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October 2010

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## Happy Halloween!!



## Garden Ridge - Bracken Lions Club

Saturday, October 2, 2010

Garden Ridge Community Center



### Annual Fish Fry, BBQ & Auction

Please support Raffle Sales and other activities! All proceeds to charity!

#### Coming Events:

- 2 Oct — Lion's Club Fish Fry, BBQ & Auction (See article)
  - 6 Oct — City Council Meets, 6 pm
  - 11 Oct — Columbus Day - City Hall Closed
  - 11 Oct — Republican Club meets — 7 pm
  - 12 Oct — Planning and Zoning Workshop — 6 pm
  - 12 Oct — BVFD General Membership Meeting — 7pm
  - 16 Oct — "Holiday A'Fair" Market Place (See Article)
  - 21 Oct — Planning and Zoning meets — 6 pm
  - 23 Oct — Triumphant Lutheran Church Oktoberfest (See Article)
  - 26 Oct — Water Commission meets — 6pm
  - 31 Oct — Halloween
- \* Early Voting during October at Garden ridge City Hall — (See Article for dates and times)



#### Garden Ridge Lions Club Fish Fry/BBQ/Auction

The annual Garden Ridge Lions Club Fish Fry/Barbeque/Auction will be held on Saturday October 2, 2010, at the Garden Ridge Community Center between the hours of 3 PM and 9 PM.

The event will feature an excellent dinner prepared by your local Lions Club, raffle, super raffle, silent and live auctions and cash and carry sales. The live auction is expected to have some 80 items, including power tools, small appliances, electronics, dinners at selected restaurants, and more. We will also offer live entertainment by Herb and Dickie.

All proceeds are donated to charity. Come join us for a fun experience. Please invite your friends and help make this fundraiser a success. For additional information, call 654-9202.

#### WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

##### Those Listed and families:

Robert & Barbara Arispe	Brad & Tracy Borron
Andre Bucher	Billy & Zelda Chamberlin
Mark Colwell	Richard & Deanna DeArment
Jacob & Lisa Johnson	Michael & Gretta Johnson
Troy & Jami Lott	Greg Patterson
Leon & Ouima Richardson	Charels Sachs & Jacqueline Purdy
Brian & Kelly Shows	J. William & Elizabeth Walch
John & Margie Phillips	

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.

#### Water/Trash Bill Due Date Controversy

There has been some controversy over the payment due date (concerning late fees); especially when the 15th falls on a holiday or weekend. It states on the back of the water bill, **your payment is DUE not later than the 15th of the month.** After that date, a late charge of ten (10) percent will be added to the unpaid balance. A drop box is located in the median in the parking lot. Payments left in the drop box by 8 a.m. the next business day (after the 15th) are entered prior to late notices as a courtesy. Also, the City does not receive payments online. All payments made online using a bill pay service are mailed to the City. Please allow extra time for these payments coming by snail-mail. An easy way to pay your water/trash bill is the automated draft. Your payment will draft the 15th of the month. Contact Jan at 651-6831 for further information on how to sign up for the automated draft.

#### GARDEN RIDGE AREA REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Garden Ridge Area Republican Club will meet on Monday, October 11, at 7:00PM in the Bluebonnet Room of the Garden Ridge Community Center. The upcoming General Election will be discussed. Everyone is invited to attend. Please call Charles Flink at 651-6631 with questions.

#### FROM THE MAYOR

During the September power outage, it became painfully clear that during any widespread power problem, CPS is going to concentrate on the City of San Antonio prior to dispatching units to outlying areas. This may seem to be a harsh statement but certainly seemed evident from restoral times and CPS responses to citizen inquiries. After numerous calls during the outage and personal involvement by the staff, the right button was pushed and we received a response. However, the length of time to restore power was unsatisfactory. I realize CPS was saturated with calls and did respond. However, I question their procedures and have great concern for the future and their restoral capabilities and priorities during a large event. .

**Jay F. Feibelman**  
Mayor

#### QUARRY HAPPENINGS

On Sep 13, 2010, the Quarry Commission held its monthly meeting. The Commission reviewed and analyzed the data from the eight blasts that occurred in August. Two of the blasts were remarkable due to the higher than normal air overpressure. On the blasts of Aug 12th and 26th, large, unexpected voids in the rock formations that were being cleared led to increased air overpressure readings. The low clouds on the 12th also accentuated the effect of the blast. The quarry found the voids are part of a major fault, which is only the second major fault found in this quarry. The quarry will attempt to minimize the blast effects in the region of the fault. If you wish to complain about a blast or have comments for the Quarry Commission, contact City Hall at 651-6632 or visit the city's home page, where you will find the Citizens' Blast Report. If you are interested in having a seismograph placed on your property or would like to serve on the Quarry Commission, please contact City Hall. Citizens are invited to attend the next Quarry Commission meeting on [November 8, 2010 at 7 pm.](#)



#### Quick Notes

- Due to budget constraints the city will not sponsor a Halloween function this year. Please attend sponsored events in the area.
- Did you know? 1.6 gallons (toilet tank capacity) x 2 (times per minute to refill) x 60 minutes = 192 gallons x 24 hours = 4608 gallons.  
Probable problem: Stuck or leaking toilet bowl flapper. 4608 gallons of water to the septic system per day.  
Please check for leaks and conserve water!



### Significant City Council Actions

- Discussion of reports of public safety concerns in the Wild Wind Unit 3 Subdivision of Garden Ridge, Texas
- Public Hearing to receive input into the Proposed 2011 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Garden Ridge  
No Inputs received.

### APPROVED (Regular Meeting Sept 1)

- Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation on the reappointment of Sam Stocks, Kay Bower and Kitty Owen as Planning and Zoning Commissioners with terms expiring September 30, 2012
- City Water Commission recommendation to disapprove request from 21260 Forest Waters Circle, for leak adjustments to April and May 2010 water bills
- City Water Commission recommendation to adopt Ordinance 159-092010 establishing landscape and irrigation system requirements for residential and commercial properties in the City of Garden Ridge for the purpose of water conservation
- Award of the City of Garden Ridge employee dental insurance benefit plan and authorize the City Administrator to execute dental insurance contract with provider selected
- Award of the City of Garden Ridge employee health insurance benefit plan and authorize the City Administrator to execute health insurance contract with provider selected
- Award of the City of Garden Ridge life insurance benefit plan and authorize the City Administrator to execute life insurance contract with provider selected
- Ordinance 22-092010 regulating traffic on streets, roads, and highways within the City of Garden Ridge by establishing stop sign locations and placement of traffic control devices
- Resignation of Connie Furbish as Garden Ridge Community Center Manager effective October 15, 2010

### TABLED

- City Water Commission recommendation on request from Wilfred Schmedes, 22125 Senna Hills Dr., to allow a Hot Water on Demand System rebate

### APPROVED (Special Meeting, Sept 7):

- Property tax increase of \$33,424 as reflected in the 2011 General Fund and Interest and Sinking Fund Budgets for the City of Garden Ridge
- Resolution 228-092010 approving fiscal year 2011 Budget for the City of Garden Ridge General Fund for the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011
- Resolution 229-092010 approving fiscal year 2011 Budget for the City of Garden Ridge Water Fund for the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011
- Resolution 230-092010 approving fiscal year 2011 Budget for the City of Garden Ridge Interest and Sinking Fund for the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011
- Resolution 231-092010 approving the fiscal year 2011 Budget for the City of Garden Ridge Capital Improvement Fund for the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011
- Adoption of \$0.164696 as the 2010 Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate for the City of Garden Ridge
- Adoption of the \$0.098276 as the 2010 Debt Service Tax Rate for the City of Garden Ridge
- Ordinance 160-092010 adopting a tax rate of \$0.268972 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the City of Garden Ridge, Texas to be effective for the Tax Year 2010 (Fiscal Year 2011)

### New Service Available

Ross Healthcare Solutions is a Private Duty Home Healthcare Business. We offer Certified Nursing Assistant Care, Rehabilitation Programs, In Home Assistance with Activities of Daily Living, Dementia & Alzheimer's Programs, Housekeeping etc....All Clients receive a Comprehensive Assessment by an RN Certified Case Manager. Please call Catherine Ham at 210-748-9386.

### Bracken Volunteer Fire Department 23600 FM 3009 San Antonio, TX 78266



There will be a Bracken Volunteer Fire Department **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** on **Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Central Station on FM 3009. Come learn about your fire department and its latest achievements and challenges. Also, there will be an election of new board members; nominations from the floor will be accepted. Dues must be paid up to vote. You will be able to pay your dues at the meeting. However, if you are unable to be present, dues may be mailed to the department (address above). Annual dues are \$5.00 per person and \$15.00 per family, or \$200.00 for life membership. Please mark this date on your calendar and attend this important meeting for you, its members! If you have any questions, please call 210-651-5762 or stop by the Central Station for a visit.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

### Library Footnotes

By Karen Bishop



The library will be honoring all veterans who live in Garden Ridge or who have lived here on Veterans' Day, November 11. We need the names of those veterans and their branches of service and when they served in order to display this information. Please call us at 651-6570 or stop by with that information by mid-October. This is our small way of saying "Thank You" to our veterans. More information on the celebration in next month's Grapevine. Ancestry.com is currently installed on a trial basis and we are inviting all who are interested in their family trees to use the program free during this trial period. The trial period ends on October 15. Once the program is permanently installed there will be a charge of \$10 per month or \$50 for the entire year, a savings of more than \$300 over single subscriptions. A book sale is being held in the library October 16. When you come to Holiday A'Fair stop in and add some new titles to your at home collection. We have a large number of hard back books in excellent condition. New books added to the collection recently include Kabul Beauty School by Deborah Rodriguez, The Known World by Edward P. Jones, and The Girl Who Played with Fire which is the second of three thrillers by Steig Larsson, among others. We also have more titles by Clive Cussler, J.A. Jance and Harlan Coben. New additions to the audiobooks collection are Touch the Devil by Jack Higgins and Vanishing Act by Fern Michaels.

### "Holiday A'Fair" Marketplace

The Holiday A'Fair Marketplace will feature 60+ unique vendors, to feature glass artists, woodcarvers, art-to-wear items, jewelry, and many other one-of-a-kind items. Sponsored by the Knotty Knotters of the Garden Ridge Women's Club, the event will be held **Sat, Oct 16, 2010, 10 am - 4 pm** at the Garden Ridge Community Center. Also featured are raffle items and a silent auction. Sandwiches, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Open to the public with free parking. All profits will benefit charities, including the Children's Advocacy Center of Comal County and RACAP (Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program). **CONTACT INFO:** Tanya Haddad, 210-651-9241, [mimitn7@yahoo.com](mailto:mimitn7@yahoo.com)

### EARLY VOTING

There will be six days of Early Voting for the November General Election in Garden Ridge. The dates and times are:

- Saturday, October 23: 10:00AM - 4:30PM
- Monday, October 25: 10:00AM - 7:00PM
- Tuesday, October 26: 10:00AM - 7:00PM
- Wednesday, October 27: 10:00AM - 7:00PM
- Thursday, October 28: 10:00AM - 4:30PM
- Friday, October 29: 8:00AM - 4:30PM

Early Voting will be at the Garden Ridge City Hall.

**Note:** There is also Early Voting October 18-22, but only in New Braunfels.

### ELECTION DAY

Election Day is Tuesday, November 2. The polls will be open from 7:00AM - 7:00PM. Election Day voting will be at the Garden Ridge Community Center.



### OKTOBERFEST TRIUMPHANT LUTHERAN CHURCH OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup>



To The Residents of Garden Ridge:

You are cordially invited to attend Triumphant Lutheran Church's Annual Oktoberfest Celebration, Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, **beginning at 4:00 p.m.** Live music by the Bohemian Dutchman, Children's activities (jump tents, face painting, etc.), and a Silent Auction all begin **at 4PM.**

Just a few auction items include 5 nights in a Colorado Mountain home w/ meals included, autographed Manu Ginobili jersey, autographed Bruce Bown mini basketball, one week camp at T Bar M, YMCA family memberships, Dove Hunt, Schlitterbahn tickets, Natural Bridge Caverns tickets, and over 40 Other great items.

There will also be a raffle for a free one week stay at a 4 star resort/hotel near Disneyland. **A homemade Bar-B-Q supper will be served beginning at 5:00 p.m.**

For those who wish to attend, there will be a short "casual dress" worship service beginning at 5:00PM. As always, the community is also welcome to join us for Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11:00 am.

So, come join us at 21315 Bat Cave Road. For more information call 651-9090.

### Timber Rose Haunted House

The Salyers Family has decided to discontinue the Timber Rose Haunted House this Halloween. Instead they will work on the 13th Floor Haunted House at 1203 E. Commerce, San Antonio. Cost will be \$20. They appreciate the Garden Ridge response and wanted to expand for the entire area.