

# **GARDEN'S GAZETTE**

## **December Newsletter**

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### ***Mayor's Message***

As the holidays approach, here are a few tips to keep your family safe: Be Vigilant, Know your environment when out and about, and know your neighbors. What seems suspicious to you will also look suspicious to our DPS. Call 911!

- Lock your car, your house, and keep your garage door down.
- Consider an alarm system monitored by the City for free.
- When leaving items in your car, do not leave them in plain site, cover items up, or place them under the seat or in the trunk.
- Timers and security lights at home also help.
- If you are leaving town, place your home on close patrol with the DPS.
- Remember bad guys look for soft targets. Do not make it easy for them; help your neighbor keep an eye on things.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday. We'll see you in 2009!

### **Please notice the following closings for City Hall through the holidays:**

December 24<sup>th</sup> and January 31st- City Hall closed at noon.

December 25 & 26- Closed

January 1 & 2- Closed

**Don't Forget!!!!** Santa will be coming to DWG for his annual visit on December 23, 2008. Keep an eye out for Santa's letter; it will include locations and times of his visits.

### **December City Council News**

The following items were approved and discussed at the November 20, 2008, City Council Meeting:

Departmental and November Financial Report- approved

Minutes of the November 20, 2008 Council Meeting- approved

2008-2009 Engagement letter for City Auditing services- approved

Plat revision for 2916 Roosevelt Drive- approved

Amendment to Chapter 3.3 prescribing fees for City Personnel & equipment- approved

Amendment to Chapter 3.3 prescribing water service rates- approved

### **DPS News**

The 2009 STEP Wave Grant will begin December 21, 2008-January 1, 2009. Remember to buckle up, observe traffic signs and don't drink and drive

**Please Note:** Residential water rates will increase beginning with the billing cycle covering December 14, 2008 – January 14, 2009. The increase will appear on the February bill. The base rate of \$17.50 for the first 2000 gallons will remain the same. The increase applies to accounts with water consumption exceeding 2000 gallons. Water usage exceeding 2000 gallons was previously billed at the rate of \$2.35 (per 1000 gallons) plus the base rate of \$17.50. The new rate for water usage exceeding 2000 gallons is to be billed at a rate of \$2.50 (per 1000 gallons) plus the base rate of \$17.50. The water rate increase is necessary to offset wholesale water supply rates charged to Dalworthington Gardens by the City of Fort Worth. The City of Fort Worth supplies over 60% of Dalworthington Gardens' treated water.

### **DWG History Buffs**

For those who are interested in DWG history and would like to participate in planning for a 75<sup>th</sup> DWG Birthday Celebration please contact Mrs. Velma Bogart by email at [vlbogart@flash.net](mailto:vlbogart@flash.net) or by phone at 817-467-0158

### **In Memory of .....**

#### **Lelia Winans Mosig January 1913- November 2008**

Lelia Winans Mosig was born January 3, 1913 in Washington D.C. and died peacefully in her home at 2811 W. Arkansas Lane in Dalworthington Gardens on November 28, 2008. Lelia and Carl Mosig were married in October of 1939 and resided at Mr. Mosig's homeplace, 2811 W. Arkansas Lane. Lelia Mosig remained at the homestead after the passing of her husband, Carl Mosig in May of 1994. She was a lively and animated lady and will be missed. She is survived by her 5 children, her sister, 15 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

#### **Charles Ridings July 1935- December 2008**

Charles E. Ridings was born July 27, 1935 in North Carolina and died on December 7, 2008 in Arlington, Texas. He was a colonel in the Texas State Guard, and served in Dalworthington Gardens as the first and last elected Marshall in the City and the first Police Chief in Dalworthington Gardens, serving from 1979-1984. Mr. Ridings was instrumental in the creation of our Police Department. His presence will truly be missed.

### **Water Conservation Tips**

Make sure all pipes outside the house are wrapped.

Prevent the creation of leaks by shutting off and draining water lines to outside spigots in the winter

### **January Meeting Dates**

Zoning Board of Adjustments- January 5, 2009, 7:00 pm

Planning and Zoning Commission- January 6, 2009, 7:00 pm

City Council Meeting- January 15, 2009, 7:00 pm