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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge



MAY 2017

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LOOKING FOR THE CALENDAR?

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

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents

GEORGE CHAMBERS	ANITA FUENTES
SHELLEY & TIM HOWARD	CLAY HUBBARD
JAMES KOTOWSKI	WADE POWELL
JOSE O. SOLIS	DAVID G. VOELLER

ALEXANDRA & WILLIAM BALDWIN
AMANDA & MIKE GOETTSCH
LUNA & LOUIS VAN DE MARK

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LAND USE MASTER PLAN-Steering Committee Meeting #2:
May 1st at 6 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

THANK YOU RECEPTION-Please join us on May 17, 2017 at 6 p.m. for a Thank You for Your Service Reception for Nadine Knaus, Mayor, and Shelby Trial, Councilmember, Place 2. The City of Garden Ridge will be issuing Certificates of Election to our new Mayor Larry Thompson, Councilmember, Place 2, Robert Erickson and Councilmember, Place 3, Brian Lantzzy, at the reception.

Significant Actions - April City Council Meetings

- *Approved*
Ordinance 54 – Amending Water Ordinance
Resolution 408-410 FY 2017 Budget amendments for General Fund, Water Fund and CIP Fund
Resolution 411 Wastewater Impact Fee
Partial Exemption Permit from Buckley Powder Co.
- *Presentations*
CISD 2017 School Bond
Wastewater Master Plan and Impact Fee Study
- *Updates*
CIP Projects (2013, 2015 & 2016) Council Communication
Garden Ridge Parks Committee Oak Wilt
Master Land Use Plan
Wildlife Management Advisory Commission

NEW POST OFFICE BOX

We would like to inform our residents that there is a Post Office Box located in the parking lot of City Hall near the utility drop box for use by all residents for outgoing mail. This box will be picked up daily Monday through Friday at 0930. Should you need to mail items of confidential or sensitive nature, please use this box with confidence.

This is my last Grapevine article as Mayor of our City. On May 17, I will be turning over the office to our Mayor Elect, Larry Thompson.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the citizens, my fellow Councilmen, volunteers and contract professionals who have supported me in my efforts and provided me with guidance over the course of the last few years. Your support and advice has been invaluable. I know the City is in great hands with our new Mayor and Council.

I would like to express my special appreciation to our City Administrator, Nancy Cain, and her wonderful staff. Every day I realize even more how truly blessed we are to have such dedicated professionals working for us. I certainly could not have done my job without their expertise and complete support.

Finally, there is one other person I have to mention and that is my husband, Robert Balch. He has been by my side as I served Garden Ridge as Commissioner, Commission Chair, Councilperson and finally Mayor. I could not have done it without him.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve my City. Serving as your Mayor has been a tremendous honor. I wish you all the best.
Nadine

ELECTIONS

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. Early voting and Election Day schedule in May is as follows:

	<u>Early Voting</u>	
Monday:	May 1st	8am-5pm
Tuesday:	May 2 nd	7am-7pm
	<u>Election Day</u>	
Saturday:	May 6 th	7am-7pm

Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission will be holding their next meeting on Monday, May 8th at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. There will be a 30-minute training education regarding the engineering of a blast.

If you are interested in having a Blast Monitor at your home for 30 days, please contact City Hall at (210)651-6632.

The Quarry Commission encourages you to complete a Citizen Blast Form, they help the blasting companies with their next blasting figures. <http://ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/index.aspx?nid=213>

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 or NextDoor
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>

LIBRARY FOOTNOTES

The Library has been so busy with activities lately that we haven't mentioned books as often. As always, we have wonderful reading material for your enjoyment. For children we now have several children's books by **Ree Drummond** (Pioneer Woman). They are adorable stories about the ranch dog Charlie. Teens will enjoy the action-packed **Michael Vey** series (we have Books 1- 6). The **Lone Star Books** have already arrived. They are provided by the Lions Club each year. These books have been selected especially for students in grades 6, 7, or 8 to explore a variety of current books. The Lone Star list is to encourage recreational reading. There seems to be a theme of heroism and service to country this year. **Hillbilly Elegy** is now ready for checkout. It shows J.D. Vance's unflinching depiction of his own family of impoverished whites and his journey from Appalachia and the Rust Belt of Ohio to Yale Law School and has implications for everyone.

SAFE EXCHANGE ZONE

If you have ever bought or sold an item using an online merchandise website, you've probably experienced that uncomfortable feeling about having a stranger at your house. All across the country, innocent people are robbed or burglarized during these types of transactions so I encourage each of you to always use a public place during daylight hours for these types of transactions. In an effort to help citizens with this, the Garden Ridge Police Department has designated an area of the city hall parking lot as a "Safe Exchange Zone". This area is monitored by a Police Department surveillance system and the designated spots are reserved for both merchandise or child custody exchanging.



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!

Planning is in progress for an even better Fourth of July celebration with more games and activities for all ages. If you want to be part of the fun in planning and providing the activities, the Parks Committee is always in need of volunteers. Right now, we are looking for an individual or a business to sponsor or provide an ice cream cart. If you can help with that, or if you want to volunteer in any capacity, contact Rose Andrews at [ro-sea@satx.rr.com](mailto:rosea@satx.rr.com) or Kathy Trial at kttrial@satx.rr.com.

Do you wonder who uses our parks? Paul Davis Park is a public park that is used by residents and the public in general. Currently, there are lots of families and Mom/Dad groups who enjoy the wonderful accommodations. Paul Davis Park facilities are also available for rental for family or group gatherings and parties. The rates are VERY reasonable and groups may reserve individual pavilions, the Barbecue Hut, the ball field, or the entire park. To rent one or more pavilions or the entire park, contact City Hall at 210-651-6632. The rental agreement fee schedule and terms and conditions are available on the Garden Ridge web page at www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us

Finally, let's all remember to respect our parks and keep them clean so that we all can continue to enjoy Garden Ridge parks.

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 do not have access to regular nutritious meals through school. Donations can be dropped off at Garden Ridge City Hall or the Library, 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) 658-7461.



HISTORICAL SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS TOUR

Save the Date! Wednesday, May 10th

Tour of the historical San Antonio Missions
Meet at Garden Ridge Community Center at 9AM
Guided walking tour at Mission San Jose starting at 10AM
Walk and see Mission San Juan Capistrano and Mission Esparza
Drive to Mission Conception
Lunch at noon at Pico de Gallo

BRACKEN BAT CAVE TOUR

Bracken Bat Cave (world's largest bat colony) tour. On Tuesday evening, May 23, we are having a private tour for GRWC MEMBERS ONLY. The maximum tour number is 50 so sign up quickly with Jeanie Springer, jbbk01@yahoo.com if you are interested. More information as we get closer to May 23, like arrival time, paperwork and exact directions. If you wish to learn more about the bats and Bracken Bat Cave go to this website: www.batcon.org

TRIUMPHANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mother's Day Out Registration for the 2017 Summer Session continues through the month of May.

Registration for the **Mother's Day Out 2017-2018 School Year** continues throughout the month of August. We accept ages 6 weeks to 4 years.

21315 Bat Cave Road / 210-651-9090 /
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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>** All activities that are underlined will occur at the Library</p>						
	<p>1 EARLY VOTING * 8-5 City Council and P&Z Joint Meeting @ 6p.m.</p>	<p>2 EARLY VOTING * 7-7 <u>Lego Robotics 3:30</u> <u>Lego Robotics 5:30</u></p>	<p>3 <u>Reading w/ Shiraz 3-5</u> City Council @ 6p.m.</p>	<p>4 <u>Adult Coloring 1:00</u></p>	<p>5 <u>Preschool Storytime</u> <u>10:30</u></p>	<p>6 ELECTION DAY 7-7 DUMPSTERS!</p>
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<p>14 Mother's Day DUMPSTERS!</p>	<p>15 <u>Card-making with</u> <u>Angie 1:30</u></p>	<p>16 <u>Lego Robotics 3:30</u> <u>Lego Robotics 5:30</u></p>	<p>17 Craft Time: Glass Painting 1:00 <u>Reading w/ Shiraz 3-5</u> City Council @6p.m. Canvass & Reception</p>	<p>18 <u>Adult Coloring 1:00</u> <u>P.A.T.S 1:30</u></p>	<p>19 <u>Preschool Storytime</u> <u>10:30</u> <u>Kids Board Game Day</u> <u>1:00-3:00</u></p>	<p>20 TCA Train Show Community Center 10:30a.m. - 4:00p.m. DUMPSTERS!</p>
<p>*** RECAP FOOD DRIVE *** Drop off donations to Garden Ridge City Hall or Library ***</p>						
<p>21 DUMPSTERS!</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 <u>Lego Robotics 3:30</u> <u>Lego Robotics 5:30</u> Water Commission @ 6p.m.</p>	<p>24 <u>Reading w/ Shiraz 3-5</u></p>	<p>25 <u>Adult Coloring 1:00</u></p>	<p>26 <u>Preschool Storytime</u> <u>10:30</u></p>	<p>27 DUMPSTERS!</p>
<p>28 DUMPSTERS!</p>	<p>29 MEMORIAL DAY ALL CITY OFFICES CLOSED</p>	<p>30 <u>Lego Robotics 3:30</u> <u>Lego Robotics 5:30</u></p>	<p>31</p>	<p>June 1</p>	<p>June 2 <u>Preschool Storytime</u> <u>10:30</u></p>	<p>June 3</p>