

GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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Mayor's message

As you know, the City Council passed an ordinance for oil and gas drilling, which can be viewed on the DWG website on the City Council page. The City Council worked very hard on this ordinance to protect the citizens and to make sure it would serve in the best interest of the city. This ordinance ensures that every prospective driller will have to come before City Council for approval. I have had many inquiries as to what the City's next step would be in the matter of oil and gas drilling. City Council has decided to put a Request For Proposals out for Oil and Gas Drilling to be included on the March agenda. I want to ensure everyone that again, the City Council will act in a manner that best suits our community and our citizens. I hope you will all participate in the coming meetings to express your support and concerns.

Mayor Tedder

Park Board News-

Sidewalk Plans (10-year park plan)- The Park Board hopes to meet with the engineer in early March to begin the design work for the sidewalk

2007 Gardens Gathering Steering Committee- The Park Board is looking for more individuals to serve on this committee. Please contact one of these committee members or a Park Board member if you are interested in serving on the committee or know someone else that would be interested in helping.

Thank You!

The Park Board would like to thank Mark Perry for putting the finishing touches on his recent Eagle Scout project by placing a directional sign in the Woods area in the DWG Wildscape. We would also like to thank Brewer Johnson for building and installing a new Nature Trail sign at the entrance to the Wildscape. Gardens Park is a better place thanks to our many volunteers. Spring is on the way so plan to visit the park and enjoy the many activities and the natural beauty of Gardens Park.

The date and time for the next Park Board meeting are to be determined. Watch the city marquee for posted information

City Council News

The following items were approved and discussed at the February 15, 2007, City Council Meeting:

Departmental Reports and January financial Reports- approved

Minutes of the January 18, 2007 Council meeting- approved

Interlocal Agreement with the City of Arlington for automated signal enforcement- tabled

Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Pantego for automated signal enforcement-approved

Purchase of School Zone Flasher Equipment- tabled

Garden Town Center, Amended Plan Development-tabled

Global Software Support Agreement- approved

Supplemental Backup Sewage Coverage-approved

Schedule Mid-Year Budget Workshop- set date for March 22, 2007 @ 6:00pm

Consulting Engineering Services-approved

Joint Election Agreement & Contract for Election Services with Tarrant County-tabled

Minimum Property Standards-approved

Plans & Specifications for Park Improvements- approved

City News

We would like to recognize Cpl. Dennis Gotcher who was commended by JPS Hospital in the matter of providing aid to the staff in the emergency room when a patient attempted to strike a nurse and a doctor. Cpl. Gotcher was able to subdue the patient in a way that not only protected the hospital staff but also the patient. Thank you Cpl. Gotcher, you have made us proud.

We would also like to recognize Krysten Jeter as she has passed her 2nd Course of the Texas Municipal City Secretary Certification Program. Way to go, Krysten, we are proud of you.

DPS News

Dalworthington Gardens DPS would like to thank our citizens and visitors during the first Wave of the 2007 STEP Wave for driving safely, buckling up, and for not drinking and driving. The next STEP Wave will begin March 10.

Water Conservation Tips

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

- Turn off the water while shaving or brushing your teeth.
- Make sure your house is leak free. If all of your faucets are turned off and your water meter is still moving, you most likely have a leak somewhere.
- 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

Bill Huens Electrical Service- 2136 Corzine

Ditto Kiddo- 2512 Pioneer Pkwy.

Custom Craft Golf- 2906 Pioneer Pkwy.

Baskets & Quilts by Bless- 2218 S. Bowen, suite A

Grand Nails- 2510 Pioneer Pkwy.

March Meeting Dates

Zoning Board of Adjustments- March 5, 2007, 7:00pm

Planning and Zoning- March 6, 2007, 7:00pm

Park Board- To be announced, watch the city marquee

City Council Meeting- March 8, 2007, 7:00pm

City Council Mid-year Budget Review- March 22, 2007, 6:00pm

An anonymous citizen wrote a letter to City Hall and we thought he deserved a thank you so we are including his letter in regards to our city.

“Well, I went walking today. A lot of us go walking in Dalworthington Gardens. There are other walkers to say hello to, there are trees, horses, and friendly people in cars and pickup trucks who usually wave. It is a really fine community to walk in. Today I decided to do something about the roadside debris I had been passing as I walked, so I took a trash bag with me. The farther I walked the more I noticed, and the more I noticed, the more I found myself bending over and picking it up. I should have stretched my hamstrings for this walk. I had completed less than half of my usual distance when my trash bag was getting full, so I cut my walk short and started home. When I got back to the house I had been walking and bending and picking up for under half an hour, and I was carrying an 11 and a half pound very full trash bag. Pretty good exercise. Now, I don’t

expect to fill a 33 gallon trash bag on every walk, so tomorrow I am going to take a brown paper lunch sack and just pick up cigarette butts. Maybe bottle caps will be next or only blue beer cans. If all of us walkers took a brown paper sack on every walk we could have a pretty clean neighborhood. Wear gloves. See you on the road.”