

GARDEN'S GAZETTE

November Newsletter

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Mayor's message

As the holiday season is now upon us, I want to remind everyone that there will be traveling, shopping and lots of traffic on the streets; please be safe and courteous of others during this busy time of year.

I would also like to encourage everyone to be cautious of our surroundings and of our neighborhoods. Here are a few tips to keep your family safe:

Be Vigilant, Know your environment when out and about, and know your neighbors. What seems suspicious to you will also look suspicious to our DPS. Call 911!

Lock your car, your house, and keep your garage door down.

Consider an alarm system monitored by the City for free.

When leaving items in your car, do not leave them in plain site, cover items up, or place them under the seat or in the trunk.

Timers and security lights at home also help.

If you are leaving town, place your home on close patrol with the DPS.

Remember bad guys look for soft targets. Do not make it easy for them; help your neighbor keep an eye on things.

The "Veterans Park Memorial" in Veteran's Park on West Arkansas Lane will begin taking shape soon. This memorial is a tribute to our veterans, their wives and families; especially those who have given their lives for our country. The citizens of Dalworthington Gardens, Pantego, and Arlington will be the only participants in this memorial. We invite you to contact Mr. Jim Persons with the Arlington Veterans Park Foundation if you would like to recognize a family member or pay tribute to a loved one through this memorial. To find out more about the details of this, please call Mr. Persons at 817-429-1305. Take a look at the phases of the project at www.arlingtonveterans.org

Mayor Tedder

Park Board News-

Sidewalk Plans (10-year park plan)

The grant agreement has been signed by the city and forwarded to Texas Parks and Wildlife. As soon as the agreement is returned to the city work can begin on the sidewalk.

The next regular park board meeting previously scheduled for Thursday, December 14, at 7:00pm will be rescheduled to a date and time to be determined.

City Council News

The following items were approved and discussed at the November 16, 2006 City Council Meeting:

Departmental Reports and October financial Reports-approved

Minutes of the October 19, 2006 Council meeting-approved

Ordinance regulating exploration and production of oil, gas, and other minerals-approved

Ordinance regarding TMRS and COLA- approved

Proposal for traffic light system- approved

Participation in the Arlington Veterans Memorial Fund- approved

Appointment of Deputy City Secretary- approved

Amendment of Chapter 16.2 regarding impact fees- approved

Alternative Council meeting date for December, set for December 14- approved

Inmate Telecommunications Vending Services Agreement- approved

DPS News

As the holidays approach, we need to be more aware about our surroundings. As you are out shopping, know that you can reduce your chances of being a victim with a purposeful presence. Simply walking confident and with purpose will deter some criminals. Before you get out of your car, review your surroundings and as you leave the store review your surroundings again. While at home, especially during the day, we need your help being watchful of suspicious vehicles and persons. Remember, if you think it's suspicious, it is SUSPICIOUS! Call 911, and let us take a look.

Dalworthington Gardens DPS would like to remind our citizens and visitors that the first Wave of the 2007 STEP Wave will begin December 22, 2006- January 2, 2007. Remember to Buckle Up, Watch your Speed, and if you are going to drink, Drink Responsibly! One of the leading killers of young people in Texas is DWI. Under age drinking is a large issue in our metropolitan area. In 2005, over 1,600 deaths were contributed to DWI in Texas, and over 17,000 nationwide. **Again, please don't drink and drive, and remember friends don't let friends drink and drive.** We have a zero tolerance for alcohol and drug violations.

Water Conservation Tips

As colder temperatures begin to arrive in our areas, here are some tips to follow:

- Make sure all pipes outside the house are wrapped
- Check to be sure outside faucet washers are secure
- Keep the lid on the meter box so your meter won't freeze

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

Michael Pettke, CPA, 2315-A Roosevelt Dr.

Kiner Speech Services, 2104 Roosevelt Dr., suite K

Blaize Plumbing, 2145 Corzine Dr.

Prolom Satellite Corp., 2238 Michigan Ave., suite E

Assocation of Marketing & Communication Prof., 2214 Michigan Ave.

December Meeting Dates

Planning and Zoning- December 5, 2006, 7:00pm

Zoning Board of Adjustments- December 4, 2006, 7:00pm

Park Board- To be determined, check the marquee or website for updates

City Council Meeting- December 14, 2006, 7:00pm

MEMO

**TO: The Citizens of Dalworthington
Gardens**

FROM: Mayor Michael Tedder

SUBJECT: SPECIAL VISITOR

The staff has informed me that SANTA CLAUS will once again visit the Gardens during the upcoming Holiday Season. SANTA will arrive in the Gardens on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2006. Chief Waybourn and his personnel from the DWG Department of Public Safety will escort SANTA as he tours the Gardens. SANTA'S motorcade will consist of police cars, motorcycles, and fire engines.

SANTA and his helpers will leave City Hall at 5:30PM. The motorcade will then make the following stops:

Ambassador Row
Gazebo, South Side of Elkins Park
Sieber at Wooded Creek
Key Elementary, South Parking Lot
Twin Springs at Twin Lakes
Hemingsford Court
Ashworth Home Place
Enchanted gardens

It is expected that SANTA will reach Enchanted Gardens between 8:00 and 8:30 PM. If a special situation exists at your house, special arrangements can be made by contacting Captain Bob Fisher at 817.275.1234.

SANTA'S yearly visit to the Gardens has always been a very special night. I look forward to seeing you all as SANTA delivers his usual treats and holiday cheer.

On behalf of the entire staff of Dalworthington Gardens, I would like to wish you and yours a most happy Holiday Season and a prosperous and rewarding New Year.

Sincerely,

Mayor Michael Tedder