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The Newsletter of the City of Garden Ridge

OCTOBER 2017

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WELCOME TO GARDEN RIDGE

New Residents

LYRIC COLLIER

WENDY HOLDEN

AIMEE MARROQUIN

CHERYL & DARRYL ROBERSON

FRANKIE FRIEND

LEE INABINET

MONICA NELSON

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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

With Halloween fast approaching, we would like to focus on tips that are critical to keeping the young ones safe while trick-or-treating. It is the one night of the year where pedestrians and vehicles all converge in the same areas.

1. First, be sure your child will be visible to motorists. To help with this, use reflective materials on their clothing as well as glow sticks attached to the front and rear of their costumes.
2. Use a flash light -- they not only help make you visible, but will light up that trip hazard just waiting to ruin your evening.
3. Make sure that your child's mask does not keep them from being able to see where they are walking. Loose fitted and oversized masks can sometimes be problematic.
4. It's never a good idea to let young children trick-or-treat without proper supervision. Be sure that your child is being escorted by someone who is mature enough to handle the job.
5. When in doubt, throw the candy out. Avoid loosely wrapped or completely unwrapped candy. Watch for puncture holes, and avoid homemade items that are not factory-wrapped.
6. For all the motorists, I cannot stress enough that you have an equal part to play in the safety of children during Halloween. Please slow down and make sure your full attention is on the road before moving your vehicle.

Daniel Bellinger
Lieutenant, Garden Ridge PD

REMINDER !!!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - TUESDAY, 10/3/17

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Garden Ridge Community Center

*** SAVE THE DATE ***

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING ON MASTER LAND USE PLAN

OCTOBER 23, 2017, 6:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

FROM THE MAYOR

Recreation. A word that conjures up thoughts of our activities or pursuits with family and friends that we do for enjoyment, to unwind or to merely relax. As you know, we are putting the final touches on our Master Land Use Plan and defining the future of our community. Since the plan addresses recreation in our community, let's briefly discuss those opportunities: what we have, what we're doing, what we want to do and what you can do.

What do we have? Although you may think it's common knowledge, many folks don't know that we have two city public parks: Paul Davis Park and Park Lane Park. Paul Davis Park features picnic areas and tables, newly repaired ballfield/soccer fields with new soccer goals, walking trails, grills, pavilions and a playground including our new one to five-year old play area. What a great place to unwind or spend the day at play with your family. Park Lane Park, with its picnic area and gazebo, provides the opportunity to get out and get away to enjoy a beautiful day. So yes, we have great places, but there's certainly room for us to do more as we grow.

What are we doing? As I mentioned, an important part of our Master Land Use Plan is to provide more opportunities for recreational areas in our community. We are looking for ways to create and expand jogging, biking and walking areas throughout our area and perhaps even to connect a few. Furthermore, for the first time we've included specific areas in our city budget to address recreational facilities, equipment and activities. You will undoubtedly see the results of this planning throughout the coming year.

What do we want to do? We want to: build on this foundation to increase recreational opportunities for all, apply city resources to improve and expand facilities with continued citizen involvement and input, and see if we can acquire more "space." This could be through the use of rights-of-way for trails or even donations of land for additional trails and parks. We also want to connect to our county and have a county park and trails servicing our area. But of course, all this will rely on much more than merely your city's efforts!

What can you do? Make your voice heard. Talk to your County Officials. Get Involved! Help find and/or acquire land for trails and parks. Be part of the team and engage in the planning, improvement and expansion of parks and trails. Join the Parks Committee or contact me to find out where you can help. Connect to existing and upcoming opportunities in our *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* programs.

We've done a lot and have a lot planned, but we have a lot to do -- all of us. We have the talent, desire and experience in our community to do great things. Case in point, in three days we put together 31 pallets worth over \$70K of Hurricane Harvey relief! So, let's apply that same conviction and proudly work together to create and develop more recreational opportunities for our Garden Ridge: *A way of life, not just a place to live!*

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IT'S ALMOST HERE!

Bring your friends and family to the Garden Ridge Women's Club annual Holiday Marketplace at the Garden Ridge Community Center. There is a silent auction, original Knotty Knotter's hand-made quilt raffle 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. Cost is \$3 (17 and older). Free parking. All proceeds donated to local charities.

Date: October 14, 2017
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: FM 3009 - 9500 Municipal Parkway
Garden Ridge Community Center



GARDEN RIDGE LIONS CLUB

The GARDEN RIDGE LIONS CLUB presents their **45th ANNUAL FISH FRY BAR-B-Q & AUCTION** on **Saturday, October 7, 2017, 3:00 p.m.**, at the Garden Ridge Community Center. Approximately 80+ items up for bid in our Live Auction. Adults - \$10.00 and children - \$5.00

Dinner is served 3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Silent Auction is 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Raffle Drawing at 6:30 p.m.
Live Auction begins at 6:45 p.m.
Super Raffle Drawing following Live Auction.



LOTS GOING ON IN GARDEN RIDGE PARKS

The welcome cool fall weather has ushered in a flurry of activity with the Parks Committee. By now, I am sure you have seen the impressive videos on our City web page including one highlighting Paul Davis Park. Coming soon is a video focusing on Park Lane Park at the corner of Park Lane and Bat Cave Road. This delightful pocket park is a hidden treasure, suitable for family gatherings or plain old-fashioned relaxing. The neighbors who maintain the park could use some help. If you are interested in adopting one of the flower beds, please contact Linda Potts at mlp81@satx.rr.com.

Planning is in full swing for our third annual **Christmas Tree Lighting** at the Community Center on Tuesday, December 5th from 5:00pm – 8:00p.m. A third tree will be added this year along with a Kid Zone, door prizes, songs from Garden Ridge Elementary School Choir, a Photo Booth, complimentary hot chocolate and candy canes, and a full array of Food Trucks which will be ready to serve at 5:00 p.m. This year, the Tree Lighters will be pre-selected -- more about that next month.

Finally, a **Paul Davis Park trails clean-up day** is scheduled from 8:00a.m.–12:00 noon on Saturday, November 11. We hope to see you there.

QUARRY COMMISSION

At the September Quarry Commission Meeting, Orica presented an informative program on how they minimize vibrations of blasts in an effort to control the effects felt by residents. The next Quarry Commission Meeting (November 13, 2017) will include a program on the velocity of detonation.

LIBRARY FOOTNOTES

The Library hosted a very successful Open House September 18. For those who couldn't attend, please come and see the new look and feel the openness. You are invited to hold small group meetings here: HOA executive meetings, teacher-planning sessions, small group activities such as crafting - you name it! You will be very welcome.

Watch for the list of activities which will begin in October: Lunch-n-Learns, crafting classes, tech classes and children's activities. You are urged to join one or more of these groups. You can learn something new and make new friends.

We are constantly adding new books to our collection. Our goal is to have more Best Sellers while they are still current. We have 9 of the top 15 fiction books from 9/10/17. Non-fiction books have not been as popular with our readers, but we do have several of those, such as **Hillbilly Elegy**.

It is not too early to begin thinking about **Veterans Day**. Our celebration will be held November 9 this year since the city offices are closed on the 10th & 11th. If your name is **not** on the Wall of Honor, please call the library to ensure that it is added. If you are not a veteran, come to honor those who served. Veterans, please come and let us say thank you!

Significant Actions-September City Council Meetings

Approved:

- Ordinance 202 - Tax Rate of \$ 0.323146; .211012 as the 2017 Maintenance and Operation Rate; and .112134 as the 2017 Debt Service Rate
- Ordinance 70 - revised rank structure for the police department
- Reappointment of Commissioners Ringle, Heier, and Willis to the P&Z Commission with terms expiring September 30, 2019
- Variance request by Anthony J. Colatarci to Ordinance 13
- Partial Exemption Permit request from Orica USA, Inc. and set annual fee for the Permit

Updates:

- CIP
- Master Land Use Plan
- Volunteer Program
- Mayor's communication efforts
- CISD activities/concerns

OKTOBERFEST and HARVEY BENEFIT

All are invited to attend our annual OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION.

Saturday, October 14th, 4:00-8:00 pm. Live music by the Bohemian Dutchman. **BBQ Dinner served 4:30-7:00pm**, takeout available. Also: Children's Activities, Handmade Crafts, Home Baked Goods. Drawing for a Butterfly Appliqué Quilt and a large handmade Wooden Star.

The proceeds from the Quilt and the Star drawings will go in part to the Triumphant Youth Program. **The remaining expected 80% or more of all other proceeds, including the meal proceeds, will go to Hurricane Harvey Relief efforts.**

For those who wish to attend, there will be a short "casual dress" worship service beginning at 5:00pm. As always, the community is welcome to join us anytime for any of our services (Saturdays 5pm, Sundays 8:30am and 11:00am).

The festivities will begin with Polka Services the preceding Sunday, October 8th, at our 8:30 am and 11:00 am services.

TRIUMPHANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

**21315 Bat Cave Road, Garden Ridge
(210) 651-9090 www.triumphantlutheran.org**

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

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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All meetings are subject to change, please refer to calendar on City website.

** All activities that are underlined will occur at the Library **

* REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 <u>*Lego Robotics</u> 3:00PM-4:30PM 5:30PM-6:30PM NATIONAL NIGHT OUT	4 <u>*Homeschool Robotics</u> 10:30AM City Council @ 6:00PM	5	6 <u>Preschool Storytime</u> 10:30AM	7
8	9 COLUMBUS DAY City Hall—Closed Library—Closed	10 <u>*Lego Robotics</u> 3:00PM-4:30PM 5:30PM-6:30PM P&Z Commission @6:00PM	11 <u>*Homeschool Robotics</u> 10:30AM Lunch-n-Learn Noon: <u>Managing Health: Seniors</u> <u>Living Alone</u>	12 <u>Adult Coloring 1:00PM</u>	13 <u>Preschool Storytime</u> 10:30AM	14 <u>Pokemon Club 10:00AM-</u> <u>Noon - Ages 6+</u> GRWC Market Place Community Center 8:00AM-2:00PM
15	16 <u>Library Book Club</u> 10:30AM <u>*Reading Dog Shiraz</u> 3:00PM-5:00PM Wildlife Mgmt. Adv. Comm. @6:00PM	17 <u>*Lego Robotics</u> 3:00PM-4:30PM 5:30PM-6:30PM <u>Card Making with Angie</u> @ 1:30PM	18 <u>*Homeschool Robotics</u> 10:30AM	19 <u>Adult Coloring 1:00PM</u>	20 <u>Preschool Storytime</u> 10:30AM	21 <u>*American Girl Tea Party</u> 10:30AM
22	23 <u>*Reading Dog Shiraz</u> 3:00PM-5:00PM Steering Committee @6 PM-Public Hearing <i>Early Voting**:</i> 8:00AM-4:00PM	24 Water Commission @6:00PM <i>Early Voting**:</i> 8:00AM-4:00PM	25 <u>*Lunch-n-Learn @ Noon:</u> <u>Stained Glass Stepping</u> <u>Stones Class \$5.00</u> <i>Early Voting**:</i> 8:00AM-5:00PM	26 <u>Hooks & Needles Sewing</u> <u>Group 10:30AM</u> <u>Adult Coloring 1:00PM</u> <i>Early Voting**:</i> 8:00AM-4:00PM	27 <u>Preschool Storytime</u> 10:30AM - Costume Parade & Trick or Treat <i>Early Voting**:</i> 8:00AM-5:00PM	28 <i>Early Voting**:</i> 7:00AM-7:00PM
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