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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

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September 2010



LABOR DAY
6 SEPTEMBER

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

Non-emergency, after hours 651-6831

DO NOT FORGET SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 !!

Coming Events:

- 1 Sep — City Council Meets, 6 pm
- 6 Sep — Labor Day — City Hall and Library Closed
- 7 Sep — Planning and Zoning Workshop — 7 pm
- 11 Sep — Patriot Day — “Lest We Forget September 11”
- 12 Sep — Grandparents Day
- 13 Sep — Quarry Commission meets — 7 pm
- 14 Sep — Planning and Zoning workshop — 7 pm
- *14 Sep — First Class, 2010 Police Academy — 7 pm (See Article)
- 16 Sep — Planning and Zoning — 7 pm
- 16 Sep — GRCPAAA meets — 7 pm
- 23 Sep — Autumn begins
- 23 Sep — GRWC Luncheon (See Article)
- 28 Sep — Water Commission meets — 6 pm

NOTE: 11 Sept - 19 Sept Brush Dumpsters on Municipal Parkway — Brush ONLY Please!!
* Preliminary Schedule

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE



- Bill & Deanne Acker
- John & Paula Bouloubasis
- Brian & Gail Branum
- Edwin Castro
- Bill & Rebecca Gervasi
- Kathlyn Guerra
- Rory & Dana Hanks
- Kevin & Tracy Harshbarger
- Rick & Debbie Jellison
- John Melvin Jr.
- Bobby & Hillary Mueller
- David & Silvia Robledo
- Donna Spillman
- Cecilia Trahan

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 Opinion

For some time I have lobbied two State Representatives to introduce in the next legislative session a law to prohibit use of hand held cell phones while operating a motor vehicle. Many states have adopted this law and it obviously reduces a significant danger, and would, in my opinion, reduce accidents. What's wrong with Texas? Get in the game! My opinion, what's yours? If you agree contact your State Representative Doug Miller.

Note: Did you know that the use of a hand held cell phone is prohibited on military installations while operating a vehicle?

Jay F. Feibelman
Mayor

Community Center Manager Needed !

Interested in a part time job as City of Garden Ridge Community Center Manager? For information and to apply contact City Administrator, Nancy Cain, at 210-651-6632.

FROM THE MAYOR

Another year rolling by. It now seems this news letter is put out weekly rather than monthly. Why didn't time move this quickly when I was in high school or my first enlistment in the Air Force prior to being commissioned? Must be part of the aging process.

City issues continue to go well. Solid budget and, unlike many municipalities, no real problems to report. Some projects I have been pushing had to be put off, such as the upgrading of the park restroom facilities and a new flag pole. Eventually!

Its that time again that it's imperative we take some time to ponder the ramifications of 9-11 and what would occur in the future if we, as citizens, are not vigilant. Complacency is a luxury we cannot afford! LEST WE FORGET! September 11, 2001.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer. Be safe and, as always, thank you for your support to keep our beautiful city a wonderful place to live and raise children.

Jay F. Feibelman
Mayor

Lions Club Annual Fish Fry/BBQ and Auction



Mark your calendar now for the Garden Ridge Lions Club Fish Fry/Barbeque/Auction on October 2, 2010. It will be held at the Garden Ridge Community Center off FM 3009. It promises to be a really special event with great food. There will be a Silent Auction between 3:00 and 6:30, and a live auction starting at 6:30. These auctions will offer a wide variety of quality items, including dinners at select restaurants, power tools, small appliances, electronics and more. The Super Raffle will offer \$4000 toward a trip/cruise, and ATV/watercraft, a Golf Cart or use of the New Marriott TPC Resort. Food will be served between 3:30 and 7 o'clock. Refreshments are free. There will be live entertainment and special entertainment for the kids. Don't miss this charity fund raiser Support your local Lions Club!

National Night Out THANK YOU !!

The City of Garden Ridge and GRPD, GR Explorer Scouts and GR Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association send our appreciation to the sponsors and participants of the National Night Out event.

Many thanks to all those who made this event happen and especially to all the workers, who helped with the setting up and taking down of everything and to the fantastic cooks and servers.

We had one little "tyke" who was, maybe 4 years old, shoving chairs to his dad to fold up, with a proud smile on his face. We are so blessed to live and work in this city.

Pat Cook, Mickey Sanders, Lt. Gary Johnson, GRPD

QUICK NOTES



- **Caution** your children to look before stepping out from their school bus into a traffic lane. Many do not heed the law and still pass stopped busses.
- Make it a point to not utilize cell phones while operating a vehicle.
- A definition of "tacky" — placing garbage at curbside 30 minutes after the truck has been by.
- Use caution when travelling FM 3009 in the vicinity of the Garden Ridge Elementary School and the City Complex. Note the new traffic light is in operation.

Significant City Council Actions in August

Approved

- Comal County Appraisal District presentation concerning the purchase of land and building located at 904 South Seguin Ave., New Braunfels, Texas to serve as a new facility for the appraisal district
- Resolution 226-082010 in support of and authorizing the Comal Appraisal District to purchase the land and building located at 904 South Seguin Avenue, New Braunfels, Texas
- Engagement letter with Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates to provide audit services to the City of Garden Ridge for the year ending September 30, 2010
- Employment of Kevin Hendricks as Police Officer with the City of Garden Ridge Police Department effective August 5, 2010 at salary set for said position in the 2010 General Fund Budget

Signs of Blood Clots and Strokes STROKE: Remember the first 3 letters...S.T.R. Recognizing A Stroke

Thank God for the sense to remember the "3" steps, Read and Learn.

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking these simple questions:

- S * Ask the individual to SMILE.
- T * Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE "coherently".
- R * Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher..

NEW SIGN OF A STROKE ——— STICK OUT YOUR TONGUE

When the person sticks out their tongue if it is "crooked" (goes to one side or the other) that is also an indication of a stroke.

Quarry Commission Happenings

We have a vacancy on the Quarry Commission. We meet the second Monday of each month at 7 PM. Anyone interested in serving should submit a resume or short bio to the City Administrator.



There were eight blasts during the month of July. We had a citizen report concerning the blast on July 21 and discussed that blast in detail with the blasting contractor. Please continue to inform the commission of your concerns. Blasting reports continue to show data below normal guidelines and at generally higher frequencies. The amount of blasting has decreased due to the economy. The majority of the activity continues to be on the Blank property with some shots in the South Texas Aggregates pit. We encourage submission of the Blast Report found on the City of Garden Ridge website and appreciate your attendance at the next Quarry Commission meeting September 13th at 7 PM.

2010 Elections Coming

The fall election season is upon us. Election Day will be on November 2. There are a couple of early dates to be aware of:

The first day the county can accept applications for voting by mail is September 3. To be eligible to vote early by mail in Texas, you must:

- be 65 years or older;
 - be disabled;
 - be out of the county on election day and during the period for early voting by personal appearance; or
- be confined in jail, but otherwise eligible.

There are additional rules involving overseas ballots. Please call the Comal County Elections Administrator for more information.

The last day to register to vote is October 4. Please call the Comal County Elections Administrator for more information.

"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



GARDEN RIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB Annual Fall Business Luncheon & Fashion Show

RSVP'S Needed!! Members, make your reservations now for this big event!! Bring a friend or a new member to the Annual Fall Luncheon to be held:

Location: **Garden Ridge Community Center**
9400 Municipal Parkway
Garden Ridge, TX 78266

Date: September 23, 2010
Time: 11:00 am until 2:00 pm
Cost: **Members \$23.00 and Non-Members \$28.00**

This year's theme is "Hats Off to Garden Ridge" and we will be having a "Crazy Hat" contest. So get your hats decorated and ready for the contest.

We are excited to have "2 P's" Boutique from San Marcos for the very first time, and our caterer will be Jeannie Oldham from the Austin area. You will love the food and the beautiful clothes from the Boutique.

GREAT DOOR PRIZES AND LOTS OF FUN!!
RSVP DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 15TH (No Exceptions!)
Volunteers are needed!!

To RSVP or to volunteer, call: Diana Scott at 210-651-3320 or Missy Lantzy at 210-651-3531

Please make your check payable to **GRWC** and send to:

Diana Scott
21916 Deer Canyon Drive
Garden Ridge, TX 78266

Library Footnotes by Lynne Dean



This coming November 11th, Veteran's Day, the library would like to honor all the military veterans living in Garden Ridge. We would like to start by compiling a list of all those who have served, including their branch of service and dates of service. Please give us a call, or stop by the library between now and mid-October. Then, on the day, we will have refreshments for all those who come by anytime during regular library hours. We would also like to include any veteran who is no longer with us, so please call us with the name of someone you would like to honor.

It has been very exciting watching the new Garden Ridge Elementary School being built and finally having a school in the neighborhood. We look forward to seeing more children use our library, however we wish to remind parents that elementary students must be accompanied by an adult, older sibling or other responsible party. We thank you for your consideration, and look forward to a new phase in the evolution of our city.

New books purchased for the library include the latest from some of our favorite authors: **Deliver Us From Evil**, by David Baldacci; **Plum Spooky**, by Janet Evanovich; **Shanghai Girls**, by Lisa See; **Lucid Intervals**, by Stuart Woods; and **The Rembrandt Affair**, the 10th novel in the Gabriel Allon series by Daniel Silva. For YA readers, **Fire**, by Kristen Cashore, the romantic companion to the highly praised Graceling.

2010 Police Academy Class



The Garden Ridge Police Department has announced a new Citizen Police Academy class beginning September 14. Classes will run from 7:00



to 10:00 PM on Tuesday nights at the Community Center for eight weeks. Included will be presentations from various law enforcement agencies and guest speakers, voluntary firearms training, ride alongs with our local policemen and much more. And it's all free. If this sparks your interest, please contact Hugh McDonald at 651-0554 or Lt. Johnson at 651-6441,



Help Conserve WATER !!
But remember that wildlife need water.