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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

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MAY 2013

City Hall 651-6632

Lost Pets 651-6831

GRPD 651-6441

Non-emergency, after hours

**May 12**



**Mother's Day**



**ARMED FORCES DAY  
MAY 18**

Remember with great  
gratitude and honor all  
members of our  
Armed Forces  
Especially those who  
fought & died serving  
America!



**Memorial Day  
May 27**



**THANK YOU JIM YOUNG FOR 14 YEARS OF  
VOLUNTEER ELECTED SERVICE TO GARDEN RIDGE** — Editor



## Coming Events:

- 1 May — City Council meets 6 PM
- 1,2,3,7 May— Early Voting 8 AM - 5 PM; 6 May - 7 AM - 7 PM
- 2 May — Forest Waters/Metrocom Open House 6 PM
- 4 May — Bracken VFD Firefighters Festival (See Article)
- 11 May — Bicycle Rodeo (See Article)
- 11 May — Election Day - City Hall 7 AM to 7 PM
- 12 May — Mothers Day
- 13 May — Quarry Commission Meets, 7 PM
- 14 May — Planning and Zoning Meets, 6 PM
- 18 May — Armed Forces Day
- 20 May — City Council Meets, 6 PM (Canvass the vote and Swearing in)
- 27 May — Memorial Day observed; City Offices and Library Closed
- 28 May — Water Commission Meets, 6 PM

NOTE: Brush Dumpsters

|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| 4-5 May   | 8 AM - 5 PM      |
| 11-12 May | Community Center |
| 18-19 May |                  |
| 25-26 May |                  |

Editor's Note: After 14 years of dedicated service to the city, as a city council member, Jim Young has elected to step down. Thank you JIM for your service and guidance through the years. *You will be missed!*



## FROM THE MAYOR

After 16 years of insuring this newsletter has been provided in a timely manner, and hopefully with useful information, this is my last issue. For the past few years Councilman Joe Britan has been my right hand man, editing and formatting. Hopefully he will continue the tradition of the Grapevine. Effective immediately, until the future is determined, address all inputs to [administrator@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us](mailto:administrator@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us).

It has been a pleasure serving this great city and its people for a total of 18 years. The support has been overwhelming and gratifying or I never would have served this long. I will miss the routine, the staff, and daily interface with the people. "A WAY OF LIFE...NOT JUST A PLACE TO LIVE"

**Jay F. Feibelman  
Mayor**

## WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

### New Residents:

|                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Yolanda Chapa               | Jose Flores          |
| Kenneth Frank               | Rinny B Johnson      |
| Thomas & Genevieve Kelly IV |                      |
| Jessica Lloyd               | Candice Ornes        |
| David Pencsak               | Brandon & Sara Watts |



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.

## Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission's monthly meeting was held on April 8, 2013. A review of March blasts was conducted. A total of 14 blasts occurred in the month of March. The highest ground vibration measured was .330 in/sec on March 13 and the highest air blast measured was 115.2 dB on March 14 and March 26. All readings were within the criteria of City Ordinance 34. Citizen blasting reports for March 21 and April 1 were discussed and follow up action assigned.



Citizens are encouraged to attend the monthly quarry commission meetings. Next meeting is May 14 at 7:00 pm. Citizen Blast report Forms can be found on the city's web site home page ([www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us](http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us)). Citizens that wish to make a comment about a blast or have input for the Commission or are interested in a tour of the quarry are encouraged to contact City Hall at 651-6632. A tour of the quarry including witnessing an actual blast is under development and expected to occur in May or June.

## Candidate Web Sites/email

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <b>Mayor</b>           |  |
| Joe Britan             | <a href="http://www.electjoeformayor.com">www.electjoeformayor.com</a>         |
| Andrew Dalton          | <a href="http://www.electdalton.com">www.electdalton.com</a>                   |
| <b>Council Place 2</b> |  |
| Nadine Knaus           | <a href="http://www.electnadine.com">www.electnadine.com</a>                   |
| Pat Ramirez            | <a href="mailto:pramirez@professionaledg.com">pramirez@professionaledg.com</a> |
| Todd Arvidson          | <a href="mailto:T_Arvidson@hotmail.com">T_Arvidson@hotmail.com</a>             |
| <b>Council Place 3</b> |  |
| Bryan Lantzy           | <a href="mailto:Blantzy@satx.rr.com">Blantzy@satx.rr.com</a>                   |

## Library Footnotes

By Nancy Feibelman

Located in the back of the library are picture books about American history. I have chosen two and put on display for you to study the wars which we have fought to gain and keep our freedoms, one of which is the right to vote.

The Civil War era book Hallowed Ground has photographs and text about this war from 1860-1865.

Stories and illustrations about World War II can be found in The Two Thousand Yard Stare by Tom Leo.

While there, notice the other books about our struggles to remain a democracy. Oh—be sure to vote.



## Correction

In the April newsletter there was a water bill comparison between Garden Ridge and SAWS. SAWS bills by cubic feet and the water bill we quoted was for 51 cubic feet of usage, a SAWS mistake that should have been 15 cubic feet. The actual comparison for the 11,000 gallons of water plus other charges is Garden Ridge \$ 55.37 and SAWS \$ 81.12.

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## Significant City Council Actions in April:

### Special Presentations:

- Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation
- Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month Proclamation

### UPDATE:

- Update and possible action on public safety concerns in the Wild Wind Unit 3
- Update on City of Garden Ridge 2013 Paul Davis Park restroom facilities project and bidding process
- Review, discussion and possible action on 2013 Schoenthal Road improvements
- Report from Planning & Zoning Chair on CPS Energy Suburban City Summit
- Update and review of 2012 CIP Projects for streets, drainage and water lines

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Recommendation, evaluation of alternates bid and award of bid for the City of Garden Ridge 2013 Schoenthal Road Improvements and authorize the City Administrator to execute contract for the aforementioned project
- Recommendation and award of contract for the 1,000,000 gallon Elevated Storage Tank lighting project and authorize the City Administrator to execute contract for the aforementioned project

### APPROVED:

- Release of Robert Marin, Administration Administrative Assistant, from 90 day probation period effective March 17, 2013
- Resolution 282-042013 nominating a candidate to fill the vacancy on the Comal Appraisal District Board of Directors — Randy Maschek
- City Water Commission recommendation for approval on request by Gary L. Miller for variance to Ordinance 7-022011 concerning the requirement to bring water rights to the City
- City Water Commission recommendation on amending Ordinance 7-022011, Amendment #3 to establish a minimum formula of .6 (6/10) gpm in determining the amount of water a developer will be required to bring into the city for developments
- Ordinance 7-042013, Amendment #4 amending Ordinance 7-022011, Amendment #3 related to subdivisions of land within the incorporated area and extra-territorial jurisdiction of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas; establishing a requirement to provide transferable water rights or other water resource acceptable to the city
- Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation on the entry monument sign and landscape design for The Woodlands of Garden Ridge
- Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation for denial on the Final Plat for Tuscan Village Subdivision at the southeast corner of FM3009/FM2252

### Forest Waters / Randolph Metrocom Open House

Join the Randolph Metrocom Chamber of Commerce for a Ribbon Cutting ceremony at Forest Waters Club! There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

### Quick Notes

- Oak wilt: The season is upon us. The disease could devastate our Oak tree population. Insure all wounds



### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

It was gratifying to see the turnout and receive the opinion of concerned citizens at the April City Council meeting when upgrade of Schoenthal road was discussed. Thanks to all from Schoenthal Road and Georg Ranch for their input that was instrumental in preventing a decision that outwardly appeared to be the right decision until it was investigated more thoroughly. City Council makes decisions based on data and facts presented. At times, these do not fully address the issue, and those that are directly affected must speak out. In that regard, monthly Council agendas are posted at City Hall and on the city web site. I recommend you check these sources to see if there are issues to be discussed that affect you directly and/or you have concerns. Be involved. This is your city.

**JAY F. FEIBELMAN**  
MAYOR

### Bicycle Rodeo

The Third Annual Community Bike Rodeo will be held May 11, 2013 at Garden Ridge Elementary School. Registration/Check-in begins at 8:30 am. This is a free event for children in grades K-5th grade to learn bike safety. Home school, and private school are encouraged to attend. Children are encouraged to bring bicycle, helmet (some loner helmets will be available), and be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Students will have the opportunity to navigate through four obstacle courses and will be scored on their performance.

For additional information or registration contact Garden Ridge Police Investigator William Spiller at [cid@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us](mailto:cid@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us) or Jill Creel, GRES PTA president, at [creelsjc@gmail.com](mailto:creelsjc@gmail.com). Registration/check-in begins at 8:30 am and the event begins at 9:00 am.

### BRACKEN VFD FIREFIGHTER'S FESTIVAL

The annual Bracken Volunteer Firefighter's Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, from 4 - 8PM at the Community Center. A fajita dinner will be served. There will be entertainment, a raffle and a silent auction. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this important fundraiser for the BVFD.

If anyone would like to donate a prize for the raffle or the silent auction, or want to volunteer to help cook, serve the food or run a booth, please call the BVFD at 210-651-5762.



### Mother's Day Event

A new event being sponsored by [www.ChairishTheDay.com](http://www.ChairishTheDay.com). They are hosting a Mommy & Me Tea Party for mothers and daughters of all ages Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12 from 10 am till 5 pm. They will provide hair and makeup for mothers and daughters of all ages first followed by a tea party in a whimsical tent. For information, investment and to book call 210-632-3877. Located behind Figlio's at 18816 FM 2252 D in the Over Yonder Shopping Center

### GARDEN RIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Garden Ridge Women's Club is starting our "GRWC 2013-2014 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.

Save the date and mark your calendars for the Fall Luncheon & Fashion Show, which will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2013! The following month, on October 12, 2013, we will be holding our ever-popular Holiday Marketplace Event!

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, 2013 – May 31, 2014. Membership renewal forms will be mailed during the month of May to current members. Please return them by July 1, 2013, along with your check for \$20 payable to GRWC to:

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



### PICNIC IN THE PARK RESCHEDULED

**New Date:** Wednesday, May 22, 2013

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Location:** GR City Park, located near Grasscreek and Bluebell Drive. Bring your lunch/drink and join other GRWC members at this relaxing members-only event. Dessert will be provided. This is the perfect opportunity to let others know about your business or interests. Bring anything you would like to share with the membership, including plants, books, hobbies, and/or products that you sell. Last year everyone had a wonderful time. Please join in the fun and this opportunity to meet new members. Questions? Call Janet Ruple 651-4898 or Kate Kohl 651-5895.

### Georg Ranch Garage Sale

Georg Ranch is holding a neighborhood-wide garage sale, May 4th, 8:00am-1:00pm, that is open to the public. The entrance at Tuscan Hills/FM 3009 will be open and maps will be available at the entrance to direct buyers to those families selling items.

### Voting Schedule

#### City of Garden Ridge, May 11, 2013, General Elections

|                | Early Voting             |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Apr 29</b>  | <b>7:00 am — 7:00 pm</b> |
| <b>Apr 30</b>  | <b>8:00 am — 5:00 pm</b> |
| <b>May 1-3</b> | <b>8:00 am — 5:00 pm</b> |
| <b>May 6</b>   | <b>7:00 am — 7:00 pm</b> |
| <b>May 7</b>   | <b>8:00 am — 5:00 pm</b> |
|                | <b>Election Day</b>      |
| <b>May 11</b>  | <b>7:00 am — 7:00 pm</b> |

All voting will be conducted in the Council Chambers at Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266. If you have questions, please call Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary, at 210-651-6632, Monday through Friday, between 8 am and 5 pm.

### CPS Energy Suburban City Summit

By Nadine Knaus, Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission

The City Administrator and I attended the CPS Energy Suburban City Summit. The Summit offered the opportunity for the suburban cities served by CPS Energy to hear about the utility's plans for the future, to meet the utility's executives, and to provide input to the utility on a range of issues. Doyle Beneby, CPS Energy CEO, indicated that they plan to continue to use a diverse mix of fuels to generate electricity in order to manage energy supply risk and to keep electric bills low. He indicated that they will also continue their support for alternative/green forms of energy such as wind and solar. And, while they did not have a rate increase last year, they do expect the need to increase electric rates by about 5% in each of the next two years.

The suburban cities served by the utility indicated that they felt that ongoing two-way communication between the utility and the cities was critical. All the cities wanted presentations on the upcoming rate increases during the rate case process. The cities were also interested in how the utility could assist them with their economic development and energy conservation efforts. All attendees thought that the meeting was beneficial and suggested that the utility hold the meetings annually.

For more information about your electricity provider, see their website at

[www.cpsenergy.com](http://www.cpsenergy.com)