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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

August 2013

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## Summer Fun



### Coming Events:

- 6 Aug — National Night Out in Garden Ridge (See Article)
- 7 Aug — City Council meets, 6 pm
- 7-8 Aug — Comal ISD Registration (See Article)
- 10 Aug — Hunters Education Skills Trail Testing (See Article)
- 12 Aug — Quarry Commission meets, 7 pm
- 12-15 Aug — Comal ISD Registration (See Article)
- 13 Aug — Planning & Zoning meets, 6 pm
- 27 Aug — Water Commission meets, 6 pm

NOTE: All meetings subject to change!



### Comal I.S.D. School Registration 2013-2014



~~ First Day of School is Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2013 ~~

**New Student Registration Dates:** Held @ each campus

- Wednesday, August 7th 8am-4pm
- Thursday, August 8th 8am-6:30pm

**Returning Student Registration Dates:** Held @ each campus

#### Elementary:

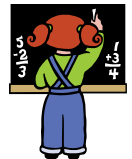
- Substituted with "Meet the Teacher" night
- School will send dates & times to parents

#### Middle School:

- Monday, August 12th 8am-6:30 pm
- Tuesday, August 13th 8am-4pm

#### High School:

- Monday, August 12th 8am-6:30pm
- Tuesday, August 13th 8am-4pm
- Wednesday, August 14th 8am-4pm
- Thursday, August 15th 8am-4pm



For more information, visit:

[http://www.comalisd.org/Parents/Back\\_To\\_School.asp](http://www.comalisd.org/Parents/Back_To_School.asp)



### National Night Out Night Out Against Crime



Garden Ridge Police Department and Citizen Police Academy Alumni will be hosting the 2013 National Night Out on August 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM at the Garden Ridge Community Center. This event is a great opportunity to meet other Garden Ridge residents and visit displays from numerous community organizations. Hotdogs and fixings will be available free of charge. Joe Libby, Magician will be providing entertainment while Lisa Loo Creations does face painting for the kids. Garden Ridge Elementary School will also provide tours for interested parents.

### Message from Bracken VFD:



The Bracken VFD is looking for a few folks that would be interested in serving on its Board of Directors. The Bracken VFD provides fire and first responder services for the City of Garden Ridge and the surrounding area. The Board has monthly meetings at the fire station. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please call the Fire Station at 210-651-5762 and ask for Chief Zipp.

### Hunter's Education Skills Trail Testing

Sponsored by: Garden Ridge Wild Game Dinner & NEBC

**Let's get ready to hunt!** We will be providing opportunities for kids to go hunting this year and the first step to gain access to these opportunities is to complete a mandatory hunter's education class. There are 2 steps to complete the Texas Hunter Education requirements: Home Study Course and Skills Trail Testing.

The first portion of the Hunters Education certification is to be completed online at home prior to attending the one day in field portion of the certification.

Garden Ridge Wild Game Dinner and NEBC Men's Ministry will be hosting the Hunters Education Skills Trail Testing portion of the Texas hunter's education class on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Please go to [www.gardenridgewildgame.com](http://www.gardenridgewildgame.com) to get registered for this event and to get additional information on the requirements required to successfully complete the TPWD Hunter's Education Course and upcoming hunting opportunities.

Date: Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> or Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>

Time: 8am - Noon

Place: TBD

Age: 9 years or older

Cost: \$15 cash or check to TPWD (paid day of event)

Contact: Dave Frazier 210-710-6398

Take Away Include: Hunters Education Certificate, FREE Lunch, Entered in drawing for Free Hunt



### GARDEN RIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB

"Places Around the World"

### Annual Fall Business Luncheon & Fashion Show

Calling all members, make your reservations **now** for this big event and bring a friend or a new member. You don't want to miss the great location, food, fashions, fun, and door prizes!

**La Fontana Springs** will prepare a fabulous lunch for us and "**A Shop Around the Corner**" will provide beautiful fall fashions for us to preview! We still need models—members, please volunteer!

Date: Thursday, September 19th, 2013

Location: **La Fontana Springs**  
27618 Natural Bridge Caverns Rd  
(Just north of Natural Bridge Caverns Wildlife Ranch)  
Ph: 210-883-8304

Cost: Members \$23.00  
Non-members \$28.00

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (10:30-11:00 - gather to visit with old & new friends)

Please make **check payable to GRWC** and send to:

**Diana Scott | 21916 Deer Canyon Dr | Garden Ridge, TX 78266**

Questions? Contact Diana Scott at 651-3320, [vadiana44@yahoo.com](mailto:vadiana44@yahoo.com).

To model, Contact Missy Lantzy at 651-3531, [mlantzy@hotmail.com](mailto:mlantzy@hotmail.com)

**RSVP & Checks must be received by September 13th, 2013**

## WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

### New Residents:

Troy & Jami Lott	Joe & Jolene
Steve Blanton	Keefer
Juan & Julia Carbajal	Thomas Borower
Leslie Janovec	Edward Starr
Wendy & Troy Odden	Gerard Walker
Mark McKeown	Ray & Rosa Rendon
James & Amy Wester	Ronnie & Lisa Stout



**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.**

### From the Mayor

Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered at this year's July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. We had great weather for this year's parade and it was another wonderful event. Most notably, your donations and the proceeds from the silent auction raised over \$3,600 for the Garden Ridge Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association. Your generosity will help support the City's Police Department, our officers and your Citizens On Patrol program.

I also want to thank all of the citizens who attended our July 3 City Council meeting and those who shared their opinions on the Schoenthal Road improvement project. Schoenthal Road is going to be completely repaved and resurfaced, which will be a substantial improvement for one of the busier streets in our City. I continue to believe that our City would benefit from that road also being widened by about 10% (2 feet), but several of our citizens and the majority of the City Council were not in favor of that aspect of the project. However, we will be adding a dedicated turn lane onto FM 3009, which should significantly improve traffic flow onto FM 3009. Overall, it's a very beneficial project for our City.

I look forward to seeing you at the National Night Out event on August 6, and please enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Dalton



### Holiday Marketplace

Mark your calendars for the annual Holiday Marketplace -- **Saturday, October 12, hours 10 am – 4 pm**. There will be more than 50 vendors who offer unique, one-of-a-kind items. In addition, we will have a silent auction, a raffle for an original handmade quilt, and of course, lots of food.

**Vendors, we still have a few spaces left.** Contact Janet Ruple, at [grwcmarketplace@gmail.com](mailto:grwcmarketplace@gmail.com).

**We need donated items for the silent auction.** Contact Cheryl Koehler at [c-koehler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:c-koehler@sbcglobal.net), or call 210-317-2104 if you have items to donate.

**Finally, we need volunteers** we can't do this without you! This is a great way to meet new friends and become more involved with GRWC. If you can volunteer some time, please contact Tanya Haddad, at 651-9241 or [mimintn7@yahoo.com](mailto:mimintn7@yahoo.com). All profits from this event will be donated to local charities.

### Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission's monthly meeting was held on July 15, 2013. A review of June blasts was conducted. A total of 13 blasts occurred in the month of June. The highest ground vibration measured was .330 in/sec on June 14 and the highest air blast measured was 121.5 dB on June 7. All readings were within the criteria of City Ordinance 34. Citizen blasting reports for the month of June were discussed and follow up action assigned.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the monthly quarry commission meetings. Next meeting is August 12 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 are encouraged to attend the August meeting. Additionally citizens interested in attending a tour of the quarry including witnessing an actual blast are encouraged to contact City Hall at 651-6632. The Quarry operates as a major mining complex with multiple facets of operation and as such has expressed a willingness to tailor tours to specific areas of citizen's interest.

### Significant Actions from the July 3 City Council Meeting

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- Schoenthal Road Project Modifications: Three project modifications were considered and Option A (to add a dedicated turn lane and make drainage improvements at FM 3009) and Option B (to delete a dedicated turn lane onto Bat Cave) were unanimously approved. Option C (a 2' Widening of all of Schoenthal Road) was rejected by a vote of 4-1.
- The Declarations of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the new "The Woodlands of Garden Ridge" subdivision were unanimously approved.
- David Heier was unanimously appointed to fill vacancy in Place 5 of the Planning and Zoning Commission through September 30, 2013.
- Resolutions 303 to 306 relating to Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Amendment #1 for the City of Garden Ridge General Fund, Water Fund, Interest and Sinking Fund and Capital Improvement Fund were unanimously approved.
- Unanimous award of the bid for Wrecker Service and Vehicle Storage to Roadrunner Towing
- The Council accepted the resignation of Garden Ridge Police Officer Cary Bostian, and unanimously approved the employment of Bryan Pelata as the City's newest Police Officer.

#### Tabled

- Pursuing the enactment of a Vulnerable Road User Ordinance



### Join the Garden Ridge Women's Club!

The Garden Ridge Women's Club is an unincorporated organization whose purpose is to promote civic improvements, charitable activities, and social interaction for the benefit of the citizens of the City of Garden Ridge and surrounding areas.

**Enjoy monthly special interest groups:** Book Club, Knotty Knotters, Lunch Bunch, Bridge Club, Bunco Club, Scrapbooking, and more.

**Events:** Luncheon & Style Show, Holiday Marketplace, Cooking Class, Gardening Event, Picnic in the Park, and more.

**And Special Projects:** Helping Hands Community Outreach and Informal Day Trips.

**Dues** are \$20 for the 2013-2014 year. Renewal forms have been mailed to current GRWC members—thanks to all who have sent in your dues.

If you would like to join, please mail your check with contact information to:

**Judi Hanna | 13622 Hercules Lane | Universal City, TX 78148**

Or Contact Judi at: 210-658-0819 or [judihanna@satx.rr.com](mailto:judihanna@satx.rr.com)



### Library Footnotes By: Suzanne McCandless



As the summer burns on, and you try to think of more ways to keep the kids cool, remember STORY HOUR on Thursdays, through August 15<sup>th</sup>, at the library from 10:30 to 11:30 am. We'll have crafts, snacks and an entertaining story for pre-schoolers. The Library SALE ROOM is a wonderful place to pick up a few books to take on vacation. When you finish one, you can JUST LEAVE IT at the beach house, or on the plane and ENCOURAGE LITERACY. Don't forget to do the same with Children's Books too!

And did you see those BOOK COMMANDERS, riding in the Fourth of July Parade? Our (somewhat crazy) library volunteers were inspired by the Duck Dynasty TV show to bring the best in literature to Garden Ridge. And the Duck Dynasty books now grace our shelves. Look for *Happy, Happy*, *Happy* by their founder Phil Robertson and *Duck Commander* by Willie and Korie Robertson. We have had a large donation of fresh books by old favorites: Elizabeth Berg, Stuart Woods, W.E.B. Griffin, James Patterson, Lisa Scottoline, Anita Shreve, Dick Frances and many more. Check them out.

New subjects covered in non-fiction entice readers too. *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown tells the story of nine Americans in their quest for gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. *A Curious Man* by Neal Thompson gives us the life of Robert (Believe It or Not) Ripley. Summer fiction getting rave reviews includes *The Son* by Phillip Meyer (a Texas saga), *The Burgess Boys* by Elizabeth Stout (a family with secrets story), and *The Light Between the Oceans* by M. L. Stedman (an Australian story of a lost and found child).

E-book selection continues to grow. This month new additions include *Lola's Secret* by Monica M. Inerney, the author of the popular *Alphabet Sisters*, and the Australian answer to Maeve Binchy and a modern day Jane Austen. Lisa See's *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* joins several others by the same author. *Garden of the Evening Mists* by Tan Twan Eng takes us to Japan. My regret is that I can't read fast enough to take advantage of all the wonderful books available in our library and on the Lone Star Digital Library. They even have Audio Books you can check out!

Watch for the library table at National Night out on August 6 from 6 to 8pm. You'll learn something new!