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February 2011

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Non-emergency, after hours 651-6831



Happy Valentine's Day



Lincoln's Birthday — 12th

President's Day — 21st



Washington's Birthday — 22nd



Coming Events:

- 2 Feb — City Council Meets, 6 PM
- 2 Feb — Groundhog Day
- 8 Feb — Emergency Services District 6 (ESD6) Town Hall Meeting, 7 PM
- 8 Feb — Planning and Zoning Workshop, 6pm
- 12 Feb — Lincoln's Birthday — City Offices Open
- 14 Feb — Valentine's Day
- 14 Feb — Quarry Commission Meets, 7pm
- 17 Feb — Planning and Zoning Meets, 6pm
- 21 Feb — President's Day — City Hall closed Library open.
- 22 Feb — Washington's Birthday — City Offices and Library Open
- 22 Feb — Water Commission Meets, 6 pm

FROM THE MAYOR

This newsletter issue filled so quickly, my remarks are brief. All remains well within the city, finances, personnel, etc. I maintain a concern regarding rain. Without normal winter resupply, it could be a long, hot summer! "I'll worry about that tomorrow." Thanks for your support!

Jay F. Feibelman
Mayor

Quick Notes

- Pet Registration.** If you did not register 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.



United Way of Comal County Accepting Funding Applications

United Way of Comal County (UWCC) has begun accepting applications for the July, 2011 through June, 2012 funding cycle. Non-profit agencies in the county seeking funding through United Way of Comal County can access the application online at www.uwcomal.org, or they can call the United Way of Comal County office at 830-620-7760 to request an application.

A mandatory application training meeting will be held Friday, January 21, 2011, at the McKenna Events Center in New Braunfels beginning at 10:00am. All agencies interested in applying for funding must attend. The deadline to turn in applications is Thursday, February 17, 2011, by 4:00 pm. All applications must be received in the UWCC office by that date and time in order to be considered for funding.

Texas Poison Center Network

The Texas Poison Center Network, established in 1993, provides a 24 hour toll free resource to provide Texas citizens with access to a network of nurses, pharmacists, paramedics, and physicians who have extensive education, training, and expertise in the field of toxicology. The old toll free number 1-800-POISON-1 hot line will be terminated in February. All callers should now call 1-800-222-1222. A call to that number will connect you with one of 6 poison centers in Texas.

FM 3009 PROGRESS

Traffic will move from the old section to the new by March. The transition will take place by moving first one direction to the new section to work the FM 2252 intersection. Then the other direction will be moved. Target completion date is December 2011.

Emergency Services District 6 (ESD6) Town Hall Meeting

Comal County's ESD6 manages funding for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and firefighting support for a 75 square mile area, including Garden Ridge. On February 8th, they will host a Town Hall meeting at the Bracken Volunteer Fire Department's Central Station, located at 23600 FM 3009. The meeting will begin at 7 PM. It will include an update on the status of their work in providing Garden Ridge area families with vital firefighting and First and Second Responder EMS services, and future financial challenges regarding those continued services. For further information regarding this important meeting, call Mark Delaney at 210-455-6895.

Comal County No Refusal Weekends

Comal DA's Office has organized a No Refusal policy for every weekend in 2011. The program will run from 5 pm on Friday to 8 am on Monday. Expect all police jurisdictions in Comal, including Garden Ridge PD to participate.

CISD Senior Citizen Card

The CISD Senior Citizen Card (60 and older) will admit senior citizens to a wide variety of CISD sporting events, school plays, band and choir concerts, and other events, all without charge for admission. To get a card, provide your name and home address to CISD Communications Office by calling 830-221-2000 or write to them at 1404 IH-35 North, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

WESTERN FEBRUARY at Triumphant Lutheran

Come join TRIUMPHANT LUTHERAN CHURCH, 21315 Bat Cave Road for the following events:

Saturday, Feb 12th, for Chili Tasting and Judging at 6:00PM, followed by a Country Barn Dance starting at 7:00PM. We will have a guest instructor teaching and leading western circle dances. Admission is free. Both events are preceded by our regular Saturday casual worship service at 5:00PM.

Sunday, Feb 27th, at 8:30 or 11:00 A.M, for *Country Western Services with country gospel music* and a free Cowboy Breakfast.

- The breakfast, featuring biscuits and gravy, will be served between services beginning at 9:45AM.
- After a hearty breakfast, mosey outside to watch a trick roper and pose for a picture with Oreo the Longhorn Steer. Pony rides available for the kids.

Free Nursery Available.

For additional information see our web site at www.triumphantlutheran.org, send email inquiries to secretary@triumphantlutheran.org, or call the church office at 210-651-9090. Y'all Come!!

HEB CENTRAL MARKET COOKING CLASS

It is time to make reservations for the GRWC cooking class at HEB Central Market, located at 4821 Broadway. This is always a popular outing that you will not want to miss! Come and enjoy the delicious lunch that the staff has planned for us.

Date: Thursday, February 24, 2011

Time: 11:30

Cost: GRWC Members: \$25 -- Non-Members: \$30

Reservation Deadline: February 15, 2011

Please make checks payable to GRWC and send to:

Tina Schuman

7814 Star Circle

San Antonio, TX 78266





CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

Sponsored by:
Garden Ridge Women's Club
Date: Saturday, March 19, 2011
Location: Garden Ridge
Community Center



Cost for Table:

GRWC Members: Inside Table: \$30 –
Outside Table: \$35
Non-Members: Inside Table: \$40 –
Outside Table: \$45

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

June Fordiani
8824 Garden Ridge Dr.
Garden Ridge, TX 78266

Have Questions? Call June at 210-651-9111

Library Footnotes

By Karen Bishop



We are currently highlighting authors who write series of books. Linda has done her usual fantastic job of designing a great bulletin board naming some of those authors but there are many more.

The library will be open Presidents Day, February 21. Some of you may be enjoying a day off from your workplaces and find extra time to read a good book or see a DVD from our collection.

For those who have kept a VCR, the library is selling its collection of VHS tapes at 25 cents each. We have a large and varied number of titles for children and adults.

If you get cabin fever during cold and damp winter days, come join us at the library. We have the Wall Street Journal daily, as well as subscriptions to Forbes, Consumer Reports and Woman's Day magazines. Remember you can also access Consumer Reports online at consumerreports.org. The user name is cgrl2008 and the password is bookworm. Our library computers are also available for you to use.

Be sure you have a good book handy so you can participate in the national "Read in the Bathtub Day" on February 9!!!

SUPER BOWL PARTY AND OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND FOREST WATERS CLUB FEBRUARY 5th & 6th

To the Garden Ridge community: You are cordially invited to attend Forest Waters Club's Annual Super Bowl Party, Sunday, February 6th, beginning at 6:00 pm.

There will be drink specials and complimentary snacks and of course, the big game on the big screen!

For those who wish to join the Club, there will also be an open house that weekend for prospective new members.

Quarry Commission

The Garden Ridge Quarry Commission held its monthly meeting January 10, 2011. One citizen was present and two citizen blast reports were reviewed and discussed. There were seven blasts during the month of December. Blast data for the month was presented by Roman Luther of Vibra-Tech. All blasts for the month were discussed. Bruce Northrup with Austin Powder talked about blasting and discussed issues associated with voids and soil quality affecting blasts. The Quarry Commission discussed frequency effect at monitoring locations. We thank the residents for their submission of blast reports. We encourage continued submission of the Blast Report found on the City of Garden Ridge website and appreciate your attendance at the next Quarry Commission meeting February 14th at 7 P.M.



Significant City Council Actions in January



APPROVED:

- 2010 certified tax levy for the City of Garden Ridge as submitted by the Comal County Tax Assessor-Collector
- Resolution 232-012011 providing for exemption of certain vehicles from requirements of Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 721.005(A), Identification of City and County Owned Vehicles
- Resolution 233-012011 of compliance with annual review and adoption of the Public Funds Investment Policy for the City of Garden Ridge, Texas
- Award of bid for the City of Garden Ridge FM 3009 Plant Improvements and High Service Pump Project and authorize the City Administrator to execute the contract documents for said project
- Release of Garden Ridge Police Officer Timothy Simkins from 6 month probationary period effective January 14, 2011 with 5% salary increase due to release from probationary status
- Request from 8719 Garden Ridge Dr. to provide equal treatment as given previously to 8718 Garden Ridge Dr. to erect a fence along the west side of property abutting Tonkawa Pass
- Suspension of Center Point Energy's Statement of Intent to Increase Rates and suspending the January 7, 2011 effective date.

PRESENTATIONS-UPDATES-DISCUSSION-REPORTS

- Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to amend Ordinance 7-092008, Amendment #2 regarding water and subdivision development to include the requirement that all petitions for subdivisions be referred to and reviewed by the City Water Commission prior to consideration by the Planning and Zoning Commission
- Update on public safety concerns in the Wild Wind Unit 3 Subdivision of Garden Ridge, Texas
- Discussion on visibility concerns at the intersections of Forest Waters Circle at Bat Cave Road, Bindsiel Road at Bat Cave Road and Water Wood Drive at Schoenthal Road
- Report on status of Water System Capital Projects

"Ain't Nothing but a Hound Dog Jog" benefits Animal Defense League

Dogs and their humans are invited to get some exercise and help the Animal Defense League at the same time. A new family-friendly running and walking event, the **Ain't Nothin' but a Hound Dog Jog 5k, 1 Mile and Kid's Mile**, takes place Saturday, March 5 in Garden Ridge. The race starts at 8 a.m. at Paul Davis Park, located at the corner of Bluebell Drive and Grass Creek Road. All proceeds from the race benefit the Animal Defense League. Participants will receive a T-shirt and post-race sausage dogs. Participants can register to run or walk with or without their dogs. **All dogs must be on a leash.**

All participants in the Kid's 1 Mile receive a goodie. For those running with their dogs in the 5k and 1 Mile events, awards will be given to the top three overall male and female finishers. Those competing in the 5k and 1 Mile events without dogs will be eligible for male and female overall, masters and age group awards in the following increments (15 and under; 16-29; 30-39; 49-49; 50-59; and 60 and up). Race entry for 5k participants is \$25 through Feb. 5; \$30 through Feb. 19; \$35 after that and \$40 on race day. Race entry for 1 Mile participants is \$20 through Feb. 5; \$25 through Feb. 19; \$30 after that and \$35 on race day. Race entry for the Kid's Mile is \$15 and \$20 on race day.

For more information, to register or volunteer, please visit www.RunInTexas.com or call 210-651-6096.

Filing for City Election for May 14, 2011

The General Election for the City of Garden Ridge will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011. The positions up for election, for two year terms, are: the Mayor and City Council, Places 2 and 3. Individuals interested in filing for a place on the ballot can do so beginning February 12th, with the last date to file being March 14th. The last date to file for a write-in is March 21st. The filings can be done at City Hall during regular business hours, which are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. For any questions regarding the election, please call the City Secretary, Yolanda Benitez, at (210) 651-6632.

SPRING GARDENING EVENT

Would you like some advice from a Master Gardener about San Antonio's gardening challenges? Please join us for a fun, informative morning. Refreshments will be served.

Date: Thursday, April 7, 2011
Time: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
Place: Antique Rose Emporium,
7561 E. Evans Rd, San Antonio, TX
Cost: Members: \$10.00
Non-members: \$15.00

Reservation and payment due by April 1, 2011

Make checks payable to GRWC and send to:

Judi Hanna
13622 Hercules Lane
Universal City, TX 78148
Questions: Call Judi at 210-658-0819

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents:

Troy & Wendy Bippert
Andre & James Bullard
Stephen & Carolyn Conley
James & Keysa Galles
Daryll & Mary Martin
Jose & Linda Villarreal



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 again each January thereafter. Call 651-6831 for information.

