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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge



February 2016

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Coming Events

- Feb. 2nd City Council Workshop, 6pm
- Feb. 3rd City Council meets, 6pm
- Feb. 8th Quarry Commission, 7pm
- Feb. 14th Valentines Day
- Feb. 15th Holiday-City Offices Closed
- Feb. 16th Planning and Zoning Commission meets, 6pm
- Feb. 16th Comal County Primary Early Voting begins (see article)
- Feb. 23rd Water Commission meets, 6pm

Adult Coloring Group will meet in the Library at noon on each Wednesday in February.

NOTE: All meetings subject to change!

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents

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| DEBBE BERNSTEIN | JANE LEES |
| GARY & CATHERINE DROUILLARD | KIMBERLY HENSLEY |
| CRYSTAL BLUE RILEY | JAVIER SANTILLAN |
| BOBBY WAIT | SANDRA LIEBERUM |

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.

Significant Actions - January City Council Meeting

- Swearing in of Larry Thompson as Councilmember Place 5
- Approved
 - Resolution 384 Randolph Joint Land Use Study
 - Resolution 385 Public Funds Investment Policy
- Discussion
 - Firearm carry in City buildings
 - Paperless agenda packets
 - City Council Workshop
- Updates

CIP Projects	Deer Management	Gar-
den Ridge Parks Committee	Trinity Wells	

City of Garden Ridge Elections



The City of Garden Ridge will be holding elections on May 7, 2016 for the positions of City Council Places

1,4 and 5. Important dates to remember...

- Feb. 19th Last day for filing application for place on ballot.
- Apr. 7th Last day to register to vote and be able to vote in May 7, 2016 Election
- Apr. 25th Early Voting begins
- May 3rd Last day of Early Voting
- May 7th Election Day

Please see City website for other dates, times and information. <http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/>

The year is starting off to be another busy one.

The drilling of Garden Ridge water well #10 is complete and work is underway to maximize production from this new well. We are hopeful that the volume of water produced will provide the needed capacity for our water system for many years to come.

Within the next few months we expect to bid and award the contract for the latest water line, drainage and street improvement project in the older section of Garden Ridge.

In January, your Council authorized the expenditure of funds for a deer management trap and remove program. Work is underway to accomplish a modest reduction in the deer herd during the first quarter of the year.

While it may seem a long way away, the 4th of July parade and picnic are already in the planning stages. Plans are also underway concerning trail upgrades to Paul Davis Park.

Don't forget that your Council needs your input to continue to develop and improve the City – be sure to let us know about any ideas you may have to improve the City.

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Police Department

The Garden Ridge Police Department and Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association are partnering to offer **Refuse To Be A Victim®**; a four-hour, nationally-certified crime prevention seminar. Attendees will be provided practical information to help develop their own Personal Safety Strategies through awareness and avoidance of criminal attacks. The seminar will help participants to better understand criminal thinking, as well as provide tips and strategies to maximize home, automobile, out-of-town travel, telephone, cyber, and personal security. Self-defense training and the use of non-lethal personal-protection devices will also be discussed and attendees will have the opportunity to handle some of these devices. All participants are provided an 82-page companion handbook filled with tips, techniques, pictures and diagrams. They will also be awarded a **Refuse To Be A Victim®** completion certificate.

Since this program's inception in 1993, there have been public and private sessions of **Refuse To Be A Victim®** delivered to hundreds of neighborhood associations, professional societies, school and church groups and law enforcement seminars all across the country. At last count, nearly one hundred thousand people have attended this award-winning program in all fifty states as well as many other countries.

Refuse To Be A Victim® will be held in the Garden Ridge City Council Chambers on February 27th from 10am to 2:30pm with lunch (provided) from 12:00-12:30. This seminar, typically \$50 per person, will be **FREE** to Garden Ridge residents and their families. Space is limited, so please call the GRPD at 210-651-6441 to reserve your slot in this important seminar. You can **Refuse To Be A Victim®!**



'Family Tree' Adoption Program

The Parks Committee has received a donation of 20 native trees to help beautify Garden Ridge. Parks Committee member, Patricia Hartley, is leading a program where any interested party can adopt, plant, and care for one or more of these trees. Adopt a tree and you'll be able to plant it in one of the pre-approved locations within the City. The City will dig the hole for you but you'll need to provide temporary deer fencing and regular watering for one year. Planting these 1-2 gallon trees should be accomplished during the winter months. A small optional sign that identifies you will be placed next to your tree. Patricia is a Master Gardener and she'll be available to assist you. For additional information contact Patricia at 210-651-6172 or 210-325-5704.

Deer Management

Thanks to all for your interest in managing our deer population. We love our deer, but unfortunately there are too many of them in the city. We can manage the numbers by not feeding them and by taking action to control the size of herd. The city has been meeting with Texas Parks and Wildlife and other organizations to explore options and methods for a trap and remove program. The aim of this program is to maintain the deer herd at a manageable size and to lessen the amount of car/deer accidents.



Mark your Calendar

April 16, 2016

Household Hazardous Waste Day and Shred Day



Annual Garage Sale

Garden Ridge Community Center

Saturday, March 12, 2016 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Booths: GRWC members \$30.00 inside \$35.00 outside
Non-members \$40.00 inside \$45.00 outside

Member reservations began January 4, 2016

Non-Member reservations begin February 1, 2016

Please donate unused items!

Donations to sell at the GRWC table would be greatly appreciated! Drop off at Community Center after 3:00 pm on Friday, March 11.

Make checks payable to GRWC, mail to: Jeanie Springer, 7914 Canham Ranch, San Antonio, TX, 78266. Phone # 210-885-3483, jbbk01@yahoo.com.

Oak Tree Permits

Anyone trimming, pruning or removing any oak tree between February 1st to July 1st within the City of Garden Ridge must obtain a permit. More information can be obtained through Ordinance 71 on the City website at <http://tx-gardenridge.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/790>. To learn more about Oak Wilt click on <http://texasoakwilt.org/>

24/7 Non-emergency Contact Information

For after hours animal control or water emergencies you can reach the City of Garden Ridge Water Department or Public Works (Animal Control) at (210)651-6831.

LIBRARY FOOTNOTES

By Karen Bishop



The library now has the complete series of the William Monk novels by Anne Perry. Several titles by Donna Leon and Ted Bell have also been added.

Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore by Robin Sloan is a fantasy novel about a mysterious bookstore with few customers and fewer titles to purchase. It is a very thoughtful reading experience.

Devotion by Adam Makos is the true story of a mission over North Korea in 1950 involving two American pilots.

The library will be closed on President's Day, February 15th. All other days (except Sundays) we are open and hope to see you soon.

An Old Fashioned 4th of July Picnic

The Parks Committee is busy making plans for expanding the City's 4th of July picnic at Paul Davis Park. All the usual events: parade, food, silent auction, etc. but now you'll have the opportunity to compete in events for all ages. Dress up in your best patriotic garb and you may win a special award. Who will win the washers tournament? Which HOA will have the best float? Is there a Frisbie gold champion in your family? Check future Grapevines for more information. We'll have a blast even without the fireworks!



Primary Elections

The Democratic and Republican Primary Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 1. There will be several days of Early Voting in Garden Ridge. The dates and times are:

February 16 - 19	8am - 5pm
February 20	7am - 7pm
February 21	10am - 3pm
February 22 and 24	7am - 7pm
February 23 and 25	7am - 4pm
February 26	7am—7pm

Early Voting will be held at the Garden Ridge City Hall.

Election Day voting will be on Tuesday, March 1, from 7am - 7pm at the Garden Ridge Community Center.

Please check the Comal County website for additional information.

WESTERN WEEKEND and COWBOY BREAKFAST

TRIUMPHANT LUTHERAN CHURCH,
21315 Bat Cave Road
Garden Ridge, Texas

Come worship with us for **Country Western Services**, Saturday February 13th at 5:00PM or Sunday February 14th at 8:30 and 11:00AM. Wear your boots and jeans or other western outfit. A free Cowboy Breakfast with biscuits and gravy will be served between services Sunday morning. Pony rides and a trick roper will be there to entertain the kids. Free nursery for age three and under is also available. For more information visit our website at www.triumphantlutheran.org or call our church office at (210) 651-9090. **Y'all Come!!**