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WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents

JENNY ELBEL DANIEL B. HERBER
 WILLIAM A. HUTYRA JACK C. MINOR
 TIMOTHY REILLY PATRICIA ROBERTS
 BECKY & GERALD HOUY
 GENARO & CORINA GUTIERREZ
 DAONNE HENDRIX & IVY HERRERA

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 CHIEF

COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Garden Ridge Police Department along with Bracken Fire Department will be hosting a Community Pancake Breakfast on June 2, 2018. The event will be held at Paul Davis Park in Garden Ridge. Members of the Police and Fire Departments will be on hand cooking pancakes and sausage to raise money for another one of our great community resources, the Children's Advocacy Center of Comal County (CACCC).

The pancake breakfast will be served from 8:00AM to 11:00AM on June 2nd. There will also be coffee, water, and juice available with the plates.

Please join us and show support for the CACCC whose efforts help the children and families of our local community receive support through many services such as forensic interviews, medical exams and counseling, just to name a few. For more information on what the CACCC does for us you may visit their web site www.comalcac.org. I look forward to seeing many of you there for a great event.

*We are now well into spring and spending more time outside. Please be safe with all of the many activities you have planned and do not hesitate to call should you need assistance.

Ron Eberhardt
Chief of Police

SHRED DAY

City of Garden Ridge Shred Day will be held on **Saturday, May 12, 2018**, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Community Center. RESIDENTS ONLY (be prepared to show proof of residency).

GOING ON VACATION?

Did you fill out an Out of Town form? By completing this form in person at City Hall or online through the City's website, the City of Garden Ridge Police Department will be aware you are away and keep a watchful eye on your home. Don't forget to secure your home as well.

FROM THE MAYOR

Your Vote Counts... Yes, we know it's our right and responsibility to have a role in determining who is running our government. Also consider many have sacrificed much to preserve our right to exercise this right. These are compelling reasons. That said, in the years I've been involved in local government, I've learned another reason. A reason that goes beyond us as individuals and brings into play the influence we collectively can have on decisions outside of our City. What I've learned is decision makers and candidates, particularly at the county and state levels, are very aware of the record of involvement of our Garden Ridge Voters (Precinct 205). Quite simply, our voters participate at levels high enough to make spending time and energy on us well worth the time. Consider that in the last Primary Election, out of the 28 Precincts in Comal County, we ranked second in votes cast, missing first by 23 votes! This is public information available to everyone, including candidates and strategists. So, if you want to have contact with as many voters as possible on election day, where do you go? Garden Ridge. In fact, if you voted here on election day you may have noticed county and state level candidates spending more than half the day here. Additionally, you might have noticed a record number of candidates and voters came to the Garden Ridge "Meet the Candidate Night." The candidates certainly noticed that turnout. Moreover, I received many inquiries from candidates wanting to discuss "what's important to Garden Ridge." Clearly, we're on the top of their contact list for a reason.

Why does this matter? Consider many issues we face in our City often take place somewhere outside our city and the control of our city government. Whether we're talking transportation, industry, economy or other issues, our only recourse is often to petition County and State leaders to assist us. As we ask for assistance and consideration, we want them to remember we are the Precinct that votes in the highest numbers and rates. That's the influence to which I'm referring and that's the reason you see candidates spend time here in Garden Ridge.

What can you do? Vote! If you have been, thank you and please tell others to join you. If you haven't, you have another opportunity in May. Actually, SIX DAYS of opportunities. Voting could not be easier! Gone are the days of one day of long lines. Every election is now accompanied by a week (or more) of all-day Early Voting, in addition to Election Day. For example, this month the Primary Run-off Election Day on May 22nd is accompanied by an entire week of Early Voting (May 14th -18th). The polls will be open 7AM-7PM every day except the 14th (8AM-5PM). During that week I guarantee there will be hours of "no lines and no waiting." Again, it's never been easier to get out and vote! Participating in this Run-off (and every election) is critical to not only having your individual voice heard, but to ensure that our community remains a place to respect. So, let's come together and keep Precinct 205 the community of influence and one that will continue to have the tools to maintain – *A way of Life and not just a place to live!*

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Plans are underway for a spectacular Garden Ridge family-focused 4th of July celebration that really pops! In fact, **Things That POP** is the theme for 2018 festivities at Paul Davis Park. Keep this in mind as you work on your patriotic outfits and vehicle decorations.

Of course, there will be traditional awards for most-patriotically dressed adult and child, and there will be trophies for the best decorated vehicle and best decorated *people-powered* vehicle (bike, stroller, wagon). The *people-powered* vehicles will be judged as they enter Paul Davis Park at the **end** of the parade so entries that join during the parade route will be included.

An addition to the annual 4th of July Car Show will be a People's Choice Award for the favorite car displayed. The Parks Committee is also working on new games and activities to entertain everyone whether you are 6 months old or 100. More details next month!

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 on Tuesday, May 8 in the City Council Conference Room.



For all new members and those wishing to renew...Annual membership dues are due on June 1st. If you didn't pay at the Luncheon/Fashion Show on May 1st, a check for \$25 made payable to GRWC can be sent to Pocahontas Cole / 20202 Van Nest Circle / Garden Ridge / 78266.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK

Wow it is May! The Canyon High School AFJROTC will honor us with their presence at the City Council meeting on May 2nd. The ROTC unit under the direction of Lt. Col. Timothy J. Blitz, (Ret) will be presenting the colors in honor of the Garden Ridge Police Department and Law Enforcement Week. Come and meet these young people.

Law Enforcement Week is May 13th to May 19th. If you want to send a note of thanks to these great men and women, please take your cards, notes and letters to City Hall. These messages can be dropped off at the water department payment window in the GRCPAAA box. They will be picked up and distributed to the department during Law Enforcement Week. Thank you and see you at the City Council meeting!

FOOD DRIVE FOR RACAP, MAY 21-25

Hanson Aggregates – Servtex Quarry is organizing its fifth annual food drive for the Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP), a Schertz-based food pantry serving portions of Comal, Guadalupe and Bexar counties. The food drive helps stock the pantry for summer, the busiest season for RACAP, when children don't have access to regular nutritious meals through school. Donations can be dropped off at Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Pkwy, from May 21-25 between 8:00AM and 5:00PM. Items in high demand include 1-2 lb. bags of rice and dried beans, canned soups, canned pasta and meat, boxed meat helpers, ramen noodles and other shelf-stable items. For more information, please contact Hanson Aggregates – Servtex Quarry at (210) 658-7461.

LIBRARY FOOTNOTES

The Garden Ridge Library has its very own fan club! They are called Friends of Garden Ridge Library, and they are always looking for members.

They wish to invite you to join them May 11, 2018 between 5:00PM and 7:00PM. Find out what it means to be a Friend and how you can become one.

Wine and hors d'oeuvres served ~ Children's Activities Provided ~ Silent Auction

Significant Actions–April City Council Meeting

Approved

Ordinances:

- 18-042018 - Care and Control of Animals
- 101-042018 - Schedule of Fines (Court)

Discussion and Updates

- CIP Projects (2013 and 2015)
- Parks Committee
- City Board and Commissions
- City Administrator Projects
- Volunteer Garden Ridge!
- Oak Wilt
- Mayor Projects
- City Council Projects

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

On May 21, 2018 at 6:00PM, the WMAC will be conducting an education session featuring Randy Tomasini, Deer Manager at Hollywood Park, on the creation of a Wild Life Manager position and program.

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.

QUARRY COMMISSION

At the Quarry Commission's March meeting, a total of 9 citizen blast impact reports filed in January and February were checked against the blast data. Only the air overpressure reading for the Jan 2 blast (121 dB) was anywhere near the allowable limit. All other blasts on days for which impact reports were filed were well under allowable limits. As 8 of the citizen reports were from residents on Wahl Lane, the Hansen representative explained that 15 of the 24 blasts in January and February were at the South Wall, which is somewhat closer to the Wahl Lane homes. He also stated that soil mapping showed soil conditions in that area are more conducive to low frequency energy, which adds to the feeling of ground vibration by residents. The next Commission meeting will be May 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

TRIUMPHANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

MOTHER'S DAY OUT

Mother's Day Out Registration for the **2018 Summer Session** at Triumphant Lutheran Church began April 2 and will continue through the month of May.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Website: 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
<p>* City meetings are in bold and are subject to change, please refer to the City website. These meetings are held @ City Hall unless noted differently.</p>		<p>1 <u>Lego Robotics</u> 3-4:30pm or 5:30-7pm OAK WILT PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING @ 6PM</p>	<p>2 <u>Homeschool Robotics @ 10:30am</u> CITY COUNCIL @6PM</p>	<p>3 <u>Adult Coloring @ 1pm</u></p>	<p>4 <u>Storytime @ 10:30am</u></p>	<p>5 DUMPSTERS - 8AM-5PM</p>
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<p>13 DUMPSTERS - 8AM-5PM</p>	<p>14 <i>Coffee with the Mayor</i> 9:30-11:00am @ City Hall QUARRY COMM. @6PM PRIMARY RUN-OFF: EARLY VOTING 8:00AM-5:00PM</p>	<p>15 <u>Card Class w/ Teresa @1pm</u> PRIMARY RUN-OFF EARLY VOTING: COUNCIL CHAMBERS / 7:00AM-7:00PM</p>	<p>16 <u>Homeschool Robotics @ 10:30am</u> <u>Lunch-n-Learn @ Noon</u> <u>Things You May Not Know about Veterans Affairs with Frank Ontiveros @ 12 noon</u></p>	<p>17 <u>Adult Coloring @ 1pm</u></p>	<p>18 <u>Storytime @ 10:30am</u></p>	<p>19 DUMPSTERS - 8AM-5PM</p>
<p>20 DUMPSTERS - 8AM-5PM</p>	<p>21 <i>Coffee with the Mayor</i> 9:30-11:00am @ City Hall <u>Afterthoughts Book Club @ 10:30am</u> WILDLIFE MGT. ADVISORY @6PM</p>	<p>22 PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION DAY-COMMUNITY CENTER 7:00AM-7:00PM WATER COMM. @6PM</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 <u>Stepping Stone Class @ Noon</u> <u>Adult Coloring @ 1pm</u></p>	<p>25 <u>Storytime @ 10:30am</u></p>	<p>26 DUMPSTERS - 8AM-5PM</p>
<p>27 DUMPSTERS - 8AM-5PM</p>	<p>28 MEMORIAL DAY— CITY HALL AND LIBRARY CLOSED</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 <u>Adult Coloring @ 1pm</u></p>	<p>* Activities that are <u>underlined</u> will occur at the Library * City news/deadline are in <i>italics</i></p>	