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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge



February 2015

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Happy Valentine's Day!

Coming Events

- 4 Feb City Council meets, 6pm
- 9 Feb Quarry Commission meets, 7pm
- 10 Feb Planning and Zoning Commission meets, 6pm
- 14 Feb Valentine's Day
- 16 Feb President's Day—All City Offices will be closed
- 24 Feb Water Commission meets, 6pm

NOTE: All meetings subject to change!

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE New Residents

JOSE LUIS ESPINOZA & TANYA ALATORRE
JACQUELYN & PHILIP MACIEJEWSKI
JOERY SMITTICK
SALVATORE & CYNTHIA VARVARO

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.

The employees of the City of Garden Ridge recognize that Mayor Andrew Dalton stood for getting involved and helping others. In respect of the memory for our Mayor, we ask that you get involved.

The City of Garden Ridge has several opportunities to get involved:

- Serving on a Board, Commission or Committee
- Joining the Garden Ridge Citizens Police Academy
- Assisting in the City of Garden Ridge Library
- Assisting with Beautification projects
- Assisting with City Elections
- Joining one of the local organizations or clubs
- Or contacting Garden Ridge Elementary school

When residents get involved in a community, they make it a better place to live.

PETS

Who do you call if you lose a pet?
Who do you call if you find a pet?
Who do you call if you see a wounded or dead animal?
(210)651-6831 (24 hours and 7 days a week)

Dear Friends,

As most of you know, on January 8th 2015, Andrew lost his yearlong battle to a rare & aggressive form of bone cancer. The loving support from the city and community touched the hearts of our entire family. We were comforted by all who came to offer their condolences at his viewing, funeral service and celebration of life. Words cannot express the gratitude for all the people who sent cards, took the time to visit with us, prepare delicious meals and pray daily. We were humbled by so many organizations and individuals who provided support for our family during this past year- from the personal parade on Fourth of July, the blood drive at city hall, to Santa and his elf visiting our home are just a few acts of kindness we received from the community and city this past year. These are reasons why Andrew spoke so fondly of the people that makes up this great City of Garden Ridge. Andrew was proud to serve the city, first as a Councilman, and then as Mayor. He had a passion to serve and provide a voice for every Citizen. You might remember him knocking on your door during the endless hours he spent meeting the community, listening to concerns, and sharing his vision for a greater tomorrow. I know he was proud of what the City is and the direction it was heading. Thank you again for all your love and support. Our family is blessed to be a part of this special community.

With love and friendship,

Jennifer Dalton

The City of Garden Ridge mourns the passing of our Mayor Andrew Dalton. Andrew was a dynamic individual who believed strongly in the power of public service and who cared deeply about the City of Garden Ridge, its future and its citizens. During his tenure as Mayor, he set in motion many projects which are currently underway to improve our City. His leadership will be greatly missed.

Andrew and I once talked about the strong sense of community in Garden Ridge and the way this sense of community was one of the things that made Garden Ridge such a great place to live and raise a family. That sense of community has never been better demonstrated than during Andrew's struggle with cancer. The outpouring of love and support for him and his family by our citizens and organizations was truly amazing. Andrew loved Garden Ridge and it was evident that Garden Ridge loved Andrew.

Let us all keep Andrew's family in our thoughts and prayers as they work through these difficult times.

Nadine
Mayor Pro Tem

Significant Actions - January City Council Meeting

- Awards presented to several members of Citizens on Patrol
- Approval of Resolution 348-012015 adopting Public Funds Investment Policy
- Approval of Quarry Commission recommendation for approval of Buckley Powder Co. Partial Exemption Permit for blasting
- Awarded bid for the Modification to the Trinity Well #2 project.
- Denial of culvert and concrete driveway request for 8758 Garden Ridge Dr.
- Updates regarding
 - Comal Independent School District
 - Deer Mangement Program
 - CIP Project

NEWS FROM THE CHIEF

We would like to remind everyone that starting February 1, 2015 you must comply with Ordinance # 71 - Oak Wilt. You must obtain a permit from the City in order to cut or trim oak trees.

Also, keep in mind Ordinance # 13 (8.5.2) – Zoning; no removal of oak trees over ten (ten) inch in diameter or elm trees over eight (8) inch in diameter without approval.

To obtain details of ordinances please see the city of Garden Ridge website at www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us.

Safety Tip: Don't forget, if you're traveling; activate your alarm system, put your lights on a timer and fill out an out of town form on our website.

DEER MANAGEMENT

Please don't feed the deer. It's bad for the deer, especially if you feed them corn, and results in overpopulation of the herd. The City of Garden Ridge has too many deer, and is in the process of developing a deer management plan. Currently we "manage" our deer herd by hitting them with cars, with an average of over 300 car/deer accidents reported each year. This combined with the non-reported deer strikes results in an estimated 400-500 deer killed each year by cars. See:

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_1197.pdf, for more information.

Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission met on January 12, 2015. There were a total of 11 blasts in December. The highest ground vibration measured was .31 in/sec on December 12 and the highest air blast measured was 114.8 dB on December 19. All readings were within the criteria of City Ordinance 34. The dust and noise monitor indicated there were no violations of the dust and noise levels. One citizen blasting report, representing six Wahl Lane homeowners, was submitted following the blast on December 22. The effects of the blast on the 22nd, which was in the Southwest Pit, and the Quarry's plan to minimize the effects of blasts in the Southwest Pit will be discussed at the February meeting.

The Quarry will continue to give tours of the Quarry to any citizen who would like to learn more about the Quarry and its operations. If you are interested, please contact City Hall.

The next Quarry Commission meeting will be on February 9 at 7:00 pm. A revised and more user-friendly Citizen Blast Report Form can be found on the city's web site home page (www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us). Citizens who wish to make a comment about a blast, have recommendations for the Quarry Commission, or are interested in the Quarry's blasting activities are encouraged to attend the February meeting.



Garden Ridge Women's Club Annual Garage Sale

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2015 **Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: GR Community Center

Member Fee: Inside Table: \$30; Outside Table: \$35;

Member reservations began January 5.

Non-member fee: Inside Table: \$40. Outside Table: \$45.

Non-member reservations begin February 2.

To reserve your table(s) make check payable to **GRWC** and mail to:

Laurie Hageman

9430 Blazing Star Trail

Garden Ridge, TX 78266

Questions? Laurie Hageman 658-8731 (home); 512-757-1907 (cell)

lauriekhageman@gmail.com

2015 City of Garden Ridge Election

There are 3 positions up this year:

Mayor, City Council, Place 2, and City Council, Place 3

Election Dates to Remember

January 28th First day for candidate to file for place on ballot

February 27th Last day for filing application for place on ballot

March 6th Drawing for place on the ballot

(9:00am in Council Chambers)

April 9th Last day to register to vote

April 27th- May 5th Early voting

May 9th Election Day (7am to 7pm)

see www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us for more information and

qualifications to run for Mayor or City Council.

Keeping Garden Ridge Beautiful

The City of Garden Ridge has created a Stormwater Plan to help prevent pollution of local creeks and streams. Help us be a good neighbor by learning different ways to prevent pollution by visiting the Public Works page on the City website.

Veteran or Dependent of Veteran?

The Comal County's Veterans Service Office provides assistance to veterans and their dependents on the third Wednesday of each month, at the Garden Ridge Municipal Building from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. We offer guidance and assistance with obtaining benefits that veterans and their family members may be entitled to from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Footnotes

by Karen Bishop

The library will follow its annual procedure of remaining open for Presidents' Day. We have several new titles in print and DVD format, some of which will surely be of interest to you. Two titles by Paulette Jiles (Stormy Weather and Enemy Women), All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr, and House Girl by Tara Conklin are only a sample of our most recent acquisitions.

As part of our new TexShare program we now also have TexShare Databases covering a broad range of topics. Online resources for genealogy, business, health and literature, as well as homework assistance and even practice tests to be taken for career advancement are available. In order to access these databases you must have a Garden Ridge library card and be a member in good standing. The library staff is eager to share the exclusive login and password with you so that you can begin to enjoy the various topics of interest.

