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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

DECEMBER 2016

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City Hall (210) 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

- Dec 2 Story Time @10:30 a.m. in the Library
- Dec 6 Christmas Tree Lighting @ 5:30 p.m.
- Dec 7 City Council Regular Meeting @ 6 p.m.
- Dec 9 Story Time @10:30 a.m. in the Library
- Dec 13 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- Dec 16 Story Time @10:30 a.m. in the Library
- Dec 16 City Hall closed @ noon for Employee & Volunteer Party
- Dec 17 Elf Pammy Story Time @10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Santa Claus in the Library
- Dec 20 Water Commission Meeting @ 6 p.m.
- Dec 23 City Hall and Library will close @ noon
- Dec 25 Christmas Day - Merry Christmas!
- Dec 26 City Hall and Library will be closed.
- Jan 1 New Year's Day - Happy New Year!
- Jan 2 City Hall and Library will be closed.
- Jan 4 City Council Regular Meeting @ 6 p.m.

Science Club will not be meeting in December.

NOTE: All meetings subject to change!

Happy Holidays! Hard to believe but it is that time of year again. Don't forget our Second Annual Tree Lighting Celebration on Tuesday, December 6 at 5:30 p.m. Our Parks Committee promises that it will be bigger and better this year – lots of food and fun. I look forward to seeing you there.

It is also time to say thanks to everyone who works so hard making Garden Ridge a wonderful place to live. Thanks to all of our volunteers, commissioners, City staff and City Council for all that they do for the citizens of Garden Ridge.

And finally, thanks to all our citizens for your support and valuable input over the course of the year. To everyone, have a Merry Christmas, a wonderful holiday season and an even brighter new year!

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News from Police Department

The holiday season is just around the corner and with that comes a spike of criminals looking to take advantage of good people. Stopping thieves from the desire to steal from others is nearly impossible, but we can all find ways to make our homes and community a less desirable place to commit these crimes. Open garage doors and unlocked vehicles overnight are always an issue, but during the holiday season they are especially inviting to the opportunistic burglar. Our City is steadily growing and we have more outsiders driving through Garden Ridge than ever before. I encourage each of you to close your garage doors and be sure your vehicles are locked while unattended. Leaving valuables in plain sight is never a good idea and if you see or hear something suspicious, please report it to dispatch at 830-609-3921.

Over the last couple months, the police department has recovered property that has not been linked to any reported crimes, but represents what we would assume to be stolen property because of the condition and nature of its recovery. If you are missing items and never reported the crime, please contact the police department at 210-651-6441.

EXTRA BRUSH DUMPSTER WEEKENDS

Citizen response to the City's tree trimming notices has been tremendous. Thank You! To accommodate increased demand, the City has arranged to extend brush dumpster availability to include the first two weekends in December. However, in order to avoid incurring additional expense from Bexar Waste, we will eliminate two dumpster weekends in 2017.

GET INSPIRED!

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.” — Elizabeth Andrew

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” — Winston Churchill

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.” — Unknown

“The difference between living in a community and being part of a community is whether or not you volunteer to help your community.” — SWT

Individual efforts don't need to be huge — a little bit of change here, a few hours there — but even small efforts quickly add up to make a real difference. Call City Hall today to learn about community volunteer opportunities.

Need to tell us something?

You can do this on the City's website under Citizen Comment/Input Stay informed..... Like us on Facebook

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents

LYNN BUCHANAN	EZRA JOHNSON
CAROLYN R COLLINS	JAMES LOZANO
ROBERT & SABINA FEILEN	CHARLES HINK
MICHELLE GONZALEZ	TIFFANY ZAMORA

OSWALDO & YVONNE NAJERA

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. Call 651-6831 for information.

Significant Actions - November City Council Meeting

- Approved
 - GameTime-Playground equipment - Paul Davis Park
 - Amendment Ordinance 71 (Oak Wilt) - see article
 - Resolution 400 (Oak Wilt)
- Hiring
 - Lori Claus– Administration Kelly Curtright– Library
- Updates
 - CIP Projects (2013, 2015 & 2016) Deer Management
 - Council Communication Garden Ridge Parks Committee



LET'S CELEBRATE! The Garden Ridge Parks Committee kicks off the Christmas season with the second annual **Christmas Tree Lighting on December 6th**, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Community Center. Sip a free cup of hot cocoa while you watch not one, but two Garden Ridge Christmas trees come alive with glimmering lights. Kids, will you be one of the lucky ones whose name is drawn to help the Mayor light the trees? Mom, Dad, will you be the winner of one of three gift baskets? To celebrate the occasion there will be music from the GRES 4th graders and a DJ. And don't forget to bring your appetite! Food trucks from Teka Molina, Cheesy Janes, Saweet Cupcakes, and Amore Pizza will provide tasty dishes to satisfy your hunger. You won't want to miss Santa as he makes his grand entrance at 6:15 pm aboard a BVFD truck. **See you there!**

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.

Dear Dog Owners

Barking dogs can be an annoyance and the City frequently receives complaints for barking dogs. Remember that when your dogs are outside and you can hear them barking from inside your home, there is a good chance your neighbors hear them also, perhaps as far as several blocks away. To report barking dogs call 830-609-3921 and a police officer will respond but cannot do anything unless they hear them barking.

The City also often receives complaints about pet owners walking their dogs and not cleaning up after them. Please be respectful of your neighbors and clean up after your pets.

Footnotes

The Veterans Day Celebration was a great success. Honoring our veterans is very important, but also, we saw elementary children who wanted to talk with them. How wonderful that they are learning the importance of service and sacrifice. There are some brand new books you might wish to check out: **Escape Clause**, by John Sandford; **Legends & Lies, the Patriots**, by Bill O'Reilly; **The Last Mile**, by David Baldacci; **Home**, by Harlan Coban; and **many more!** Remember, when you have company for the holidays, we have movies for everyone.

Be looking in January for the **Bots & Books** program. The library will stay open later for it. It will be a great time for parents & children to work together to build computerized Lego robots that actually work. Don't forget that **Santa Claus & Elf Pammy** will be at the library **Saturday, Dec. 17 at 10:30 AM!**

November 8th Election Summary

Comal County has 92,389 registered voters and 62,909 voted during the November 8th Election, which is 68.09% turn out, while the State of Texas had a 58% turn out. Precinct 205 has 5,098 registered voters and 3,907 voted during November 8th Election, which is 76.64% turn out.

85% of voters voted during the Early Voting period. 9% of the voters voted on Election Day and the remainder of votes were cast by mail ballots.

In the Presidential race, Precinct 205 recorded 72% of voters voted for Trump and 23% of the voters voted for Clinton.

Thanks to everyone who voted in this election.

More information regarding other race results can be found on the Comal County website <http://www.co.comal.tx.us/Elections.htm>.



**SAVE THE DATE! DECEMBER 6, 2016
GRWC CHRISTMAS "MIX & MINGLE"!!**

The GRWC will host a "Mix & Mingle" again this year to bring in the holidays.

This year's event will be held at:
Olympia Hills Golf & Event Center --
12900 Mount Olympus, Universal City.

DATE: DECEMBER 6

TIME: 2 PM until 6 PM

ADMISSION: ONE UNWRAPPED TOY (ages 6 months – 14 yrs)

This event is open to our GRWC MEMBERS ONLY!

HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES will be provided! Cash Bar.

RSVP to: Diana Scott -- 210-651-3320. VADiana44@yahoo.com

Annual Garage Sale

March 11, 2017

Garden Ridge Community Center

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 begin January 4, 2017

Non-Member reservations begin February 2, 2017

Make checks to GRWC, mail to: Jeanie Springer, 7914 Canham Ranch, San Antonio, TX, 78266. Cell phone # 210-885-3483,

jbbk01@yahoo.com

Co-chair: Kathy Lindberg, Cell Phone #210-392-0715,

misskathy28@aol.com

TRIUMPHANT LUTHERAN CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Celebrate Christmas with Triumphant Lutheran Church,
21315 Bat Cave Rd:

Christmas Cantata – “*A Celebration of Carols*”,

By Joseph Martin:

Saturday, Dec 17th, at 5:00 PM

Sunday, Dec 18th, at 10:00 AM.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services –

Saturday, Dec 24th, at 5:00 and 9:00 PM.

Christmas Day Service –

Sunday, Dec 25th at 10:00 AM.

For more information please call the church office
at 210-651-9090, or visit us on line at:

www.triumphantlutheran.org

Trimming of Oak Trees

Due to a second outbreak of oak wilt in Garden Ridge, City Ordinance 71 has been amended to prohibit trimming of oak trees

annually between February 1 and July 1. Exceptions to the prohibition are: 1) removal of damaged or dead oak trees, 2) trimming of oak trees that have been damaged and it is necessary to protect an individual's safety or property, or 3) for compliance with Ordinance 107 to maintain clearance of roadways, right-of-ways or to clear obstructions to traffic control devices and visibility. Ordinance 71 can be viewed on the City's website at www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us.

Please remember to paint all wounds on oak trees.

Household Hazardous Waste Fee

Beginning January 1, 2017 a .36 cent fee for Household Hazardous Waste will be implemented. The fee will appear monthly as a separate fee on all residential trash customer bills in the City of Garden Ridge. This fee was adopted in the City's Fiscal Year 2017 Budget and will be used to offset the cost of the annual Household Hazardous Waste Event.