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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

September 2013

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Non-emergency, after hours



Remember 9-11



Coming Events:

- 2 Sep – Labor Day, City Hall and Library closed
- 4 Sep – City Council meets, 6pm
- 2nd 2013 Tax Rate Public Hearing
- 4 Sep – Rosh Hoshannah
- 8 Sep – Grandparents Day
- 9 Sep – Quarry Commission meets, 7pm
- 10 Sep – Planning and Zoning meets, 6pm
- 11 Sep – Patriot Day
- 12 Sep – City Council meets, 6pm
- Vote on 2014 Budget & Vote on 2013 Tax Rate
- 13 Sep – Yom Kippur
- 19 Sep – GRWC Luncheon & Fashion Show (*see article*)
- 22 Sep – Autumn begins
- 24 Sep – Water Commission meets, 6pm

NOTE: All meetings subject to change!

National Night Out THANK YOU!!



The City of Garden Ridge, the Garden Ridge Police Department and the Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, would like to thank all the city, county, state organizations and volunteers that helped make our 11th anniversary of National Night Out a large success. Special thanks to Mickey Sanders and Pat Cook for their hard work organizing the event. A “Big Thank You“ to all who attended and helped in this event.

Disposal of Brush, Metal/Appliances and Furniture

Dumpsters for brush disposal will be provided on the following Saturdays and Sundays during the month of **September: 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29**. Dumpsters will also be provided for the disposal of metal, appliances, furniture and wood. Disposal will only be allowed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on the specified dates. The site will be locked at all other times. Garden Ridge residents must show proof of residency to utilize the disposal site.

Forest Waters Tennis Academy After School Program

Starts: Monday, September 9, 2013
Ages: 9 & under - Monday & Wednesday 4-5 p.m.
Ages: 10 & over - Tuesday & Thursday 5-6 p.m.
Price per Session: Club Members: \$10 // Non members: \$15
Contact: Coach Byron Smith (619)-995-2779 or email:
BSBYRON1947@GMAIL.COM

Forest Waters Dance Club

September 13th @ 7 p.m. - \$10 per person
Open to Couples & Singles - Club Membership not Required
Professional Dance Instruction Provided by: Denice Fox
Bar Service Available. For more information please call (210)-846-4056



41st Annual Fish Fry, BBQ and Auction

The Garden Ridge Lions Club presents their 41st annual Fish Fry, BBQ and Auction on Saturday October 5, 2013 at the Garden Ridge Community Center on F.M. 3009 (3.2 miles NW of I-35, by the water tower)

This event is the primary fundraiser for the Garden Ridge Lions Club Charities, Inc. Proceeds support: sight services including eye glasses & exams for needy children; youth services including The Texas Lions Camp for Special Needs Children; community services including Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets and Christmas toys for needy families; and scholarships.

Activities:

- Dinner served at 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Fish Fry & Bar-B-Q: Adults \$10.00 / Children \$5.00
- Live Entertainment 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- Silent Auction 3:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- Live Auction @ 6:30 p.m. - Raffle during Live Auction, Super Raffle following Live Auction

Please come out and join us for some great fun, food, & friendship. Your valued support is very much appreciated.



“Places Around the World” Annual Fall Business Luncheon & Fashion Show

LADIES, MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS, GRAB YOUR CHECKBOOKS, & SEND IN YOUR PAYMENT TODAY!

RSVP DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 13TH - NO EXCEPTIONS!!

- Date: Thursday, September 19th, 2013
- Time: 10:30 a.m. - mix n mingle
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. luncheon & fashion show
- Location: **La Fontana Springs Event Center**
27618 Natural Bridge Caverns Rd
- Cost: Members \$23.00 per person and Non-members \$28.00

Bring a friend or new member, and join us for this big event! Please make **check payable to GRWC** and send to:
Diana Scott | 21916 Deer Canyon Dr | Garden Ridge, TX 78266
Questions? Contact Diana Scott at 651-3320

Beautifying our City Hall Landscape

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped beautify the City Hall landscape. If you haven't had a chance to see our new City Hall xeriscape landscape we encourage you to stop by and take a look. Plans are now being made to change the library landscape in a similar manner. If you would like to volunteer to help on this project, please contact Shelby at stgov@satx.rr.com or 651-6726. People wishing to donate to this project can drop off their donations at the library and receive a free package of red poppy seeds as a thank you. — Shelby Trial

WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents:

Jack & Sandra Nunes	Clay Skarovsky
Lionel Rhuland	Shelly Reaves
Justin Sinclair	Brad Debauche
Crystal Diaz	Robert Naething
Kenneth S Smith Jr.	Brittany Evans
Cheryl Combs	Jim & Cheryl Cocomise
Stephen A. & Astrid Wisser	Brian & Katrina Campbell
Amy Main	Efrain Garza
Catherine McMindes	



NOTE: Newcomers are derived from water service records, and thus, not all family members are included. Those not appearing are also welcomed! The City of Garden Ridge requires that all dogs and cats be registered, and each January thereafter. Call 651-6831 for information.

From the Mayor

We are deep into another hot August. While our City gets the majority of its water from the Trinity Aquifer, as our City has grown over the years, we have exceeded our Trinity well's ability to meet the City's peak summer water demand. In turn, we rely on our Edwards Aquifer water rights (currently 568.5 acre feet) to make up the shortfall during those peak summer months.

Back on July 31, the Edwards Aquifer Authority ("EAA") imposed Stage 3 water restrictions (35% pumping reductions) for all San Antonio area pumpers, including Garden Ridge, after the 10-day average level of the J-17 well fell below 640 feet. At that time, both SAWS and the City of Garden Ridge delayed Stage 3 water restrictions. However, the City is struggling to meet the required 35% pumping restriction at current August consumption levels. In addition, as of August 16, the 10-day average level is about 634 feet and going down. If that average falls below 630 feet, the EAA will move to Stage 4 water restrictions (40% pumping reductions) and I do not believe the City could sustain current consumption levels with only 60% of our existing Edwards water rights.

The City's last water billing cycle ended on August 23, and effective August 24, 2013, the City implemented Stage 3 Water Restrictions, which shall remain in effect until at least September 23, and perhaps longer. **Under Stage 3, you may only water lawns with sprinklers once every two weeks and there is a 100% surcharge for all water consumed above 45,000 gallons.** Please keep the Stage 3 restrictions in mind as you consume water and please try to conserve as much water as possible.

Water has always been a big issue for our City, and I can assure you your City is actively working on finding new water supplies, improving our existing water infrastructure, and developing an updated drought management ordinance and a new water conservation incentive plan.

Andrew Dalton

Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission's monthly meeting was held on August 12, 2013. A review of July blasts was conducted. A total of 14 blasts occurred in the month of July. The highest ground vibration measured was .245 in/sec on July 11, and the highest air blast measured was 117.1 dB on July 3. All readings were within the criteria of City Ordinance 34. Citizen blasting reports for the month of July were discussed and follow up action assigned. Citizens are encouraged to attend the monthly quarry commission meetings. Next meeting is September 9 at 7:00 pm. Citizen Blast Report Forms can be found on the city's web site home page (www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us). Citizens that wish to make a comment about a blast or have input for the Commission are encouraged to attend the September meeting. Additionally, citizens interested in attending a tour of the quarry including witnessing an actual blast are encouraged to contact City Hall at 651-6632. The Quarry has expressed interest in talking about quarry operations with local groups such as home owner associations and service groups. If interested please contact City Hall.

Significant Actions - August 7th City Council Meeting

- Approved a water variance to permit a major landscape project at 19835 Zephyr Cove
- Reviewed and filed the proposed 2014 Fiscal Year Budgets for the General Fund, Water Fund, Interest and Sinking Fund and Capital Improvement Fund with the City Secretary
- Reviewed the 2013 Effective and Rollback Tax Rate Calculations
- Reviewed and approved proposal to adopt a tax rate of \$0.283246 for the 2013 tax year, pending public comment and compliance with all requirements related to the adoption of the proposed tax rate.
- Approved City of Garden Ridge employee health and dental insurance benefit plan for the 2014 fiscal year.



Holiday Marketplace

Date: Saturday, October 12 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Garden Ridge Community Center. There is a **silent auction**, a raffle for an original handmade quilt, and delicious food. You will find over 50 vendors with unique, one-of-a-kind gifts for those on your shopping list. **Mark your calendar today** so you won't miss this wonderful event. **We need items for the Silent Auction!** - Contact Cheryln Koehler at c-tkoehler@sbcglobal.net or 210-317-2104 if you have items to donate! **And finally, we need volunteers!** - Contact Tanya Haddad, at mimitn7@yahoo.com or 210-651-9241 if you can volunteer some time!



GARDEN RIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our membership drive continues and we welcome all new members. If you are interested in joining, please contact **Membership Chairman, Judi Hanna, 210-658-0819.** Dues are only \$20 per year. Membership renewal forms have been mailed to current members. Please return forms along with your check for \$20 payable to GRWC to:

Judi Hanna | 13622 Hercules Ln. | Universal City, TX 78148



Library Footnotes By Nancy Feibelman

LOL! (Landscape Our Library)



There are plans in the works to landscape in front of the library, much like what has been done in front of City Hall. We are grateful to Shelby Trial, Kate Kohl, and others for the planning they are currently doing.

Believe it or not, we are looking for old BOWLING BALLS to use in landscaping. Yes, bowling balls! You will be surprised when you see what we can do with them. Also, remember to buy poppy seeds at the library to aid in financing the project, or feel free to make a **tax free** donation.

Lately I have been checking on the selection of books in the Biography section. There is an abundance of treasures/information on British royalty, U.S. Presidents and their wives, sports celebrities and heroes, religious figures, movie and TV stars and many others. Browse and check some out! The section is located in the Biography (92 and 920) section in the middle of the left wall across from Fiction (F).

As usual, we have received many new book donations. If you'd like to see what some of them are, check out the website at ci.garden-ridge.tx.us. Click on Departments > Library > Activities/Events. We try to update those new arrivals once a month, and the list appears at the bottom of that page.