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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge



## August 2016

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**Garden Ridge Police Department general information (210) 651-6441**  
**Police emergencies/assistance- 911 or (830)609-3921**  
**Water, Animal Control-(including after hours/holidays) (210) 651-6831**

### Coming Events

- Aug 3 City Council Regular Meeting @6pm
- Aug 4 Story Hour @ 10:30am in Library
- Aug 8 Quarry Commission Meeting @6pm
- Aug 9 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting @ 6pm
- Aug 10 City Council Special Meeting @ 2:30pm
- Aug 11 Story Hour @ 10:30am in Library
- Aug 17 Lunch-n-Learn @ noon in Library
- City Council Special Meeting @2:30pm
- Aug 23 Water Commission Meeting @ 6pm
- Aug 29 City Council Special Meeting @ 6pm
- Sep 1 City Council Special Meeting @ 6pm
- Sep 5 City Hall and Library will be closed.

*NOTE: All meetings subject to change!*

### Mayor's Corner

Thanks to all our civic organizations, volunteers and City employees who worked so hard to make our Fourth of July celebration such a success! Everyone had a great time.

We are in the heat of the summer so while you are out enjoying the last vestiges of summer, please remember to keep yourself and your loved ones well hydrated.

Also, water usage continues to climb – please manage your landscape watering so you don't become a victim of water bill "sticker shock". An established lawn can survive our Texas summers with a good watering less frequently.

And speaking of back to school, August 23<sup>rd</sup> is the first day back, so watch out for our kiddos and buses.

Have a great August!  
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### WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

#### New Residents

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| BRIAN BOHLKE                 | KARL HEINEN            |
| FELICIA BREAUX & RANDY MUNOZ | CASEY & KRISTEN LOWE   |
| PATRICK COCKERILL            | LEANNA MCKINNEY        |
| JEREMY E CRESON              | GUADALUPE M MUNOZ      |
| TERRI DILLY                  | STANLEY SMITH          |
| SANDRA T GUICE               | JENNIFER & HUGH SPIRES |
| BRECK HALE                   | REGINA TREVINO         |
| KEVIN HAYBURN                |                        |

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.

### Pets

By Eric Lowman, Animal Control

Your pets depend on you for their meals, health, love, safety and exercise. All animals need exercise -- cats need to play, dogs need to run, even hamsters need to spin on their wheels. Make sure your cat or dog gets enough exercise and reaps the rewards of this healthy habit.

Please remember to register your dogs and cats...it's the law.

### National Night Out

The Garden Ridge Police Department will be joining agencies across the State of Texas by celebrating National Night Out on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The event will be held at the Garden Ridge Community Center. National Night Out is a historic event designed to create a closer knit community.

The 2016 National Night Out event will consist of civic organizations that focus on making the community a better place to live. Many of these organizations will have a table at this event and representatives to answer questions about what services they have to offer as well as how they help in a time of need. Bring the kids with you for face painting and magic tricks. This is a great way to teach them how the community comes together to help others and what resources are available. Food and drinks will be supplied by the Garden Ridge Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

If you are a local non-profit organization serving the Garden Ridge community and would like to join us for National Night Out by reserving a table, please contact the Police Department by sending an email to [dbellinger@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us](mailto:dbellinger@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us). All reservations will be finalized by September 13, 2016.

Congratulations to our very on Garden Ridge Patriotic Kids' contests winners :

- Ava Dimmitt - 1st Place
- Isabel Templeton - 2nd Place
- Lily Henderson - 3rd Place

Thanks to all children who entered, this year's competition was great!

To view all the pictures of the July 4th Celebration go to our website <http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/gallery>

Thanks to everyone who made this celebration a success again this year.

### 24/7 Non-emergency Contact Information

For after hours animal control or water emergencies you can reach the City of Garden Ridge Water Department or Public Works (Animal Control) at (210)651-6831.

Need to tell us something?

You can do this on the City's website under Citizen Comment/Input

### Comal Master Gardeners Announce Training Class

The Comal Master Gardeners recently announced the schedule for their 2017 training class. Classes will begin January 18 and run every Wednesday afternoon until May 3. Topics presented will include plant growth and development, soils/fertilizers/mulch/compost, vegetable gardening, trees, turf grass, and native plants, landscape design and more. Successful completion of the 50-hour course and participation in 50 hours of supervised volunteer service by the end of 2017 will result in certification as a Texas Master Gardener. Further information and the application form can be found at [txmg.org/comal/training/](http://txmg.org/comal/training/) or by emailing [cmgtraining@gvtc.com](mailto:cmgtraining@gvtc.com).

### Significant Actions - July City Council Meetings

- Approved  
Ord. 70-072016 PD realignment Comal Appraisal District Budget
- Denied  
Sahota Holdings, LLC request for rezoning petition and Master Development Plan and request to bring in 1.6 acre feet of water for the southwest corner of FM 2252 and Nacogdoches Loop for a convenience store and car wash.
- Presentation  
Comal Trails Alliance
- Updates  
CIP Projects (2013, 2015 & 2016) Garden Ridge Parks Committee Council Communication

### Quarry Commission Happenings

During the Quarry Commission's June 13 meeting, a very informative training session provided useful information on studies that compared every day environmental effects vs. blast effects on dry wall cracks. Using sensitive digital micro-crack monitors that measured variations in structural cracks in millionths of an inch, university scientists compared variation in dry wall cracks caused by blasting effects with displacement in cracks caused by normal daily environmental and vibrational factors, including expansion and contraction due to daily temperature changes, foot traffic, slamming of doors, bumping of walls with vacuum cleaners, and other common activities. The Quarry Commission members found the data helpful and will determine ways to make this information available on the City web site.

The Commission members also discussed changing the time of their bi-monthly meeting from 7:00 PM to 6:00PM. Beginning in August, the Commission will start its meeting at 6:00 PM.

### FOOTNOTES by Karen Bishop

A recent cartoon showed a little girl reading on her phone, next on an e-reader and finally on a PC. In the last frame she was holding a real book and saying "Ah, summer!" It's hot outside and time for us to enjoy our own "Ah, summer" reading. The library has several titles for your own summer reading pleasure.

Geraldine Brooks' book **March** retells Louisa May Alcott's novel **Little Women** from the point of view of the absent father. An addition to the China Bayles herbal mysteries is **Wormwood** by Susan Wittig Albert. **Under the Wide and Starry Sky** by Nancy Horan is the fictionalized story of the love between Robert Louis Stevenson and his wife Fanny. A new biography, **His Excellency George Washington** by Joseph J. Ellis is also now available. For **Longmire** fans we now have series 1, 2 and 3 on DVD.  
Ah, summer!



### Holiday Marketplace

Saturday, October 8, 2016, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

GARDEN RIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER

Unique Vendors, Silent Auction, Knotty Knotters' Quilt, and Great Food.

\$2.00 Admission Fee (children free) .....Free Parking

Vendor Inquiries: Linda Potts (210) 651-6369

Volunteer: Tanya Haddad (210) 651-9241

Thank you to the citizens of Garden Ridge for the great turn out at Paul Davis Park for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We hope that everyone had a wonderful time visiting with family, friends & neighbors. The GRCPAAA would like to thank the bidders & sponsors of the silent auction. We could not have done this without you. When you are shopping in Garden Ridge, Bracken, Schertz, Cibolo, Marion, New Braunfels, Bryan, Live Oak, Selma, San Antonio. Please stop by and say thank you to the supporters of our community. A Thank you to Alamo Draffhouse, Animal World & Snake Farm, American Bank of Texas, Anytime Fitness, Artistic Counters, Basket Case, Bill Miller Bar-B-Q, Bracken Store Cafe, Bracken Feed & Seed, Bush's Chicken, Chick-Fil-A, Chuy's, Cibolo Valley Nursery, Claire's Sweet Treats, Clear Springs Restaurant, Confident Defense, Cooper's Old Time Bar B Q, Dry Comal Creek Vineyards, Earley Training & Supply, Encanto Mexican Restaurant, Express Lube, Fickle Pickle, Frost Bank, Garcia's Mexican Food, Garden Ridge Police Department, Gg's Corner Café, Harmon's Barbecue, HEB, IHOP San Antonio, Interstate All Battery Center, Kiolbassa Provision Co., Laser Legend, Loka Studios, Messina Hof Winery & Resort, Mindful Living Counseling, Montana Mike's Steakhouse, Natural Bridge Caverns, New Braunfels Smokehouse, Northeast Foot Center, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Panera Bread, Paw Prints Grooming & Boarding, Raising Cane's, Randolph Brooks FCU, Red Lobster, Ring.com, Rustic Creations, Salsalitos Cantina, SAS Shoes, Schertz Bank & Trust, Schulz Nursery, Sea World, SplashTown, Spurs Sports & Entertainment, Tui Steppi's Osteria. Thanks again.

### Garden Ridge Celebrates the Land of the Free

Paul Davis Park and patriotism were alive and well as hundreds of residents and guests took in events, great food, silent auction, and just plain fun games at the Annual Garden Ridge 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. It was exciting to see so many children enjoying the games and activities; even after the prizes ran out.

Thank you to the donors who provided a bounty of items for games and attendance prizes. When you patronize these vendors or see these neighbors, please thank them for their generous support for the Garden Ridge community and the Parks Committee.

Aaron Grafft, *Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers*

Scott Maddox and Cole Cook, *Pollo Tropical*

Janice Morfin, *Jason's Deli*

Keri Ynclan and Melinde Henderson, *Gracie Gene's Boutique*

Jerry Witt, *Interstate All Battery Center*

David and Lisa Foss, handcrafted wooden bowl

Megan and Ronnie Miller, three bottles of wine

Joanne Teweles, Uncle Sam statue

Missy Lantzy, Custom wreath and custom swag

Shelby and Kathy Trial, assorted prizes

Kay Bower, assorted prizes

Susan and Bill Soeth, fish pond and prizes *Jefferson State Bank*