

GARDEN'S GAZETTE

September Newsletter

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City Council and City Staff have yet again accomplished a major task in keeping Dalworthington Gardens' tax rate the lowest in Tarrant County. This is not an easy mission to accomplish, especially considering the current state of the economy. Many cities have had to perform cutbacks, lay offs, and raise fees and charges for services. Dalworthington Gardens has not, thanks to a hard working, dedicated staff and City Council. Thank you to the City Council and staff for your service and dedication, Dalworthington Gardens is a great place to live because of all you do.

On another note, Dalworthington Gardens will be a temporary early voting location on the following dates:

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 21, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 22, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Dalworthington Gardens City Hall will be an Election Day voting location-

Tuesday, November 3, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

City Council News

The following items were approved and discussed at the September 17, 2009 City Council Meeting:

Minutes of August 20, 2009 Meeting - **approved**

Departmental Reports & August financial reports- **approved**

2009-2010 Tax Rate- **approved**

2009-2010 Budget- **approved**

Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance- **approved**

2010 STEP Wave Grant Agreement- **approved**

Plat Revision, 3218 Sieber Drive- **approved**

Day With the Law

Mark your calendars!!! Day with the Law has been scheduled for Saturday, October 31, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Join the DPS for a day of fun, food, and games. There will be all types of emergency equipment to view up close, including fire apparatus, air units, PHI Air medical, Careflight, police cars, D.A.R.E. cars, K-9 units, police bicycles, police motorcycles, beat the heat cars and specialized units. FREE hot dogs, soft drinks, activities for the kids and bounce houses. Bring your family and friends, anyone is welcome. Trick or Treat with law enforcement, firefighters and other EMS personnel. Costumes not required.

STEP Wave

The DPS would like to thank our citizens and visitors for watching your speed, buckling up, and not drinking and driving during the Labor Day holiday. Your efforts make our city streets safer.

Join in DWG's 75th Anniversary Celebration

Come join your neighbors in planning for DWG's 75th Anniversary... party...event... projects...

The next meeting will take place October 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the DWG annex; anyone interested in participating is welcome to join. Keep an eye out for the next scheduled meeting in the September newsletter.

There's a lot of historical stuff to go through and more plans to make for our big birthday in 2011.

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Pay your water bill online

To pay your water bills by credit card, Call Government Payment Service, 1-888-604-7888 24 hours or go to: www.governmentpayment.com. Have the Pay Location Code when paying: 1019.

A fee of 5% of the total amount for this service will be added to the total amount charged.

Credit Cards accepted include: Discover, Mastercard, Visa, and American Express.

REMINDER: No watering from 10:00a.m - 6:00p.m. except for hand watering and the use of soaker hoses. Residents with sprinkler and irrigation systems found watering during these hours will be fined. There is an exemption for sodding, but the exemption must be applied for and approved by the city.

Water Conservation Tips & Facts

- Installing aerators on your faucets can cut your faucet water use in half without a noticeable difference in pressure.
- 60 drops per minute from a leaky faucet wastes 259 gallons of water per month
- To find out if you have any leaks, turn off all water fixtures and check your meter reading. Keep the water off for a couple of hours then check to see if the meter reading has changed. If it has, you have a leak.
Common causes of leaks include toilets, faucets and sprinkler systems.

MORE WAYS TO CONSERVE: J Davis Tree Care

Mulch helps gardens and decreases water usage consumption. J Davis Tree Care offers free mulch (wood chips). You may bring containers for the mulch or shovels to load it, there is no limit. A front loader is also available, but they ask you call first to make sure it is available. Times for pick up are Monday-Friday, 8:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information, call 817-222-9494, Rosa or Cindy will be happy to assist you.

October Meetings

Planning and Zoning- October 5, 2009, 7:00 pm

Zoning Board of Adjustments- October 6, 2009, 7:00 pm

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