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Garden Ridge Police Department general information (210) 651-6441
Police emergencies/assistance- 911 or (830) 609-3921
Water, Animal Control-(including after hours/holidays) (210) 651-6831

Coming Events

- Sep 1 City Council Special Meeting @ 6pm
- Sep 5 City Hall and Library will be closed.
- Sep 7 Lunch –n– Learn @ noon in Library
City Council Regular Meeting @6pm
- Sep 8 Town Hall Meeting (see article)
- Sep 12 Quarry Commission Meeting @ 6pm
- Sep 13 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting @ 6pm
- Sep 21 City Council Special Meeting @ 2:30pm
- Sep 27 Water Commission Meeting @ 6pm
- Sep 28 Lunch-n-Learn @ noon in Library
- Oct 4 National Night Out (see article)

Starting Sep. 12th the Science Club will meet every Monday at 3pm in the Library.

Dumpster Weekends: Sep. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25

NOTE: All meetings subject to change!

Life and Limb

If you see school buses, moving vans, or delivery trucks driving in the middle of the road it's probably because they are dodging low hanging limbs or protruding shrubs and bushes. This creates a dangerous situation for pedestrian and other vehicular traffic. City Ordinance 107 was written to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the public by specifying certain height and distance requirements for trees and shrubs. Over 600 residences have been identified as violating Ordinance 107. Beginning in September the City will begin notifying residents who have trees and shrubs out of compliance. Initially, the City will concentrate on streets that are on school bus routes and/or frequently used by high profile vehicles. It is the desire of the City to work with our residents, so if you receive a letter notifying you of a violation we would appreciate your cooperation. **Don't go out on a limb**, details for the height and distance requirements, as well as other enforcement options available to the City, can be found on the City website (<http://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/index.aspx?NID=119>) by reviewing Ordinance 107. Please contact Nancy Cain at (210) 651-6632 if you have any questions. ☺

Need to tell us something?

You can do this on the City's website under Citizen Comment/Input
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WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE New Residents

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| Scott Cole | Deanne Karamanian |
| Brian Cope & Julie Rodriguez | Walid & Brianna Saad |
| Brenda Davis | Richard & Ginger Simmons |
| Kris Johnson | Sierra Thompson |

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. Call 651-6831 for information.

Mayor's Corner

Mark your calendars for the special Town Hall meeting on September 8 beginning at 6pm in the Garden Ridge Community Center. Professors from UTSA will present their Visioning report on the future of land use in Garden Ridge. Table top exhibits will start at 6pm and the presentation at 7pm. There will be a Q&A session immediately following. This is just the beginning of the dialogue on the future of Garden Ridge – there will be more opportunities for input in the future. Please try to attend this important meeting to see what is possible!

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Are you interested in serving on a City Board/Commission? Serving on a City of Garden Ridge Board or Commission is one way members of the public can volunteer and get involved with their city government. The boards and commissions serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council. Boards and commission appointments are approved by City Council after recommendations from a City Board or Commission. If you are interested please email your resume to administrator@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us

National Night Out

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
@ Community Center

IRS SCAM

By Chief Eberhardt

The Police Department is receiving a large number of calls from citizens regarding the IRS phone call scams so I thought I would put this information out again to everyone.

There is a group of scammers calling people at random that receive phone numbers through legitimate marketing sources. They use those numbers to place calls to people in an attempt to scam money. There are many residents, including myself, who are receiving calls from individuals who are claiming to be with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and telling you they have a lawsuit or will file a lawsuit if you don't take care of a financial matter. Please DO NOT participate in this scam. They will try to get you to purchase gift cards and send them the numbers for the cards so they can extract the funds. DO NOT purchase or send gift card OR debit/credit card numbers to anyone calling you. It is always a scam.

The police department cannot assist in investigating these matters as they entail companies from other countries usually. The IRS has set up a phone number along with a web site to report these issues directly to them. The IRS along with the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) is handing this along with other government agencies utilizing means we do not have access to. Please do not be offended when an officer directs you to the web page or the IRS phone number for these matters. It is the only avenue we currently have for these matters. Be assured these calls are not legit and no action will be taken against you. Here is the link and phone number to report these calls and receive more information should you receive one.

https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.shtml
1-800-366-4484



SAVE THE DATE: The second annual GARDEN RIDGE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION WILL BE ON DECEMBER 6TH AT 6PM. It promises to be a great party with food, family fun, music, and Santa. SEE YOU THERE!

Significant Actions - August City Council Meetings

- Approved
 - Health, Dental, Vision and Life insurance for City Employees
 - Release of probation for Officer Holly McKay
 - City of Garden Ridge Strategic Plan
 - FY 2017 Budget (August 17th Special Meeting)
- Updates

CIP Projects (2013, 2015 & 2016)	Garden Ridge Parks Committee
Council Communication	Deer Management

24/7 Non-emergency Contact Information

For after hours animal control or water emergencies you can reach the City of Garden Ridge Water Department or Public Works (Animal Control) at (210)651-6831.

Quarry Commission Happenings

The Quarry Commission held its bi-monthly meeting on August 8 at 6:00 PM. Commission members reviewed and discussed Hanson Quarry blasting analysis data from June and July 2016. The reports from the monitoring company covered 11 blasts recorded in June and 11 blasts in July. The recorded ground vibration data and the air-borne effects data indicated the blasts were within the requirements set forth in Garden Ridge City Ordinance 34.

Four Citizen Blast Reports were filed during this period for the following blasts: June 22, June 23, July 1, and July 19. Commission members reviewed the monitor data and saw the monitor readings were well within limits for those dates. However, due to erroneous seismographic frequency readings for the Schneider Lane monitor on July 1, none were reported for that location on July 1.

Commissioners agreed to recommend Commissioners Holly and Barucky for renewed 2-year terms. Commissioner Jim Morgan did not wish to serve another term, so residents interested in serving in that position are invited to send applications to the City Secretary.

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 12 and a training session on blast regression relative to frequency readings will be presented. Meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Annual Garden Ridge Lions Club Fish Fry and BBQ to be held October 1, 2016

The Garden Ridge Lions Club will hold its 44th Annual Fish Fry, BBQ and Auction on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at the Garden Ridge Community Center on F.M. 3009 (3.2 miles NW of I-35 off Exit 175). The primary fund-raiser for the Garden Ridge Lions Club Charities, Inc., proceeds support - eye glasses and exams for needy children, the Texas Lions Camp for Special Needs Children, scholarships and services like Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets and Christmas toys for less fortunate families and children.

Good food (\$10 adults and \$5 children) and great fun for the entire family with dinners served from 3:00 – 6:30 p.m., silent auction from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., raffle drawing at 6:30 p.m. and live auction at 6:45 p.m. with super raffle following live auction. Live Entertainment 4:00-6:00 p.m. Visit us at www.gardenridgelions.org



Mark your calendars now for the **Garden Ridge Women's Club's Holiday Marketplace**

On October 8, 10am-4pm

Garden Ridge Community Center

The event originated 12 years ago and has expanded to over 50 vendors! Participants range from local artisans to specialty boutiques. In addition there will be a raffle for an original handmade quilt, silent auction with unique and wonderful items, delicious food, and rescue dogs available for adoption.

All vendor spaces have been filled but we are looking for donations for our silent auction and volunteers to help out with the event. For silent auction information contact Diana Scott at yadiana44@yahoo.com or (210) 651-3320; to volunteer contact Tanya Haddad at mimitn7@yahoo.com or (210) 651-9241. We can't do this without you - this is a great way to meet new friends and get involved in our community. All proceeds from this event will be donated to local non-profit organizations.

Town Hall Meeting

The City of Garden Ridge is holding a Town Hall Meeting for presentation of the Comprehensive Land Use Study.

Date: Thursday, September 8th

Time: 6:00 p.m. Doors open *** 7:00 p.m. presentation begins

Place: Community Center

Don't ruin your vacation with a HIGH water bill!!!

It is recommended when going out of town or being away for an extended period of time that the water to your residence and irrigation system is turned off at the customer shutoff valve. The valve can be located in front of the water meter. If you do not have a customer shutoff valve you can contact the Water Department to have your water cut off at the meter and there will be no charge for this service. Cutting your water off during a lengthy absence assures that you will not come home to a costly water leak or unscheduled running of an irrigation system. Please contact the Water Department for more information or for assistance in locating your customer shutoff valve. If you want to just isolate your irrigation system, unplug the control box located inside your garage or on the side of your residence.

FOOTNOTES

It seems that J.K. Rowling just can't leave Harry Potter alone, so he has reappeared in **Harry Potter and the Cursed Child**. If you need to catch up on the **Longmire TV series**, we have seasons 1-3 on DVD, as well as all of the **Longmire books**. Don't miss the 16th book of the **Gabriel Allon series**, **The Black Widow** by Daniel Silva. It reads like today's newspaper. We have updated the **Ladies No. 1 Detective** series with the 16th book, **The Woman Who Walked in Sunshine**, which continues the story of Precious Ramotswe, the esteemed proprietor of the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency. There will be two noontime **Lunch-n-Learns**: The **CASA** presentation on volunteers for child advocacy is on Sept. 11 and on Sept. 28 the speaker is to be decided, but it will be by **one of our citizens** with a fascinating story. And kiddos, watch for **Trunk-or-Treat** in front of the library on Halloween!

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Join us for Ladies Night Out!

Dinner and games.

Let's play Trivingo...Trivia & Bingo

Sat, Sept 24, 5-8 p.m. \$10/person (high school & up)

RSVP at nebc.ch/ministries/women by Sept 12

Northeast Bible Church * 19185 F.M. 2252, Garden Ridge