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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

August 2010

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## Summer Fun !



### Coming Events:

- 3 Aug — National Night Out in Garden Ridge (See Article)
  - 4 Aug — City Council meets, 6 pm
  - 9 Aug — Quarry Commission meets, 7 pm
  - 10 Aug — Planning & Zoning Workshop, 7 pm
  - 19 Aug — Planning & Zoning meets, 7 pm
  - 24 Aug — Water Commission meets, 6 pm
- NOTE: All meetings subject to change!

### Significant Past Events in August

- 6 Aug 1945 — First atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan
- 9 Aug 1945 — Second atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan
- 14 Aug 1945 — World War II Pacific hostilities end

### WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

#### New Residents:

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| Jim & Tricia Bacon      | David Biersner             |
| Dale & Joyce Graham     | Robert Jones               |
| Steven & Kim Kuehler    | William Leeman             |
| Richard & Angela Mayer  | James Mueller              |
| Vince & Karina Scheerer | Leonard & Debra Strickland |
| Donald Stone            | Jeff White                 |
| John & Kinberly Trayhan |                            |
| Gary & Teresa Wolfe     |                            |



### FROM THE MAYOR

Another 4th of July and the opportunity to celebrate and recognize our great nation. Although a morning sprinkle, the weather held and all went well. The crowd, although energetic, was somewhat smaller, probably due to the 4th falling on a Sunday. The parade was great — thanks to all who participated. Special thanks to those who made it happen: Garden Ridge PD, and Public Works; NE Bible Church; Garden Ridge Women's Club; Garden Ridge Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association; and Gary Stegman who coordinates the Classic Car Display. That doesn't happen without those willing to help. Special Thanks to "Three Hits and a Miss" and Pack 828 for their participation in the festivities. Thanks to ALL!

Our water improvement efforts are good and bad. The upgrade to FM2252 is completed and went well. The 1 million above ground storage tank base section has been completed and is now ready to accept the tank. The Bad: The new water well at the old city hall complex has not achieved what we had hoped. The strata we were attempting to tap had bad water quality and low output. We are now pulling back to another strata to try to salvage a working well. If unsuccessful, it may have to be capped for possible future use in the Edwards Aquifer.

Have a great, safe summer and thanks for the support you give me.



**Jay F. Feibelman**  
Mayor

### ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is August 3, 2010 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at the Community Center, sponsored by American Bank of Texas, N.A.

"Meet Your Neighbors and Community" while eating and drinking the free food provided at this event.

The Texas Youth Hunting Camp will have a display of animals native to Texas. We would like to thank Mr. Jerry Warden and his group for having a table again this year.

We will have local churches, homeowners associations, clubs, sports groups and scouts to participate, by manning tables.

There will be a face painter, bounce machine and magician for the children. Our fire and rescue equipment will be on display from Bracken Volunteer Fire Department. There will be helpful information from our Garden Ridge Police Department, City and Comal County Organizations.

Mark this date on your calendar, first Tuesday in August, and learn more about your community and meet your neighbors.

If you want a table for your organization, please call GR Police Dept — Lt. Johnson 210-651-6441, Mickey Sanders 210-651-5782 or Pat Cook 210-651-482

### GARDEN RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### Registration for New Students

Monday—Tuesday, August 9th & 10th  
8:30 - 11:30 and 1:00 -- 4:30

See [www.comalisd.org](http://www.comalisd.org) for information required for registration. Minimum documentation includes:

Two documents showing proof of residency; Immunization record from doctor or previous school; Unofficial transcript or last report card; Birth Certificate; Social security number (optional); and Custody papers if applicable.

Call Garden Ridge Elementary at (830) 837-7000 NB for more information.

### City F/Y Budget Process

The City F/Y 2011 budget process is beginning. This may dictate additional/special City Council meetings to discuss tax rates, and other issues pertaining to the financial status of the city. Watch the city web page, city signs, and other notices for postings so that you may be aware and attend if desired.

### Help Welcome the New Garden Ridge Elementary Students

Curves is accepting all school supply donations to be donated to the new Garden Ridge Elementary School upon opening! From August 2nd - August 21st, Curves will also waive the service fee, normally \$199, in exchange for your school supply donation. This means that you can start getting back on track with your fitness goals for FREE with the Curves proven 30-minute workout.

Let's overwhelm the kids of Garden Ridge Elementary with the donation made by it's community! Call Curves at 210.651.9500 or just bring your donation by 18771 FM 2252 (Nacogdoches Rd.).

Thank you for your support & we look forward to receiving your donation!

**QUICK NOTES**

- Please, as you walk your pets, carry means to clean up any unwanted deposits. The city receives several complaints per month.
- If your pet is missing check with the City and county as soon as possible to see if the animal has been picked up or reported. Also watch the City sign. Prompt action can return the animals safely.



**City of Garden Ridge 651-6831**  
**New Braunfels Humane Society 1-830-629-5287**  
**Comal County Animal Control 1-830-608-2016**

- Lawn Watering: Year round conservation measures are in place. Irrigation system and sprinklers between 8 PM and 10 AM any day. Hand held hose, bucket, drip irrigation, or soaker hose any time, any day. See [www.saws.org/watersaver](http://www.saws.org/watersaver) for recommendations on lawn watering amounts.
- There will be an informal open house/tour of the Garden Ridge Elementary School in conjunction with the National Night Out for those who are interested.

**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 Pkwy  
 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 15<sup>TH</sup>** (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 Dr**  
**Garden Ridge, TX 78266**

Questions: Call Diana Scott at **651-3320**.

**"Holiday A'Fair" Marketplace**

The Garden Ridge Women's Club Knotty Knotters are looking for vendors who would be interested in participating in our "Holiday A'Fair" Marketplace this year. The date for the event is **Oct 16, 2010**, hours: 10 a.m – 4 pm. We still have a few spaces (indoor and covered outdoor) available for vendors for this event. We have spaces for 60+ vendors to offer unique, one-of-a-kind items. This is our fourth year for this event, and we are hoping to make it even better. The marketplace will be held at the Garden Ridge Community Center.

All profits from this event will be donated to the Comal County Children's Advocacy Center (CCCAC) and the Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP).

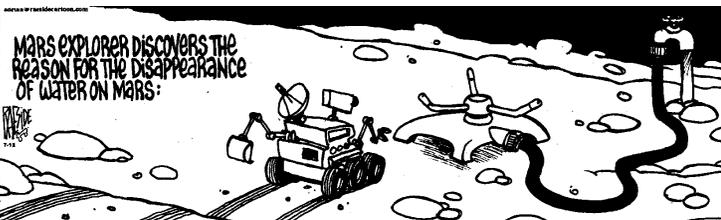
**CONTACT INFO:** Tanya Haddad, 210-651-9241, [mimitn7@yahoo.com](mailto:mimitn7@yahoo.com)

**Non-Profit Blood Pressure Clinic**

By Ross Health Care Solutions (Private Duty Home Healthcare)

Where: Northeast Bible Church, Garden Ridge  
 When: August 14, 2010 from 11:00 AM to Noon  
 Will serve finger sandwiches and drinks  
 Call 210-748-9386 for more information.

**PLEASE CONSERVE WATER!**



**Significant City Council Actions in July:**

**Approved:**

- City Water Commission recommendation on request from Bracken Volunteer Fire Department for 0.30 acre feet of Edward's water
- Comal Appraisal District 2011 Budget
- Resignation of Jarrod Riffe as Police Officer with the City of Garden Ridge Police Department effective June 16, 2010
- Employment of Timothy Simkins as Police Officer with the City of Garden Ridge Police Department effective July 8, 2010
- Employment of Ray York as Police Officer with the City of Garden Ridge Police Department effective July 8, 2010



**LIBRARY FOOTNOTES**

By **Suzanne McCandless**



Tuesday, August 3, is an important day in the Library as it is in the rest of Garden Ridge. That evening the city will mark National Night Out as a time to meet and greet neighbors at the Community Center. The Library will mark that day—ALL DAY—with a HALF-PRICE SALE in the Sale Room. Come by anytime that day or evening to save on late summer reading or early Christmas shopping. We'll be open all evening to match the celebration hours at the Community Center.

We've developed a core of individuals or couples who are devoting all or part of a Saturday afternoon about once a month to keeping our library doors open. And people are coming in, proving that the service is needed. We really appreciate those volunteers! Now we just need a few more to round out the month or possibly stretch the obligation to once every two months. Teenagers looking to do a little volunteer work are particularly welcome. Please call Linda Crosland at 651-6570 or 830-632-5622 to let her know when YOU can help us out.

The inquiry about the library's subscribing to Ancestry.com has generated a good response. Some individuals have even volunteered to explain the procedure to the rest of us. We hope to sign up for a free trial month with Ancestry in September. We will have a meeting soon to explain the use of the program. When we sign up for a year's subscription, we will have to charge those using it. However, the charge will be much less than the fee by Ancestry to use it on an individual basis at home.

So what's new in the Library? A couple of beautiful picture books caught my eye: *Clown of God*, by Tomi DePaola and *That Book Woman*, by Heather Henson, which is on the Bluebonnet Master List Shelf. Also on the Bluebonnet Shelf is *Home of the Brave* by Katherine Applegate which shares, in almost poetry form, the experiences of a young refugee from the Sudan as he adjusts to life in America.

Perhaps you went to a class reunion this and so would enjoy a light-weight novel by Elizabeth Berg. *The Last Time I Saw You* narrates such an event in a way many can relate to. *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein comes highly recommended by a patron. It's told by a dog, who wants to be human. And for terrific non-fiction reading, try *Band of Sisters: American Women in Iraq* by Kirsten Holmstedt. Happy Reading.

**Quarry Commission Happenings**

We would like to thank Jon Janovec for his service and hard work. There is a vacancy on the commission. Anyone interested in serving should submit a resume or short bio to the City Administrator.



There were several blasts in the past months - 6 in May and 8 in June. Most noticeable occurred on May 12 as reported by residents. All blasts since the last meeting appear to be within normal ranges. We encourage submission of the Blast Report found on the City web site and appreciate your attendance at the next meeting August 9th at 7:00 PM.

**Free Early Childhood Vision Screening**

Sponsored by Garden Ridge Lions Club for Children Ages 1 to 4 This exam can identify eye disorders such as lazy eye, crossed eyes, nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism. Effective vision care and screening can prevent future learning and behavioral problems.

Vision disorders in children may not be observable by parents, particularly younger children who cannot verbalize that they can't see well.

When: **August 7 from 2 PM to 4 PM at the Community Center**

**Background in Spanish Language?**

Come join a fun group in a relaxed setting to continue learning. The first fall meeting will be at Garden Ridge City Hall on Tuesday, September 7th from 10 AM to Noon. For more information call Elena at (830) 885-2822.

