

Mayor's message

February has been a busy month for our city staff and our DPS staff. We have worked very hard with the county resurfacing our streets and repairing culverts. I would like to thank Tarrant County, Precinct 2 for their hard work and Commissioner Marty VanRavenswaay and the Tarrant County Commissioners Court for making the project possible.

I want to remind everyone that the May 13 General Election is drawing near. The candidate filing date for Mayor and 2 council seats is February 11- March 13th at 5:00pm in the City Secretary's office.

Please be advised there will be a Special City Council Meeting on March 9th at 7:00pm.

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE: THIS IS YOUR BOND MONEY AT WORK. STREET CONSTRUCTION AT THE MOMENT INCLUDE, SIEBER, AND ELKINS DRIVE. IF YOU HAVE ANY INCONVENIENCE OR QUESTIONS DURING THESE PROJECTS, PLEASE CALL ME AT HOME.

Park Board News-

The City Council passed resolution 05-72, concerning donations to the city for park purposes at the November 2005 meeting. The Park Board is reviewing this resolution. We are pleased to say that the culvert work under Elkins Drive and the soccer field area is progressing as planned. The park board is currently gathering information for the other drainage improvements and possible grant funding to further the perimeter sidewalk project around the recreation area of Gardens Park. The Park Board encourages all citizens and businesses to get involved in our volunteer program. Last month's newsletter included the information flyer to make all citizens aware of our program. More information is available through the City Administrator's office or a park board member.

The next regular park board meeting is Thursday, March 9, 2006, 7:00pm at City Hall.

City Council News

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

Departmental Reports and January Financial Reports- approved

Minutes of the January 19, 2005 Council meeting- approved

Employee Insurance & Health Savings Account – tabled

City Employee Direct Deposit Resolution- approved

Agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank for Procurement Cards- approved

Inter-local Agreement between the Region IV Education Service Center concerning cooperative purchasing program for goods and services- approved
Steering Committee for the Garden's Gathering- approved
Proposal for headwalls for Elkins Drive box culvert- approved
Approve Memorandum of Understanding for the use of Gardens Park and Elkins Lake by the TEJAS District, Longhorn Council, Boy Scouts of America- approved

City News

Eddie Rosser and Barney Duran (Public Works Employees) have fulfilled the requirements in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas for Class D Water Operators. The license is issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Requirements consist of hours of on the job experience, classroom hours and a final test. Congratulations Guys!!

Councilman, James E. Piland, M.D. completed a course of training on the Texas Open Meetings Act given by the Office of the Attorney General of Texas. Way to go Dr. Piland!

Our condolences go out to Aleta Duran, her son Barney and their family on the passing of Aleta's mother. Our thoughts are with you.

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. I would like to commend our DPS staff on the apprehension of the motorcyclist that caused a 2 hour high speed pursuit that traveled through several cities and made its way through DWG. Way to go guys, we are proud of you!

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

Install a rain sensor to prevent watering if it rains.

During winter months cover all exposed pipe with some type of insulation material that can be purchased at a building supply company or hardware store.

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 in the Gardens

Fastenal- 2238 Michigan, suite J

Food Tech Intl. Inc.- 2700 Corzine, suite B

Lithpro Graphics Supply Ltd.- 2805 W. Arkansas Ln, suite 201

R.C.'s Autoplex- 2147 Corzine Dr.
Main Auto Parts- 2701 Pioneer Pkwy.
Sweet Pipes- 2300 Michigan Ct. suite A
Texas International Promotions, Inc- 2805 W. Arkansas Ln. suite 300
Dr. Arsalan Gittiban- 2218 Michigan, suite C & D
Mid City's McAndrews Motors- 2880 W. Pioneer Pkwy.

March Meeting Dates

Zoning Board of Adjustments- March 6, 2006, 7:00pm
Planning and Zoning-, March 7, 2006, 7:00pm
Park Board- March 9, 2006, 7:00pm
Special City Council Meeting- March 9, 2006, 7:00pm