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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

## June 2016

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City Hall 651-6632

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

- June 1 City Council Special Meeting @ 2pm
- June 1 City Council Meeting @ 6pm
- June 6 City Council Special Meeting @ 9am
- June 11 GRCPAAA Car Show @ 8 am (see article)
- June 13 Quarry Commission Meeting @ 7pm
- June 14 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting @ 6pm
- June 15 City Council Special Meeting @6pm
- June 17 Children's Story Time at Library @10:30am
- June 24 Home School Co-op Meeting at Library @9am-12pm
- June 28 Water Commission @ 6pm
- June 30 Children's Story Time at Library @10:30am
- July 4 City Offices and Library will be closed
- July 4 Independence Day and Celebration (see article)
- July 6 City Council Meeting @ 6pm
- On Wednesdays, June 8th to 29th Adult Coloring at Library @ noon

*NOTE: All meetings subject to change!*

### WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

#### New Residents

JESSICA GARZA MELISSA HODGSON  
 MATT GORDON JOSEPH & MICHELE MARROQUIN  
 ADAM GREEN ANTHONY A MARTINO  
 MELISSA & MIKE HECTOR TIMOTHY & KAREN MCNEALY

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 - May City Council Meeting

- Approved
  - Water Customer Fee \$.60 for Comal Trinity Ground Water Conservation District
  - Speed reduction on portion of FM2252 (45mph)
  - City Motto-"A way of life, not just a place to live."
  - Budget Amendments
- Updates
  - CIP Projects (2013, 2015 & 2016) Garden Ridge Parks Committee
  - Council Communication

### Comal Trinity Ground Water Conservation District Fee

Effective with the first quarter of 2016 the Comal Trinity Ground Water Conservation District began assessing pumping fees to the City of Garden Ridge for water pumped from the Trinity aquifer. In accordance with Ordinance 54, Section 25.06 Customer Fees the City of Garden Ridge may pass these fees onto water customers. Beginning with the April 23-May 23 billing period all Garden Ridge water bills will contain a \$.60 per month fee for the Comal Trinity GWCD Fee.

### 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.

Congratulations to John McCaw, Todd Arvidson and Larry Thompson who were sworn in as Councilmen at our May 18 meeting!

Don't forget the Garden Ridge Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car Show will be held on June 11 from 8am to 4pm. This should be a great event and a lot of fun.

Also, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is just around the corner. Events kick off at 9am at the Paul Davis Park. This year our Parks Committee has added a lot of new fun events. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

With all the rain, standing water continues to be a problem. Please inspect your property and remove any standing water.

We love our trees and they are a valuable asset to our community, but many of them are hanging over into the street. Please do your part to keep them at least 15' above the roadway. We have many trucks and buses that have business in our neighborhoods that often clip the low hanging branches. This not only damages the vehicles, it "wounds" the trees leaving them susceptible to further damage from disease. Thanks for your help keeping our trees beautiful and healthy.

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### LIBRARY FOOTNOTES

by Jo Lott

Spring has sprung and warmer weather is here! For hot new reads, come peruse our shelves or hook up with an ebook. Our local author Bob Doerr's second installment of his Clint Smith series is now available. **The Group** promises readers a harrowing hunt for assassins from Switzerland to Las Vegas. In addition, David Baldacci's **The Last Mile** has arrived and Amos Decker from his **Memory Man** bestseller returns. Amos is a former pro-football player and, as a result of an injury, developed enhanced brain functions including a perfect memory. The FBI recruited Amos for a cold case unit after he solved the murders of his wife and daughter. Mr. Baldacci's new novel follows Amos and his colleagues as they attempt to solve a cold case involving an athlete who may have been wrongfully imprisoned. To round out the murder mystery theme, Alexander McCall Smith has graced us with another book about **The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency** set in Botswana - **The Handsome Man's Deluxe Café** is the 15<sup>th</sup> in the series.

During the Garden Ridge Car Show on June 11, we'll be open for business and will have some surprises for the kids. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, our librarian and volunteers will float along with the parade. Visit our table at the Park Celebration and learn about our **Bucks for Books** campaign.

### Do you have a concern? Do you have a compliment? Would like to give input?

The City of Garden Ridge is constantly working on improving communications with the residents. Communicating with us via the website is easy. 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.



### Membership Drive

GRWC membership is open to all women who wish to join. Annual dues are only \$25.00, payable no later than June 1. Paid members are eligible to attend any or all of the scheduled program events at the membership rate and can join our well-received "Special Interest Groups." Membership dues are payable to GRWC and should be sent to:

Gail McLeod, Membership Chairman,  
10445 Montanio Drive,  
New Braunfels, TX 78132

For more information contact [gaimcleod@satx.rr.com](mailto:gaimcleod@satx.rr.com) or call 210-273-4787.

### Convenience Fee

On May 18, 2016 the City Council adopted a convenience fee of 3% per transaction for the acceptance of credit card payments and payments by similar devices.

The City Council has found that the acceptance of payments by credit cards and similar devices is beneficial to the citizens by providing greater flexibility relating to payment options. The City Council felt in the interest of being fiscally responsible the fee for the use of these types payments should be at the expense of the card holder instead of the City.

### 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.southtexasascc.com/schedule.htm](http://www.southtexasascc.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.

### Come Celebrate July 4th

Make plans to join your neighbors and friends in celebrating our nation's birthday at the fortieth (we think) annual Garden Ridge Fourth of July Festivities. Garden Ridge officials and employees, neighborhood volunteers, Police Academy members, and the Parks Committee have been busy for months organizing a wonderful day of events. Below is the schedule for the day's activities.

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| 9:00   | Gathering at the Flagpole                         |                         |
| 9:30   | Flag-raising ceremony                             |                         |
| Ongoing Silent auction to benefit the Police Academy |   |                         |
| 10:00  | Parade  |                         |
| 10:45  | Food service until it runs out                    |                         |
| 11:00-1:00   | Games   |                         |
|  | Patriotic rub-on tattoos                          | Bubble Table            |
|  | Egg-N-Spoon races                                 | Frisbee golf            |
|  | Washers for adults                                | Fish Pond               |
|  | Bucket ball                                       | Water-balloon toss      |
|  | <i>Attendance prizes (must be present to win)</i> |                         |
|  | Wine baskets (2)                                  | Wooden bowl             |
|  | Door wreath                                       | Wooden Uncle Sam statue |
| TBD  | Scout Regatta                                     |                         |

We're all looking forward to a great time and we hope to see you there!

### A TIP OF THE HAT TO THE PAUL DAVIS PARK BENEFACTORS

This year at the City's Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic in Paul Davis Park please take a moment to appreciate all the wonderful people and organizations who have contributed their time and money to making the park a special place.

In 1980 the Garden Ridge Lions Club built the original set of restrooms that the City replaced in 2014. The Lions followed that up with building the BBQ hut in 1984, pavilion #1 in 1987, renovation of the first City Hall building in the park in 1990, and the basketball pad. Later this month the Lions will return to pavilion #1 to apply stain and paint to the benches, a job they're always willing to do.

It was the generosity of the Garden Ridge Women's Club that built the sidewalk leading from the main parking lot to the Apple Run Creek Bridge in 1997. The wonderful bridge was built as an Eagle Scout project.

John T. and Pat Phillips donated the flagpole on July 4<sup>th</sup> 2011. The brick park monument you see driving into the park was donated in 2000 by the City of Garden Ridge, the Garden Ridge Women's Club, the Garden Ridge Lions Club, U.S. Brick Company, Col. Derwin & Jessie Bohne, Col. Jessie Brewer, Col. Martha Cronin, BG Charles and LTC Virginia Elia, Billy and Mary Jo Fuller, Robert and Glenna Harmon, former County Commissioner Jay Millikin, Jack and Mary Lynn Moss, Col. Patricia Stemm, and Mrs. Walter Yohey. The picnic tables in pavilion #1 were donated by John H. Albacht, Ron & Bernie Dunlap, Charles & Virginia Elia, Bob & Glenna Harmon, Ron & Dee Heller, Don & Nancy Hollis, Howell & Ruth Jones, Jerry & Mary Krupp, Don & Janet Maurer, Tom & Eva Potter, Troy & Gerry Sheffield, Reed & Goldie Switzer, Ray & Pat Welty, and Dottie Wade.

### Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission held its bi-monthly meeting on April 11 at 7:10 PM. Commission members reviewed and discussed Hanson Quarry blasting analysis data from February and March 2016. The reports from the monitoring company covered 15 blasts recorded in February and 13 blasts in March. The recorded ground vibration data and the air-borne effects data indicated the blasts were within the requirements set forth in Garden Ridge City Ordinance 34.

Five Citizen Blast Reports were filed in February: two for the Feb 24 blast and one by individual residents for blasts on 2, 16, and 25 February. In March, four Reports were filed: three for a March 16 blast and one for a blast on March 4. Commission members reviewed the monitor data and a training session was provided on mobile blast monitoring equipment and how it works.

Next meeting is Monday, June 13 at 7 p.m. (open to the public) and the training will be on information on environmental and blast effects as measured by digital micro-crack monitors.

Stay informed through the City website  
<http://www.garden-ridge.tx.us> and/or like us on Facebook

### Deer Management

The City will be hosting a deer management meeting 16 June at 6 pm in Council Chambers. Results for the recent deer trapping and testing will be discussed as well as proposed ways forward. All are invited to attend.

131 deer were trapped this year. 30 tested for Chronic Wasting Disease; all were negative. Remember, Spring is Fawning season; we expect to have some 2500+ fawns born in the City in May-July. Be wary of the does as they will aggressively defend their fawns from humans and dogs.