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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

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GRPD 651-6441

Non-emergency, after hours



**FLAG DAY  
JUNE 14**



## SUMMER!



**FATHER'S DAY  
JUNE 20**

*A Way of Life....Not Just a Place to Live*

### Coming Events:

- 2 June — City Council meets, 6 pm
- 8 June — Planning and Zoning workshop, 7 pm
- 12 June — Library Children's Story Hour, 10:30 am
- 14 June — Quarry Commission meets, 7 pm
- 14 June — Flag Day — Fly Old Glory with pride!
- 17 June — Planning & Zoning Meets, 7 pm
- 19 June — Library Children's Story Hour, 10:30 am
- 20 June — Father's Day
- 21 June — First Day of Summer - Drive and Play SAFELY!
- 22 June — Water Commission meets, 7 pm
- 26 June — Library Children's Story Hour, 10:30 am

### Significant Past Events in June

- 6 June 1944 — D-Day Landing at Normandy
- 25 June 1950 — Korean Conflict begins

### FROM THE MAYOR

Effective this month, the City Council will meet at 6:00 PM on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Earlier this year, due to a conflict, the meeting was held at 6:00 PM and it appeared the attendance increased. The time is also more convenient to city employees as their duty day ends at 5:00 PM. This new time will reduce some overtime costs for those that are required to be present.

Hot weather cometh. At the present time we are in great shape water wise, but that can change quickly with a dry spell. Please do your part and adhere to the watering rules of 8 PM to 10 AM only. This is an area rule and reduces evaporation waste.

The 4th of July promises to be bigger and better. See the articles in this newsletter and get out and have fun!

Have a GREAT, SAFE summer!

**Jay F. Feibelman  
Mayor**

### WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

#### New Residents:

- Jed & Amy Bredemus
- Curtis & Karen Johnson
- Gregory & Nadya Long
- Leonard & Debra Strickland
- Alonzo & Marisol Whittington



**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 initially registered and each January thereafter. Call 651-6831 for information.**

### Vacation Bible School

Garden Ridge Church of Christ

19881 FM 2252

Invites you to our 2010 Vacation Bible School

Theme: "The Mighty Hand of God"

June 22 - 25, 2010

9:30 - 11:30 AM Each Morning

Ages Pre-K to 8th Grade

Registration forms are available at <http://www.grcoc.org>

Or E-Mail [vbs@grcoc.org](mailto:vbs@grcoc.org)

Or Call: 210-651-3480



### Library Footnotes

By Linda Crosland

**GENEALOGY.** Looking for your roots? The Library is still gathering information on the possibility of subscribing to **ancestry.com**. This excellent genealogical tool is quite costly for an institution, but we could purchase it if there is enough interest. Right now we have fewer than 5 people who indicated they would like to see it here. We would need more than that to make it feasible. There are several people who would be willing to give lessons on how to get the most benefit from it. If you are interested and would use it, please call Linda Crosland at the library, 651-6570 or Suzanne McCandless, 651-6875. Don't wait!

**STORY HOUR.** Don't forget that the Library offers story time for several weeks during the summer. There will be fun and games along with great stories from June 12 - July 24 (skipping July 3) on Saturday mornings from 10:30-11:30. Don't miss it!

As always there are new books and movies, thanks to many generous donors. Did you know that the U.S. almost had states called Texlahoma, Transylvania and Chippewa among many others? We have an intriguing new book about Lost States that tells the fascinating stories about them. We also have the 2010 **Bluebonnet** and **Lone Star Books**. Young people, get a head-start on next year's reading during a slow, leisurely summer.



### CARS / TRUCKS / MOTORBIKES / CLASSICS NEEDED FOR JULY 4TH SHOW

Show off your classic, special interest, or prized cars/trucks/motorbikes, etc. at the City of Garden Ridge annual 4th of July celebration in the city park.

Reserved parking spaces will be provided. Call Gary Stegman at 651-5528 for information. Watch for the July Grapevine for more information



### ID THEFT & JURY DUTY SCAM

Alerts have recently been issued by several states' Attorneys General as well as by the Army concerning a "Jury Duty Scam". Identity thieves pose as representatives of the local court system and obtain personal information from victims under the guise of obtaining "jury duty" information or by telling the victim that they have missed a jury duty summons. The thieves then use this information for identity theft purposes. **BE ALERT:** Your local court already has all of the information about you needed for jury duty.

**QUICK NOTES**



- Looks like a long, HOT summer. Conserve water and be aware of water restrictions in force. Water only between 8 PM and 10 AM to avoid evaporation.
- Congratulations to Bill Swint, recently reelected to the CISD Board.
- Pet Registration. If you have not registered your pets in January, please do so as soon as possible! This is required by city ordinance, costs \$5.00 and requires proof of a rabies vaccination every 3 years.. 651-6831
- Garage Doors. A reminder to keep garage doors down and secured when not in the immediate area. Garage thefts are classified as a crime of opportunity. Remember, out of sight, out of mind.

**DEER CAUTION !**



While walking or just out and about, use caution when confronted by any wildlife, especially deer. Although dangerous any-time, fawn season is upon us and doe vigorously protect their young.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!

Brief children on the danger and report incidents to GRPD at 651-6441.

**CITY PET HOLDING FACILITIES**

Many may not realize that the city has indoor/outdoor facilities to house lost pets on a short term basis. If your pet turns up missing, please contact Garden Ridge at 651-6831. Remember, pet registration is required which provides your animal a city tag. Those picked up with tags, go home immediately.

Looking for a pet that needs a home?

[www.homesforpets.org](http://www.homesforpets.org)

Key on animals that need homes or call 566-7776 or 651-6469.

**Wildlife Alert! Protect Your Pets**

Since the first of the year there have been several cases of what is believed to be distemper in wildlife, in particular raccoons. Originally, since symptoms are similar, rabies was suspected, but testing proved otherwise. Instances of reported sick animals has now fallen off; however, it would be wise for those with outdoor pets, particularly dogs, to protect their feed and water sources. There should be negligible threat if your pets are vaccinated. The city will continue to monitor the situation and report any further changes or threats.

**BANKING SCAMS**

There are several BANKING SCAMS being pulled in the San Antonio Area: **BANK EXAMINER SCAM:** If someone tells you they are with "law enforcement" and asks your assistance in finding "dishonest" bank employees by withdrawing money from your account and giving it to the "law enforcement" person, DO NOT DO IT!! This is a scam that is currently being done on elderly bank patrons, most recently by a man who calls himself "Captain Wolf." BE ALERT: Law enforcement will not ask the public to put up their own money to aid an investigation.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR SUNDAY, 4TH OF JULY PARADE and PICNIC AT THE PARK**



We continue to expand our antique/classic car or whatever classic for display at our 4th of July event. If you have an item to show off, please call Gary Stegman at 651-5528. (See article).

Don't forget the city tradition "wheels" parade. Decorate your "wheels" and come out with flags and your best patriotic garb.

Activities at the Park for the 4th are welcome. If you have a group, etc., that would like to put up a display, sell items, and so forth, contact the Mayor at 651-6632. By coordination we can avoid duplication and organize the event properly. Let's make this the biggest and best ever!!

**SCHEDULE**

- Gather: 9:30 AM
- Flag Raising: 10:00 AM
- Parade: 10:20 AM
- FOOD: 10:45 AM — 3:00 PM
- Childrens activities by NE Bible Church 12:00 - 3:00 PM

Activities throughout

**Watch the July Grapevine for final details!**

**Significant City Council Actions in May:**

**Special Presentations:**

- Presentation of a Proclamation proclaiming May 2 – 8, 2010 as Municipal Clerks Week
- Presentation of a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 9 – 15, 2010 as National Police Week and May15, 2010 as Peace Officers Memorial Day
- Presentation of Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Amendment #1 for City of Garden Ridge General Fund, Water Fund, Interest and Sinking Fund and Capital Improvement Fund

**APPROVED:**

- Granting of easement by the City of Garden Ridge for underground and aerial facilities to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company on Lot 1, Garden Ridge City Hall Subdivision
- Ordinance 19-052010, by adopting the International Code Council Standard Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fuel Gas, Private Sewage Disposal, Fire, and Residential Codes, 2009 Edition;
- Employment of Wilbert Lenz as contract Building Inspector or he City of Garden Ridge effective May 5, 2010
- Promotion of Garden Ridge Police Officer Lupe Navarro to Patrol Corporal at a rate of pay as set in the 2010 Budget for said position and said promotion effective May 9, 2010
- Resolution 220-052010 approving Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Amendment #1 for the City of Garden Ridge General Fund for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010
- Resolution 221-052010 approving Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Amendment #1 for the City of Garden Ridge Water Fund for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010
- Resolution 222-052010 approving Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Amendment #1 for the City of Garden Ridge Interest and Sinking Fund for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010
- Resolution 223-052010 approving Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Amendment #1 for the City of Garden Ridge Capital Improvement Fund for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010
- Change time of Garden Ridge Regular City Council meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**GARDEN RIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**



The Garden Ridge Women's Club has started our "GRWC 2010-2011 Membership Drive," and we are looking forward to welcoming new members, as well as keeping our current members. We plan to continue many of our traditional activities and special interest groups, but are always open to new ideas and fresh input.

If you are interested in joining our club or are already a member and have any questions, please contact our **Membership Chairman, Judi Hanna, 210-658-0819.**

**Dues are only \$20 per year,** and the new year is June 1, 2010 – May 31, 2011. Membership renewal forms were mailed during the month of May to current members. Please return them by July 1, 2010, along with your check for \$20 payable to GRWC to:

**Judi Hanna  
13622 Hercules Ln.  
Universal City, TX 78148.**

**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.

We would like local churches, homeowners associations, clubs, sports groups and scouts to participate, by manning a table.

There will be a face painter and bounce machine and magician for the children, as well as fire equipment from our Bracken volunteer fire, and helpful information from our Police Department

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

Contact Mickey Sanders at 210- 651-5782, Pat Cook at 210-651-4082 or Lt Gary Johnson-210-651-6441 at the Garden Ridge Police Dept if you would like a table at this event.

