) when people are soliciting services throughout the city.

Currently there are no valid Solicitor Permits issued. I would like to relay the most recent reason why.

We had a resident call to report a suspicious person and vehicle. The vehicle was located a few blocks away and a traffic stop initiated based on expired license plate. The driver was arrested for a suspended license and during the inventory of the vehicle a pillowcase full of property was discovered in the trunk. Several hours later another resident returned home to find their house had been burglarized. The property recovered from the suspicious person was the stolen property from our resident. All the property was recovered and the charges against the driver were upgraded to Burglary of a Habitation.

Over the last year we have had several residents call the Police Department to report suspicious people or vehicles. A very large percentage of those located have been arrested for multiple violations and warrants. The Police Department needs the support of the community to continue to report these solicitors and suspicious people so we can safeguard the community as a whole. This time of year tends to create a larger need for this diligence with people going out of town and all the new loot that can be found in our homes.

Mayor's Desk

Once again, the holiday season is upon us. It is a time to celebrate old traditions and to start new ones. Thanks to Shelby Trial, the Parks Committee and the City staff for all their hard work starting a new tradition for Garden Ridge, our Christmas tree lighting ceremony!

Thanks to Todd Arvidson and the Deer Committee for their hard work during the year. The issue of the over population of our beloved deer herd is critical to insuring that this valuable resource continues for many years.

Thanks to all our City Commissions and other volunteers for all their dedicated work during the year. Our City could not function without their efforts.

Thanks to Nancy Cain, our City Administrator, and all of our employees who go above and beyond the "call of duty" to help our citizens, as well as do all the day to day activities required in a city. They are truly some of our unsung heroes in Garden Ridge.

I would also like to say thank you to my other Councilmen, John McCaw, our Mayor Pro-Tem who has stepped in when I have been out of town; Bryan Lantzy, for his knowledge and work on property tax issues and service on the Quarry Commission; and Bobby Roberts, for always being there with a measured perspective and a wealth of historical knowledge about the City. On that note, we must say goodbye to Bobby and his wife Kimberley. In case you have not heard, Bobby received a much deserved promotion and is moving to Washington, DC where they will also be much closer to their grandchildren. We will definitely miss Bobby and Kimberley in Garden Ridge. In their 21 years in the City, they have made an outstanding contribution, and their smiling faces have always been a bright spot on any day.

And finally, thanks to all our citizens for your support and valuable input over the course of the year. To everyone, have a Merry Christmas, a wonderful holiday season and an even brighter new year!

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Significant Actions - November 4th City Council Meeting

- Approved
 - Appointment of Keven Harshbarger to Water Commission
 - Votes cast for Comal Appraisal District Board of Directors
 - Resolution supporting the widening of FM 2252
 - Promotion of Steve Dennis to Police Department Corporal

- Presentations
 - Historical Water Usage and Leak Adjustments
 - Firearms carries in City buildings

- Updates
 - CIP Projects Deer Management
 - Garden Ridge Parks Committee Northeast Bible Church Drainage
 - Tree Lighting Event Trinity Wells



Tips on Reducing Holiday Stress

Take time for yourself — There may be pressure to be everything to everyone. Remember that you're only one person and can only accomplish certain things. Sometimes self-care is the best thing you can do — others will benefit when you're stress-free. Go for a long walk, get a massage or take time out to listen to your favorite music or read a new book. All of us need some time to recharge our batteries — by slowing down you will actually have more energy to accomplish your goals.

Volunteer — Many charitable organizations are also suffering due to the economic downturn. Find a local charity, such as a soup kitchen or a shelter where you and your family can volunteer. Also, participating in a giving tree or an adopt-a-family program, and helping those who are living in true poverty may help you put your own economic struggles in perspective.

Remember what's important — The barrage of holiday advertising can make you forget what the holiday season is really about. When your holiday expense list is running longer than your monthly budget, scale back and remind yourself that what makes a great celebration is loved ones, not store-bought presents, elaborate decorations or gourmet food.

Seek support — Talk about your anxiety with your friends and family. Getting things out in the open can help you navigate your feelings and work toward a solution for your stress.

24/7 Non-emergency Contact Information

For after hours animal control or water emergencies you can reach the City of Garden Ridge Water Department or Public Works (Animal Control) at (210)651-6831.

WEBSITE

Have you checked us out lately? We are constantly updating and making changes to ensure that you get accurate and immediate information. www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us



Don't forget to like the City of Garden Ridge on Facebook



SAVE THE DATE

GRWC will be hosting a Christmas "MIX & MINGLE" exclusively for our wonderful GRWC Members. There will be refreshments, wine, appetizers, and of course holiday sweets! So, naughty or nice, we hope you will make plans to reserve the date and share this fun time with us!

DATE: DECEMBER 8TH (TUESDAY)
TIME: 2:00 PM UNTIL 5:00 PM
PLACE: GARDEN RIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER
ADMISSION: ONE (1) UNWRAPPED Christmas Toy (up to 12 yrs of age)
QUESTIONS: 210-651-3320
(Wear your favorite Holiday Attire)

Annual Garage Sale

Garden Ridge Community Center

March 12, 2016 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Booths: GRWC members \$30.00 inside \$35.00 outside
non-members \$40.00 inside \$45.00 outside

Member reservations begin January 4, 2016

Non-Member reservations begin February 1, 2016

Make checks to GRWC, mail to: Jeanie Springer, 7914 Canham Ranch, San Antonio, TX, 78266. Phone # 210-885-3483, jbbk01@yahoo.com

Northeast Bible Church

Christmas Eve Services on December 24th

3:00pm/4:10pm*/5:20pm*/6:30pm

* Childcare available at these times.



9th Annual Wild Game Dinner

January 30, 2015 5-8pm

Garden Ridge Community Center Cost: \$20

Buy your tickets online while they last!

Tickets online at www.gardenridgewildgame.com

The annual Wild Game Dinner will feature an inspirational entertainer and comedian. The fund raiser for this community outreach will be used to teach the youth of Garden Ridge area about hunting and other outdoor activities. What to expect: Eat Wild Game and Raffle off prizes - much more.... - "Like" us on Facebook—Garden Ridge Wild Game Dinner

LIBRARY FOOTNOTES

Parents will want to bring little ones to visit with Elf Pammy and Santa on Dec. 5 at 10:30 a.m. Storytime and games will precede Santa's arrival.

The popular **Lunch and Learn** events, always at 12 noon on Wed., continue into the Christmas season with timely topics. On Dec. 2, Roger Astin from Natural Bridge Caverns will tell how Christmas is celebrated at our nearest attraction. On Dec. 9, Connie Sheppard will make suggestions for "Gifts from the Kitchen."

We have added some Pulitzer Prize winning biographies. **The Black Count, the Real Count of Monte Cristo**, by Tom Reiss is about Gen. Alex Dumas. **The First Tycoon** by T. J. Stiles, tells the life of Cornelius Vanderbilt. We learn of Henry Ward Beecher in **The Most Famous Man in America** by Debby Applegate.

An action filled real life story of two men in that sometimes forgotten Korean War is told in **Devotion** by Adam Makos.

A new Bookplate book this month is **Miss Julia Lays Down the Law**, by Ann B. Ross. **Bookplates** are such a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one. They make a different and meaningful Christmas gift. Shop with ease at your library.

May your Christmas be merry, your Hanukkah, happy and all your days filled with love, laughter and BOOKS!



Garden Ridge Deer Chase 5k, 2-Mile Senior Strut & Kids Mile

Mark your calendars for a morning of fun and fitness at The Club at Garden Ridge! The **Garden Ridge Deer Chase 5k, 2-Mile Senior Strut and Kids Mile** takes place on Sat. Jan. 30, starting at 8 a.m. The course begins and ends at the club and will wind through the streets of Garden Ridge. The event benefits the Garden Ridge Elementary School PTA. For details and registration go to www.RunInTexas.com.

TRIUMPHANT LUTHERAN CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Celebrate Christmas with Triumphant Lutheran Church
21315 Bat Cave Rd.

Christmas Cantata – "One Silent Night" -

Saturday, Dec 12th, at 5:00 PM

Sunday, Dec 13th, 8:30 & 11:00 AM.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services –

Thursday, Dec 24th, 5:00, 7:00 & 10:00 PM.

Christmas Day Service –

Friday, Dec 25th at 10:00 AM.

For more information please call the church office at 210-651-9090, or visit us on line at: www.triumphantlutheran.org

