



NOV 11  
**VETERANS' DAY**  
 Remember with great  
 gratitude and honor  
 all members of our  
 Armed Forces  
 Especially those who  
 fought & died serving  
 America!



# THE GRAPEVINE

NOW OVER 1,400 HOUSEHOLDS SERVED  
 The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge  
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 November 2010

City Hall 651-6632    Lost Pet 651-6831    GRPD 651-6441

Non-emergency, after hours 651-6831



## Happy Thanksgiving!



### Coming Events:

- Nov 2 - Election Day — Vote 7am - 7pm Community Center
- Nov 3 - City Council Meets 6 pm.
- Nov 7 - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov 8 - Quarry Commission meets 7 pm.
- Nov 9 - Planning and Zoning Workshop 6 pm.
- Nov 11 - Veterans' Day "Lest We Forget"— City Offices Closed, Library Open
- Nov 18 - Planning and Zoning meets 6 pm.
- Nov 23 - Water Commission meets 6 pm.
- Nov 25 - Happy Thanksgiving
- Nov 26 - City offices and Library closed.
- Nov 6 — 21 - Brush Disposal Dumpsters @ Community Center

### WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

#### Those Listed and Families:

- Kari Arnold
- Jeannie Pai & Dong Jang
- Darrell & Angela Jenkins
- Nobel & Heather Lisenbee
- Thomas & Marie Sinclair
- Meredith Stack
- Leo & San Juanita Tucker II
- Allen & Charmaine Underwood



*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. Call 651-6831 for information.*

### HOMES FOR PETS

Homes For Pets, an all volunteer animal rescue group is now included in the Combined Federal, County and City charitable campaigns. Your donation makes it possible for us to rescue and give abandoned, abused or surrendered animals needed medical care and a second chance for a safe and loving home. 95% of the funds received are used directly for the care of the animals. Please help us help them CFC#49280; Bexar County#8018; San Antonio #8018

### Stranded Family or Friend Scam

Twitter, MySpace and Facebook are popular social networking sites that allow users to communicate with each other via email and message board postings. Scammers have discovered how to hack into user accounts to hijack the identity of the account owner and send messages to friends and family asking for financial assistance.

The target victim will receive a personal and urgent message from their friend or family member's stolen account, asking for assistance because they are as a result of being robbed of their credit cards, passport, money, and/or cell phone.

Due to the sense of urgency, target victims will often fail to validate the claim, which increases the likelihood of falling for this scam.

### Quick Notes

- Thanksgiving week trash pick-up only on Monday-Tuesday and Friday.
- When having guests or having work performed on your home, request your parking not block the mailbox. Some postal carriers will bypass your home if access is blocked.
- "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." — Eleanor Roosevelt.



### FROM THE MAYOR

With the current world situation, the war on terror, our troops in harms way, etc., November 11th, Veterans Day takes on a regenerated meaning. This year on Veterans Day, make a conscious effort to pause and reflect on the meaning and significance of the day.

The observance was originally designated Armistice Day, the date which signified the end of WW I. Documents were signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. It was subsequently changed to Veterans Day to honor all who serve.

Honor all who are serving and have served to preserve the freedoms we enjoy. Please display the flag!

The new 1,000,000 gallon above ground water storage will be on line shortly. With this additional capacity, we are assured of adequate storage to serve future buildout of the city. Additionally, the construction project on the bridge in Forest Waters has been completed and is now open.

Have a great fall and thank you for allowing us to continue to move our city forward!

**Jay F. Feibelman**  
 Mayor

### A Day to Honor VETERANS at the Garden Ridge Library

As a way to honor our Veterans and Service People, the Library is sponsoring an open house on Thursday, November 11, 2010. It will be held from 11 am to 7 pm. There will be light refreshments served during the day. As special entertainment, the fifth graders from Garden Ridge Elementary School will present 4 patriotic songs at 12:50. It may be difficult for people to come at that hour, but we hope you will make the effort to encourage these young people.

If you are a veteran, we hope you will come so that we can thank you in a very small way for your service. If you are not a veteran, please come and help us honor our heroes.

**FREEDOM ISN'T FREE!**

### Garden Ridge Elementary 1st Fall Festival and Market

The community is invited to Garden Ridge Elementary 1st Fall Festival and Market on November 13th from 12—4 PM.

We will have carnival type games, sack races, face painting by Ashley Gregory, Puddin' the Balloon artist, tractor train ride and inflatable bounce houses outside. There will also be a bake sale and a treat walk in the cafeteria. Great food from Martha's Mexican Restaurant & Cantina will be available to purchase. GRES's very own Coach Martinez will be the DJ.

A vendor market will be set up in the gym. This will be a fabulous time to do your holiday shopping! Vendor space is still available for \$30.00 a spot. Please contact Kathy Riley at twitchets@aol.com for more information about vendor space.

Wristbands for \$10.00 and packets of 10 tickets for \$5.00 may be pre-ordered. Wristbands at the event are \$12.00. Please contact Jill Creel at creelsjc@aol.com for more information about wristbands and tickets. All profits will support GRES PTA.



**Significant City Council Actions in October**  
**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

- Proclamation proclaiming the month of October 2010 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Garden Ridge

**APPROVED/UPDATES:**

- Resignation/retirement of Victor Matta as Chief of Police for the City of Garden Ridge effective December 31, 2010
- Update on and review of process for filling the Chief of Police position for the City of Garden Ridge
- Resignation of Lucas Hutchison as Public Works Representative II for the City of Garden Ridge effective September 17, 2010
- Employment of Stanley Georg as Public Works Representative II for the City of Garden Ridge effective October 18, 2010 with 90 day probationary period
- City of Garden Ridge City Administrator contract
- Update on public safety concerns in the Wild Wind Unit 3 Subdivision of Garden Ridge, Texas
- City Water Commission recommendation request from Wild Wind Homeowners Association for an adjustment to their July 2010 water bill due to a leak
- City Water Commission recommendation on the reappointment of Commissioners Frank Powers to Place 1, Anthony Zugay to Place 3 and Gary Stegman to Place 4 with terms of office expiring October 2012
- Required update of the Emergency Management Plan for Comal County as the City of Garden Ridge is a participant in said plan
- Reappointment of Carol Edgett as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Garden Ridge
- Employment of Kimberly Ryan as Garden Ridge Community Center Manager effective October 16, 2010
- Code enforcement efforts to obtain compliance at 8719 Garden Ridge Drive and authorizing the City Attorney to take enforcement action necessary against the owner of the property to ensure the public safety, health, and welfare of the community through the enforcement of the city's ordinances.

**GARDEN RIDGE LIONS CLUB**  
**THANK YOU !!**



On behalf of the Garden Ridge Lions' Club, I thank everyone in the community who helped make our annual Fish Fry, BBQ, and Auction a great success. Because of your generous participation, we will be able to continue many important services to our community. The Lions in our club could not achieve our civic and humanitarian goals without the support of our entire community.

Last year we were able to provide Christmas groceries and gifts to many needy families, scholarships to local high school graduates and Texas Lions Camp counselors. We are major contributors to the Texas Lions Camp for Disabled Children in Kerrville, and Lions Club International, which is the leader in providing blindness prevention services, leader dogs for the blind, diabetes prevention and research and many other services. We also support other local organizations such as the Bracken Fire Department, Boy Scouts, Garden Ridge Library, Texas Boys and Girls State and many others.

Thanks to all of you who donated and volunteered to work before, during and after the Fish Fry, BBQ, and Auction. We could not pull off an event of this magnitude without everyone's help. For membership information, contact Dick Vogt at 651-5894.

The planning process has already begun for next year's event which is scheduled to be held the first Saturday in October at the Garden Ridge Community Center. See Ya There!

**Joe Britan**  
**President**  
**Garden Ridge Lions Club**

**Graceland Christmas Open House**

Graceland Assisted Living is looking forward to celebrating the upcoming holiday season at their Second Annual Christmas at Graceland. You are invited to join the Graceland community for their Christmas Open House December 16 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Graceland will be transformed into a dazzling Christmas Wonderland including an artful three-foot tall gingerbread house at the center of a gingerbread village lovingly crafted by the residents and a Holiday Model Train on display from the San Antonio Miniature Railroad Association. There will be live entertainment, visits with Santa Claus, and refreshments of wassail and other holiday treats! It promises seasonal delights for the entire family.

If you cannot make it to the festivities on December 16, or would just like to visit a second time, Graceland Assisted Living is welcoming the community to stop by their home to enjoy the holiday decorations and refreshments anytime from December 12 to 26 during normal business hours.

Graceland Assisted Living is located at 19095 Fm 2252 in Garden Ridge. For more information please contact Michelle Sutton at 210-651-6377 or visit their website [www.gracelandassistedliving.com](http://www.gracelandassistedliving.com).

**Library Footnotes**  
*By Lynne Dean*

Things are rocking along in the library with many new print and audio books.

We are also working towards replacing our VHS tapes with DVDs, which will include both classic movies and new releases. If you have any suggestions for future purchases, please let us know!



**NEW ON AUDIO:**

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society - Schaffer & Barrows; Absolute Power - David Baldacci; Visions of Sugar Plums, and Finger Lickin' Fifteen - Janet Evanovich; Nora Roberts 3 Vol. set -- Sign of Seven Collection; Hey, Good Looking! - Fern Michaels; and T is for Trespass - Sue Grafton.

**NEW IN PRINT:**

Fever Dream - 14th new novel from bestselling co-authors Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child. The Help - Wonderful first novel about 3 strong southern women, by Kathryn Stockett. Night & Day - Robert B. Parker - one of his last novels. Steig Larsson 3 novel series: The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, The Girl Who Played with Fire, and The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets Nest.

**NEWEST ON DVD:**

Atonement, and 3:10 to Yuma.  
 Come and join the ELITE who MEET in the LIBRARY!

**New Eagle Scout in Garden Ridge**

We congratulate John S. Vaile who was awarded his Eagle Scout medal on September 28, 2010. John is a member of Troop 58 in Bulverde. He attends Randolph HS and is a member of the National Honor Society, the National Spanish Honor Society and the Randolph HS Band.

**This Might Be Good Information...**

**Especially for Those of You**

**Who Might Be Susceptible to Anaphylactic Shock**

It might be wise to carry a penny in your pocket while working in the yard — bee stings!

A couple of weeks ago, I was stung by both a bee and a hornet while working in the garden.

My arm swelled up so I went to the doctor. The clinic gave me cream and an antihistamine. The next day the swelling was getting progressively worse, so I went to my regular doctor.

The arm was infected and needed an antibiotic. The doctor told me "The next time you get stung put a penny on it for 15 minutes." That night, my niece was stung by two bees. I looked at the bite and it had already started to swell. So I taped a penny to her arm for 15 minutes. The next morning there was no sign of a bite. We decided she just wasn't allergic to the sting.

Soon, I was gardening outside. I got stung again, twice by a hornet on my left hand. I thought "Here I go again to the doctor for another antibiotic". I promptly got out my money and taped two pennies to my bites and then sat and sulked for 15 minutes. The penny took the sting out of the bite immediately.

In the meantime, the hornets were attacking, and my friend was stung on the thumb. Again, the penny.

The next morning I could only see the spot where the hornet had stung me. No redness, no swelling. My friend's sting was the same; couldn't even tell where she had been stung.

She got stung again a few days later on her back — cutting the grass! And the penny worked once again.

Wanted to share this marvelous information in case you experience the same problem. We need to keep a stock of pennies on hand.

The doctor said the copper in the penny counteracts the bite. It definitely works! Please remember and pass this information along to your family and friends...anyone who has children and grandchildren.

