

Mayor's message

I encourage the citizens of Dalworthington Gardens to vote on May 13, 2006 or during the early voting period. Only by exercising your right and privilege to vote will you be able to truly participate in the democratic process. For your convenience, here is a list of important dates and the Early Voting schedule:

March 13, 2006- Last day for candidates to file for inclusion on ballot.

March 20, 2006-Draw for order of names on ballot.

March 21, 2006- Last day for candidate to withdraw.

March 24-June 22, 2006- Mandatory office hours begin.

May 1, 2006- Early voting commences.

May 5, 2006- Last day to receive application to vote by mail.

May 9, 2006- Last day for early voting in person.

May 13, 2006- Election Day.

Early Voting Schedule

May 1-5, 2006	Monday-Friday	8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.
May 6, 2006	Saturday	7:00a.m. - 7:00p.m.
May 7, 2006	Sunday	11:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
May 8-9, 2006	Monday-Tuesday	7:00a.m. - 7:00p.m.

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE: THIS IS YOUR BOND MONEY AT WORK. STREET CONSTRUCTION AT THE MOMENT INCLUDES 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.

Park Board News-

Garden's Gals and 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. Contact city staff or a park board member to volunteer. The park board encourages all citizens and businesses to get involved in our volunteer program. More information is available through the city administrator's office or a park board member.

The Park Board is still searching for volunteers for the **2006 Garden's Gathering Steering Committee**. The committee will meet after the AISD spring break, Thursday March 23 @ 7:00pm in the City Court Room. Please contact city staff or a park board member if you are interested.

The culvert work under Elkins Drive and the soccer field are progressing. The park board is currently gathering information for the other drainage improvements and possible grant funding to further the perimeter sidewalk project around the recreation area of Gardens Park.

Council has approved playground improvements at the Stevenson Playground at Garden's Park. Watch as we progress on this project.

The next regular park board meeting is Thursday, April 13, 2006, 7:00pm at city hall. The first Garden's Gathering Steering Committee will be on Thursday March 23, 2006 at 7:00pm in the Court Room.

City Council News

The following items were approved and discussed at the March 9, 2006 Council Meeting:

Departmental Reports and February Financial Reports- approved

Minutes of the February 16, 2006 Council meeting- approved

Cancel March 16, 2006 meeting- approved

Proposed Zoning Change from "SF1" to "GH"- denied

Authorize Teague, Nall, & Perkins to prepare specifications concerning drainage on Texas Dr.- approved

Joint Election Agreement for Tarrant County and Dalworthington Gardens- approved

FEMA Community Partner Memorandum of Agreement- approved

Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Department of Public Safety- approved

Street Cut Permit: 2701 Katherine Court- approved

Agreement with Tarrant County to excavate a water retention pond in Elkins Park- approved

Employee Insurance & Health Savings Account – tabled

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.

Mark your calendars, Day With the Law is scheduled for June 10th, more information to follow.

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

Never pour grease or oil down a drain. You will clog your drain or waste a great deal of water trying to get the grease down your pipes.

Use a soaker hose or drip irrigation for shrubs, trees, and plantings. Soaker hoses and drip irrigation put the water into the soil instead of on the leaves and in the air.

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.

April Meeting Dates

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

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