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## July 2015

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# July



### Coming Events

- July 1st City Council meets, 6pm
- July 2nd Preschool Story Time at 10:30am
- July 4th July 4th USA Birthday Celebration (see article)
- July 4th City Library will be closed
- July 6th City Hall and City Library will be closed
- July 8th Lunch & Learn—Gardening class— insects @ noon
- July 9th Preschool Story Time at 10:30am
- July 13th Quarry Commission meets, 7pm
- July 14th Planning and Zoning Commission meets, 6pm
- July 16th Preschool Story Time at 10:30am
- July 16th Deer Management Meeting, 6pm (see article)
- July 23rd Preschool Story Time at 10:30am
- July 28th Water Commission meets, 6pm
- July 30th Preschool Story Time at 10:30am

**Dumpster Weekends— July 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26**

*NOTE: All meetings subject to change!*

### WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

#### New Residents

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|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| MICHAEL & LISA CONNOLLY            | ROBIN BALDWIN   |
| JEFFREY & LORI GORHUM              | TIMOTHY GREY    |
| MICHAEL & JERRI WILSON             | ALEXANDER ROSIN |
| HELEN & LEE MOCZYGEMBA             | BRIAN T WOERNER |
| AUTURO OLIVARES & CHRISTINA MORENO |                 |
| ROBERT & CHRISTINA MACGREGOR       |                 |

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.

### July 4th Celebration at Paul Davis Park



- Gathering begins 9:30 AM
- Flag Raising 10:00 AM
- Parade 10:30 AM

Patriotic Kid Contest Immediately following parade

See the City website for more information [www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us](http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us)

### Free Fraud Prevention Service

Comal County Clerk's office has begun providing a free service to help protect against property fraud. See the Comal County Clerk's webpage for more information at <http://www.co.comal.tx.us/CC.htm>

### Safety Tip For Your Furry Friends

By: Animal Control

- Never leave your pets in a parked car
- Limit exercise on hot days
- Provide ample shade and water
- Be vigilant about vet care
- Keep your pet cool with a kiddie pool with a few inches of water in it for them to wade in or even drink if need be.
- If you own a pool, teach your pet how to get out of the pool.



### From the Mayor's Desk

Come one, come all to our City's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at Paul Davis Park! The City staff and numerous civic organizations have a lot planned including a parade, food and fun for all ages. So decorate your vehicles, and yourself, and join the fun!

We have been blessed with rain, but with the rain can come standing water. Our local bat colony does help keep the mosquitos somewhat at bay, but even so, standing water can be a health hazard. Check around your property for standing water, and report any standing water issue to the City.

Have a safe summer and see you on the 4<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our great country!

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**Current Drought Status**  
**WATERING ALLOWED ANY DAY**  
8PM-12AM AND 12AM-10AM

The Garden Ridge Police Department and Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association are partnering to offer **Refuse To Be A Victim®**, a four-hour, nationally-certified crime prevention seminar. Attendees will be provided practical information to help develop their own Personal Safety Strategies through awareness and avoidance of criminal attacks. The seminar will help participants to better understand criminal thinking, as well as provide tips and strategies to maximize home, automobile, out-of-town travel, telephone, cyber, and personal security. Self-defense training and the use of non-lethal personal-protection devices will also be discussed and attendees will have the opportunity to handle some of these devices. All participants are provided an 82-page companion handbook filled with tips, techniques, pictures and diagrams. They will also be awarded a **Refuse To Be A Victim®** completion certificate.

Since this program's inception in 1993, there have been public and private sessions of **Refuse To Be A Victim®** delivered to hundreds of neighborhood associations, professional societies, school and church groups and law enforcement seminars all across the country. At last count, nearly one hundred thousand people have attended this award-winning program in all fifty states as well as many other countries.

**Refuse To Be A Victim®** will be held in the Garden Ridge City Council Chambers on July 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2:30pm with lunch (provided) from 1200-1230. This seminar, typically \$50 per person, will be **FREE** to Garden Ridge residents and their families. Space is limited, so please call the GRPD at 210-651-6441 to reserve your slot in this important seminar. You can **Refuse To Be A Victim®!**

### Significant Actions - JUNE City Council Meeting

- Approved release of probation for Officer Vicente Mongrell
- Approved replacement of Dump Truck
- Approved Regional Mutual Aid Agreement with AACOG
- Discussed proposed Bond and timeline
- Received presentations: Northeast Lakeview College and Air Quality Stewardship Award
- Received updates: CIP Projects 2013 and 2015, Deer Management, and Parks Committee



### Holiday Market Place Call for Vendors

The Garden Ridge Women's Club is looking for unique, one-of-a-kind vendors to participate in the Holiday Market Place on Saturday, October 10, from 10am-4pm. Currently all inside spaces are sold. However, we still have covered outdoor spaces available that may be purchased for \$55 if payment is made before 1 September. Please contact Gail McLeod at [gailmcleod@satx.rr.com](mailto:gailmcleod@satx.rr.com) or 210-273-4787 for additional information.

### Found Property

Bike Found on 5/11/2015 at Georg Ranch Park 9200 Tuscan Hills Dr. If you are missing a bike, please contact Investigator Spiller at the Police Department 210-651-6441.



### Deer Management

Last fall the city, in conjunction with an interested group of citizens worked with Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) to determine the size of our deer population. The survey results showed that we have a deer population of 1 deer per 0.95 acre, far in excess of the TPW biologist recommended 1 deer per 5 acres. This population has led to a large number of deer related issues. In 2014 389 deer carcasses were removed from our city streets. We have had several cases of Lyme disease confirmed in citizens, and have had dogs killed by aggressive deer. Further, the density of the deer population has led to damage to lawns and landscaping. TPW has a number of recommended practices to deal with the issue. First they recommend stopping all supplemental feeding. Second, they recommend hunting where it can be done safely. Third they recommend a trap and remove program be executed to keep the deer population in check. Thus far the deer committee has recommended banning feeding of deer, and allowing archery only hunting on properties of 10+ acres. The deer management committee will continue to meet monthly, with meetings on 16 July and 20 August. All citizens are encouraged to attend; we want to hear your voice.

### SAVE THE DATE

### GARDEN RIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

Saturday, October 10 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
GARDEN RIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER

### Quiz

By the Water Commission

If you have 1 home with 3 faucets and 1 faucet is dripping 3 drips per minute.

- 1) How many drips per day will you have?
- 2) How many liters will have dripped?



- 3) How many gallons a year would have dripped?

Now if you have 100 homes with 3 faucets each home and 1 faucet in each home is dripping 3 drips per minute.

- 4) How many gallons a year would have dripped?

See answers on bottom of this page.

### Parks Committee Report



The newly formed Parks Committee needs input from YOU! We are asking everyone (moms, dads, kids) to answer five quick survey questions. You will find copies of the survey in: the City Hall lobby; the Library; and in with your July water bill, or you may go online to the City's website ([www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us](http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us)), or on the City of Garden Ridge, TX Facebook page. Won't you please help by returning a survey to us no later than July 17? Thank you for sharing your opinions and taking the time to complete the survey.

### Are you a pet owner?

Please be a responsible pet owner and keep them

- \* on a leash while walking
- \* behind your doors or within your fence

### LIBRARY FOOTNOTES by Lynne Dean

This month the library is initiating "CHRISTMAS IN JULY", a new and ongoing fundraiser to enrich our library collection. Please find enclosed the circular explaining how you can honor someone by supporting your library.

~ We have acquired six historical novels by local author Celia Hayes, five of which tell of Texas settlers in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. **The Gathering**, is the first book of a trilogy about a group of German noblemen who founded a society to encourage immigration to Texas. They offered land, houses, and freedom, and 7,000 settlers accepted the offer to settle in the Hill Country. **Lone Star Sons**, a novel for our younger readers tells the story of a volunteer Texas Ranger, the sole survivor of an ambush and the Indian Scout who rescued him. The two young men join forces to pursue a mysterious treasure of gold and silver, a treasure that is cursed. They face many dangers, including spies from three nations, a den of murderous robbers and an orphaned baby in the desert.

We have also acquired Bill O'Reilly's newest biography **Hitler's Last Days: The Death of the Nazi Regime and the World's Most Notorious Dictator**. This is geared to our younger readers and will be found on the Junior shelves. Our website lists all of our newest acquisitions.

### Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission's monthly meeting was held on June 8, 2015. A review of May blasts was conducted. A total of 10 blasts occurred in the month of May. The highest ground vibration measured was .263 in/sec on May 20<sup>th</sup> and the highest air blasts measured was 109.5 dB on both May 21<sup>st</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup>. All readings were within the criteria of City Ordinance 34. The one Citizen Blasting report for the month of May was for the blast occurring on May 28<sup>th</sup>, which was discussed.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the monthly quarry commission meetings. Next meeting is July 13 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](http://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 July meeting.

The Quarry Commission is now conducting training sessions every month at the end of Quarry Commission meetings. The training is intended to educate citizens and Board members about blasting and its effects. If you have a specific, blasting-related topic you would like to learn more about, please let the Commission or City Hall know. At July's meeting, the training will focus on the planning, design, and execution of blasts.

### Stay Informed

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Water quizz answers.

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