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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

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City Hall (210) 651-6632

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

- Nov 2 City Council Regular Meeting @ 6 p.m.
- Nov 7 Joint City Council and Planning & Zoning Meeting @ 6:30p.m.
- Nov 8 Election Day (see article)
- Nov 10 Veteran's Day Celebration 1-3 p.m. (see article)
- Nov 11 Holiday-City Offices and Library will be closed.
- Nov 16 Lunch-n-Learn: Taking Care of Yourself @ Library at noon
- Nov 22 Water Commission Meeting @ 6 p.m.
- Nov 24-25 Holidays-City Offices and Library will be closed.

The Science Club will meet every Monday at 3 p.m. in the Community Center.
 Story Time is held every Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the Library

Dumpster Weekends: Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27

NO TRASH PICK UP ON NOV. 24TH!

NOTE: All meetings subject to change!

Community Center

The City of Garden Ridge built the Jay F. Feibelman Community Center in 2003. It offers a large kitchen with a lot of area for several cooks to move around in. There is a small meeting room (Blue Bonnet Room) which is great for Bridal or Baby Showers, Bunco or Card games or even Bride and Bridesmaids changing room. The large room (Wildflower Room) offers tables, chairs and lots of room to move around in. This room would be great for craft shows, small antiques shows, Silver wedding parties, graduation parties, class reunions, Birthday parties, weddings and so much more.

For more information contact the Community Center Manager at (210) 843-0509.

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. In October the City began 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 received 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. ☺

2017 Garden Ridge Citizens Police Academy Class

We are planning the 2017 Citizens Police Academy (CPA) class and are actively seeking students to attend. This class is by no means a resource to teach you how to be a police officer; it is a way for the Garden Ridge Police Department to form a relationship with the residents of Garden Ridge and to offer insight into what happens behind the scenes of your local police department. Garden Ridge is your community and this class is the perfect way to get more involved with helping us keep your neighborhoods safe.

The 2017 CPA class will be 10 consecutive Tuesdays from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., (01-24-2017 through 04-04-2017). Tuesday, 03-14-2017, will be skipped due to Spring Break. To show your interest in attending the CPA class, complete the membership request form at www.grcpaaa.com or call the police department at 210-651-6441.

Please remember to remove valuables from your car, lock your doors, and close your garages .

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents

KEVIN & PAMELA AMEN	ERNEST PADILLA
ALISA BRZEK	MICHAEL TILLEMA
MIKE HEATH	JUAN TREVINO
KAREN VAZQUEZ	
ROGER FOXHALL & SUSAN BAUMANN	

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.

Significant Actions - October City Council Meeting

- Approved
 - Amendments to Ordinance 71-102016 (Oak Wilt)
 - Amendments to Ordinance 22-102016 (traffic control)
 - Hiring of Brian Horne for Public Works
 - Ratifying Hickory Bend Drainage Project
 - Reappointment of Water Commissioner Bullard
- Presentation
 - GameTime-Playground equipment
- 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 Stay informed..... Like us on Facebook



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY: The Garden Ridge Parks Committee is excited about the upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting on Tuesday, December 6th. We hope you are too. There is a new start time, 5:30PM, for the special evening that includes carols from GRES 4th graders, a DJ, food trucks, hot cocoa, Santa, and YOU. Are you ready to party?

The Parks Committee would love to have your help with the tree lighting event. Please call Diana Scott at 210-651-3320 to volunteer.
SUPPORT OUR PARKS: Last month City Council received a special presentation from Parks Committee member Lisa Swint proposing a new playground at Paul Davis Park for 2-5 year olds and updating the existing playground for the 5-12 year olds. A vote for the funding of this project (funding is included in the 2016 CIP budget) will take place at the November 2nd City Council meeting. We hope to see you at the meeting.

GR WALKERS: Stop by the lobby at City Hall and pick up a map of Walking Trail #1, an approximate 1.27 mile walk starting and ending at Paul Davis Park.

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.

Did you know....

The City of Garden Ridge has a page for lost or found pets?

- These animals are posted on the City website and Facebook page.

Your cats are dogs need a license?

- Your pet licenses are due in January of every year.

The City of Garden Ridge wants to hear from you?

- The City of Garden Ridge encourages you to complete a Citizen/Concern Form.

The City of Garden Ridge Police Department wants to know when you are out of town?

- The City of Garden Ridge Police Department and GRCPAAA will drive by your home when you are gone, if you submit an Out of Town form (in person or on the website).

The City Council and Commission meetings are open to the public?

- All meetings are posted on the bulletin board in front of City Hall and on the website and you are encouraged to attend.

Help us Help you.

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/ or by emailing cmgtraining@gvyc.com.



**Garden Ridge Women's Club
 SAVE THE DATE! DECEMBER 6, 2016
 GRWC CHRISTMAS "MIX & MINGLE"!!**

The GRWC will host a "Mix & Mingle" again this year to bring in the holidays.

This year's event will be held at:
 Olympia Hills Golf & Event Center -- 12900 Mount Olympus, Universal City.

DATE: DECEMBER 6 TIME: 2 PM until 6 PM
 ADMISSION: ONE UNWRAPPED TOY (ages 6 months – 14 yrs)

This event is open to our GRWC MEMBERS ONLY!
 HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES will be provided! Cash Bar.
 RSVP BY: DEC 1st to: Diana Scott -- 210-651-3320. VADiana44@yahoo.com

Footnotes

We will again hold our **Veterans Day Celebration on November 10, 1-3 pm.** Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served or who are currently serving. For one glorious day, all are joined by everyone else around the nation, seeking to give honor where it is due. More than ever on this special day, we stand united in respect for our veterans. Won't you join us on Thursday, Nov. 10? If you are a veteran who has never signed up with the library to have your name on the Wall of Honor, please call 651-6570. We only need your name and branch of the military. It is to be held in the City Council Chamber. Whether you have served or simply wish to honor those who have served, COME!

Need to Know

At the City Council meeting on October 5th, Council approved changes to city ordinance #22, which regulates traffic flow within the city. The changes were made to address concerns that have continually been a safety risk during school drop off times. The first change that takes effect immediately is that pedestrian crossing on Municipal Parkway between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on school days only is prohibited. This should help minimize the dangers to children crossing that busy street in the mornings. It will also eliminate the stoppage of traffic flow trying to enter and exit the school. The second change is prohibiting left turns from Teakwood Drive onto FM 3009 during that same timeframe. This change will reduce the potential for collisions in that intersection also allowing a smoother traffic flow. Everyone can expect to see signs erected in the coming weeks and enforcement measures seeking compliance from any violators.

VOTER INFORMATION

There is still time to Early Vote in Garden Ridge for the November 8th Election. Early Voting in Garden Ridge will held at City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway.

- Remaining Early Voting Schedule
- 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.