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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

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WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents

NOE & MARIA DUNCAN MICHAEL & CINDY SCHILLER
CHARLES & JANELLA TAYLOR
KEVIN SLOAN & SUZANN MC NAMARA

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.

Elections

The City of Garden Ridge has cancelled their election for May 6, 2017, and will be issuing Certificates of Election on May 17, 2017 at 6 p.m. and a Thank You for Your Service Reception for Nadine Knaus, Mayor and Shelby Trial, Councilmember, Place 2.

Comal ISD will hold a Bond Election on May 6, 2017 and Garden Ridge City Hall will be an Early Voting and Election Day site. Voting dates and times are as follows:

Early Voting

Monday & Tuesday :	April 24 th & 25 th	8am-5pm
Wednesday:	April 26 th	7am-7pm
Thursday:	April 27 th	8am-4pm
Friday & Monday:	April 28 th & May 1 st	8am-5pm
Tuesday:	May 2 nd	7am-7pm

Election Day

Saturday:	May 6 th	7am-7pm
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For more information see (http://www.comalisd.org/pages/Comal_ISD/Bond2017)

CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS

What would you do if a gunman threatened your workplace, a shopping mall or your church? Over the past twenty years, horrific mass shootings have been thrust into the public consciousness. Once notified, law enforcement will respond as quickly as possible with an average response time of three minutes. Do you know what to do during those first three minutes to survive?

The Garden Ridge Police Department has partnered with the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association to offer C.R.A.S.E. – Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events. This nationally-certified course provides strategies, guidance and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. Topics include the history of active shooter events, how to recognize early signs of an attack, everyday habits to increase personal safety and examples of actions you can take to survive an attack.

C.R.A.S.E. will be held on Saturday, June 10th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Garden Ridge City Council Chambers (complimentary lunch served). The course is FREE to all Garden Ridge residents and their families. Space is limited, so please call the Garden Ridge Police Department at (210) 651-6441 to reserve your seat. NOTE: The content of this training may not be appropriate for sensitive audiences.

What you do matters! You can survive... You deserve to survive!

Looking for the Calendar?

It is an insert in your utility bill. Tell us what you think.

Dear Citizens:

The City Council has created a Wildlife Management Advisory Commission and is looking for seven residents of the City to serve. 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.

The City Council will be taking Volunteer Interest Forms until **April 15th**, so if you are interested in serving, please 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.

Significant Actions - March City Council Meetings

- *Approved*
Ordinance 197- Cancelling the May 6, 2017 Election
Fiscal Year 2016 Audit
Resolution 404 policy and procedure for Oak Wilt Cost Sharing Program
Appointment of Dr. Jim Miller and David Ringle to P&Z
Regretfully accepted the resignation of Councilmember Trial
Appointment of Robert (Robb) Erickson to fill the vacancy of Council Place 2
- *Public Hearing*
Land use assumption and capital improvement plan related to wastewater
- *Updates*
CIP Projects (2013, 2015 & 2016) Council Communication
Garden Ridge Parks Committee Oak Wilt
Wildlife Management Advisory Commission

Just a Few of the April City Council Issues

- April 3, 2017
- Joint Meeting with P&Z for the Kickoff-Master Land Use Plan
- April 5, 2017
- Presentation from Comal ISD on the Bond Issue and Election
 - Presentation on Wastewater System Master Plan & Impact Fee Study
 - United States Postal Service collection box in Garden Ridge
 - Amending Sign Ordinance
 - Budget Amendments
 - CIP Updates
- April 10, 2017
- Public Hearing and consideration on adoption of an Impact Fee for wastewater in an area as defined in the City of Garden Ridge Wastewater Master Plan and Impact Fee Study

For more information see the Agendas on the City website.



Bluebonnets, birds, butterflies, and beautiful weather—spring has arrived in South Texas. The Parks Committee hopes you take time to get outside and enjoy our neighborhood and our parks. Yes, parks—plural. In addition to our delightful Paul Davis Park, Park Lane Park is a charming *pocket park* located at the corner of Bat Cave Rd. and Park Lane Drive. It is the perfect setting for picnicking, communing with nature, or relaxing with a good book or a glass of iced tea. Check it out. The members of the Parks Committee are proud of our accomplishments, but we have become victims of our own success. In order to continue park enhancements and to replicate the tremendously successful Fourth of July games event, we need your help. Right now, we are looking for volunteers for the Fourth of July celebration. Maybe you can help with decorations or with cleanup. Perhaps, you are willing to take charge of one of the games, or maybe you have an idea for a new game. You might be the perfect *town crier* to gather children and direct them to the *back forty* where the games are set up. If so, please contact Kathy Trial at kttrial@satx.rr.com or Rose Andrews at ro-sea@satx.rr.com. We look forward to hearing from you and working with you for the benefit of the entire Garden Ridge community.

Library Footnotes

The library has just enjoyed two wonderful Lunch-n-Learns, but sadly most of you missed them. There is another one **April 19**, so be looking for details about it. We still don't have a way to connect with those whose emails end in "satx.rr.com." I hope Spectrum will see fit to let them through soon. Feel free to call the library to find out anything that is going on. (651-6570). ~We have several books which are being made into new movies, or are already movies, which you might enjoy. They are Hidden Figures, The Circle, House of Tomorrow, Everything Everything, Before I Fall, Wonder, The Glass Castle, The Yellow Birds, Thank You for Your Service, The Nightingale, My Cousin Rachel, The Mountain Between Us, along with several others. **Remember, don't judge a book by its movie!** We would tell you to enjoy both. ~Last, there is good news for all the American Girl Doll fans. We have another one to check out to go home to visit you and your dolls. She is one of the newest dolls named Tenney, a country singer. Thank you, Mr. & Mrs. Ranft for this generous gift! ~Don't forget the **Preschool** Easter Bunny Story Time and egg hunt, Friday, April 14@10:30.

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).

Remember don't leave a child or a pet in a hot car or unattended.

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.southtexasascc.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.



A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who made the GRWC Garage Sale a tremendous success! We could not have done it without you. We really appreciate all you ladies and guys who helped load & unload vendors, set up, clean up, run the kitchen, work the GRWC sales tables and variety of other tasks. It takes a lot of people to run these events! Thanks also to our great members and friends who donated so many treasures for the GRWC sales tables. The profit from the garage sale is eventually returned to the community in the form of donations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars

On Saturday, April 29th, the City of Garden Ridge will be holding **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.**

RESIDENTS ONLY (Be prepared to prove residency.)
See inserted fliers for more information.

Food Drive for RACAP, May 15 - 19

Hanson Aggregates – Servtex Quarry is organizing its 4th annual food drive for Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP), a Schertz-based food pantry serving portions of Comal, Guadalupe and Bexar counties. The food drive helps stock the pantry for summer, which is the busiest season for RACAP, when children don't have access to regular nutritious meals through school. Donations can be dropped off at Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Pkwy, from May 15 – 19 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Items in high demand are canned meats, peanut butter and jelly, 1-2 lb. bags of rice, dried beans and other shelf-stable items. For more information, please contact Hanson Aggregates – Servtex Quarry at (210)

JOIN US

**TRIUMPHANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
This Easter Season**

- APRIL 13th** Maundy Thursday Service: 7:00 PM
- APRIL 14th** Good Friday Services: Noon & 7:00 PM
- APRIL 15th** Easter Vigil: 5:00 PM
- APRIL 16th - EASTER SUNDAY:**
- Sunrise Service: 6:30 AM Traditional Service: 8:30 AM
- Easter Breakfast: 7:15 AM & 9:45 AM
- Easter Egg Hunt: 9:45 AM
- Contemporary Service: 11:00 AM

Mother's Day Out Registration for the 2017 Summer Session will begin on Monday, April 3, in Heimer Hall, and continue through the month of May. Registration for the Mother's Day Out 2017-2018 school year will begin on Monday, April 3, and continue throughout the month of August. We accept ages 6 weeks to 4 years. 21315 Bat Cave Road..210-651-9090..www.triumphantlutheran.org

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>All meetings are subject to change, please refer to calendar on City website.</p> <p>* Early Voting and Election Day is for CISD Bond and Pct. 205 voting is at City Hall</p> <p>** Household Hazardous Waste, Rx Disposal and Document Shredding—see insert flier</p> <p>* All activities that are underlined will occur at the Library</p>						1
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<p>16</p> <p>EASTER</p>	<p>17</p> <p><u>Science Club 3:15</u></p>	<p>18</p> <p><u>Card-making with Angie 1:30</u> <u>Lego Robotics 3:30</u> <u>Lego Robotics 5:30</u></p> <p>Impact Fee Committee @ 6</p>	<p>19</p> <p><u>Lunch-n-Learn 12 noon, Essential Oils</u></p> <p><u>Reading w/ Shiraz 3-5</u></p>	<p>20</p> <p><u>Adult Coloring 1:00</u> <u>P.A.T.S 1:30</u></p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
23	<p>24</p> <p>Early Voting * 8-5</p> <p><u>Science Club 3:15</u> City Council @ 6p.m. in Community Center</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Early Voting * 8-5</p> <p>Water Commission @ 6p.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Early Voting * 7-7</p> <p><u>Reading w/ Shiraz 3-5</u></p>	<p>27</p> <p>Early Voting * 8-4</p> <p><u>Adult Coloring 1:00</u></p>	<p>28</p> <p>Early Voting * 8-5</p> <p><u>Preschool Storytime 10:30</u></p>	<p>29</p> <p>**Household Hazardous Waste & Rx Disposal 8-2 Document Shredding 10-1</p>
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