

GARDEN'S GAZETTE

June Newsletter

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Mayor's message

There will be a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at 7:00PM at City Hall, concerning potential Oil and Gas drilling in the city. I hope you will all attend and get involved in this discussion. This is an opportunity for Citizens to ask questions, get answers and find out what lies ahead for our city. I look forward to your participation and hope you will find this meeting very informative.

Mayor Tedder

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE: THIS IS YOUR BOND MONEY AT WORK. STREET CONSTRUCTION AT THE MOMENT INCLUDE THE SOUTH SIDE OF ELKINS DRIVE BRIDGE AND THE SOCCER FIELD ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE PARK. IF YOU HAVE ANY INCONVENIENCE OR QUESTIONS DURING THESE PROJECTS, PLEASE CALL ME AT HOME.

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 at tracydodson@sbcglobal.net or 817-861-8022.

Park Board News-

Wow! Have you seen the new additions to the Stevenson Playground?

Thank you to our mayor and city council, Mayor Taub, the park board, playground committee (Cathy Stein and Tina Hall), and city staff for pulling off this huge task. Thank you to the Stevenson family for the donation that started the ball rolling years ago and for their continued support for improving Gardens

Park. The park board would like to thank the following individuals for their recent work in Gardens Park. All of these individuals worked long and hard spreading chips around the equipment in the fall areas of Stevenson Playground.

Kathy Blass, Jimmy Blass, JJ Blass, Sam McAllister, and James McAllister (Boy Scout Troop 286)

Daniel Fryman (Congressional Service Award)

Blake Rodgers

Kathy Price and Cathy & Richard Stein

Public Works staff (Eddie and Barney)

THANK YOU to all of our volunteers! Stroll through the park and enjoy the work of these volunteers. Be sure to take a walk in the DWG Wildscape. We have two benches in the Woods area for resting and enjoying the beautiful view. These benches are the result of a recent Eagle Scout project. If you haven't ventured into the Wildscape lately, please do. You'll notice drainage and other trail improvements completed by Eagle Scouts and other volunteers.

A "recreational trails" grant application has been submitted to Texas Parks and Wildlife. If received the grant funding would allow us to begin building the perimeter sidewalk as defined in the 10-year plan. Keep your fingers crossed. Special thanks to the park board grants committee (Jeannine Calhoun and Stacy Tedder) for their hard work and dedication to completing the application process.

The Park Board is still hopeful that an individual 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 behind the nature trail stations were.

The next regular park board meeting is Thursday, July 13, 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 May 18, 2006 Council Meeting:

Departmental Reports and May Financial Reports- approved

Minutes of the May 18, 2006 Council meeting- approved

Minutes of the May 30, 2006 Council worksession- approved

Nomination, Election, and Qualification of Mayor Pro Tem- Guy Snodgrass

Nominations and appointments to boards, commissions and city offices:

Planning and Zoning- Ed Motley and Steve Crudup

Park Board- Kathy Price and Cathy Stein

Zoning Board of Adjustments- Ken Kiser and Seth Tibbits

Eagle Scout Project- approved

Agreement for wireless network services- approved

Request for special use permit for water well- approved

Water Conservation Ordinance- approved

Agreement with Tarrant County for the collection of taxes- approved

Appointment of Voting Member for the Water System Advisory Committee-

Melinda Brittain

Adoption of 2006 International Building Code, 2006 International Fire Code, 2006 International Residential Code-approved
Action on Atmos Energy Statement of Intent to increase gas utility rates- Denied
Naming of a U.S. Navy Ship the *USS Fort Worth*- approved
Eagle Scout Project- approved
Food Service for Gardens Gathering- approved
Employee Insurance & Health Savings Account request for RFP- approved

Neighborhood News

Are you “Happy to be in DWG”? Well, we are and we want to meet you! Meet us at the Gardens’ Gathering- October 1st from 2:30-6:30PM. We’ve divided our city into neighborhood zones. Come down to City Hall and look at our map in the foyer near the water window. We need you as a neighborhood coordinator to get your neighborhood involved. We’d love to have all of our zones represented. Guess What? Some of them already are. Don’t let your neighborhood be left out of the fun.

Here are some neighborhood activity ideas: face painting, spinning wheel, pumpkin decorating, scavenger hunt, marble shooting, rent a bounce house, or other inflatable, peel and stick tattoos, treasure search in sand, etc. It’s easy and a great way to get to know other people who are “Happy to be in DWG”. The idea is to have fun and get together. Want to know more? Want to reserve your activity before someone else does? I’d love to hear from you! Contact Mary Webster at 817-460-6901 or email at marywebster50@yahoo.com

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 thank everyone for remembering to BUCKLE UP, in association with the Texas Department of Transportation “Click It or Ticket” campaign May 22, 2006-June 4, 2006, the campaign was a success.

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>.

Gardens' Gathering Entertainment Notes

Musical entertainment will be provided throughout the afternoon. This will include a street dance with musical inspiration provided by The Geezers.

Are you curious about some of the history, including early settlers and current extended families, of The Gardens? Our Family Connections/History display should shed some light. Remember, if you can help us fill in the pieces, pick up a form in the foyer at City Hall or contact Tracy Dodson at tracydodson@sbcglobal.net or 817-861-8022.

Mark your calendar for the afternoon of Sunday, October 1, for this fun family event.

Water Tips

Fixing leaky faucets and plumbing joints saves 20 gallons per day of every leak stopped.

Adjust your sprinklers so that water lands on your lawn or garden where it belongs—and only there, this saves 500 gallons per month.

Telling your children not to play with the water hose saves 10 gallons per minute.

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

S3- 3100 W. Arkansas Ln., suite F

Grand Nails- 2510 Pioneer Pkwy.

Mad Science of Tarrant County- 2880 W. Pioneer Pkwy, suite E

Reyes Remodeling LLE- 2137 Corzine

Composite Strategies- 2620 W. Pioneer Pkwy, B-2 or 102-B

Fitzhugh Enterprises- 2805 W. Arkansas Ln., suite 103

Coronado Construction- 2880 W. Pioneer Pkwy., suite F

Amphenol TCS- 2102 Roosevelt, suite H

Habitat Appraisal- 2104 Roosevelt, suite H

Stay In Touch Mail- 2300 Michigan Ct.

July Meeting Dates

Planning and Zoning- July 11, 2006, 7:00pm

Park Board- July 13, 2006, 7:00pm

City Council Meeting- July 20, 2006, 7:00pm