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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

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**FLAG DAY**  
JUNE 14



## SUMMER!



**FATHER'S DAY**  
JUNE 19

*Thank you Councilman Bobby Roberts for 12 years of Dedicated Service to Garden Ridge!!*

### Coming Events:

- 1 June — City Council meets, 6 pm
- 13 June — Quarry Commission meets, 7 pm
- 14 June — Planning and Zoning workshop, 6 pm
- 14 June — Flag Day — Fly Old Glory with pride!
- 16 June — Planning & Zoning Meets, 6 pm
- 19 June — Father's Day
- 21 June — First Day of Summer - Drive and Play SAFELY!
- 28 June — Water Commission meets, 6 pm

### FROM THE MAYOR

Many thanks to all the supporters who donated, walked, talked and called to allow me to serve the City for two more years. I pledge to all my full devotion and effort to lead our wonderful city forward and continue to practice our motto, "A way of life, not just a place to live".

Have a wonderful and safe summer and don't forget our next big event at the park-the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, party and celebration.

**Jay F. Feibelman**  
Mayor

### WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

#### New Residents:

- Jeannie Baquero
- Mark Harris
- Andrew & Amalia Hockley
- Rick & Janet Hudson
- Marion & Jack Park
- Ralph Proksell
- Craig & Shelly Schreder



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.

### Library Footnotes

By Karen Bishop

Nearly 350 students from Garden Ridge Elementary School visited this library in May. Some had been here before but some had not. We've had some come back with their parents to show them their new "find".

Thanks to their librarian, Melissa Zipp, for arranging the school visits. Parents, now you and your children know that there is a friendly city library which is open after school hours and Saturdays as well as all summer when the school library is closed. We also have a summer reading program with Whataburger coupons and circus tickets as prizes.

We are fortunate to have an ever increasing collection of adult, young people's, and children's books, DVDs, and audiobooks. Most of our materials are due back in three weeks and can usually be rechecked for longer periods.

Rechecking can be done in person or by telephone. We open 6 days of the week at 10:00 A.M. and close at 6:00 P.M. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, at 8:00 P.M. on Thursdays, and 5:00 P.M. on Fridays and Saturdays.

We now have seasons 2 - 6 of the television series "24" and have high hopes of getting season 1 soon! A new shipment of large print books have just arrived. There are 18 titles, among them *Miss Julia Renews Her Vows* by Ann Ross; Alexander Mc Call Smith's *Double Comfort* and *Safari Club*; Rhys Bowen's *Royal Flush* and *Last Illusion*; Amanda Quick's *Burning Lamp* and *Perfect Poison*; and Jack Higgins' *East of Desolation* and *In the Hour Before Midnight*.

Our thanks also go to the Women's Club and the Lion's Club of Garden Ridge for their generous donations. We were able to purchase all of the new Bluebonnet and Lone Star books, all of which have one week check out periods.

Summer is a good time to get a head start on next year's reading programs for school.

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 652-4082 for information.  
Watch for the July Grapevine for more information



### In Memory

We will miss and mourn the passing of two former city employees, Jim Jeffers and Jack Moss. Jim was City Secretary and Jack, City Architect. They were both Armed Forces veterans and patriots. Our condolences to the families. They will not be forgotten!

### 2011 Vacation Bible School Garden Ridge Church of Christ

"That You May Believe": Jesus Heals The Lepers; Jesus Calms The Sea; Paul & Silas Freed From Prison; Resurrection  
June 21-24 (Tuesday - Friday) 9:30AM - 11:30AM  
Ages Pre-School - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
For Information call: Byron Gage, Garden Ridge Church of Christ  
19881 FM 2252, Garden Ridge Phone: 210-771-6597

### DID YOU KNOW?

DoD is removing Social Security Numbers from ID cards. To protect your privacy and personal identity information, your Social Security Number (SSN) is being replaced with a DoD ID number. SSN removal will occur in three phases as ID cards are issued or renewed. Phase I covers renewal of dependent ID cards (DD Fm 1173 and 1173-1) Phase II covers Common Access Cards and all other ID cards. Printed SSNs will be removed from renewed cards beginning June 2011. Phase III covers all DoD ID cards and removes SSNs from Bar Codes. See [www.dmdc.osd.mil/smartcard](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/smartcard) for more information (you may get a warning message while trying to access the site).

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## QUICK NOTES

- Looks like a long, HOT summer. Conserve water and be aware of water restrictions in force.
- Pet Registration. If you have not registered your pets in January, please do so as soon as possible! This is required by city ordinance, costs \$5.00 and requires proof of a rabies vaccination every 3 years.. 651-6831
- Garage Doors. A reminder to keep garage doors down and secured when not in the immediate area. Garage thefts are classified as a crime of opportunity. Remember, out of sight, out of mind.



### DEER CAUTION !

While walking or just out and about, use caution when confronted by any wildlife, especially deer. Although dangerous anytime, fawn season is upon us and doe vigorously protect their young.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!

Brief children on the danger and report incidents to GRPD at 651-6441.

### Emergency Services Approval

Voters in Comal County Emergency Services District No. 6 approved raising the current tax ceiling of three cents per \$100 of taxable value in the May 14 election. This new authorization, effective in 2012, will support ESD6's funding for firefighting and First Responder emergency medical services (EMS) provided by the Bracken Volunteer Fire Department, and Second Responder EMS by Schertz EMS.

### Quarry Commission Happenings

On May 9, 2011, the Quarry Commission met for its regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The Commission reviewed the blasting data for the eight blasts in April, none of which were significant. One citizen, a resident of Georg Ranch, did complain about the blast of May 6<sup>th</sup> and commented that the blast effects are getting worse. As requested by the citizen, a seismograph will be placed at his home for the next month. The Commission then discussed, at length, the current and proposed draft Ordinance 34 and the questions and comments made by citizens regarding Ordinance 34 at the last City Council meeting. See Quarry Commission Happenings on the City Web Page to find a comparison of key blasting limits in the current and proposed draft of Ordinance 34. 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 home page, 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 strongly encouraged to attend the next regularly scheduled Quarry Commission meeting which will be held on June 13, 2011 at 7 pm.



### GARDEN RIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB



Save the date and mark your calendars for the Fall Luncheon & Fashion Show, which will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2011! The following month, on October 15, 2011, we will be holding our ever-popular Holiday Marketplace Event!

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR MONDAY, 4TH OF JULY PARADE and PICNIC AT THE PARK

We continue to expand our antique/classic car or whatever classic for display at our 4th of July event. If you have an item to show off, please call Gary Stegman at 651-5528 and Jack Cook at 651-4082. (See article).

Don't forget the city tradition "wheels" parade. Decorate your "wheels" and come out with flags and your best patriotic garb.

Activities at the Park for the 4th are welcome. If you have a group, etc., that would like to put up a display, sell items, and so forth, contact the Mayor at 651-6632. By coordination we can avoid duplication and organize the event properly. Let's make this the biggest and best ever!!

#### SCHEDULE

Gather: 9:30 AM  
Flag Raising: 10:00 AM  
Parade: 10:20 AM  
FOOD: 10:45 AM — 2:00 PM  
Activities throughout 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Watch the July Grapevine for final details!



## Significant City Council Actions in May:

### Special Presentations:

- Proclamation declaring the week of May 15-21, 2011 as National Police Week and May 15, 2011 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day
- Proclamation proclaiming May 1-7, 2011 as Municipal Clerks Week
- City Quarry Commission recommendation on amendments to Ordinance 34 regulating surface mining and blasting within the city limits of the City of Garden Ridge
- Update on public safety concerns in the Wild Wind Unit 3 Subdivision of Garden Ridge, Texas

### Approved:

- Resolution No. 237-052011 finding that the Railroad Commission's approval of the settlement agreement regarding CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp's requested increases to its natural gas rates and charges with the city be affirmed
- City of Garden Ridge General Fund Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Amendment #1 and Resolution 238-052011 approving Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Amendment #1 for the City of Garden Ridge General Fund for the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011
- City of Garden Ridge Water Company Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Amendment #1 and Resolution 239-052011 approving Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Amendment #1 for the City of Garden Ridge Water Company Operation and Maintenance Fund for the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011
- City of Garden Ridge Interest and Sinking Fund Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Amendment #1 and Resolution 240-052011 approving Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Amendment #1 for the City of Garden Ridge Interest and Sinking Fund for the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011
- City of Garden Ridge Capital Improvement Fund Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Amendment #1 and Resolution 241-052011 approving the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Amendment #1 for the City of Garden Ridge Capital Improvement Fund for the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011
- Certification Pay Schedule for the City of Garden Ridge Police Department
- City of Garden Ridge Police Department General Manual

### TABLED:

- Discussion and possible action regarding pursuit of an injunction against the Bracken Rifle & Pistol Recreational Range
- Request from Regency Oaks Homeowners Association for the City of Garden Ridge to cover the financial responsibility of seven (7) street lights within the Regency Oaks subdivision

### UPDATE:

- Update on Brush Disposal service for the City of Garden Ridge and future disposal services for the City of Garden Ridge to include possible hazardous waste
- Report on status of Water System Capital Projects

### Check On Your Neighbor (C.O.Y.N)

Several years ago Garden Ridge was the instigator to establish a program in the City and County called Check On Your Neighbor.( C.O.Y.N.). The idea was patterned after communities in Florida of elderly living alone. The basic premise being , people are creatures of habit and if a habit is broken by one living alone, neighbors or authorities would check on the individual. Many in the City obviously are not aware they can enroll with the Police Department. This enrollment will provide additional Police surveillance and information regarding locations of Meds within the home, relatives to be notified, etc. Please contact Lt Gary Johnson for more information to take advantage of this City service. 651-6441.

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out will be, August 2, 2011 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at the Community Center, sponsored by American Bank of Texas, N.A.

"Meet Your Neighbors and Community" while eating and drinking the free food provided at this event. We would like local churches, homeowners associations, clubs, sports groups and scouts to obtain tables, so our new residents may become familiar with our city activities.

There will be a face painter, bounce machine and magician for the children, as well as fire equipment from our Bracken Volunteer Fire Department, and helpful information from our Police Department.

Mark this date on your calendar, first Tuesday in August and come learn more about your neighbors and community.

Garden Ridge Elementary will have an Open House in conjunction with our National Night Out.

Contact Mickey Sanders at 210- 651-5782, Pat Cook at 210-651-4082 or Lt Gary Johnson-210-651-6441 at the Garden Ridge Police Dept if you wish a table for this event.