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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

November 2013

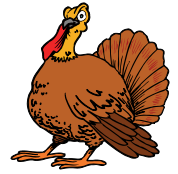
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City Hall 651-6632 Lost Pets 651-6831 GRPD 651-6441

Non-emergency, after hours



Happy Thanksgiving!



Coming Events:

- 1 Nov – Early Voting - G.R. Elementary School (see article)
- 3 Nov – Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 5 Nov – Election Day - G.R. Community Center (see article)
- 6 Nov – City Council, 6pm
- 11 Nov – Veteran’s Day (City Hall Closed, Library will be Open with a celebration to our fellow veterans - see article)
- 11 Nov – Quarry Commission, 7pm
- 12 Nov – Planning and Zoning Commission, 6pm
- 16 Nov – Household Hazardous Waste Collection (see article)
- 19 Nov – Water Commission, 6pm
- 28 Nov – Thanksgiving (City Offices Closed, No Trash & Recycling)
- 29 Nov – City Offices Closed

NOTE: All meetings subject to change!

Election Day November 5th, 2013

**** ELECTION UPDATE ****

Election Day is **Tuesday, November 5**. Voting on the Statewide Constitutional Amendment Election and the Comal ISD Bond 2013 Election will be held **at the Garden Ridge Community Center from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM**. Due to changes in state law, please bring a photo ID with you to vote.

There will also be four days of Early Voting at Garden Ridge Elementary School. These four days will be **Monday, October 28 and Tuesday, October 29 (7:00 AM to 7:00 PM); Wednesday, October 30 (7:00 AM to 8:00 PM); and Friday, November 1 (7:00 AM to 4:00 PM)**.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, November 16th

8:00 am - 12:00 pm **ONLY** Rain or Shine

If the chemical product is...

Toxic: herbicides, pesticides, fungicides

Reactive: pool chlorine, drain cleaner, hydrogen peroxide

Ignitable: gasoline, lighter fluid, paint thinner, stains

Corrosive: muriatic acid, laundry bleach, oven cleaner

....it’s Household Hazardous Waste!

Rules for Collection Day:

1. Do not mix products
2. Only transport products in your car’s trunk or truck bed: **No trailer loads** will be accepted.
3. Bring items in original, properly sealed, and labeled containers, when possible
4. **Be prepared to wait:** bring water and a snack to prevent dehydration
5. Picture ID is required

New Braunfels Fire Station No. 2

4120 Loop 337

New Braunfels, TX 78130

Questions? Call 830-221-4040 or 830-221-1108

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From the Mayor

November 5 is ELECTION DAY. As I noted last month, there are several amendments to the Texas Constitution on the ballot this year, as well as Comal ISD’s Bond 2013 proposal. I would like to thank the Garden Ridge Area Republican Club for hosting a very cordial and informative Voter Information Night on October 14. Two of the ballot items that generated a lot of interest from those in attendance were Proposition 6 and Comal ISD Bond 2013. You should have recently received a postcard from me about my personal views on both important issues, and I encourage you to learn about all of the important issues on the ballot this year. One of the most important rights that we, as citizens, have is the right to VOTE. So please take the time to **VOTE on November 5**, and remember to bring your photo ID!

We continued to have good rain in October and there have been notable improvements in our water consumption patterns while we have been in Stage 3. I appreciate your efforts to help conserve water as our City navigated Stage 3 water restrictions for the first time. At the end of the November billing cycle, we will be moving back to Stage 2 restrictions for the winter. However, we are not out of the woods yet, and if the drought continues through this winter, we will likely be facing additional water restrictions in the spring. As a result, we continue to actively pursue options to increase our water supplies and to find new water sources for our City. Finding new, cost-effective water supplies and improving our water infrastructure are two of my highest priorities.

Finally, I would like to thank the Garden Ridge Lion’s Club for another enjoyable Fish Fry and BBQ on October 5 and the Garden Ridge Women’s Club for a wonderful Holiday Marketplace event on October 12. Both events were very well attended and raised a lot of money for charitable endeavors in our community. These events showcase just how special and unique our community truly is. While there are too many individuals to thank here, you should know that both organizations are full of dedicated individuals who love to help make Garden Ridge “not just a place to live, but a way of life.”

Sincerely,
Andrew Dalton

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents:

Ralph & Beola Bradley

Larry & Karen Hunt

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, and each January thereafter. Call 651-6831 for information.



It's that time of year again when we all gather with family and friends and begin our Holiday celebrations. So, to begin the celebrations, the GRWC Board would like to extend an invitation to our members & spouses (or guests) for an evening of fun, music and food!

The GRWC "Winter Wonderland" Gala will be held at the
GR Community Center on
Saturday, December 7 -- 6:30 pm until 11:00 pm.
So mark your calendars and reserve the date!

There will be wine and other beverages, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and live music.

Cost: \$10.00 per couple.

Attire: Cocktail/dressy and yes, you men can come in your favorite Christmas sweaters.

RSVP by November 30 to:

Diana Scott: 651-3320 or email: VADiana44@yahoo.com.

Make checks payable to GRWC and mail to:

Diana Scott

212916 Deer Canyon Dr

Garden Ridge, TX 78266

Disposal of Brush, Metal/Appliances and Furniture

Dumpsters for brush disposal will be provided on the following Saturdays and Sundays during the month of **November: 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, and 23-24**. Dumpsters will also be provided for the disposal of metal, appliances, furniture and wood. Disposal will only be allowed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on the specified dates, the site will be locked at all other times. Garden Ridge residents must show proof of residency to utilize the disposal site. Disposal site located on Municipal Parkway. **There will not be any trash or recycling collection on Thursday, November 28, 2013 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.**

Quarry Commission Happenings



The Quarry Commission's monthly meeting was held on October 15, 2013. A review of September blasts was conducted. A total of 9 blasts occurred in the month of September. The highest ground vibration measured was .265 in/sec on September 3 and the highest air blast measured was 120.5 dB on September 12. All readings were within the criteria of City Ordinance 34. There were no Citizen blasting reports submitted for the month of September. Our thanks to those citizens that participated in a blasting mapping program conducted by Hanson Quarry in late October. Hopefully the test will better enable Hanson Quarry to further minimize the effects of blasting on the citizens of Garden Ridge.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the monthly quarry commission meetings. Next meeting is scheduled November 11 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). Citizens that wish to make a comment about a blast or have input for the Commission are encouraged to attend the November meeting.

Significant Actions - October City Council Meeting

October 2, 2013

- Designated the New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung the city's Official Newspaper
- Accepted deed for the transfer of Lot 21, Block 10, The Forest of Garden Ridge from the Garden Ridge/Bracken Homeowners Association, Inc. to the City of Garden Ridge
- Reappointed Jim Bower, David Heier and Richard Holloway to the Water Commission for two year terms of office
- Amended Ordinance 168 to allow the use of golf carts and utility vehicles on certain streets within the city
- Approved the employment of Duane E. Scognio as Service Representative II, Brad S. Oivarri as Service Representative I and Kymberlee Buntyn as Police Clerk

News Announcement

Local resident and author Bob Doerr was selected by the Military Writers Society of America as its Author of the Year for 2013. This national organization has nearly 900 members, a number of whom have appeared on the New York Times best seller list. The award is given for a body of work rather than a single book. In Bob's case, he has written five books in his Jim West mystery thriller series. Four of the five have been recognized in a number of different national book contests. These books, along with his newest book *The Enchanted Coin*, written for middle grade readers, can be found in our library.

Need more info? Contact Bob Doerr at 210-651-3581



Library Footnotes By: Lynne Dean



The library will be open and celebrating Veteran's Day on Monday, November 11th. Come and join fellow veterans and active military as we honor, thank, and remember all those who fought for our country and our freedom. Children from Garden Ridge Elementary will be stopping by at 2:00 pm to sing a few patriotic songs. Refreshments will be served from 2:00 to 5:00 pm.

We have purchased 11 new **Young Adult** books recommended by the TLA for 2013. There is an engrossing collection of stories about friendships, secrets, murder, rivalry and survival. They will be displayed together near the front door starting Nov. 1.

There are three new **Children's** books by Calista Gingrich that will be available before Thanksgiving: *The Land of Pilgrim's Pride*; *Sweet Land of Liberty*; and the just released *Yankee Doodle Dandy*.

For **Adults** who love *Duck Dynasty*, we have *SI-COLOGY 101: Tales and Wisdom from Duck Dynasty's Favorite Uncle*, by Si Robertson.

For **Audio Book** lovers, we have two by Sue Grafton: *V is for Vengeance*; and *W is for Wasted*. The Jeffrey Archer Clifton Chronicle trilogy: *Only Time Will Tell*; *The Sins of the Father*; and *Best Kept Secret*. Three Jack Reacher novels by Lee Child: *The Affair*; *Die Trying*; and 2013's *Never Go Back*. Popular author Kathy Reichs latest; *Bones of the Lost*, whose character Temperance Brennan is the inspiration for the Fox TV series *Bones*, and finally two C.J. Box favorites: *Back of Beyond*; and *Blood Trail*, a Joe Pickett novel.