

# **GARDEN'S GAZETTE**

## **May Newsletter**

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### ***Mayor's Message***

I would like to remind our citizens to get out and vote on June 14, 2008 or during the early voting period. For your convenience, the Early Voting schedule is listed below.

#### **Early Voting Schedule**

DWG City Hall will be an Early Voting location in the June 14, 2008 General Runoff Election. DWG residents may vote early at DWG City Hall on the following dates:

June 2-6	Monday- Friday	8:00am-5:00pm
June 7	Saturday	7:00am-7:00pm
June 8	Sunday	11:00am-4:00pm
June 9 & 10	Monday –Tuesday	7:00am-7:00pm

Saturday, June 14 is Runoff Election Day 7:00am-7:00pm

#### **City Council News**

The following items were approved and discussed at the May 15, 2008, City Council Meeting:

Minutes of April 17, 2008 meeting- **approved**

Departmental Reports & April financial reports- **approved**

Paving, grading, drainage, water and sewer improvements to serve Lot 6 of the Gardens Town Center- **approved**

**City Clean Up Day- Set for June 21, 2008**

Amendment to Title 17 zoning ordinance to include funeral homes as an allowable use in B3 districts- **rejected**

#### **Park Board News**

##### **Texas Parks & Wildlife Grant**

The park board is currently revising the 10-year park plan to reflect the current status of park improvements. The board has also identified several high priority projects and continues to try to find ways to implement these projects.

One of these ways is through matching grants. The council has approved the engagement of a grant writer to pursue a Texas Parks & Wildlife small community grant in January 2009.

##### **Wildflowers in the Park**

The wildflowers continue to bloom from the seed that was scattered on last year's hayride at the Gardens' Gathering. Take a stroll through the Wildscape and enjoy the wildflowers while they last.

##### **Time to go...**

As park board chair for the past five years I have enjoyed working with the park board members, city staff, mayor and city council. I have watched the park change and while we have come a long way there is still a long way to go. I am stepping down from the board but I wish the board well and I'll be watching for more great things to come. If you or anyone you know is interested in serving on the park board and working to improve Gardens Park, please submit your name to city staff at the DWG city hall. Thanks for the opportunity to serve on the DWG Park Board.

Kathy Price

The next park board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM

### **New Business- TheBank, opening May 27**

Billy W. Allen and Cathy S. Allen, long time DWG residents, along with another long time DWG resident, Donna Teaff, will open the FIRST bank in DWG. TheBank was chartered in 2006 with 132 shareholders, [most of whom are local investors](#). Jim Tipton, Jamie Greene, and Cherie Moore also join the officer staff and collectively have over 100 years' experience in local banks.

TheBank is built on the philosophy that banking should be a business with local people and local ownership, where the profits stay local and invests back to the community. TheBank has a commitment to smile, know your name, be efficient, shake your hand, offer you a cup of coffee or just sit down and listen. It should be a place where you and your family, and generations to come, have a place to enjoy walking in the door and [being proud to say, "I bank at TheBank."](#)

TheBank is a 7200 sq.ft. rock building with a metal roof and includes 2 courtyards, a coffee bar, and a coin counter. It will have 3 drive-thru lanes and a drive-thru ATM. TheBank offers online banking with bill pay and Free Checking, with the first order of bank stock checks free. The offices are [positioned at an angle](#), where you can see the officers and they can see the customer.

TheBank was designed by Bill and Cathy Allen so that it has a "garden feel" with soft lighting in the cupolas, fountains, [and vines growing over courtyards](#). The Allen's want to invite all DWG [residents and businesses](#) to visit TheBank and support Dalworthington Gardens' FIRST and ONLY Bank.

### **NOTICE: UPDATED WATER CONSERVATION IS NOW YEAR-ROUND, NOT SEASONAL**

Except for hand watering and the use of soaker hoses, a person commits an offense if that person irrigates, waters or causes or permits the irrigation or watering of any lawn or landscape located on premises owned, leased or managed by that person between the hours of **10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

That violation of the provisions of this ordinance by failure to comply with any of its requirements (including violations of conditions and safeguards established in connection with conditions) shall constitute a misdemeanor; and, that any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be punished in accordance with the provisions of Section 1.1.26 of the City Code: By a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars. For each day that a violation shall continue or be permitted to exist, there shall be deemed a separate violation. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the City from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

### **DPS News**

Dalworthington Gardens DPS would like to remind everyone to drive safely, buckle up, and don't drink and drive. The next STEP Wave is May 19- June 1, 2008!

### **June Meeting Dates**

Zoning Board of Adjustments- June 2, 2008, 7:00 pm

Planning and Zoning- June 3, 2008, 7:00 pm

City Council Meeting- June 19, 2008, 7:00 pm

Park Board- June 24, 7:30pm

**Get your Raffle Ticket!!!! 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Day with the Law Raffle**

How would you like to win an acoustic guitar autographed by Toby Keith & Ted Nugent? You could win it at this year's 16th Annual Day with the Law and you don't have to be present to win!

Come by City Hall to purchase your \$5.00 raffle ticket! Proceeds will benefit Chaplain Wes McDuffie, President of the International Conference of Police Chaplains. See event details below.

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Day with the Law- Celebrating 20 years of DPS service**

**When: Saturday, May 31, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Where: Elkins Park, 2600 Roosevelt Drive**

You are invited to a day of fun, food and games where you can see all types of emergency equipment up close, including fire apparatus, air units, PHI Air medical, Careflight, police cars, D.A.R.E. cars, K-9 units, police bicycles, police motorcycles, beat the heat cars and specialized units. FREE hot dogs, soft drinks, activities for the kids and bounce houses. Bring your family and friends, anyone is welcome. We hope to see you there!!