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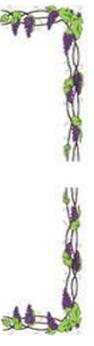
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WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents

EMIL BLISS	TEGAN & ROBERT CORNES
MICHAEL CZAJKA	MARY & WILLIAM DUNMIRE
MEREDITH HERBERT	BRIAN LAVALLEY
CHARLES LAWS	KELLY MENDEZ
GARY NAVE	JENNIFER NOLEN
TERE RAILEY	PHILLIP S REESING
RONALD D RUTTER	GABRIEL SANCHEZ
	KEITH SCHMIDT

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

Parks, Recreation and Picnics... Yes, July is a great month to get outside and go to a park, but who knew it was actually National Parks and Recreation Month? Furthermore, it's even National Picnic Month! Not that we need a reason, but why not celebrate the month, and the summer, by getting out and enjoying one of our community parks? Both Paul Davis Park and Park Lane Park are great for fresh air and open spaces, to play or just relax. Convenient, affordable and versatile, this summer our Garden Ridge Parks are the place to be!

By the time you read this, our 4th of July Celebration at Paul Davis Park will be a day or two away or possibly a day or two past. Regardless, I hope that you did or will get out to your Park for the celebration and enjoy all it has/had to offer. But, there is so much more for you and your family! The pavilions, concession hut, grills, picnic tables, baseball and soccer fields and playgrounds are available for you year-round – all less than 10 minutes away! On a first come-space available basis, the park is yours from sun-up to sun-down. But, if you know you'll need a field or pavilion in advance, you can reserve all or part of the facility for a nominal fee. Did you know as a resident, you can reserve a pavilion a year in advance for less than \$50? That's right, for that all-day, away-from-the-house birthday party, reunion, get-together or just a friends & family day, you'll have tables, benches, water, electricity, two kids playgrounds (one for kids 5-12 years and one for 5 years and under), terrific nature trails, a basketball hoop, and even bathrooms available for less than the cost of a tank of gas. What's more, by renting your park facilities, you are putting money back into the park so that we may further improve and enhance our facilities. We all win!

With this in mind, we've been putting extra emphasis on park improvements and investments. Hopefully you've noticed the hard work our staff has put into renovations and maintenance, including new staining, painting and power-washing. We've also been fortunate to have many volunteers donate many days and hours cutting trees and clearing brush to transform our nature trails into a must-see and use trail system. Soon you'll also see new and more covered areas, benches and tables, water fountains, and enhanced sports facilities. On the admin side, we are modifying our reservation system to better prioritize residential usage and to make it simple, easy and reliable for you to plan that outing at your neighborhood park. By the way, if you're looking for a quiet place to relax in the fresh air, our second park, Park Lane Park, with its tables, benches and gazebo, is also only a few minutes away and certainly worth a visit.

So... Happy Parks and Recreation Month, Garden Ridge! Let's all get out and enjoy the fresh air and facilities in our community parks, for we are truly blessed to have such terrific parks and so many people that are dedicated to making them great. Yes, let's get out and enjoy our parks – truly one of the elements that makes our Garden Ridge *A way of life and not just a place to live!*

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FROM THE CHIEF

Happy 4th of July to all. You are all aware already of the festivities the City will be hosting for our celebration.

I would like to give out some information that you all may not be aware of. The City has passed a new ordinance for Animal Services. This new ordinance is lengthy and extensive pertaining to domestic animals. I would ask anyone who owns a pet to please read this ordinance as there are now guidelines in place pertaining to the number and types of animals allowed. There is also information relating to registration and shot records.

I often am taken back when speaking to residents when I hear them say "I was not aware I needed to register my pet". As responsible pet owners you are required to register your pet every year with the City which also entails making sure their shots are up to date. While speaking of responsible pet ownership I am going to throw this out one more time as it is becoming a problem in several areas around town. I am receiving numerous comments and complaints about excessive barking of dogs. Unfortunately many of these reports occur after the fact and no action is taken, however, as a dog owner you must be aware of what your animals are doing. You are responsible for controlling these animals and should my officers receive a call regarding noise generated by barking dogs, we will be issuing citations. This is not intended to be harsh, but animal owners need to be responsible enough to prevent their pets from causing hardship on other residents.

Significant Actions–June City Council Meeting

Approved

- Budget Amendment #1
- Comal County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Discussion and Updates

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| • CIP Projects | • City Administrator Projects |
| • City Board and Commissions | • City Facilities |
| • City Council Projects | • Mayor Projects |
| • Oak Wilt | • Ordinance Revisions |
| • Parks Committee | • Volunteer Garden Ridge! |

HAPPY 242ND BIRTHDAY USA!

Join Your Neighbors for Another Fabulous 4th of July Picnic. The Parks Committee is busy crossing *t*'s and dotting *i*'s as we finalize the details for a popping 4th of July picnic at Paul Davis Park. In order to have everything in tip top shape, Paul Davis Park will be closed Monday and Tuesday, July 2nd and 3rd.

On Wednesday, July 4th, come early to peruse the classic and special cars on display and vote for your favorite. The People's Choice Trophy for favorite car will be awarded after the parade. Also new this year, Audi North Park is providing several fun water features to help keep Garden Ridge cool kids really cool. So kids, as you are planning your patriotic attire, remember to wear (or bring) clothes suitable for a water slide.

Check out the flyer posted on the City Web site (www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us) for complete information.

The Garden Ridge Parks Committee needs additional members. Please consider attending a Parks Committee meeting to find out more about us. The next meeting will be at 9:30 on Tuesday, June 26 at Paul Davis Park.

Remember your pets during these hot months. Make sure they have plenty of water and shade. Never leave them unattended in a vehicle and when the pavement is hot on your feet, it's hot on theirs too.



GARDEN RIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB-JOIN US!

For all new members and those wishing to renew: Annual membership dues are due. If you haven't paid by June 1st, a check for \$30 made payable to GRWC can be sent to Pocahontas Cole / 20202 Van Nest Circle / Garden Ridge / 78266. For any member that would like a magnetic name badge, they are available to purchase for \$8.00. Please email Joan Church by August 1st at churchjoan@earthlink.net.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS

- The City of Garden Ridge has a lot of opportunities to volunteer:
- *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* A City program that matches citizens' skills and energy with current needs in our City.
 - Commission - Current vacancies on Planning and Zoning Commission and Water Commission.
 - Committees - The Parks Committee is always looking for volunteers to assist with projects and events.

Volunteers are just ordinary people with extraordinary hearts.

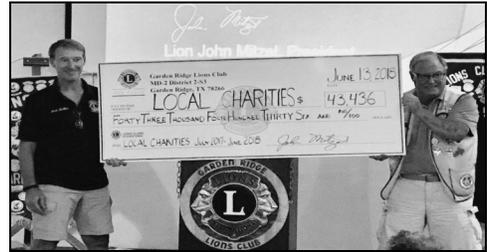
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Texas Parks and Wildlife will present Wildscaping for urban areas! Have you ever wondered how to attract more birds, pollinators and other wildlife to your backyard (or front) for your viewing pleasure? Do you ask yourself how to reduce your water usage while improving your landscape? Please come, learn and enjoy our next Garden Ridge Wildlife Meeting on July 16 at 6pm.

Libraries are the Free Amazon Prime of the Literary World.

Public lending libraries were the sharing economy before services such as Uber or Redbox ever became a thing. The sharing economy is growing because owning things has become less important to people. This could be a major improvement for a culture that often falls for the lie that buying more things equals happiness.

Books, both paper and digital, cost a lot of money. Recently, one woman said, "I rarely regret adding to my personal collection, but sometimes I buy books because other people say, 'You just have to read it!' Yet I often find out later that I can't even make it through the first fifty pages. Borrowing from the library gives you the freedom to put down a book you don't like." Arthur Schopenhauer, a German philosopher, said that life is 'too short for bad books.' And he's right. If you do it right, you can eliminate your book budget. Or at least reduce it by purchasing more selectively. In using your library card, you can live like a cultured millennial and exercise that much more control over your budget. Win-win.



Garden Ridge Lion's President John Mitzel (right) and incoming President Mark DuBois (left) took time out to thank all the donors, participants, sponsors and volunteers for the outstanding support of their Annual Fish Fry, BBQ and Auction. Contributions to the Club's major fund-raiser supported many local charities including sight and hearing services, youth services, community services and Lions Foundation during fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 9, 2018.

The 2018 Fish Fry, BBQ and Auction will be held October 6th at the Garden Ridge Community Center.

WHAT'S NEW IN GR!

The City started their budget process on June 25th, see calendar for the 3 Special Meetings in July.

Sgt. Steve Dennis, Garden Ridge Police Department, was recognized as Lawman of the year by New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club.

Eric Lowman, Animal Services, was promoted to Deputy Public Works Director and Animal Services.

Brad Olivarri, Water Rep., was promoted to Deputy Water Manager.

Water Well #9 is up and running.

Upgrades are occurring at the Community Center.

Reminderit's hot outside so make sure you and your pets stay hydrated.

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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1	2 <i>Coffee with the Mayor</i> 9:30-11:00am @ City Hall <u>Game Night (Adults) @ 6pm</u>	3 <u>Lego Robotics Free Play 10am-4pm</u> <u>Northside Knitters 10am-Noon</u>	4 Independence Day City Hall and Library Closed July 4th @ Paul Davis Park 9am-1pm	5 <u>Lego Robotics Free Play 10am-4pm</u> CITY COUNCIL @6PM	6 <u>No Storytime</u>	7 DUMPSTERS 8AM-5PM
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