

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.**
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Don't forget Santa will be arriving in Dalworthington Gardens on December 23, 2006 to find out who's been naughty and who's been nice!

SANTA and his helpers will leave City Hall at 5:30PM. The motorcade will then make the following stops:

**Ambassador Row
Gazebo, South Side of Elkins Park
Sieber at Wooded Creek
Key Elementary, South Parking Lot
Twin Springs at Twin Lakes
Hemingsford Court
Ashworth Home Place
Enchanted gardens**

It is expected that SANTA will reach Enchanted Gardens between 8:00 and 8:30 PM. If a special situation exists at your house, special arrangements can be made by contacting Captain Bob Fisher at 817.275.1234.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jack Hull, who was awarded the 2006 DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD, we appreciate his efforts and all our other volunteers, your efforts are truly appreciated.

Mayor Tedder

Park Board News-

Sidewalk Plans (10-year park plan)

The grant agreement has been signed by the city and forwarded to Texas Parks and Wildlife. As soon as the agreement is returned to the city work can begin on the sidewalk.

The next regular park board meeting will be Thursday, January 11, at 7:00pm.

City Council News

The following items were approved and discussed at the November 16, 2006 City Council Meeting:

Departmental Reports and November financial Reports-approved

Minutes of the November 14 & 16, 2006 Council meeting-approved

Plat Amendment, Sandefer Acres- denied

Request for Water Well permit: 2911 Oak Trail Ct.- approved

Utility customer confidentiality maintenance fee- approved

GEXA Energy Agreement Renewal- approved

Tarrant County Street Improvement Proposals-tabled

Interlocal Agreement with Ft. Worth for rabies control- approved

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

Proposal for traffic light system- approved

CITY STAFF NEWS

Jessica Chamberlain has successfully passed the Clerks' Certification Level 1 Test from the Texas Municipal Court Education Center. CONGRATULATIONS, Jessica, we are so proud of you!

DPS News

As the holidays approach and the travels begin, we would like to remind everyone of some safety tips that can keep the Gardens safe.

1. Lock all doors, including the garage door.
2. Lock all windows, including basement and garage windows.
3. Have mail and newspapers picked up by a neighbor if out of town.
4. Never leave a note on the door that may indicate your absence.
5. Adjust the blinds and draperies to make the house or apartment appear to be occupied.
6. Place a light or two on automatic timers.
7. Don't hide keys under doormats, in flowerpots, or in similar places.
8. Consider an alarm system monitored by the City for free.
9. Don't leave items of importance in your car.
10. Be vigilant, know your surroundings and your neighbors.

Dalworthington Gardens DPS would like to remind our citizens and visitors that the first Wave of the 2007 STEP Wave will begin December 22, 2006- January 2,

2007. Remember to Buckle Up, Watch your Speed, and if you are going to drink, Drink Responsibly! One of the leading killers of young people in Texas is DWI. Under age drinking is a large issue in our metropolitan area. In 2005, over 1,600 deaths were contributed to DWI in Texas, and over 17,000 nationwide. **Again, please don't drink and drive, and remember friends don't let friends drink and drive.** We have a zero tolerance for alcohol and drug violations.

Water Conservation Tips

As colder temperatures begin to arrive in our areas, here are some tips to follow:

- Make sure all pipes outside the house are wrapped
- Shorten your showers. Even a one or two minute reduction can save up to 700 gallons per month
- Prevent the creation of leaks by shutting off and draining water lines to outside spigots in the winter.

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

AJAX Commercial Fence, L.P.- 2144 Corzine

Sundance Southwest- 2880 W. Pioneer Pkwy., suite C, building C

January Meeting Dates

Planning and Zoning- January 2, 2007, 7:00pm

Zoning Board of Adjustments- January 1, 2007, 7:00pm

Park Board- January 11, 2007

City Council Meeting- January 18, 2007, 7:00pm