

Mayor's message

It was another busy year for the City of Dalworthington Gardens. City Staff worked very hard over the last year to ensure quality services for our citizens. We are looking forward to a new year of continued improvements to our streets, water system, park, fleet, and city facilities and equipment. We wish you and your family a safe and prosperous new year.

CONGRATULATIONS to John King, who was awarded the 2005 DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD, we appreciate his efforts and all our other volunteers, your efforts are truly appreciated.

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE: THIS IS YOUR BOND MONEY AT WORK. STREET CONSTRUCTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE WILL INCLUDE, TWIN SPRINGS DRIVE, TWIN LAKES COURT, SIEBER, KATHERINE COURT, AND ELKINS DRIVE. WE DO NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC DATE FOR THESE IMPROVEMENTS AT THIS TIME. IF YOU HAVE ANY INCONVENIENCE OR QUESTIONS DURING THESE PROJECTS, PLEASE CALL ME AT HOME.

Park Board News-

Thanks to George Rodriguez and our other volunteers for their help with the trout stocking at Pappy Elkins Lake.

Make sure to check out the information flyer in this newsletter for our new volunteer program: **Gardens Gals & Pappy's Pals**. We are in special need at this time for a volunteer that is handy with tools to perform periodic repairs on our trash can enclosures in the park.

The Park Board is currently searching for volunteers for the 2006 Garden's Gathering Steering Committee. We have several positions open at this time. Please contact city staff or a park board member if you are interested.

Drainage improvements will soon be under way for the soccer field area and the portion of Elkins Drive that crosses over the water flow into Pappy Elkins Lake. Included in this project are culvert extensions that will aid in the completion of the perimeter sidewalk around the recreation area of Gardens Park as defined in the 10-year park plan.

The park board has forwarded recommendations to the council for playground improvements at the Stevenson Playground.

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

City Council News

The following items were approved and discussed at the January 19, 2006 Council Meeting:

Departmental Reports and December Financial Reports- approved
Minutes of the December 8, 2005 Council meeting- approved
Employee Insurance & Health Savings Account – tabled
City Employee Direct Deposit Resolution- tabled
Agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank for Procurement Cards- tabled
Order of General Election for two Aldermen and Mayor, Saturday May 13, 2006- approved
Motor vehicle lease for school truancy program-approved
Acceptance of Gardens Addition, Phase II- approved
Authorize TNP to prepare plan specifications for the repair of the 10” Sanitary
Sewer Line between Bowen Rd. and Roosevelt Dr.- approved
Resolution concerning action on Park Board Playground Report- approved

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.

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

Allow one faucet to drip slightly, preferably the faucet from the water connection to your home.

Check foundation of home and fill any cracks or crevices and air holes that may allow cold air to penetrate where the water pipes enter the house.

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.

February Meeting Dates

Zoning Board of Adjustments- February 6, 2006, 7:00pm

Planning and Zoning- February 7, 2006, 7:00pm

Park Board- February 9, 2006, 7:00pm

City Council- February 16, 2006, 7:00pm