

Mayor's message

I encourage the citizens of Dalworthington Gardens to vote on May 13, 2006 or during the early voting period. Only by exercising your right and privilege to vote will you be able to truly participate in the democratic process. For your convenience, here is the Early Voting schedule:

Early Voting Schedule

May 1- 4, 2006	Monday-Thursday any polling place in Tarrant County	8a-5p
May 5, 2006	Early Voting begins at DWG City Hall	8a-5p
May 6, 2006	Saturday	7a-7p
May 7, 2006	Sunday	11a-4p
May 8-9, 2006	Monday-Tuesday	7a-7p

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE: THIS IS YOUR BOND MONEY AT WORK. STREET CONSTRUCTION AT THE MOMENT INCLUDE SOUTH SIDE OF ELKINS DRIVE BRIDGE AND THE SOCCER FIELD ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE PARK. IF YOU HAVE ANY INCONVENIENCE OR QUESTIONS DURING THESE PROJECTS, PLEASE CALL ME AT HOME.

Park Board News-

The **2006 Garden's Gathering Steering Committee** is still searching for volunteers. Please contact city staff if you are interested or attend the next meeting on Friday, April 28, 6PM in the council chambers at city hall.

The culvert work under Elkins Drive and the soccer field area are progressing. The park board is currently gathering information for grant funding to further the perimeter sidewalk project around the recreation area of Gardens Park.

Playground equipment has been ordered for improvements at the Stevenson Playground at Garden's Park. Watch as we progress on this project.

The next regular park board meeting is Thursday, May 11, 2006, 7:00PM in the council chambers of city hall.

City Council News

The following items were approved and discussed at the April 20, 2006 Council Meeting:

Departmental Reports and March Financial Reports- approved

Minutes of the March 9, 2006 Council meeting- approved

Street bore, 2701 California Lane-approved

Resolution designating June 24, 2006 Clean Up Day- approved

Boy Scout Improvements to Elkins Park- approved

Public Utility Commission of TX 2006 consumer price index adjustment- approved
Employee Insurance & Health Savings Account – tabled
Black Dot Lease Agreement- denied

DPS News

We are in the process of converting to a new monitoring station for receiving alarms. Please call dispatch to schedule a time to test and verify your information. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**, Day With the Law is scheduled for June 10th, more information to follow.

Crossing Guards Needed

The DPS is taking applications for Crossing Guards at Key Elementary; there are two positions to be filled. Please contact the Dalworthington Gardens DPS dispatch for details or you can call and ask for Samantha @ 817-275-1234.

STAGE 1 DROUGHT CONTINGENCY/EMERGENCY WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

The stage 1 drought contingency/emergency water management plan has been implemented.

Because of unseasonably warm temperatures, Fort Worth has reached a trigger for implementing Stage 1 of its Drought Contingency/Emergency Water Management Plan. In addition, the city is close to using its annual allotment of water from the West Fork reservoirs- Lake Bridgeport, Eagle Mountain Lake, and Lake Worth. The limitation does not impact water supplied by from Cedar Creek Reservoir and Richland Chambers Reservoir.

Customers are asked to voluntarily use water as efficiently as possible in hopes of averting the need for mandatory restrictions in the coming months. The first stage also restricts city government's use of water.

The Fort Worth area is seriously deficient in rainfall for the year- 11 inches below average according to the National Weather Service. The below average rainfall and increased water usage has resulted in low levels in some area lakes. Without significant rainfall this winter and spring, the Fort Worth Water Department wants customers to know that next summer the trigger conditions for implementing Stage 2 of the City's Contingency/Emergency Water Management Plan could be reached.

The Drought Contingency/Emergency Water Management Plan includes a five-day lawn- watering

Schedule, which is voluntary in Stage 1. The water department encourages its customers to water their grass the following five-day schedule.

The five-day schedule is tied to the last digit of the customer's address with no watering on the 31st.

Addresses ending in one and six may water on days of the month ending in one and six- 1, 6, 11, 16, 21 and 26. Those ending in two and seven may water on the dates 2, 7, 12, 17, 22 and 27. Addresses ending in three and eight may water on the dates 3, 8, 13, 18, 23 and 28. Those ending in four and nine may water on the dates 4, 9, 14, 19, 24 and 29. Addresses ending in five and zero may water on the dates 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30.

A copy of Fort Worth's Emergency Water Management Plan is available at all Fort Worth Public Libraries and on the web at <http://www.fortworthgov.org/water/EducationInfo/newsinfo.htm>.

Water Tips

Dispose of hazardous materials properly! One quart of oil can contaminate 250,000 gallons of water, effectively eliminating that much water from our water supply.

Use the garbage disposal less and the garbage more (even better-compost). This saves 50-150 gallons of water a month.

Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator. This beats the wasteful habit of running tap water to cool it for drinking. This saves 200-300 gallons a month.

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.

New Businesses

Esix Sportswear Inc., 2805 W. Arkansas Ln., suite 202

Sthenos Properties Inc., 2880 West Pioneer Pkwy., suite D

Metro Webb Wholesale Food Service, 2700 W. Pioneer Pkwy., suite A

J Bennett Enterprise, 2159 Corzine Drive

Texas Express Basketball Club, 2238 Michigan, suite G

May Meeting Dates

Park Board- May 11, 2006, 7:00pm

City Council Meeting- May 18, 2006, 7:00pm