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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

NOVEMBER 2018

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WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents

BOURKE CORCORAN

PATRICIA DZUR

TERESA HUGHES

GEORGIA JACKSON

ERIC AND KRISTE KESSIER

STACEY AND ROBERT LEWIS

WILLIAM MARTINEZ

JUSTIN PARKER

JAMIE AND JEREMEY PEREZ

STEVEN SMITH

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.

ALL RESIDENTS: Please see WEBSITE for Oak Wilt information.

FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2019 Garden Ridge Citizen's Police Academy Class

The Garden Ridge Police Department is planning the 2019 Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) class and we are actively recruiting citizens to attend. This class is by no means a resource to teach you how to be a police officer. Our objectives consist of strengthening relationships and communication between Garden Ridge residents and their Police Officers as well as aiding in crime prevention and public safety. This class is the perfect way to get more involved in your community and to help us keep Garden Ridge a safe place to live and work.

The 2019 CPA class will be 11 consecutive Tuesdays from 6pm - 9pm, (01-22-2019 through 04-04-2019). Tuesday, 03-12-2019, will be skipped due to Spring Break. To show your interest in attending the CPA class, complete the membership request form at www.grcpaaa.com or call the police department at 210-651-6441.

Pizza with the Police

Connecting with the community one slice at a time

Pizza with the Police is another wonderful opportunity to connect with the community. Twice a year in the City Council Chambers, GRPD invites citizens for a slice of pizza and a chat. There's no agenda and no scheduled topics for discussion. This is a platform where you can gain a real connection with those who are tasked with protecting you and your property. It's your opportunity to get to know us as people, not just Police Officers. It's our opportunity to learn about what concerns you have and how we can focus on bettering the community. Mark your calendars and join us!

City Council Chambers

Wednesday—November 28, 2018—6:00pm



The Garden Ridge Lions presented a check of \$500 to the Walmart 2018 Hurricane Relief Fund at Foundation For The Carolinas. This matching donation will fund efforts to respond and recover from Hurricane Florence.

The Garden Ridge Lions also presented a check of \$500 to Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) to Lions District Governor, Linda Davis, at the September 26 Membership Meeting. The monies will be used for Disaster Relief Efforts.

For more information about these stories, contact Mark DuBois: dubois6434@gmail.com

FROM THE MAYOR

Your Garden Ridge Community needs you!... As you read this please consider three meaningful ways you can contribute to our community: **Vote, Honor and Volunteer.**

Vote. Last May I wrote of many reasons to vote, particularly that we should exercise our right and responsibility to participate in our government. Moreover, that our votes are critical to collective Community influence. When we show our voter participation is typically ranked first or second in our area, we build significant influence – candidates and officials take notice. Your vote contributes to Garden Ridge being the community they will pay attention to as they make decisions for our county and state. Although early voting ends Friday, November 2nd at 7pm, you still have time – Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th! So, vote and tell others to join you! Vote to obtain influence, vote because it's your right, and vote to preserve our democracy that many have given much to protect. Now, to the next way we can contribute...

Honor. On November 11th, our nation observes Veterans Day – a day for us to pause, *honor* and thank Veterans for their service and sacrifices. We in Garden Ridge are blessed with many Veterans and their families who sacrificed more than I could ever do justice to in this column. Our community does a wonderful job letting these Veterans know how much we appreciate their and their families' sacrifices. Did you know our Library hosts an Annual Veterans Day Celebration? They bring together local Veterans as well as the Canyon HS JROTC Color Guard and singers from GRES. The "Veterans in Their Service" video compilation is a real highlight. If you are a Veteran or family member – please submit pictures of you or your family member serving (even if you can't attend) to our Library for the video. If you haven't served, please join us in honoring those who have. This year the event will be Friday, November 9th at 10:30am in City Hall. All are invited! Let's fill the room and show our appreciation to our community's Veterans. This leads to our third way to contribute...

Volunteer. I've written before about our *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* Program and that we need more citizen involvement. If you've been to a recent community event such as the Women's Club Holiday Marketplace, the Lions Fish Fry BBQ & Auction or National Night Out, you saw the power of our volunteer organizations. Witness the incredible impact our community volunteers are having – go to our City Hall complex and see the amazing landscaping work of Comal Master Gardeners and then visit our wonderful Library. I can't imagine our community without the power and spirit of our volunteers. Join them. Volunteering a mere couple hours a month does make a difference! Moreover, the effect on our younger citizens is extraordinary when we show what it's like to participate in causes and activities that are "bigger than us." The opportunities for us to contribute our time, talent and expertise to making our community stronger are abundant. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Shelby Trial at stgov@satx.rr.com, or me at mayor@ci-garden-ridge.tx.us to get started. There are endless matches of skills and experience to projects and needs in our *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* Program as well as all our local service organizations. The important thing is to volunteer – somewhere!

Yes, your Garden Ridge Community needs you. Working together we can really make a difference. Please join me in getting involved as we Vote, Honor and Volunteer... All to continue to make our Community of Garden Ridge *A way of life, not just a place to live!*

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Here Comes Santa Claus...

Holiday season is here and the Parks Committee is finalizing details for our fourth annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Tuesday, December 4 from 5:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Once again, the GRES Choir will entertain us as they sing in Santa’s arrival by fire truck. Don’t forget to bring your cameras because many fabulous holiday photo opps will be scattered throughout the Community and Event Center.

Food trucks and **Reggie’s Dawgs** will be available and complimentary hot chocolate and a **candy bar** will be provided by our wonderful sponsors. Be sure to check out our enclosed flyer.

If you or your business would like to be included on the list of sponsors, please contact Kathy Trial at ktrial@satx.rr.com.

The Garden Ridge Parks Committee welcomes our newest member, Meredith Davis. If you are interested in joining the Parks Committee as a member or helping out on a one-time basis for the Tree Lighting or other Parks Committee events, contact Kathy Trial. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 13 at 9:30a.m. in the City Council Conference Room.

LIBRARY FOOTNOTES

The Library will again host our annual **Veteran’s Day Celebration** on November 9 at 10:30 am in the City Council Chambers. All Veterans, retired or active, are to be honored. If you are not a Veteran, won’t you please come to show your support for our military?

Once again we are asking that you send a **photo** of yourself in uniform for a slide show. To see an example of what was done last year, there is a video on the City’s website (www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us -Government-Video Tour). It would be great if you would check out that video and see if you were included since a few photos arrived too late to be shown. If you don’t see yourself there, please send us one as soon as possible to library@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us. There is no need to send another photo if you are included in the video. This year we would love to have pictures of Veterans’ spouses. After all, your Veterans couldn’t have done what needed to be done without your help in keeping the home fires burning. Please let us honor you as well.

There are also many activities taking place during November. We have First Friday Family Night on 11/2 at 6pm with a fascinating program on dinosaurs by The Heritage Museum of Texas Hill Country; Jewelry-Making with Laura on 11/7 at 12pm; Juli Koroly, an artist with fascinating stories of Native Americans to accompany her beautiful paintings on 11/14 at 12pm; Making Gingerbread Baking Wreaths with Morena on 11/15 at 1pm (\$15); Card-Making on 11/20 at 1pm; How to Properly Care for Your Trees with Troy Luepke on 11/28 at 12pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



THANK YOU!

GRWC would like to thank Dr. Larry Czelusta, Northeast Foot Center, Weber Autowerks, and the City of Garden Ridge for allowing us to erect the Holiday Marketplace banners on their premises.

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, December 4, 2018
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

The GRWC will be hosting an annual “Mix & Mingle” at Olympia Hills Golf & Event Center (12900 Mount Olympus, Universal City). Admission is one unwrapped toy. This event is open to all current GRWC members. Refreshments include light appetizers, dessert, and iced tea. Cash bar available.

Please RSVP by November 16 to
Rose Marie Wallace: rosem.wallace@yahoo.com

QUARRY COMMISSION ACTIVITY

At the September meeting, Commissioners reviewed a request from Buckley Powder blasting for a partial exemption permit to conduct blasting at the Hanson site from Oct. 1, 2018 to Sept. 30, 2019. The Commission recommended that City Council approve the permit. Commissioners also discussed the reappointment of 3 current members: Commissioners Holly, Barucky, and DuBois for additional 2-year terms. All 3 Commissioners agreed to continue serving and the Commission recommended to City Council that they be reappointed. Commissioners agreed to discuss the impact of the proposed Vulcan Quarry at their next meeting. Commissioners also reviewed a video and information from Hanson’s investigation of the blast “blowout” of June 13. They learned how the blasting company identifies “void spaces” in the blasting area and measures taken to help fill those areas before blasting.

The next Quarry Commission meeting will be on November 5 at 6pm in the City Council Chambers.

Significant Actions–October City Council Meeting

Approved

- Resignation of Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary.
- Marisa Spencer to serve as Interim City Secretary.
- Resolution designating official City newspaper.
- Resolution authorizing signers on City accounts.
- Resolution authorizing building permit for flag pole.
- Reappointment of Quarry Commissioners.
- Reappointment of Water Commissioners.
- Buckley Powder Co. Partial Exemption Permit.

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 | • <i>Volunteer Garden Ridge!</i> |

COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

Website: www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us

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

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

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

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>



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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. * Activities that are <u>underlined</u> will occur at the Library * City news/deadline are in <i>italics</i></p>				<p><u>1</u> <u>Adult Coloring 1-2pm</u> <u>Bluebonnet Book Club @3:15 Gr. 3-5</u></p>	<p><u>2</u> <u>Storytime @10:30am (ages 2-5)</u> <u>Stay & Play 11:00am</u> <u>First Friday Family Night 6-8pm</u></p>	<p><u>3</u> Dumpsters 8am-5pm</p>	EARLY VOTING 7:00am-7:00pm		
<p><u>4</u> Dumpsters 8am-5pm</p>	<p><u>5</u> <i>Coffee with the Mayor 9:30-11:00am @ City Hall</i> <u>Reading Dog Shiraz 3-4:30pm</u> <u>Game Night (Adult)@6pm</u> QUARRY COMM. @6PM</p>	<p><u>6</u> <u>Northside Knitters 10am-Noon</u> <u>Ozobots @ 3:30pm or 5:30pm</u></p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #cccccc;">ELECTION DAY</p>	<p><u>7</u> <u>Lunch-n-Learn: Jewelry Class @ Noon \$10</u> <u>Lego Robotics @3:30pm</u> CITY COUNCIL @6PM</p>	<p><u>8</u> <u>Adult Coloring 1-2pm</u> <u>Bluebonnet Book Club @3:15 Gr. 3-5</u></p>	<p><u>9</u> <u>Veterans Day Celebration @ 10:30am-City Hall</u></p>	<p><u>10</u> Dumpsters 8am-5pm <u>Pokémon Club @10am</u></p>			
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