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## October 2014

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### Coming Events

1 October	City Council meets, 6pm
4 October	Lions Club Fish Fry, BBQ & Auction (see article)
6 October	Deadline to register to vote in the November Elections
7 October	National Night Out at 7pm (see article)
13 October	Quarry Commission meets, 7pm
14 October	Planning and Zoning meets, 6pm
20 October	Early Voting begins (see article)
28 October	Water Commission meets, 6pm
31 October	Halloween

*NOTE: All meetings subject to change!*

### WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE New Residents

Nathan & Janet Mascar	Max Brooks
Patrick & Sue Price	Ashley Dill
Josh & Keri Novak	Corwin Priest & Megan Ward

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.

### NEWS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Garden Ridge Police Department will be joining agencies across the State of Texas in celebrating National Night Out on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The event will be held at the Garden Ridge Community Center. National Night Out is a historic event designed to bring neighbors and community organizations together to keep the community united.

The 2014 National Night Out event will consist of civic organizations that focus on making the community a better place to live. Many of these organizations will have a table at this event and representatives to answer questions about what services they have to offer and how they could help in a time of need. Bring the kids with you for face painting and free food. This is a great way to teach them how the community comes together to help those in a time of need and what resources are available.

#### Safety Tip:

Some of you may have noticed the increased presence of officers enforcing school related traffic violations. While there is no excuse for driving erratically and unsafe, now that school is back in session, everyone should pay closer attention while driving in areas where children are loading and unloading the school buses. There is no way to cover all aspects of this topic, but following these simple tips may make a difference in the safety of a child:

Passing a school bus while loading or unloading is not only unsafe, but illegal.

Talking on cell phones while in school zones has been the latest topic of conversation regarding child safety. Using a cell phone on school property or while in a school zone without a Bluetooth device is unsafe and illegal.

Suspicious activity should always be reported to the police department immediately.

Lieutenant Daniel Bellinger

October seems to be Festival Month in this part of south Texas and Garden Ridge is no exception. From the Lions Club BBQ, Fish Fry and Auction to the GRWC Holiday Marketplace, various Pumpkin Patches and other fall events in the area, this is the month to get out and about. Watch for signs posted at our major intersections for details about local events.

And don't forget our own Garden Ridge National Night Out on Tuesday, October 7 from 7 to 9 pm at the Community Center. This year there will be new exhibitors and lots of community groups and organizations with information. If you haven't been to National Night Out in while, I encourage you to attend. See you there.

A reminder that with school back in session, the school zone rules are being enforced along Municipal Parkway. The usual speed limit on Municipal Parkway is 25 MPH and drops to 20 MPH during the hours of 7:00 to 9:00 and 1:00 to 4:00.

With fall approaching, our plants are finally getting a much needed break from the heat. Thanks to all who are conserving water – we can certainly see your efforts in our system usage. Well levels continue to be lower than average, so we need to keep up the good work!

Finally, early voting begins Oct. 20 and runs through Oct 31. Make your voice heard – every vote counts!

Nadine  
Mayor Pro Tem

### THANK YOU

There are no words to describe my gratitude, nor to list everyone who played a part in my career & retirement event. A special thank you to the city staff and officials not only for the party but the support throughout my time serving the City. Thank you to the GRCPAAA for making the party so memorable and the beautiful gift. Thank you to the many citizens that I was blessed to serve, many who shared the special day. I will always regard so many of you as valued friends. The transition has been easier because of the wonderful police team I leave behind. I miss them daily but rest assured that God has a plan for me.

Thankful for each of you,  
Donna

### Add organic matter and use efficient watering systems for shrubs, flower beds and lawns

Adding organic material to your soil will help increase its absorption and water retention. Areas which are already planted can be 'top dressed' with compost or organic matter.

You can greatly reduce the amount of water used for shrubs, beds and lawns by:

- the strategic placement of soaker hoses
- installing a rain barrel water catchment system
- installing a simple drip-irrigation system



Avoid over-watering plants and shrubs, as this can actually diminish plant health and cause yellowing of the leaves.

When hand watering, use a variable spray nozzle for targeted watering.

### Library Footnotes

By Karen Bishop

Veteran's Day will be celebrated Monday, November 10, with presentations by the Canyon High School ROTC and a special group of singers. If you have not yet registered your name and branch of service by coming into the library or emailing us your information, please do that as soon as possible. The library's Wall of Honor is our way of recognizing all of our veterans, past and present. This annual event has outgrown our limited space in the library so it will take place in the City Council Chamber.

During the Holiday Marketplace event on October 11, the library will hold a book sale.

The library has been given about 30 non-fiction books on CD. There are biographies as well as audiobooks on several other topics. In addition, a large number of children's books have been donated. All of these items are ready to be checked out for your pleasure.



### Significant Actions - August City Council Meeting

#### August 25, 2014 Work Session

- Reviewed and discussed the proposed 2015 Fiscal Year Budgets
- Reviewed and discussed the proposed 2014 Property Tax Rate

#### September 3, 2014

- Approved Extension of Bexar Waste contract
- Approved Lease of Edwards Water Rights
- Approved perforating the casing and testing the abandon water well at Old City Hall

#### September 11, 2014

- Approved Partial Exemption Permit for Orica USA and set fee for permit
- Approved tax rate of \$0.02757 for 2014
- Approved City Budget for 2015

### EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

The General Election dates are below. As with each election, it is **important** that you vote.

#### EARLY VOTING - All Early Voting will be held at **City Hall**.

Monday, Oct 20 through Wednesday, Oct 22: 8:00AM - 5:00PM

Thursday, Oct 23: 8:00AM - 4:30PM

Friday, Oct 24: 8:00AM - 5:00PM

Saturday, Oct 25: 7:00AM - 7:00PM

Sunday, Oct 26: 11:00AM - 5:00PM

Monday, Oct 27: 7:00AM - 5:00PM

Tuesday, Oct 28 through Oct 31: 7:00AM - 7:00PM

**ELECTION DAY VOTING** - Election Day Voting will be held at the **Community Center**.

Tuesday, Nov 4: 7:00AM - 7:00PM

**NOTE:** If you are NOT a registered voter in Comal County and should be, the last day to register to vote is Oct 6, 2014.



### Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission's monthly meeting was held on September 8, 2014. A review of August blasts was conducted. A total of 10 blasts occurred in the month of August. The highest ground vibration measured was .345 in/sec on August 1 and the highest air blast measured was 117.5 dB on August 5. All readings were within the criteria of City Ordinance 34. Citizen blasting reports submitted for the month of August for blasts occurring on August 1, 7 and 13 were discussed.

Mark your calendar. The Quarry is holding an open house on Saturday, October 25, 2015 from 10 am to 2 pm for all citizens in the local area interested in learning more about the operation of the Hanson Quarry. Refreshments/food will be served and door prizes will be handed out. Tours of the quarry will be made and quarry vendors will be present to answer citizen questions. Garden Ridge citizens are encouraged to attend to become more familiar with your local quarry. In order to help estimate refreshment needs the quarry requests that those planning to attend send an e-mail to [servtex@lehighhanson.com](mailto:servtex@lehighhanson.com) indicating your interest and number attending.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the monthly quarry commission meetings. Next meeting is October 13 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](http://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.



### Garden Ridge Women's Club

Holiday Marketplace is Right around the Corner!

Saturday, October 11, 2014

10 am - 4 pm

GR Community Center

Admission \$2.00 - Free Parking

Unique gifts for everyone on your shopping list, a silent auction with great items, a raffle to win an original handmade quilt, and delicious foods available.

We need silent auction items! Perhaps you have a gift you would like to re-purpose; a gift basket would be wonderful, anything at all would be greatly appreciated.

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### Garden Ridge Women's Club Christmas Gala

"Save the Date"

Saturday, December 6, 2014

6:30 - 11:00 pm

GR Community Center

\$20 per couple

Live music, dancing, and delectable foods

Details to follow.

Contact Cherlyn Koehler at [c-tkoehler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:c-tkoehler@sbcglobal.net) or 210-317-2104

### Have you visited us lately?

<http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/>

Learn more about the city website and other methods of communication at the National Night Out on October 7, 2014 at 7:00pm

### FOREST WATERS CLUB

Here's what's new and happening at the Forest Waters Club...the Best Kept Secret in Garden Ridge!

It's not too early to start planning your holiday parties! Whether it's a corporate event or a family event, we have different venues to accommodate different group sizes! Call today to find out how we can make your holiday gathering special!

Stop by for Happy Hour at the Club on the third Friday every month! Meet your friends and neighbors and consider joining the Club! We have other social events during the month: member dinners, Parents Night Out, Bunco, Men's Poker Night, Bridge Club...it's an active group!

We are adding new classes to our Health and Fitness Club all the time! Come check out the latest: Body Shred and SPIN (indoor cycling). Add these to Zumba, yoga, water aerobics, step aerobics, kickboxing...and available personal training - we truly have something for everyone!

### 42nd Annual Fish Fry, BBQ and Auction



The Garden Ridge Lions Club presents their 42nd annual Fish Fry, BBQ and Auction on Saturday October 4, 2014 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 3:00 - 6:30 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 - 6:00 p.m.
- Live Auction @ 6:45 p.m. - Raffle drawing at 6:30pm, Super Raffle following Live Auction

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