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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

## OCTOBER 2016

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### Coming Events

- Oct 4 National Night Out (see article)
- Oct 5 City Council Regular Meeting @ 6pm
- Oct 10 Holiday-City Offices and Library will be closed.
- Oct 11 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting @ 6pm
- Oct 14 Card Making @ 1:30pm in the Library
- Oct 19 Lunch-n-Learn @ noon in the Library
- Oct 24 Early Voting begins (see article)
- Oct 25 Water Commission Meeting @ 6pm
- Oct 28 Trick or Treat @ 10:30am in the Library
- Nov 2 City Council Regular Meeting @ 6pm
- Nov 8 Election Day (see article)

The Science Club will meet every Monday at 3pm in the Library.  
Story Time is held every Friday at 10:30pm in the Library

**NOTE: All meetings subject to change!**

### National Night Out

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.  
@ Community Center

### Life and Limb

If you see school buses, moving vans, or delivery trucks driving in the middle of the road it's probably because they are dodging low hanging limbs or protruding shrubs and bushes. This creates a dangerous situation for pedestrian and other vehicular traffic. City Ordinance 107 was written to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the public by specifying certain height and distance requirements for trees and shrubs. Over 600 residences have been identified as violating Ordinance 107. Beginning in September the City will begin notifying residents who have trees and shrubs out of compliance. Initially, the City will concentrate on streets that are on school bus routes and/or frequently used by high profile vehicles. It is the desire of the City to work with our residents, so if you receive a letter notifying you of a violation we would appreciate your cooperation. **Don't go out on a limb**, details for the height and distance requirements, as well as other enforcement options available to the City, can be found on the City website (<http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/index.aspx?NID=119>) by reviewing Ordinance 107. Please contact Nancy Cain at (210) 651-6632 if you have any questions. ☺

### WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE New Residents

FRANCIS BARNETT	DAVID & KERRI THERIAUCT
VINCENT & MELBA HARRIS	JUAN TREVINO
GUADALUPE & JAMES JONES	JAMES/REBECCA VENTERS
TAMMY & DUSTIN KOENNING	JUAN R VITAL
CASSIE NICOLL	JOHN WOODS
SARAH & ERIK SEIME	VICTOR L ZENGERLE

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.

### Mayor's Corner

Thanks to everyone who attended the September Town Hall meeting concerning updating the Land Use Master Plan for our beautiful City. You heard the UTSA presenters say that Alpine, TX held the record for the biggest turnout for a similar presentation of their work, but our attendance easily exceeded that of Alpine. What you didn't hear was Alpine has almost twice the population of Garden Ridge. Kudos Garden Ridge! I, City Council, and the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission listened to your feedback and we learned a lot. For starters, we should have done a better job explaining to you that the various artist renderings were created to show you only what is possible, and we should have highlighted that nothing has been decided. Over the course of the coming months, we will have numerous public meetings on developing an updated plan including options and financial projections for the future. Additional Town Hall meetings and public hearings will be held before any plan is finalized. Your attendance at these meetings is encouraged. These meetings will be opportunities for all of us to have an open dialogue on the future of our city. We look forward to seeing you there.

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### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Ever since the early days before Garden Ridge became a City it has relied on volunteers. From our unpaid elected volunteers on City Council to our residents serving on the Planning and Zoning, Water, and Quarry commissions, to our wonderful Library volunteers, and people who serve in other areas, we all work together for the benefit of the City. Historically, we've been able to maintain a list of volunteer candidates to fill vacancies on our commissions. No longer is that the case. We know we have highly educated and professional residents whose talents would be invaluable to the City if they would just volunteer. Won't you please consider submitting your resume and area of interest to the City Administrator? [administrator@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us](mailto:administrator@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us)

### Significant Actions - September City Council Meeting

- Approved
  - FY 2016 Tax Rate
  - Reappointment of P&Z, Quarry and Water Commissioners
  - Sign for The Woods of Garden Ridge
- Updates
 

CIP Projects (2013, 2015 & 2016)	Council Communication
Deer Management	Tree Trimming
Garden Ridge Parks Committee	

### Need to tell us something?

You can do this on the City's website under Citizen Comment/Input  
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Most people are familiar with Paul Davis Park, but did you know that Garden Ridge has another Park? At the corner of Bat Cave Rd. and Park Lane Dr. is Park Lane Park. This small but attractive park has several benches where you can sit and read a book or just admire the handiwork of the residents who maintain it. Envisioned and built by the nearby homeowners in March, 2004, they garnered donations from area businesses, civic groups like the Lions Club and Garden Ridge Women's Club, and local residents. This park proves that bigger doesn't always mean better. Put Park Lane Park on your Garden Ridge "bucket List" and stop by sometime for a visit.

**ARE YOU SAVING THE DATE?**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** for the second annual GARDEN RIDGE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION ON **DECEMBER 6TH AT 6PM**. You don't want to miss the fun, the food, the music, and your chance to say hello to Santa! **YA'LL COME!**

**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.

**Quarry Commission Happenings**

The Quarry Commission held a joint meeting with the City Council on September 11 at 6:00 PM. The Council and Commission members approved a blasting permit application for Orica. The Quarry Commission then held their Regular Meeting where they reviewed and discussed 12 blasts records that occurred at Hanson Quarry in August. All 12 blast were within the guidelines of Ordinance 34. They also reviewed 6 Citizen Blast Impact Reports that were filed with the City of Garden Ridge. The meeting ended with a training session on blast regression relative to frequency readings, explaining the research conducted to determine how to design blasts that will remain within City Ordinance 34 requirements.

The City of Garden Ridge is accepting applications to fill a vacancy on the Quarry Commission if you are interested please send your resume to [administrator@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us](mailto:administrator@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us). The Quarry will hold their next meeting on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.



**OKTOBERFEST**

**The community is invited to attend our annual OKTOBERFEST Celebration.**

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 4-8 pm.** Live music by the Bohemian Dutchman. **BBQ Dinner served 4:30-7:00pm**, takeout available. Also: Children's Activities Handmade Crafts. Drawing for a Gingerbread Village Applique Christmas Quilt.

For those who wish to attend, there will be a short "casual dress" worship service beginning at 5:00pm. As always, the community is welcome to join us anytime for any of our services (Saturdays 5pm, Sundays 8:30am and 11:00am).

The festivities will begin with Polka Services the preceding Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at our 8:30 and 11:00am services.

**TRIUMPHANT LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
21315 Bat Cave Road, Garden Ridge  
(210) 651-9090 [www.triumphantlutheran.org](http://www.triumphantlutheran.org)



**Garden Ridge Women's Club's Holiday Marketplace**  
**October 8, 10am-4pm**

**Garden Ridge Community Center**

More than 50 artisans and vendors offering unique, one-of-a-kind items, silent auction, a raffle for an original handmade quilt, and of course, lots of food. We will have dogs for adoption as well. To donate items for the silent auction, contact [Vadiana44@yahoo.com](mailto:Vadiana44@yahoo.com), or call 210-775-8211. And finally, we need volunteers. This is a great way to meet new friends and become more involved with our community. We can't do this without you! To volunteer, please contact Tanya Haddad at 210-651-9241 or [mimitn7@yahoo.com](mailto:mimitn7@yahoo.com). All profits from this event will be donated to local charities.

**Footnotes**

Your city library, pushing toward the goal of producing lifelong readers and enhancing good school performance, will present, each Friday at 10:30 a.m., Lynn Hamilton who will enchant your children or grandchildren with a story and an activity.

Perhaps one will be Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena. It's the winner of the 2016 Newbery Award, the Coretta Scott King ward and a Cadecott Honor Book! It is not often that you find THREE award stickers on one book. This year's Caldecott winner Finding Winnie, is also not to be missed as it tells the story of the bear that inspired the Winnie the Pooh stories.

We must indeed face the fact that Downton Abbey has reached an end. What to do? Pick up Belgravia by Downton's creator, Julian Fellowes and be charmed into the lives of English families set in the nineteenth century.

People who love a good thriller will want to check out Before the Fall by Noah Hawley. A private plane crash creates an unusual tie between survivors and raises questions of intrigues and conspiracy.

Unfortunately, our Trunk or Treat event has been canceled because of the many competing activities in the area. However, Veteran's Day will be celebrated on Nov. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. The GRES children will sing and the ROTC from Canyon High School will perform. Please come to honor our veterans.

**VOTER INFORMATION**

The last day to register to vote for November's General Election is Tuesday, October 11.

This year's General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8. Early voting begins Monday, October 24. Early Voting in Garden Ridge will held at City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway.

**Early Voting Schedule**

- Monday, October 24: 8:00AM - 5:00PM
- Tuesday, October 25: 8:00AM - 4:00PM
- Wednesday, October 26: 8:00AM - 5:00PM
- Thursday, October 27: 8:00AM - 4:00PM
- Friday, October 28: 8:00AM - 5:00PM
- Saturday, October 29: 7:00AM - 7:00PM
- Sunday, October 30: 10:00AM - 3:00PM
- Monday, October 31: 7:00AM - 7:00PM
- Tuesday, November 1: 7:00AM - 7:00PM
- Wednesday, November 2: 7:00AM - 4:00PM
- Thursday, November 3: 7:00AM - 7:00PM
- Friday, November 4: 7:00AM - 7:00PM

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8 from 7:00AM - 7:00PM at the Garden Ridge Community Center. Please see the Comal County website <http://www.co.comal.tx.us/Elections.htm> for more information.