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DWG 1936-2011 "and Growing"

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Mayor's Message

After such a brutally cold winter, many of you may have seen a rise in electric usage, as well as in your bill. Gexa has come up with an offer for the City of Dalworthington Gardens and our residents. If you are interested in the Gexa promotion, you may go to the following link:

https://www.gexaenergy.com/OEF/New_Switch.aspx?ExtPmo=CDWGFF&Ovr=f

If you happen to go through the main Gexa website homepage then you would just enter the zip code and the promo code CDWGFF. The rates vary by zip code but right now the rates for zip codes in Dalworthington Gardens are considerably lower. Flyers for this promotion can be picked up at the water window at city hall or you can also find it on the city website, www.cityofdwg.net, click on the "city hall" tab and then "utility services", links to the above website as well as the flyer are located at the bottom of the page.

****The City is not endorsing this promotion, simply passing along the information that was provided for our citizens by Gexa.



City of Dalworthington
Gardens, Tx Newsletter,
February 2011
DWG 75th Celebration
Schools

Schools and how they have emerged from our beginning in 1936 is an interesting story.

We have to put ourselves back to the time DWG was formed and realize the distances and lack of development around us at that time. Arlington had a population under two thousand and had two elementary schools and a high school. Their boundaries barely stretched over two miles from the old downtown area. Outside that boundary was all rural with farms and a few areas that had streets with gravel roads. Rural children would attend a Common School that served children that lived on those farms. In the Arlington area Pantego had a school on the northeast corner of Bowen Rd and West Park Row. They would take students who lived north of Arkansas Lane. Johnson Station had an elementary school at the northeast corner of Hwy 157 and Mayfield Rd. It was next to the cemetery at that location and dated back to the Stage Coach stop that was located on Mayfield Rd, just to the east of the cemetery on the south side of Mayfield. That school served the remaining area of DWG and other areas east of Hwy 157.

These Common Schools at the time were governed by their own Board of Citizens and funded by local taxes and state money. The grades would usually go one through eight, sometimes with one, two or three teachers responsible for those students. After completing those grades, students would attend High School in the Arlington ISD. There were five Common School Districts and all were eventually taken over by Arlington after the 1948 Gilmer Aikens school finance reform law. Others were Watson School on Watson Rd, currently known as 360 in east Arlington. Little School at Pleasant Ridge and Little Road joined the Ft. Worth School District and later was released to the Arlington ISD after Lake Arlington was built in 1956 blocking the route to the Handley community where the High School was located. That took several years to negotiate but was finally accomplished in the early 1960's. The other small Common School was located north and east of I20 near Lamar Blvd. Another cemetery is located near that old school site.

Things began to change around the time DWG became a city with its own charter and elected officials. Arlington ISD was adding campuses and the population was beginning to fill in the old boundaries. Elementary schools were being built, Common Schools were absorbed and the grades were filling up with students. Schools had first through sixth for the Elementary schools and many teachers were needed for each grade. Junior High Schools also were needed to relieve the size of the High Schools. By the late 1960's DWG was getting its own Elementary School when Key was opened. All children in DWG would be able to attend Key at the time with boundary changes occurring as populations changed.

Notes by Billy Bob Burdette

February Council News

The following items were approved and discussed at the February 17, 2011, City Council Meeting:

- Departmental & January financial reports - **approved**
- Minutes of the January 20, 2011 City Council meeting - **approved with corrections**
- Policy renewal for employee health benefits - **approved**
- Service Agreement for Lab Services with the City of Ft. Worth - **approved**
- National Insurance Crime Bureau Lease Agreement - **approved**

Water Conservation Tips & Facts

- Designate one glass for your drinking water each day. This will cut down on the number of times you run your dishwasher.
- Don't use running water to thaw food.
- If you accidentally drop ice cubes when filling your glass from the freezer, don't throw them in the sink. Drop them in a house plant instead.

DPS News

The next STEP Wave enforcement period will begin March 12, 2011. Remember to Watch Your Speed, Buckle Up (even in the back seat) and Don't Drink & Drive. Your efforts make our city streets safer.

Pay your water bill online

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.

REMINDER:

No watering from 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. except for hand watering and the use of soaker hoses, this is year round. Residents with sprinkler and irrigation systems found watering during these hours will be fined. There is an exemption for sodding, but the exemption must be applied for and approved by the city. It is unlawful for any person to irrigate, water, or cause or permit the irrigation or watering of any lawn or landscape between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

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March Meeting Dates

Zoning Board of Adjustments	Mar. 7, 2011, 7:00 pm
Planning and Zoning Commission	Mar. 8, 2011, 7:00 pm
City Council Meeting	Mar. 17, 2011, 7:00 pm
DWG Historical Committee	Mar. 23, 2011, 7:00 pm

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