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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

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Garden Ridge Police Department general information (210) 651-6441

Police emergencies/assistance- 911 or (830)609-3921

Water, Animal Control-(including after hours/holidays) (210) 651-6831



Coming Events

- Apr 6 Coloring group @ noon in Library
- Apr 6 City Council Meeting @ 6pm
- Apr 11 Quarry Commission @ 7pm
- Apr 12 City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission Joint Meeting @ 6pm
- Apr 13 Coloring group @ noon in Library
- Apr 14 Computer class @ 2pm in Library
- Apr 16 Household Hazardous Waste, Rx & Shred Day (see inserts)
- Apr 19 Coloring group @ noon in Library
- Apr 20 Gardening for Butterflies @ noon in Library
- Apr 26 Water Commission @ 6pm
- Apr 27 Coloring group @ noon in Library
- Apr 28 Computer class @ 2pm in Library
- May 4 City Council Meeting @ 6pm

NOTE: All meetings subject to change!

Mayor's Desk

I recently had the honor of attending the annual Cub Scout Pack 828 Blue and Gold Banquet. This is the annual event where the Pack recognizes all the hard work during the year. One of the highlights of the evening was the ceremony which celebrates the WeBeLoS-2s as they transition to Boy Scouts. Congratulations to all the young men for all they accomplished last year.

The City's planning and budgeting season is upon us. If you have any ideas or input into the next year's budget, please contact your City Council or City staff. Let them know any thoughts you may have concerning ways we can improve Garden Ridge.

Finally, with all the rain that we have had this spring, please do your part to eliminate standing water.

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WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents

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| CHERYL BANDA | ARLENE & MITCH CREEL |
| ALFRED J HOCKLEY III | VICTORIA KRAWCZYNSKI |
| RYAN & BECCA ROBINS | DANIEL & REBECCA PLANTE |
| ROBBIE SHEPHERD | JULIA & RICHARD STOTTS |
| MARIO A TORRES | |

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.

Police Department

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 proof of 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.



Mark your Calendar

April 16, 2016

Household Hazardous Waste Day, Rx Disposal and Shred Day. See water bill inserts for details and City website @ www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us

Stay informed through the City website

<http://www.garden-ridge.tx.us> and/or like us on Facebook

Significant Actions - March City Council Meeting

- Approved
 - Ordinance 190 canceling May Election
 - Amendment to Ordinance 54
 - Police Department hiring of Holly McKay and Daniel DeLaRosa
 - Submission of the Comal Trinity Groundwater District Well Registration
- Updates

CIP Projects	Trap & Remove Program
Garden Ridge Parks Committee	Trinity Wells

Citizen Concern and Input

The City of Garden Ridge is constantly working on improving communications with the residents. We now are offering you another way to communicate with us via the website.

Do you have a concern?

Do you have a compliment?

Would like to give input?

It's easy to be heard: just go to <http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/RequestTracker.aspx?CID=2> or you can log into the website at <http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us> and on the home page under quick links choose Citizen Concerns/Input. Once you complete the form and send, you will hear back from us within 48 hours.



A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who made the GRWC Garage Sale a tremendous success! We could not have done it without you. We really appreciate all you ladies and guys who helped load and unload, set up, take down, clean up, and variety of other tasks. Thanks also to our great members and friends who donated so many treasures for the GRWC sales tables.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 11:30-1:00 p.m.,
Paul Davis Park, Garden Ridge

Bring a sack lunch, enjoy the company of old friends, neighbors, and make NEW friends!! Tea, Water and Dessert are provided, and, as usual, there will be FUN games and PRIZES!!!

We have an opportunity to display and sell our Business Products and Organization Materials, Show and Tell our Hobbies and Crafts, and Swap plants, seeds and cuttings. (Please bring your own table if needed). Many of us just bring OURSELVES!! This is a great chance to come and learn about the Garden Ridge Women's Club, and what makes us such a Terrific Organization! We would love to have you join us! We work hard to Help the Community and have FUN doing it!!

call or email Kate Kohl with questions or to say you'll attend
210-912-9012. kate.kohl@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS

GRWC Spring Luncheon
Olympia Hills Golf & Event Center
June 7, 2015 -- 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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.

Comal County Alerts

The City of Garden Ridge offers all residents the ability to read Comal County Alerts and Press Releases. You can do this from the City of Garden Ridge website Home Page at www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us After logging in there is a link to these items on the Home Page under In The Community on the right side of the page.

Open Car Show and More

The second annual open car show by the Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (GRCPAAA) will be held on June 11, 2016 at the Garden Ridge Community Center from 8 am - 4 pm. The show is free to spectators. Besides classic and special interest cars to view there will be craft vendors, a silent auction, food, and a DJ. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 cars in each judged class. Pre-registration of cars is available for \$25 online at: www.southtexasacc.com/schedule.htm. Car registration at the show will be from 8-11 am for \$30. For a flyer visit the previous mentioned website. Call Gary at 210-651-5528 or Jack at 210-651-4082 for more information

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/>

LIBRARY FOOTNOTES

By Suzanne McCandless

It's Spring! The Library Garden is in full bloom! This is the perfect place to take photos of your children and/or grandchildren with bluebonnets and red poppies in the background. Perhaps you will even want to checkout our tea set and have a tea party on the bench in the garden. April 10-16 is Library Week this year and Garden Ridge residents have every reason to exclaim this year's slogan, "LOVE A LIBRARY!"

Thanks to the Garden Ridge Women's Club and the Garden Ridge Lions Club, the library once again has a full complement of Bluebonnet Books and Lone Star Books for the 2016-17 school year on our shelves. The Bluebonnet Award for 2016 was given to *When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Hec and the Creation of Hip Hop* by Laban Carrick Hill. Thanks also to the Knotty Knotters which contributes to the Children's Book section.

Readers of the Jeffry Archer Clifton Chronicles will be glad to know we have added *Cometh the Hour*, # 6 in the series. C. J. Box's *Off the Grid* and Stephanie Barron's *Jane and the Waterloo Map* are additions to other series.

Please continue to bring items and stories for the library's history of the our fair city.

And we hope your enjoyment of Spring will lead you to our garden and the wealth of books inside your library.



4th of July Athletes

Did you know the farthest water balloon throw of 127.36 ft. was achieved in New York, on 8 August 2012? How many people know that the first known instance of anyone playing golf with a flying disc occurred in Vancouver BC in 1926 or that the Guinness World Record for the fastest 100-m egg and spoon race is 16.59 seconds, set by Sally Pearson in Sydney, Australia, on 23 September 2013? Well maybe you knew these fun stats, but did you know that these are just a few of the contests that will be played at this year's Annual 4th of July Picnic at Paul Davis Park? The Parks Committee will even have attendance prizes that will have three lucky people whistling 'Yankee Doodle Dandy' at the end of the day. Save the date!

Process Reengineering Expertise

Do you have expertise in the field of process reengineering? The City is looking for individuals in the community with process reengineering expertise to oversee the reengineering of a number of business processes. If you have the expertise and are interested in volunteering/participating, submit a summary of your qualifications to Shelley Goodwin at City Hall.

Summary data from the March 1 Primary for Precinct 205

By Charlie Flink

- Of the 4,953 people in Precinct 205 who are registered to vote, 46.2% voted. Of these voters, 57% voted early or did mail-in ballots. 43% of the voters voted on Election Day,
- The voter turnout for all of Comal County was 39.8%, so Precinct 205 did much better.
- For Precinct 205, 90% of the voters voted in the Republican primary...10% in the Democratic primary.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to vote. There will be Primary Runoff Elections in late May. Please watch for details in May's Grapevine.