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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge



July 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

- July 2 Library Closed
- July 4 July 4th Celebrations (see article)—City Office Closed
NO TRASH PICK UP
- July 6 City Council Regular Meeting @ 6pm
- July 12 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting @ 6pm
- July 20 City Council Special Meeting @6pm
- July 26 Water Commission @ 6pm
- Aug 3 City Council @6pm

Tuesdays in July the Library holds Adult Board Games @ 2pm
Thursdays in July the Library holds Story Hour @ 10:30am

Dumpster Weekends: July 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31
NOTE: All meetings subject to change!

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE New Residents

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| MARNIE ALBERTSON | MARIA ALEXANDER |
| NATHAN & CARISSA KORAN | JOHN MENGEL |
| ESMERALDA ARCIBA-MILLER | AMBER MILLER |
| DAVID & SHANNON DRICHTA | KENISHA RANSOM |
| JASON & LAURIEN SALESBERRY | JOHN ESQUIVEL |
| ANDREW BELKO & KARLA MILLER | |

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.

Capital Improvement Projects

The City of Garden Ridge and River City Engineering wants to give you the opportunity to stay informed. Regular updates are just a click away on the City website on the Home Page. Stay informed <http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us>

Help Us, Help You

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

- 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>
- 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.

We want to hear your input or concerns. Don't forget you can also stay updated by liking the City of Garden Ridge on Facebook.

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.

Planning is in the air! Your Council and various committees and staffers are actively involved in planning for your City's future. The Council is preparing an overall strategic plan for the City, consultants from UTSA are working on a land use Master Plan, the Library has created a business plan, our Parks Committee has completed a Parks Master Plan and our staff is preparing the annual budget and financial plan. As the work on these documents progresses, they will be forwarded to Council for review, consideration and approval. So sign up for the "Notify Me" service so you can be the first to know when the individual items are on the agenda and make your voice heard.

Don't forget to come out to the Park for our 4th of July event! It should be great with lots of new things going on. Check the flyer in your water bill for more information. I look forward to seeing you there.

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GOING ON VACATION?

Did you fill out an Out of Town form? By completing this form in person or online at <http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/forms.aspx?fid=63> the City of Garden Ridge Police Department will be aware you are out of town and keep a watchful eye on your home. Don't forget to secure your home as well.

NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR SAFETY

The Garden Ridge Police Department has implemented a new technology device for entering the department. When residents arrive at the Police Department the old phone has been replaced with a new Video Doorbell.

The Ring Doorbell Company provided the department with a new Video Doorbell for our use. When residents wish to enter the police department now they will simply push the doorbell and shortly thereafter they will be addressed by a department employee through the doorbell system. The video doorbell allows the employees to see who is at the door while speaking to them. The doorbell works in cooperation with a smart phone app which can be downloaded on an unlimited amount of devices. Since the unit works through a wireless router, the doorbell can be viewed and checked from virtually anywhere in the world on your phone when activated.

The company has provided some discount coupons to the department for our residents which provide \$25 off the purchase of a unit. This video doorbell system allows residents to see who is at their door without having to go to the door and look. It also allows the owner to see who is ringing the doorbell in real time while away from the home with the option of speaking to them at the same time. There are options of motion detection in addition which allows alerts to be passed to your phone when someone activates the motion sensor on your doorbell even if they don't ring the doorbell. Installation is easy.

Any resident who wishes to see this unit for consideration of placing in their own homes, please come by and check it out. There are some local retailers who carry this product. You can also view their website at: www.ring.com



HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE CALL FOR VENDORS

Saturday, October 8, 2016, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

The Garden Ridge Women's Club is looking for unique, one-of-a-kind vendors to participate in the Holiday Market Place. Most inside spaces are sold. However, we also have several covered, outdoor spaces available that may be purchased for \$55 if payment is made before 1 September. Please contact Linda Potts at grwcmarketplace@gmail.com or 210-602-2364 for additional information.

Significant Actions - June City Council Meetings

- Approved
 - Ordinance 191-062016 adopting Stormwater Pollution Control Bexar Metro 9-1-1 Network District's Proposed FY 2017 Budget Lease with Garden Ridge Lions Club
 - Contact with Johnny Wrecker Service for towing and vehicle storage
 - Authorized proceeding with matters associated with constructing sewer system on FM 2252 for commercial development
- Presentation
 - Library Science Club
 - TCEQ on MS4
 - Texas Department of Transportation
- Updates
 - CIP Projects (2013, 2015 & 2016) Garden Ridge Parks Committee
 - Council Communication

Library Footnotes

By: Linda Crosland

You Are Invited!

The Library Staff Wishes to Invite You to a Reception in Honor of Nancy and Jay Feibelman With Appreciation For their vision and dedication to the Garden Ridge Library Wednesday, July 20, 2016 4:00-5:45 PM

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.

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!



Happy 240th Birthday America! You're Looking Great!

It's time to show off your national and community spirit at the annual Garden Ridge Fourth of July festivities. Share a hot dog and cold drink with a neighbor, cheer on the parade, enter your children in the FREE *Patriotic Kid* contest, compete with all ages in the various FREE games, and support the GRCPAAA with your silent auction bid on the many, many available items. Thanks to our wonderful community donors and neighborhood vendors--including *Raising Cane*, *Jason's Deli*, and *Interstate Battery*--we have terrific prizes including some fabulous attendance prizes. If you want to ratchet up your participation, Shelby Trial (councilpl2@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us) from the Parks Committee is looking for six more volunteers to help out with the games. We hope to see everyone decked out in red, white, and blue and ready for a good time at Paul Davis Park beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 4th.

Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission began its bi-monthly meeting on June 13 at 7:05 PM. Robert Kessler addressed the commission regarding his perception of increases in blast effects over the past 4 years. Commission members reviewed and discussed Hanson Quarry blasting analysis data from April and May 2016. The reports from the monitoring company covered 11 blasts recorded in April and 12 blasts in May. The recorded ground vibration data and the air-borne effects data indicated all but one of the blasts were within the requirements set forth in Garden Ridge City Ordinance 34. A ground vibration reading at one of the monitoring sites for the May 17 blast was .365 in/sec, slightly above the ordinance allowable maximum of .350 in/sec.

Four Citizen Blast Reports were filed in April and two in May. Commission members reviewed the monitor data for those dates. Quarry personnel suggested some higher readings may have been due to lowered frequency caused by extensive ground saturation resulting from many days of rain. After a training session and a recess for executive session, the commission adjourned the meeting at 9:43 PM.

Traveling with Your Pets?

By: Eric Lowman, Animal Control

- **Buckle Up!**
Whether you use a seat belt harness or secured pet carrier, protect yourself and your pet for injuries while traveling.
- **Obey Leash Laws!**
If the sign says leash him-do it. It shows respect for everyone else.
- **Patronize Pet Friendly Businesses!**
There are pet friendly establishments, which will give you and your pet the opportunity to stretch your limbs.
- **Under-estimate What You Can Accomplish!**
When traveling with your pets, things will take longer than usual.
- **Scoop the Poop!**
Abandoning your pet's waste reflects poorly on pet owners and is the reason why some locations choose not to allow pets.
- **Sniff Out Fun!**
Your pets need activity, so locate areas you can let your pet stretch.
- **Be Prepared!**
Carry your pet's veterinary records in case of an emergency, this will make things go quicker. Make sure your pet has a collar with contact information attached to it.
- **Treat Special!**
Carry a basket with your pet's toys, water, treats, food, bowls, medicine and keep wet wipes handy.