



June 2015

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Non-emergency, after hours

Happy Father's Day

Coming Events

June 3rd City Council meets, 6pm
 June 8th Quarry Commission meets, 7pm
 June 9th Planning and Zoning Commission meets, 6pm
 June 10th Gardening Class, noon (see article)
 June 18th Preschool Story Time, 10:30am
 June 18th Deer Management Meeting, 6pm (see article)
 June 21st Father's Day
 June 23rd Water Commission meets, 6pm
 June 24th Gardening Class, noon (see article)
 June 25th Preschool Story Time, 10:30am
 June 27th Classic Car Show 8am-4pm (see article)
 June 27th City Library will be closed.

NOTE: All meetings subject to change!

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE New Residents

DOUGLAS K BURKE WILLIAM F FITZPATRICK
 MARK & LILIA HAUSHEER LAURA S HEXSEL
 BRITTANY MCCRIGHT DAVID L WILCOX
 JOHN WRIGHT BRIAN WOERNER
 HELEN & LEE MOCZYGEMBA
 ROBERT & JANICE PFOTENHAUER

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.

NEWS FROM THE CHIEF

I would like to let everyone know about a few changes we are undergoing in the Police Department. First and probably most exciting is we are now posting a police blotter on our department web page. This blotter will be updated several times a week with information pertaining to calls responded to by the department. We will be providing basic information related to dispatched calls such as block numbers, types of offenses and arrests. Please understand there is certain information we cannot publish due to privacy or HIPPA issues but we will do our best to keep the community informed.

Also of importance are the recent changes in the Government Code which affect the Police Department. Please do not be offended in the future should you call the office number and are told you need to contact our dispatch facility to have an officer respond to you. The changes in legislation have now made it illegal for anyone to dispatch a police officer to a scene unless you are a licensed dispatcher. Without getting into the details, this means we cannot obtain the information from anyone calling our administrative office and send an officer out. We must have the information sent through our dispatch facility to have the officers respond. This change is not being brought about by us or the city so please understand we are powerless at this time. So in light of this change please contact our dispatch facility at 830-609-3921 for any assistance needed by a police officer. You may still contact our administrative offices for general information that does not require an officer to respond. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Thanks to Scout Pack 828 for the tree dedication in honor of Mayor Andrew Dalton. It was a beautiful, sunny day – many individual citizens, school personnel, civic organizations, emergency services personnel, and mayors and elected representatives from surrounding cities were in attendance. The Pack and its leadership did a fantastic job and the event was a moving and fitting tribute to Mayor Dalton. The Garden Ridge Community Bike Rodeo was also a great success. Thanks to our Police Department and school officials. With all the recent rains, we were able to remove some of our watering restrictions and the City continues to work on securing our future water supplies. The Deer Management and Parks Committees are in full swing. If you would like to know more or participate, visit the City's website or contact the City Administrator. Many events will be going on during the summer. The Library is continuing their Lunch and Learn series. The Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association is hosting their Classic Car and Craft Event on June 27. And don't forget the City's 4th of July celebration at Paul Davis Park - we have lots of events planned with numerous civic organizations helping to make it another fun event. To keep up with all the events, visit the City's website and sign up for the Notify Me service.

Hope everyone has a safe and happy summer!
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Significant Actions - MAY City Council Meeting

- Certificates of Appreciation to City of Garden Ridge Library volunteers
- Presented Proclamations for Public Service Recognition Week, Municipal Clerks Week, Public Works Week, and National Police Week and Peace Officer's Memorial Day
- Amended Ordinance 54 and 159
- Presentation on Lone Star Rail
- Discussion on proposed asphalt plant
- Received updates: CIP Project, CISD Activities, Deer Management, and Parks Committee

WE ARE IN STAGE 1

Please see City website regarding restrictions.

Library Activities

The City of Garden Ridge Library is more than books, computers and magazines.there are activities too.

Come join the fun on:

Wed, June 10 @ noon for Gardening Class- "More Green for less \$Green".

Thurs. June 18 @ 10:30am for Preschool Story Time

Wed. June 24 @ noon for Gardening Class- "Native Plants".

Thurs., June 25 @ 10:30am for Preschool Story Time

The City of Garden Ridge Library will be closed on Saturday, June 27th.

Warning



It is the season for baby wildlife, which means mothers become protective of their young. If you see or know of mothers and their babies please try to avoid them or that area.

Top 10 Reasons to attend the July 4th Celebration

10. To see other residents you haven't seen in awhile
9. To dress in patriotic attire and decorate your vehicle
8. To get the goodies thrown during the parade
7. Come bid and win items from the Garden Ridge Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association silent auction
6. To see antique cars and bikes
5. To see the Patriotic Kid contest
4. To eat a hamburger or hot dog cooked by GRCPAAA
3. To see a box car derby and other activities
2. To hear Three Hits and a Miss sing
1. Most of all to celebrate the Home of the Free, because of the Brave.

See you at Paul Davis Park on July 4th, gathering begins at 9:30 AM
See the City website for more information

Classic Car Show and More

The first annual classic car show by the Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (GRCPAAA) will be held on June 27, 2015 at the Garden Ridge Community Center from 8 am - 4 pm. The show is free to spectators. Besides classic cars to view there will be craft vendors, a silent auction, food, and a DJ.

Trophies will be awarded to the top 40 cars. Pre-registration of cars is available for \$25 online at www.southtexascc.com/schedule.htm. Car registration at the show will be from 8-11 am for \$30. For a flyer visit the previous mentioned website. For more information contact Jack Cook at 210-651-4082 or Gary Stegman at 210-651-5528.

How much water does the average person use?



By the Water Commission

- In the home, each person uses about 70 gallons of water a day.
- It takes three gallons to flush a toilet.
- It takes 15 to 30 gallons to take a bath.
- It takes five gallons for a one-minute shower.
- It takes 10 gallons to wash dishes.

This is a lot of water, but more than half of the water used in the United States is used by industries. For example, it takes 250 tons of water to make a ton of newspaper and 10 gallons to produce one gallon of gasoline. Given these facts, it's understandable why it's so important to conserve water.

Footnotes

By Karen Bishop

We have many titles now that are on the New York Best Seller list. Among them are The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah, The One and Only by Emily Giffin, A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler, and All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr. If the title you are interested in is not available it can be put on reserve and you will be notified when it is your turn to read it.

Ditches and Wooded Areas

Spring is well under way and summer is approaching fast. Everyone is enjoying more time outside. People in general become more active during this time of year. We have received numerous complaints regarding children doing things that generate concern by others such as skateboarding in concrete drainage ditches, hiking through vacant wooded areas etc. In general these young people are not trying to create heartache for others but it does happen. Should you find yourself needing to report any suspicious activities or have a situation you would like the police department to look into please remember a couple of things. Do not confront these people on your own. This does several things the most important being they are made aware you know what is going on and they leave before we get there.

If you are in need of an officer to check out a situation or intervene in an activity that needs attention please call our dispatch facility at 830-609-3921. An officer will be sent to your location immediately. Officers are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Thank you and please be safe out there.



GRWC membership is open to all women who wish to join. Annual dues are only \$20.00, payable each June 1. Paid members are eligible to attend any or all of the scheduled program events at the membership rate and can join our well-received "Special Interest Groups." Membership dues are payable to GRWC and should be sent to: Gail McLeod, Membership Chairman 10445 Montanio Drive, New Braunfels, TX 78132 For more information contact gailmcleod@satx.rr.com or call 210-273-4787.

Holiday Marketplace Call for Vendors

9th Annual Holiday Marketplace, if you would like to participate as a vendor, contact Gail McLeod at 210-273-4787 gailmcleod@satx.rr.com, or Janet Ruple at 210-651-4898 - jruple@aol.com. 50+ vendors selling unique one of a kind items. -- silent auction, lots of food, and other goodies.

DEER MANAGEMENT

TPW has completed its study of the deer herd in Garden Ridge and has determined that our population is too large. They recommend a population density of 1 deer per 5 acres, with our current population estimated at 1 deer per acre. The Deer Management Committee will be hosting a series of community meetings to determine what steps should be taken to deal with this issue. The meetings are scheduled for June 18th, and July 16th at 6pm in City Hall City Council Chambers. The goal of these meetings is to determine what people want to do about the overpopulation of deer in the City. For additional information see the City website at www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us

WEBSITE and FACEBOOK

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 or like us on Facebook

Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission's monthly meeting was held on May 11, 2015. A review of April blasts was conducted. A total of 14 blasts occurred in the month of April. The highest ground vibration measured was .220 in/sec on April 21 and the highest air blast measured was 115.2 dB on April 8. All readings were within the criteria of City Ordinance 34. Three Citizen Blasting reports for the month of April for blasts occurring on April 21 and April 29 were discussed.

Upon conclusion of the June meeting a 15 to 30 minute training session will be conducted for members of the Quarry Commission covering an explanation of the information contained in the blast report forms used by Vibra-Tech. Citizens are encouraged and welcome to attend this training session.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the monthly quarry commission meetings. Next meeting is June 8 at 7:00 pm. A newly revised Citizen Blast report Form can be found under the Quick Links section on the city's web site home page (www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us). Citizens that wish to make a comment about a blast or have input for the Commission are encouraged to attend the June meeting.

Invite from GRCPAAA

Is your calendar marked? The silent auction is coming to the City's 4th of July celebration sponsored by the Garden Ridge Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. Lots of great auction items – gift baskets, gift cards, and other great goodies. Fido hasn't been forgotten either. Who will be the winner of these items you or your neighbor? See you at Paul Davis Park on the 4th. The Garden Ridge Police Department will be the beneficiary of the proceeds.