

GARDEN'S GAZETTE

February Newsletter

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Mayor's Message

The Pleasant Ridge Road Project has been updated; the project is now scheduled to be completed in March of 2010. A link to the City of Arlington's Pleasant Ridge Road Status Update has been posted on the city's website, www.cityofdwg.net, click on the "Home" tab, then the link with the update status.

Dalworthington Gardens will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 2011. A committee is being created to help plan this event. I would like to invite all who are interested to get involved. See below for details.

City Council News

The following items were approved and discussed at the February 19, 2009 City Council Meeting:

Minutes of the January 15, 2009 Council meeting- approved
Departmental Reports & January financial reports- approved
Agreement with NTCOG for 2009 aerial photography- approved

Just a Reminder: 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.

Join in DWG's 75th Anniversary Celebration

Our special little city of 2,000 squeezed in between Pantego and Arlington will celebrate its 75th Anniversary June 1, 2011 (or there about).

DWG originated under "The National Industrial Recovery Act of 06/16/33 to resolve aspects of the worst depression ever experienced in the United States. Title II, which initiated a Public Works Administration, included funding for the purchase of subsistence homesteads in rural areas, the purpose of which was 'to provide for aiding the redistribution of the overbalance of population in industrial centers'". Does any of this sound familiar? In 1936, the Dalworthington Gardens Homestead Association was formed to manage DWG.

DWG is only one of many subsistence homesteads which were established in the 1930's which has survived and thrived. DWG citizens are proud of this heritage and it is important that we celebrate our growth and stability with an event.

Any who are interested in planning for the DWG 75th Anniversary celebration, please come to the DWG City Council chambers, Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! More information is available at www.deallegacy.org

Velma Bogart, past DWG Alderman

You may also contact Velma Bogart by email at vlbogart@flash.net or by phone at 817-467-0158

DPS News

The next wave of the 2009 STEP Wave Grant will begin March 7, 2009-March 15, 2009. Remember to buckle up, observe traffic signs and don't drink and drive.

Water Conservation Tips

- Install covers on pools and spas, and check your pumps regularly for leaks
- Be sure to adjust your sprinkler systems to water your lawn, not your house, driveway or your street

New Way to Pay Your Water Bill

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.

March Meeting Dates

Zoning Board of Adjustments- March 2, 2009, 7:00 pm

Planning and Zoning- March 3, 2009, 7:00 pm

City Council Meeting- March 19, 2009, 7:00 pm