



May 2015

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Non-emergency, after hours

Happy Mother's Day

Coming Events

- May 2nd Bike Rodeo 8:30am at GR Elementry School
- May 2nd Tree Dedication for Mayor Dalton (see invitation)
- May 3rd-9th Public Service Week and Municipal Clerk Week
- May 4th & 5th Early Voting (see article)
- May 5th Cinco De Mayo
- May 6th Lunch & Learn– Drip irrigation-noon at Library
- May 6th City Council meets, 6pm
- May 9th CISD Election 7am-7pm (see article)
- May 10th Mother's Day
- May 10th-16th Police Officer's Week
- May 11th Quarry Commission meets, 7pm
- May 12th Planning and Zoning Commission meets, 6pm
- May 17th-23rd Public Works Week
- May 20th Lunch & Learn-Xeriscaping –noon at Library
- May 21st Deer Management Meeting 6pm (see article)
- May 25th Memorial Day-City Offices are Closed
- May 26th Water Commission meets, 6pm

Dumpster Weekends– May 2-3, 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24

NOTE: All meetings subject to change!

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE New Residents

BENNY & AMY CORREA MICHELLE & DANIEL DELEO
 DON & BARBARA HARRIS DARREN RICHARDSON
 LACEY SMITH IVAN WRIGHT-CEPEDA
 ELIA RAQUEL & RENE GARZA

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.

Mayor Dalton Tree Dedication

Cub Scout Pack 828 would like to invite everyone to a tree dedication and a moment of silence in honor of late Mayor Andrew Dalton. Dedication will be held on Saturday, May 2nd at noon on the grounds of the City of Garden Ridge City Hall.

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Bexar Waste and Ranger Shredding for another successful Household Hazardous Waste and Document Shred event.

The City is developing a 'Strategic Master Plan' to address City parks and recreational opportunities desired by our residents. A new Parks Committee, comprised primarily of residents, City staff, and a City Councilmember is being formed to gather information from our residents, assess the City's needs, and present their plan to the City Council for action. **Your input** is vital to the success of this 'Plan'! If you would like to help make this plan a success, please send an email to councilpl2@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us.

WEBSITE and FACEBOOK

Have you checked us out lately? We are constantly updating and making changes to ensure that you get accurate and immediate information. www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us or like us on Facebook

On May 2nd, the Garden Ridge Community Bike Rodeo will be held starting at 8:30 a.m. at Garden Ridge Elementary. Please come and cheer on all the students.

Later that day, at noon at City Hall, Pack 828 will be dedicating a tree in honor of our late Mayor Andrew Dalton. We invite all to come to celebrate his life and legacy.

During the month, our library will be hosting a number of different "Lunch and Learn" events focusing on drip irrigation and xeriscaping. Visit the City's website for more details.

Garden Ridge always has a lot going on. Keep up with all the events by visiting our website or signing up for the Notify Me service.

Thanks to all the City Employees who made our hazardous waste disposal and shred day in April such a success.

And finally, congratulations to all our school graduates!

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VOTING

The City of Garden Ridge has cancelled their election, but CISD will still be holding their election.

Early Voting 8am-5pm begins on April 27th and ends on May 5, 2015 (week days only) with the exception that on April 30th and May 4th voting is from 7am-7pm. For more information regarding CISD Election <http://wp.comalisd.org/bond2015>

Significant Actions - APRIL City Council Meeting

- Presented Proclamations for Sexual Assault Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Discussion on creation of Parks Committee
- Discussion on 2016 Budget process
- Rejected RFP for Quarry Blast Monitoring Service
- Received updates: CIP Project, CISD Activities, Deer Management, and Trinity Well #2
- Received the Tier 1-Racial Profile Report

Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission met on April 15, 2015. There were a total of 10 blasts in March. The highest ground vibration measured was .455 in/sec on March 24 and the highest air blast measured was 124.2 dB on March 23. No blasting reports were submitted for the month of March.

We encourage citizens to file a blast report if they have a question about a blast or wish to document the effect of the blast. You may file a report by calling City Hall (210) 651-6632, completing the relatively new online Citizen Blast Report Form, or printing the Citizen Blast Form and submitting the Form to City Hall via email, mail, fax, or in person. (The forms may be found on the City's Web Site, under the Quick Links section (<http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/>))

The Quarry Commission is planning to conduct short training sessions on an recurring basis. The training is intended to educate citizens and Board members about blasting and its effects. If you have a specific, blasting-related topic you would like to learn more about, please let the Commission or City Hall know.

The next Quarry Commission meeting will be on May 11 at 7:00 pm. Citizens who wish to make a comment about a blast, learn about blasting and its effects, or have input for the Commission are encouraged to attend the May meeting.

Your Pets

By Eric Lowman, Animal Control

With the summer months upon us, here are a few tips for keeping your pets safe.

- Never leave your pet in a parked car
- Limit exercise on hot days
- Cool your pet inside and out
- Provide ample shade and water around their shelter
- Watch the humidity
- Don't rely on a fan
- Pets like ice water too

***Also don't forget to register your pets, it is an annual requirement.



May 21st 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Healthy Cooking - Grill It, Don't Cook It.

This year's GRWC Cooking Class will be held again at the lovely Rio Cibolo Ranch www.riociboloranch.com. Margie Christopher will be demonstrating, with class participation, Salad luncheon will follow.

Cost: \$30.00 Members \$35.00 Non-members

Reservations required by May 14. Please make checks payable to GRWC and mail to: Janet Ruple, 9628 Kurre Way, Garden Ridge 78266 Questions? Contact Janet Ruple at 210-651-4898 or jruple@aol.com

June 2nd 10:30 AM

Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show

Mix & mingle with new and old friends followed by a brief business meeting, awarding donations to our charities, and our famous fashion show, and lastly, installation of our new GRWC President, VP, and new board members! Please join us at: OLYMPIA HILLS GOLF & EVENT CENTER 12900 Mt Olympus Dr., Universal City, TX. **RSVP DEADLINE:** May 25th Members: \$15.00 Non-Member \$20.00. Make checks payable to: GRWC and mail to: Diana Scott, 21916 Deer Canyon Dr, Garden Ridge, TX 78266. (210-651-3320)

Sat., Oct. 10th 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Holiday Marketplace Call for Vendors

9th Annual Holiday Marketplace, if you would like to participate as a vendor, contact Gail McLeod at 210-273-4787 gailmcleod@satx.rr.com, or Janet Ruple at 210-651-4898 - jruple@aol.com. 50+ vendors selling unique one of a kind items. -- silent auction, lots of food, and other goodies.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FUN

July 4th at Paul Davis Park. Parade, Patriotic Kids contest, classic cars, food, fun and other activities are planned. For more information see the water bill insert and city website.

SEE YOU AT THE PARK

A silent auction is part of the fun at the City of Garden Ridge 4th of July Celebration/Picnic. The Garden Ridge Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association is the sponsor. There are gift cards, gift certificates, gift baskets and lots of other great items. Invite your family members, neighbor and friends to this community event. See you there on the 4th of July at Paul Davis Park.

NEWS FROM THE CHIEF

Spring is now upon us and we are all enjoying spending more time outside. Over the last few weeks officers have come across animals that apparently love to be out as well. Unfortunately these animals are finding their way off property and being found where they don't belong. In coming into contact with these animals I am finding that many of our residents are not aware they are required to register their pets with the city. Owners must also provide vaccinations to the city in order to obtain this registration. Please understand this process is for the safety of all of our residents as well as the animals. We all love our pets so please obtain those vaccinations and registrations which also help us locate owners when we encounter them. This is the time of year when animal diseases are peaking as well so vaccinating is even more important should your pet come across any of the local wildlife.

SAVE OUR WATER

By the Water Commission



Laundry Tips

- When doing laundry, always wash full loads.
- Adjust the water level in the washer to the amount needed for the load. Some of the new efficient washers will do this automatically.
- When it's time to replace the clothes washer, choose a high-efficiency washer with a low water factor. The smaller the water factor, the more efficient the clothes washer.

Dishwashing

- If washing dishes by hand, fill the sink with water rather than continually running the tap. (Dishwashers use less water than handwashing, particularly if you limit pre-rinsing.)
- Install an efficient dishwasher. Technological advances in dishwashers make it possible to use less water to achieve the same goal. Selecting a new dishwasher that uses less water per cycle will reduce household water use.
- Only wash full loads of dishes in the dishwasher.

DEMOCRATS

Garden Ridge Area Democrats and Independents will meet on Thursday, May 14, 2015, 6:30pm, at the Garden Ridge Community Center, Bluebonnet Room. Come one...! Come all...! Points of contact: Carolyn Cohen (carlycoh@aim.com); Rose Mary Valdez (rm_valdez@sbcglobal.net)

DEER MANAGEMENT

TPW has completed its study of the deer herd in Garden Ridge and has determined that our population is too large. They recommend a population density of 1 deer per 5 acres, with our current population estimated at 1 deer per acre. The Deer Management Committee will be hosting a series of community meetings to determine what steps should be taken to deal with this issue. The meetings are scheduled for May 21st, June 18th, and July 16th at 6pm in City Hall City Council Chambers. The goal of these meetings is to determine what people want to do about the overpopulation of deer in the City. For additional information see the City website at www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us

Garden Ridge Food Drive May 16 – 26 Various Locations in Garden Ridge

Hanson Aggregates – Servtex Quarry is organizing a food drive in Garden Ridge and surrounding communities to stock a local food bank for the summer. The Food Drive for RACAP takes place May 15 – 26 and benefits Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP), a Schertz-based food bank serving portions of Comal, Guadalupe and Bexar counties. Summer is the busiest season for RACAP, when children don't have access to regular nutritious meals through school. Garden Ridge collection sites include Garden Ridge City Hall and the Garden Ridge City Library. Items in high demand include peanut butter and jelly, canned pastas with meat, canned meats, 1-2 lb. bags of rice and dried beans, canned fruit and other shelf-stable items. For more information, please contact Hanson Aggregates – Servtex Quarry at (210) 658-7461.

Footnotes

CHRISTMAS IN JULY IS COMING TO THE LIBRARY!

There will be more information next month.

The library has bought 40 new fictional and biographical audio books. Audio book lovers know how a good book can make a commute or long trip seem to pass by more quickly – and certainly more pleasantly.

Since nice weather is here again, don't forget you can bring your children and have a picnic or tea party on the small patio by our beautiful garden. We even have a tea set which can be checked out to help you have a fun hour.