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SEPTEMBER 2018



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WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE New Residents

Wilfredo Aguayo	Joshua Allen
Dale Barden	Shay Charles
Manuel Gomez	Raymond and Sara Platt
Brain Reyes	Jilian Ricks
Rita Rowland	Kelly Smith
Jesse Touchette	Olivia and Charles Weisinger

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

Save the Date!

This year's National Night Out (NNO) will be on October 2, from 6pm-8pm in Garden Ridge Community Center. If you missed last year's event, you missed out on getting to know your Police Department, City Administration staff, Comal County assistance organizations, Comal County Sheriff's Department, neighbors and so much more. The kids had a ball getting a close up look at the Bracken Volunteer Fire Department fire & rescue truck, and of course a Garden Ridge Police cruiser. Kids, this year, thanks to the generosity of ValMark Chevrolet, the Garden Ridge Police will have an extra special surprise just for you that you surely won't want to miss. There'll be refreshments, a face painter, a magician, and the popular Voeller Family Bluegrass band, the 'Chords of Grace'. Yes parents, the GRPD will be offering free ID kits again this year. Check out a video of last year's NNO on the City website at: <https://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/CivicMedia?CID=2#player>

Significant Actions—July City Council Meeting

Approved

- Hiring of Katherine "Kat" Balbi, Utility Clerk.
- Comal Appraisal District FY2019 Budget.
- Partial Exemption Permit from Orica USA and set permit fee.
- Announced upcoming 2018 Tax Rate Public Hearings (see calendar)

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! |

FROM THE MAYOR

Security...may mean different things to different people, but all of us have clear expectations of *Security* while in our home, neighborhood and community. A big part of the *Security* we have come to know and expect comes from Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) throughout our community – specifically for us, those of our Garden Ridge Police Department (GRPD).

Yes, we rely on our professional, highly-trained GRPD LEOs for *Security* – we know they'll be there wherever and whenever we need them. They enforce the law and "keep the peace," but they do so much more for us. Moreover, they are more effective when we know, understand and partner with them. Conversely, we miss out if we view them as someone to "catch us" if we do something wrong. In fact, a common mistake is made when parents bring a child to an Officer and say "If you keep this up, I'll let this Officer take care of you!" Unfortunately, this early conditioning cultivates an "Us vs. Them" environment, in which the only winners are the criminals. Instead, consider that since *Security* IS their business, LEOs are our perfect partners in *Security*. They can guide you as you assess your environment and activities, advise you on best practices, check on your home while you are out of town, and even come to your home and provide you a free Home *Security* Assessment. While our PD is dedicated "to improve the quality of life of everyone served," this partnership is reinforced when we take on an active role.

What can we do to enhance this partnership? Get to know your LEOs. Say hello and talk to them when the opportunity arises. Attend PD's next Citizen Police Academy (CPA) in January 2019. This 11 week, once-per-week, class is offered every other year and is time well spent. You'll get to know our LEOs, what they do, how they do it, and with whom they coordinate and interact. It is a tremendous opportunity and all it costs is your time. Another opportunity is the Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA). The CPAAA is made up of CPA graduates and those who plan to attend the next class. The Association's purpose is to support our PD through fundraising and awareness activities. They run food booths at many city events, conduct the Annual Classic Car Show, and provide volunteers for the Citizens Patrol. Contact our PD for info on the CPA and the CPAAA.

A great way to get to know our PD (and your neighbors!) is our annual National Night Out (NNO). This community-building event is a "must attend" as we learn to collaborate and enhance *Security* throughout our community. As with all city activities, NNO is free and fun for the entire family. This year's NNO will be even bigger and better than last year. On October 2nd, from 6-8pm, our Community and Events Center will be filled with live music, Child (and Adult) ID kits, food, drink, games and giveaways, safety and *Security* demonstrations and tips, and much more – again, all FREE. Look online or contact our PD for info. See you there!

Security is an area in which we all have an important role. Let's all look for ways we can work with our LEOs and our neighbors to contribute in making our Garden Ridge *A way of life and not just a place to live!*

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***** **Reminder** *****

No left turn off Teakwood between 7 a.m.– 8 a.m. on school days.

Call us at (210)651-6632 or
visit us at www.ci.garden-ridge to get the facts.



Back to School—Back to Work

After a fantastic 4th of July celebration, the Garden Ridge Parks Committee is back in action with several events in the planning stages for the upcoming months. Look for a November date for a seasonal Paul Davis Park Cleanup. Many hands lighten the work.

Also, save the date for the fourth annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Tuesday, December 4. We appreciate our wonderful ongoing sponsors, Todd Vagi of Audi North Park, Danny Correa of The Correa Group @ eXP Realty, and Gerry Bower of TLC Lawn Care. Their support helps make the evening extra special. If you are a local business or resident and would like to contribute to the Garden Ridge Christmas Tree Lighting, please contact Kathy Trial at ktrial@satx.rr.com.

Finally, welcome and thank you to Dr. Jim Miller—our newest Parks Committee member. (He got his feet wet up to the knees on the 4th of July!) The Parks Committee greatly needs additional members and volunteers to help with our projects and activities. If you are interested in joining as a member, or even helping out on a one-time basis, please contact Kathy Trial at ktrial@satx.rr.com or join us at our September meeting on Tuesday, September 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the City

LIBRARY FOOTNOTES

The last week of September is designated by the American Library Association as Celebrate the Freedom to Read week. This year it falls on September 23-29.

The freedom to read is essential to our democracy. Most attempts at suppression rest on a denial of the fundamental premise of democracy: that the ordinary individual, by exercising critical judgment, will select the good and reject the bad. Librarians trust Americans to recognize propaganda and misinformation, and to make their own decisions about what they read and believe. We do not believe they are prepared to sacrifice their heritage of a free press in order to be "protected" against what others think may be bad for them. We believe they still favor free enterprise in ideas and expression. It is interesting - and amazing - to note that in the past the following books that shaped America were banned:

- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Mark Twain
- Gone with the Wind, Margaret Mitchell
- Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee, Dee Brown
- The Call of the Wild, Jack London
- Where's Waldo, Martin Handford (no, that's not a misprint!)
- Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury (which, ironically, is a book about banning and burning books)

Come check out a book during that week to show awareness of our First Amendment rights.

Garden Ridge Area Democrats & Independents (GRADI) Group

Will meet on Monday, October 8, 2018, 6:30 p.m., at the Garden Ridge Community Center. Please come to support 2018 mid-term elections. Points of contact: Carolyn Cohen (carlycoh@aim.com); Morena Hockley (morenahockley@gmail.com); Dr. Jim Miller (miller9910@twc.com).



It's almost here!

Bring your friends and family to the Garden Ridge Women's Club annual Holiday Marketplace on October 20th from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the Garden Ridge Community Center. Dozens of unique vendors. Also featured is a raffle for the Vanishing Eagle River Cruise for 4 (see details below), a hand-made quilt, and a silent auction. All profits will benefit local charities. Mark your calendar today so you won't miss this wonderful event.

Holiday Market Place

October 20, 2018

Open to the Public

Cost: \$3 (17 and older). Free parking.

All profits will be donated to local charities.

Location: Garden Ridge Community Center

FM 3009 - 9500 Municipal Parkway

Vanishing Eagle River Cruise Raffle

4 hour cruise for 4 with lunch included

(you schedule your own trip)

36 miles round trip

\$50 gas card included

TX Eagle II (capacity 120 passengers)

Tickets: \$1.00 for one, \$5.00 for six

Contact Priscilla Zarr (219) 213-0920

Be that change you wish to see in the world....Volunteer!



See City website for opportunities.



Lions Club of Garden Ridge delivered over

4,000 pair of eyeglasses for the Texas Lions

Recycling Center (TLERC). These eyeglasses

will be delivered to Midland, TX for distribution to needy kids throughout Texas. The club also delivered twenty new electron microscopes to be used by children attending the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, TX.

For more information about the Garden Ridge Lions Club

Please contact Dave Heier DRHeier1@gmail.com or

visit www.gardenridgelions.org

The Annual Fish Fry, Bar-B-Q and Auction

Saturday, October 6th 2018

Garden Ridge Community Center.

Dinner served from 3:00-6:30 p.m., Silent Auction 3:00-6:00 p.m.,

Raffle drawing at 6:30 p.m. and Live Auction starts at 6:45 p.m. The

Live Auction includes dinners at select Restaurants, Electronics,

Power Tools, Vacation Packages, Road Base Materials, Loads of cut/

split Firewood. Raffle tickets can be found at many of the local

businesses or at the event. This is the Lions single fundraiser that

supports families and charities in our community and the surrounding

area plus our many service projects throughout the year. Come out

and enjoy this family event and support your Garden Ridge Lions.

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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30			<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>* Activities that are <u>underlined</u> will occur at the Library</p> <p>* City news/deadline are in <i>italics</i></p>			