

GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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Mayor's message

Council has decided to move forward with creating an ordinance for the regulation of exploration and production of oil, gas, and other minerals. A draft of this ordinance is available at City Hall. We will have another Town Hall Meeting soon for public comments and further information; we will post the meeting at City Hall and on the website. I have posted some of the information regarding this matter on the city website, cityofdwg.net. I look forward to your participation and hope you will continue to voice your opinions at the future meetings, hope to see you there.

Mayor Tedder

Park Board News-

The first phase of drainage work in the park is complete. The park board is hopeful and encouraged by our recent positive feedback that the "recreational trails" grant will be received. These grants are scheduled for approval the last week of August. Three Eagle Scout projects have been completed recently. Ryan Osborn widened and improved the trail in the recreation area from the footbridge to the ball field. Steven Perry built 2 cedar/masonry benches in the Wildscape. One is in the Hill area and provides a beautiful view of the lake and Prairie areas. The other bench is in a tree cove in the Prairie. Mark Perry re-chipped trails in the Hill and Prairie areas and repaired the 12 birdhouse/nature trail stations.

Unfortunately, we have seen paint balers use these birdhouses as targets after these recent improvements. Please help us watch for those who bring harm to our park and encourage all visitors to help us improve the park.

Thank you to Ryan, Steven, and Mark for choosing Gardens Park to complete their Eagle Scout projects and for the continued support by our Council to allow the funding of these projects. Also, thanks to our city staff and public works staff for their help in bringing the projects to completion.

The next park board meeting is Thursday, September 14, 2006.

City Council News

The following items were approved and discussed at the August 15th City Council Meeting:

Departmental Reports and July financial Reports- approved

Minutes of the July 20, 2006 Council meeting- approved

Ordinance regulating exploration and production of oil, gas, and other minerals- approved

Resolution of STEP Wave Grant- approved

Engineering Study of right turn lane at Roosevelt and Bowen- approved

Resolution for Firefighter Grant- approved

Taxpayer request for tax abatement- denied

DWG Tee Shirts Available

This year as we celebrate the Gardens' Gathering, we are offering tee shirts that will allow you to show that you are "Happy to be in DWG". In addition to a regular tee, a ladies tee shirt will be available. The shirts will be displayed in the foyer of the DWG city hall.

The unisex tee, for \$12, is dark green and comes in children's sizes YXS(2-4), YS(6-8), YM(10-12), and YL(14-46) and adult sizes from small to XXXL. It has a pocket screen on the front and a screen on the back in white.

The ladies tee, for \$15, is white with a pocket screen in dark green lettering, and is available in ladies sizes from small to XXXL. It is suggested that as the shirt runs small, the next larger size might be considered when ordering. This shirt has DWG in a wreath of small flowers surrounded by the words, Dalworthington Gardens Texas EST. 1936, on the front.

Come and check out the sample shirts. Christine, at the water window, will have a few which can be purchased, as well as order forms for shirts that are not in stock. Order by September 15 and you can pick up your order at the city booth at the Gardens' Gathering. Shirts will also be available for sale at the Gathering. Proceeds from the sale of the shirts will benefit the Garden's Park and the Gardens' Gathering.

Last Call for DWG Crafters and Artists

The DWG Gardens' Gathering is just around the corner on Sunday, October 1st, from 2:30-6:30p.m. One of the features of the Gathering will be a display of the arts and crafts of anyone who lives, works or goes to school in DWG. Please let us know that you would be willing to share your special talent by tuning in a registration form to Christine, at the water window, by September 8. Registration forms are in the foyer at City Hall. Painting, needlework, pottery, metalwork, jewelry, crochet, knitting, woodworking, quilting, wearable art, or other art or craft item is welcome. For more information, contact Tracy Dodson @ 817-726-3448 or e-mail tracydodson@sbcglobal.net.

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.

We are also trying to update our contact information for businesses, please return your forms to dispatch at City Hall.

The Dalworthington Gardens DPS would like to remind everyone to BUCKLE UP and DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE. In association with the Texas Department of Transportation, the next "Click It or Ticket" and "DRINK. DRIVE. GO TO JAIL" campaign will begin in August and run through September. Please be safe and obey the traffic laws. Remember, the life you might be saving could be your own.

Crossing Guards Needed

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

NEW WATER RESTRICTIONS

The following provisions have been adopted by ordinance in accordance with Dalworthington Garden's Wholesale Water Contract with the City of Ft. Worth:

Prohibition on outdoor watering from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 1 to September 30, except with a hand-held hose or soaker hose.

New non-residential irrigation systems installed on or after June 1, 2006 must include rain and freeze sensors.

Existing non-residential irrigation systems must include rain and freeze by June 1, 2007.

Non-residential irrigation systems installed must have the rain and freeze sensors inspected annually.

New residential irrigation systems installed on or after June 1, 2007 must include rain and freeze sensors.

Copies of this ordinance are available at City Hall.

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 to use if you water your lawn:

New measures aimed at inefficient water use practices will impact how residents and businesses irrigate their landscapes. Watering during the heat of the day or while it is raining are examples of insufficient water use. Dalworthington Gardens has joined other cities in the metroplex in enacting time of day watering restrictions as well as certain requirements for in-ground irrigation systems.

Using water as efficiently as possible is critical. We need to make our existing water supplies last as long as possible for several reasons.

Cost is one reason. New supplies are going to be very expensive.

Another reason is we don't know how long the current drought will last.

While we do not anticipate reaching the triggers for stringent water use restrictions this summer, we could reach them next year. Efficient water use now can delay when and if we get to that trigger.

Fort Worth, DWG's water supplier, is the fastest growing large city in the country. The existing water supplies are projected to last for another 24 years. If this rapid growth continues, it will be less than that. The regional water plan projects a doubling of our areas population by 2060.

Obtaining new water supplies is very difficult. One thing we'll have to prove is we are using our current water as efficiently as possible.

The key things you need to remember are:

- NO outdoor watering from 10am-6pm June 1- September 30, except by hand or a soaker hose

- Maintain your sprinkler system. Repair any broken, missing, or misdirected sprinkler heads.
- Don't let your sprinklers water driveways, sidewalks, and streets.
- Don't waste water by allowing runoff onto a street or other drainage area.
- Don't water during any form of precipitation.
- Violating these guidelines can result in fines of up to \$2,000 per incident. A warning will be issued for the first offense.
- Report violators to 817-274-7368.

RESIDENTIAL: rain and freeze sensors are required on irrigation systems installed on or after June 1, 2007.

NON-RESIDENTIAL: irrigation systems installed on or after June 1, 2006 must have rain and freeze sensors.

Existing irrigation systems must be retrofitted with rain and freeze sensors by June 1, 2007.

Annual inspection of the rain and freeze sensors, this inspection should be done in conjunction with the annual backflow assembly inspection. It must be performed by a licensed plumber or irrigator that is registered with the city of Fort Worth.

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

Texas Regal Mtg.- 2104 Roosevelt Dr., ste G

Secure Shred- 2315 Roosevelt Dr. ste C & D

September Meeting Dates

Planning and Zoning- September 5, 2006, 7:00pm

Zoning Board of Adjustments- September 11, 2006, 7:00pm

Park Board- August 14, 2006, 7:00pm

City Council Meeting- September 21, 2006, 7:00pm