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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge



**APRIL 2018**

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## WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE New Residents

ROBYN ACHU	JAMIE BOOTH
ALAN DIMICH	BRITTNEY GATES
SHELLEY & SCOTT SAFFRAN	JOSE MONTIEL
BRAD & JOOYOUNG VOELLER	CINDY THULI
KIMBERLY & PHILLIP KOTROLA	

NOTE: Newcomers are derived from water service records, and thus, not all family members are included. Those not appearing are also welcomed! Please remember that the City of Garden Ridge requires that all dogs and cats be registered. Call (210) 651-6831 for information.

## FROM THE MAYOR

*Water...* turn our faucet and what do we expect? Without giving it a second thought, we take for granted we'll have safe and clean water – 100% of the time. If you've been in a situation where nothing came out or it was less than clean, you probably thought – "what the...?" So, as the days get longer and hotter and we'll be using more of this precious commodity, let's look at our system and why we can continue to expect safe and clean water in our Garden Ridge.

Setting aside Edwards and Trinity Aquifer discussions, let's look at our system of storage and transmission – all operated by our Garden Ridge Water Department. This fine group of multi-licensed experts preside over a system rated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as a "Superior Water System." Speaking of taking things for granted – the Superior rating is no small matter. Superior systems have the highest degree of reliability and water quality through extensive testing and reporting. Obtaining the Superior rating takes over a decade of high performance. We attained it in 2000 and have been closely reviewed and recertified each year since. A single "drop" in quality or service results in certification revocation. Therefore, we monitor and test water safety and quality daily. We publish a user-friendly Water Quality Report each year that I recommend to you – available now on our website. Another element to our Superior system is reliability. We recently replaced miles of water line. In doing so, we engineered a system that is a model of reliability and redundancy. Our multi-sourced system with distributed pumping, storage and delivery loops means that we are closer to that 100% reliability than ever before. We've put considerable resources into an enhanced system of shut off and isolation valves that enables us to isolate problems (and outages) down to six to eight addresses. Now, if a water main breaks, two-thirds or more of the homes on that street won't even know it happened!

While we have a Superior system, we still live in an area where water sources are an issue. Most area providers use "Demand Management" to ensure availability during the driest periods. In Garden Ridge we are certainly not immune to those restrictions, but we can all pitch in to delay or even avoid them. By far, our biggest water use in the summer is keeping our yards green, and that's why monitoring our sprinkler systems can go a long way. Undetected leaks, overwatering, unnecessary runoff, and failure to reset our systems after power interruptions can prove costly. Even a running toilet can cost hundreds of dollars! Did you know you can be "paid" for installing low-flow toilets, efficient appliances and landscaping redesigns? Go to "Rebates and Conservation Programs" on our website for valuable rebate opportunities. Also, our great Water Department Team is ready to provide assistance and analysis on your system and options to save money.

Our city has worked to ensure that our Superior Water System continues to provide us safe and clean water 100% of the time when we go to that faucet. Furthermore, your Water Department is committed that you can and should take your water for granted! Water reliability certainly ensures we may enjoy all we have to offer here in Garden Ridge – *A way of Life and not just a place to live!*  
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### Significant Actions– March City Council Meeting

#### Approved

• Wildlife Management Advisory Commission recommendations Ordinances:

- 196 - Amending Wildlife Management Advisory Commission to coordinate with 210 (governing Commissions)
- 71 - Oak Wilt
- 211 - General City Election

#### Resolutions:

- 428 - Public Funds Investment Policy

#### Appointed

- Mark Hausheer, Planning & Zoning Commissioner
- Dawn Hatch, Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioner

#### Adopted

- Fiscal Year 2017 Audit Report

#### Discussion and Updates

- CIP Projects (2013 and 2015)
- Volunteer Garden Ridge!
- Parks Committee
- Oak Wilt
- Wildlife Management Advisory Commission

## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION Monday April 16, 2018, 6:00 PM

### Deer Resistant Plants That Attract Butterflies, Bees, and Pollinators, Presented by Drake White

The Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Advisory Commission will sponsor a presentation on deer resistant plants that attract hummingbirds, butterflies, bees, and other wildlife. Drake White is Native Landscape Certified, is a Certified Texas Master Naturalist, runs the Butterfly Discovery Center and Garden at Phil Hardberger Park, and specializes in the conservation of our pollinators. Topics of the presentation will include: why plant native plants, specific plants for specific wildlife, why host plants and nectar plants are needed, deer resistant plants, and much more.

The presentation will begin shortly after 6:00 PM and will last for approximately 20 minutes with a short question and answer session to follow. Don't miss it!!!

### POSTAL SERVICE

Do you have concerns or problems with the postal service in Garden Ridge? Please let the City know by contacting Lori at 210-651-6632 or [admliaison@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us](mailto:admliaison@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us).



*March Madness* has faded making way for *April Activity*. The Parks Committee is ready to jump into spring starting with a Tree Planting/Trails Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 21. All Garden Ridge area residents are invited to participate in this event which begins at 9:00 AM with tree plantings and continues with Phase 2 of trails cleanup. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. Please RSVP to John Andrews at [JA78266@yahoo.com](mailto:JA78266@yahoo.com) if you would like to volunteer. Thanks to the Public Works Department for providing labor and to Parks Committee members for sponsoring the trees in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The donors will nurture the trees for up to one year.

... and it is not too early to start thinking Fourth of July. As always, there will be contests for the most patriotically dressed, best decorated motor vehicle and best decorated "people-powered" vehicles. Get those creative ideas flowing. Look for more details in the May Grapevine.

Finally, the Garden Ridge Parks Committee is excited to welcome two new members: Marilyn Manford and Doreen Cook. Welcome aboard. Anyone interested in learning more about the Garden Ridge Parks Committee or becoming a member is welcome to attend a Parks Committee meeting. The next meeting will be at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, April 10 in the City Council Conference Room.

**LIBRARY FOOTNOTES**

**National Library Week** is April 8-14. Since there are so many activities planned for April, we have decided to designate the entire month **National Library Month**. It is a time to recognize the importance of libraries in community life. As Andrew Carnegie said, "A library outranks any other thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert." He backed up his belief by building 2,509 libraries. Plan to celebrate our own Garden Ridge Library with us; look for the activities on the City website - and don't forget the books. We like to emphasize what our motto says, **"for leisure...for learning...for life."**

**CAUSES, PREVENTION AND ABATEMENT OF OAK WILT**

Please join your neighbors at City Hall on Tuesday, May 1, 6:00PM for an informative education session on the causes, prevention and abatement of Oak Wilt. Hosted by the City with Robert Edmonson of the Texas A&M Forest Service providing valuable information to help us protect our beautiful oaks.

**2018 PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS FOR PRECINCT 205**

For the Primary Election, there were a total of 1450 votes cast in Precinct 205. This is 28.6% of the registered voters. This compares to 23% county-wide.

Of the votes cast, 6% were mail-in ballots, 58% voted early and 36% voted on Election Day. Also, 79% of the voters voted Republican and 21% voted Democratic. Thanks to everyone who took the time to vote. There will be Primary Runoffs in both parties. The Primary Runoff Election Day is May 22.

For detailed data on Comal County results, see the Comal County Elections Website. For detailed data on multi-county races, see the Texas Secretary of State's website.

**TRIUMPHANT LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**MOTHER'S DAY OUT**

**Mother's Day Out Registration** for the 2018 Summer Session at Triumphant Lutheran Church will begin on Monday, April 2, in Heimer Hall, and continue through the month of May.

Registration for the Mother's Day Out 2018-2019 school year will also begin on Monday, April 2, and continue through the month of August. We accept ages 6 weeks to 4 years.



**OPEN TO ALL GRWC MEMBERS**

**April 20, 2018 8:30 AM**

Come tour four historic missions. We will caravan from the Garden Ridge Community Center at 8:30 AM. Lunch will follow the tour at Pico de Gallo / 111 S Leona St., San Antonio. RSVP Pricilla Zarr (210) 213-0920.

**BUSINESS LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW**

Our annual GRWC Luncheon and Fashion Show will take place on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 from 11:00AM to 2:00PM at the Olympia Hills Conference Center. You don't want to miss the great food, fashions, fun, and door prizes! Fashions by Chico's.

Cost: Members: \$22.00 / Non-members: \$27.00

RSVP: Checks must be received by April 25

Please send checks, payable to GRWC to: Pat Ramirez (210 999 5965), 8827 Cherokee Path, Garden Ridge, TX 78266

**\*\*\*THERE WILL BE NO LAST MINUTE ADMITTANCE!\*\*\***

You can pay your membership dues at the luncheon and pick up your booklet. Annual Dues are \$25 payable by June 1.

**QUARRY COMMISSION HAPPENINGS**

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY ACTIVITY**

The Quarry Commission met on March 12, 2018 and reviewed the January and February blast data. The highest ground vibration reading was .343 on January 30, which is under the maximum of .350 allowed in the City ordinance. The highest air overpressure reading was 121 dB on January 2, which is under the allowable maximum of 122 dB. All the other blast data for the two months were well under City ordinance limits. The roving monitor will be moved to a new location during the months of March, April, and May in response to requests of three residents to gather data on their properties. Additional information will be reported in the May Grapevine.

***Volunteer Garden Ridge!***

Interested in getting involved in the community, doing something beneficial for our neighbors, having a positive impact on city operations? Check out the city website (under the 'Government' dropdown) for volunteer opportunities. If you find something of interest, send an email to [JA78266@Yahoo.com](mailto:JA78266@Yahoo.com).

**\*\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS\*\*\***

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL**

City of Garden Ridge Household Hazardous Waste & Disposal of Unused Rx is **Saturday, April 21, 2018, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. RESIDENTS ONLY** (be prepared to show proof of residency).

**SHRED DAY**

City of Garden Ridge Shred Day will be held on **Saturday, May 12, 2018, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. RESIDENTS ONLY** (be prepared to show proof of residency).

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Person to Person:** 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, TX

**Website:** [www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us](http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us)

**Social Media:** Facebook-City of Garden Ridge, Nextdoor.com, Twitter

**Coffee with a Cop:** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at First United Bank at 9:00 a.m.

**Citizen Comment Period:** Opportunity to speak at all City Council and Commission meetings

**Citizen Concern/Citizen Input:** Interactive communication form <http://ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/forms.aspx?fed+65>

**Phone:** (210)651-6632 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday)

**Coffee With the Mayor:** Mondays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Mayor's Office Hours:** Mon/Tues/Fri, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Coffee with the Mayor</i> 9:30-11:00am @ City Hall <u>Reading Dog Shiraz 3-4:30pm</u> <u>Game Night (Adults) @ 6:00pm</u>	3 <u>Lego Robotics</u> 3-4:30pm or 5:30-7pm	4 <u>Homeschool Robotics @ 10:30am</u>  <b>City Council Meeting @6:00pm</b>	5 <u>Adult Coloring@1pm</u>	6 <u>Storytime @ 10:30am</u>  <u>First Friday Family Night "Batty" About The Library" 5:30-7:30pm</u>	7
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15	16 <i>Coffee with the Mayor</i> 9:30-11:00am @ City Hall <u>CASA Informational Mtg. 2-3pm</u> <u>Reading Dog Shiraz 3-4:30pm</u> <b>WMAC Meeting @6:00 pm</b>	17 <u>Card Making Class @ 1pm</u> <u>Lego Robotics</u> 3-4:30pm or 5:30-7pm	18 <u>Homeschool Robotics @ 10:30am</u>	19 <u>Adult Coloring@1pm</u>	20 <u>Storytime @ 10:30am</u>	21 <b><i>Household Hazardous Waste &amp; Prescription Drop-Off / 8am-2pm</i></b>
22	23 <u>Reading Dog Shiraz 3-4:30pm</u>	24 <u>Lego Robotics</u> 3-4:30pm or 5:30-7pm  <b>Water Commission @6:00pm</b>	25 <u>Homeschool Robotics @ 10:30am</u>  <u>Lunch &amp; Learn @ Noon What's Missing from your Pantry?</u>  <i>Coffee with a Cop</i> 9:00am @ First United Bank	26 <u>Adult Coloring@1pm</u>	27 <u>Storytime @ 10:30am</u>	28
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