

GARDEN'S GAZETTE

July Newsletter
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Mayor's message

I am proud to announce that City Council approved a health insurance plan for the city employees at the July council meeting. I would like to commend the citizens that attended the meeting and spoke strongly in favor of this issue. I would also like to thank all of our citizens who attended the Town Hall meeting in June, concerning the potential Oil and Gas drilling in the city. I hope all your concerns were resolved and questions answered. I have posted some of the information on the city website, cityofdwyer.net. The overall opinion stated by the citizens in attendance was in favor of a drilling ordinance. There will be more meetings and discussions over this matter. I look forward to your participation and hope you will continue to voice your opinions at the future meetings.

Mayor Tedder

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE: If you walk through or drive past the park, you will notice that construction has been done to increase the lake. This is part of the 10-year park plan.

Park Board News-

Work continues on the pond and other drainage areas in the park. Also, the "recreational trails" grant application submitted to Texas Parks and Wildlife should be reviewed in August. If received, the grant funding and our recent drainage improvements will allow us to begin building the perimeter sidewalk as defined in the 10-year plan. Keep your fingers crossed.

The Park Board is still searching for an individual that may have saved a copy of the information sheets that were available in the Nature Trail/birdhouse #1 box a few years ago. If you have a copy, please forward it to a Park Board member.

We would like to know what the initial thoughts were behind the nature trail stations.

The next regular park board meeting is Thursday, August 10, 2006, 7:00PM in the council chambers at city hall. Come join us as we work together to improve our park.

City Council News

The following items were approved and discussed at the July 20th City Council Meeting:

Departmental Reports and June financial Reports- approved

Minutes of the June 15, 2006 Council meeting- approved

Minutes of the June 28, 2006 Town Hall meeting- approved

Agreement for Wireless services- approved

Extension of contract with JLB to repair Hemingsford Ct.- approved

Initiation of ordinance amendments to regulate exploration and production of oil, gas, and other minerals- approved

Nominations and appointments to:

Zoning Board of Adjustments(alternates)- Philip Szureck, Jim Fallon

Park and Recreation Facilities Development Corporation- Cathy Stein, David Hudson, and Ken Kiser

Proposals for Employee Insurance & Health Savings Account- approved

Calling all DWG Crafters and Artists

This year's Gardens' Gathering will again feature an Arts and Crafts Show. This will be a friendly, non-competitive display to showcase the variety of talent in our city. It is open to anyone who lives, works or goes to school in DWG- young or old, professional artist or weekend crafter, male or female. Painting, needlework, pottery, metalwork, jewelry, crochet, knitting, woodworking, quilting, wearable art, or whatever your special creative talent is welcome.

Please let us know that you want to participate so that we can prepare adequate display space for your creations. Pick up a registration form in the foyer at City Hall. Completed forms should be returned to Christine at the water window. For more information, contact Tracy Dodson @ tracydodson@sbcglobal.net or 817-861-8022.

Neighborhood News

It is time to mark your calendar for Sunday, October 1, from 2:30 till 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy time with your family, friends, and neighbors as we celebrate the theme of this year's Gardens' Gathering, "**Happy to be in DWG**".

You can be an active part of this year's event through the Neighborhood Activity Program. (Check out the "Neighborhood" map at City Hall) More than half of the "Neighborhoods" have already signed up to sponsor an activity. All you have to do is:

1. Make sure that your "Neighborhood" has a coordinator
2. Decide on an idea for your "Neighborhood" to sponsor. (We have lots of ideas and suggestions)
3. Let your "Neighborhood" know what your activity will be and how they can help.
4. Come to the 2006 Gardens' Gathering on Sunday, October 1 and have a great time with your "Neighborhood" and community.

Would you like to help, but are not sure how? Call Mary Webster at 817-460-6901, for more information and suggestions. Don't be left out! Show that you are "**Happy to be in DWG**" by sponsoring a "Neighborhood" activity. Let's make this year's event bigger and better than ever.

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. The Dalworthington Gardens DPS would like to remind everyone to BUCKLE UP. In association with the Texas Department of Transportation, the next "Click It or Ticket" campaign will begin in August. Please remember to BUCKLE UP, it's the law.

Crossing Guards Needed

The DPS is taking applications for Crossing Guards at Key Elementary; there is one position to be filled. Please contact the Dalworthington Gardens DPS dispatch for details or you can call and ask for Samantha @ 817-275-1234.

NEW WATER RESTRICTIONS

The following provisions have been adopted by ordinance in accordance with Dalworthington Garden's Wholesale Water Contract with the City of Ft. Worth:

Prohibition on outdoor watering from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 1 to September 30, except with a hand-held hose or soaker hose.

New non-residential irrigation systems installed on or after June 1, 2006 must include rain and freeze sensors.

Existing non-residential irrigation systems must include rain and freeze by June 1, 2007.

Non-residential irrigation systems installed must have the rain and freeze sensors inspected annually.

New residential irrigation systems installed on or after June 1, 2007 must include rain and freeze sensors.

Copies of this ordinance are available at City Hall.

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 to use if you water your lawn:

New measures aimed at inefficient water use practices will impact how residents and businesses irrigate their landscapes. Watering during the heat of the day or while it is raining are examples of insufficient water use. Dalworthington Gardens has joined other cities in the metroplex in enacting time of day watering restrictions as well as certain requirements for in-ground irrigation systems.

Using water as efficiently as possible is critical. We need to make our existing water supplies last as long as possible for several reasons.

Cost is one reason. New supplies are going to be very expensive.

Another reason is we don't know how long the current drought will last.

While we do not anticipate reaching the triggers for stringent water use restrictions this summer, we could reach them next year. Efficient water use now can delay when and if we get to that trigger.

Fort Worth, DWG's water supplier, is the fastest growing large city in the country. The existing water supplies are projected to last for another 24 years. If this rapid growth continues, it will be less than that. The regional water plan projects a doubling of our areas population by 2060.

Obtaining new water supplies is very difficult. One thing we'll have to prove is we are using our current water as efficiently as possible.

The key things you need to remember are:

- NO outdoor watering from 10am-6pm June 1- September 30, except by hand or a soaker hose
- Maintain your sprinkler system. Repair any broken, missing, or misdirected sprinkler heads.
- Don't let your sprinklers water driveways, sidewalks, and streets.
- Don't waste water by allowing runoff onto a street or other drainage area.
- Don't water during any form of precipitation.
- Violating these guidelines can result in fines of up to \$2,000 per incident. A warning will be issued for the first offense.
- Report violators to 817-274-7368.

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

Napa Auto Parts- 2621 Pioneer Pkwy.

Secure Shred Inc.- 2805 W. Arkansas, suite 304

West Mail- 2880 W. Pioneer Pkwy., suite C-F

Arrow Appliance- 2887 W. Pioneer Pkwy., suite D-F

Universal Land and Title of North Texas- 2700 W. Arkansas Ln.

English Realty- 2100 Roosevelt Dr., suite D

Best Exterior Designs, Inc.- 2805 W. Arkansas Ln., suite 203 & 204

August Meeting Dates

Planning and Zoning- August 1, 2006, 7:00pm

Zoning Board of Adjustments- August 7, 2006, 7:00pm

Park Board- August 10, 2006, 7:00pm

City Council Meeting- August 17, 2006, 7:00pm