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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

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Coming Events

- Mar 1 City Council Regular Meeting @ 6 p.m.
- Mar 6 City Council Special Meeting @ 6 p.m.
- Mar 9 Cub Scout Pack Meeting - Library @ 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 11 Pokemon Club - Library @ 10 a.m.
- Mar 13 Quarry Commission Meeting @ 6 p.m.
- Mar 14 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting @ 6 p.m.
- Mar 15 Lunch and Learn - Library @ noon
- Mar 16 P.A.T.S. - Library @ 7:45 a.m.
- Mar 21 Impact Fee Committee @ 6 p.m.
- Mar 21 Card Making - Library @ 1:30 p.m.
- Mar 22 CASA Rep Meeting - Library @ 1p.m.-3p.m.
- Mar 23 Children Afternoon Arts & Crafts - Library @ 3:15 p.m.
- Mar 25 American Girl Doll & Friends Tea Party & Fashion Show - Library @ 10 a.m.
- Mar 28 Water Commission Meeting @ 6 p.m.

Other Library Activities

- Mondays -Science Club @ 3:15 p.m. (no Club on 3-13-17)
- Tuesdays -Robotics Class @ 3 p.m.-7 p.m.
- Wednesdays - Story Time for Littles (0-24 months) @ 10:30 a.m. and PAWS/itive Reading @ 3 p.m.-5 p.m.
- Thursdays -Adult Coloring Class @ 1 p.m.
- Fridays- Story Time for Pre-school @ 10:30 a.m.

NOTE: All meetings subject to change!

Dumpster Weekends in March 4-5, 11-12 and 18-19

City of Garden Ridge Election

The City of Garden Ridge will be adopting an Ordinance on March 1, 2017 cancelling the May 6, 2017 General Election due to the three candidates being unopposed. On May 17th at 6 p.m. the City of Garden Ridge will issue Certificates of Election to Larry Thompson for Mayor, Robert E. Erickson for Councilmember, Place 2 and Brian Lantzy for Councilmember, Place 3. There will also be a Thank You for Your Service Reception for Nadine Knaus, Mayor and Shelby Trial, Councilmember, Place 2.

Significant Actions - February City Council Meeting

- Approved City Planner Ordinance 196 - Creating Wildlife Management Advisory Commission
- Ordinance 197- Call the May 6, 2017 Election Amended Ordinance 54-Water
- Updates CIP Projects (2013, 2015 & 2016) Council Communication Garden Ridge Parks Committee Oak Wilt

Communications

Person to Person: 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas
Phone: (210)651-6632 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday)
Social Media: Facebook, "City of Garden Ridge Like Us"
Website—www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us
Citizen Comment Period— Opportunity to speak at all City Council Meetings
Citizen Concern/Citizen Input: Interactive communication form <http://ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/forms.aspx?fid=65>

Rumors, rumors, rumors! It seems as if Garden Ridge has as many rumors floating around as bluebonnets in the spring. One "whopper" I heard recently is that "the City wants to put low income housing along 2252" – this is not true. The City has hired a professional planner to work with citizens to find out what kind of development the citizens want to see along 2252 and you will be hearing a lot more about that effort in the coming months.

So when you hear a rumor, remember that old children's game where you sat in a circle and someone started a "rumor" that they whispered from one to the next. By the time that it got around the circle, what came out was usually only remotely related to what was first said. So it is with some of the things that I am hearing. So before you get mad, lose sleep, or even nonchalantly ask your neighbor "have you heard?" - call City Hall or better still, call one of your Council persons and ask them about it. We really need your help on this issue.

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The Garden Ridge Police Department and Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association are partnering to offer **Refuse To Be A Victim®**; a four-hour, nationally-certified crime prevention seminar. Attendees will be provided practical information to help develop their own Personal Safety Strategies through awareness and avoidance of criminal attacks. The seminar will help participants to better understand criminal thinking, as well as provide tips and strategies to maximize home, automobile, out-of-town travel, telephone, cyber, and personal security. Self-defense training and the use of non-lethal personal-protection devices will also be discussed and attendees will have the opportunity to handle some of these devices. All participants are provided an 82-page companion handbook filled with tips, techniques, pictures and diagrams. They will also be awarded a **Refuse To Be A Victim®** completion certificate.

Since this program's inception in 1993, there have been public and private sessions of **Refuse To Be A Victim®** delivered to hundreds of neighborhood associations, professional societies, school and church groups and law enforcement seminars all across the country. At last count, nearly one hundred thousand people have attended this award-winning program in all fifty states as well as many other countries.

Refuse To Be A Victim® will be held in the Garden Ridge City Council Chambers on March 25th from 10am to 2:30pm with lunch (provided) from 12:00-12:30. This seminar, typically \$50 per person, will be **FREE** to Garden Ridge residents and their families. Space is limited, so please call the GRPD at 210-651-6441 to reserve your slot in this important seminar. You can **Refuse To Be A Victim®!**

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents

ANN CICARELLI	NOE & MARIA DUNCAN
ARLISS FORD	FRANCISCO MARTINEZ
TANISH PRYOR	MICHAEL RUFFALO
SHAUN & ANGELA MCCULLOCH	
NICHOLAS LOPEZ & ROSIE PEREZ	

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.



On Saturday, Feb. 11, community members joined the Parks Committee and City Council to open the newest addition to Paul Davis Park—a state-of-the-art playground for 2 to 5-year-olds. Thanks again to Lisa Swint who spearheaded the project and to the city for funding it. It is so much fun to see Garden Ridge’s youngest citizens and their parents and grandparents enjoying the park.

The Parks Committee kicked off a new year Monday, Feb. 13. In addition to the July 4th celebration and Christmas Tree lighting, some of the ideas for this year’s projects include continuing work on the nature trails, researching grant opportunities, exploring and establishing a butterfly garden, and increasing membership.

The Parks Committee is always looking for enthusiastic members and volunteers. If you would like to be involved in any of the proposed projects as a committee member or volunteer, or if you have additional ideas to enhance community participation and use of Garden Ridge parks, please contact Kathy Trial ktrial@satx.rr.com or any Parks Committee member. The next Parks Committee meeting is on Tuesday, March 14, at 9:30 a.m. in the Chambers Conference Room at City Hall. Feel free to drop in and give the Parks Committee a try.

NEW AREA CODE COMING TO SAN ANTONIO

Growth in the San Antonio area coupled with the popularity of cell phones has created a demand for more 210 phone numbers than the area code will allow. In response, San Antonio has been assigned a new “726” area code and local calls within the San Antonio area will soon require dialing 10 digits instead of 7. If you currently have a 210 phone number, you will keep that 210 phone number. Beginning in October 2017, new requests for phone numbers will be assigned either the current 210 San Antonio area code or the new 726 San Antonio area code. Beginning on March 25, 2017, you can and should start using 10 digits to make local calls (area code + phone number). If you dial only 7 digits, your call will still go through. Beginning on September 23, 2017, all local calls will require dialing 10 digits (area code + phone number). If you do not dial 10 digits, your call will not go through and a recording will instruct you to dial again. (Long distance calling remains the same (1 + area code + phone number) and emergency number 911 does not change).

UPCOMING EVENTS ***Mark your calendars***

City of Garden Ridge Household Hazardous Waste, Shred Day & Disposal of Unused Rx is April 29th

RESIDENTS ONLY (Be prepared to prove residency.)

Household Hazardous Waste and Disposal of Unused Rx is from
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Shredding of Documents
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Watch for more information in April’s Grapevine for restrictions and who is eligible to participate. This information can also be found on the City website.

Car and Craft Show

The third annual car and craft show by the Garden Ridge Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (GRCPAAA) will be held on **April 15, 2017** at the Garden Ridge Community Center from 8 am - 4 pm. The show is free to spectators. Besides classic and special interest cars to view there will be craft vendors, a silent auction, food, and a DJ. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 cars in each judged class. Pre-registration of cars is available for \$25 online at: www.southtexasacc.com/schedule.htm. Car registration at the show will be from 8-11 am for \$30. For a flyer visit the previously mentioned website. Call Gary at 210-651-5528 or Jack at 210-651-4082 for more information.

Library Footnotes

The Library is bustling with activities almost daily. Be sure to watch for the emails each week telling what’s happening. Sadly, many of you aren’t getting these. If your email address ends with “satx.rr.com” many are bouncing back to us. I have called Spectrum 3 times, but they will not fix the problem. Perhaps YOU as customers could convince them. Our Lunch-n-Learn March 8 will feature Mike Cerny, an author and country band drummer with BRutherz, who has a fascinating story. CASA will be present 3/22, 1-3 to answer questions for anyone interested in becoming a child advocate. Remember, **Josefina**, our American Girl doll is available for checkout. On March 25 there will be an American Girl Doll & Friends Tea Party & Fashion Show. A matching girl/doll outfit will be awarded to some lucky attendee. We also have books – lots of books – to check out!



GRWC Annual Garage Sale

Date: Saturday, March 11, 2017

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: GR Community Center

Members -- We welcome your gently used items for the women’s club sale tables.

Member Fee: Inside Table: \$30 Outside Table: \$35

Non-member fee: Inside Table: \$40 Outside Table: \$45

To reserve your table(s) make check payable to **GRWC** and mail to: Jeanie Springer, 7914 Canham Ranch, San Antonio, TX 78266 jbbk01@yahoo.com, 210-885-3483

******SAVE THE DATE******

GRWC Business Luncheon and Fashion Show
May 2, 2017 11 am to 2 pm (Mix and Mingle 10:30am)
Olympia Hills Conference Center

Please note the date has changed from June to May!

Dear Citizens:

The City Council has created a Wildlife Management Advisory Commission which will be composed of seven residents of the City. To find out the purpose and roles of this Commission please see the City of Garden Ridge website; or copy and paste the link in your internet search bar (<http://ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/index.aspx?NID=331>), or stop by City Hall for a copy of the Ordinance.

If you are interested in serving you can complete the Interest Form and attach your resume at <http://ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/FormCenter/Volunteer-Interest-Forms-7/Deer-Management-Committee-Volunteer-Inte-45> or come into City Hall and complete a form and provide a copy of your resume.

Garden Ridge also has other opportunities to serve. The City of Garden Ridge will soon be rolling out their campaign of getting you involved with the City or with Garden Ridge Elementary.



TRIUMPHANT LUTHERAN Preschool Registration:

Preschool Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will begin Wednesday, March 1, 8:30am – 12 noon in the church Fellowship Hall, and will continue thereafter in the Preschool Office 9:00am – 12 noon until classes are full. Triumphant Lutheran offers a licensed Christian Preschool for 3 to 5 year olds. Our goal is to provide a safe and exciting learning environment for your child while preparing them for Kindergarten. Enrollment paperwork including state requirements are on our website. www.triumphantlutheran.org