

GARDEN'S GAZETTE

October Newsletter
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Mayor's message

I would like to thank everyone who joined us at the Gardens Gathering, The Steering Committee did a wonderful job, and I enjoyed getting to visit with so many of you. I would like to tell you about a very special project soon to begin just to the west of our city in Veteran's Park:

The "Veterans Park Memorial" in Veteran's Park on West Arkansas Lane. 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

Important Election News

The General and Special Joint Elections are November 7, 2006. Early voting will begin October 23-November 3, 2006. DWG will not be a voting location this year. However, you can go to

<http://www.tarrantcounty.com/eVote/site/default.asp> to view a list of dates and times and voting locations for this year's election. You can also take the new

voting machines for a test drive at www.votexas.org, this website will also give you a list of early polling locations.

Park Board News-

As of the October council meeting the park board was still waiting on word from the Texas Parks and Wildlife concerning the archaeological and environmental study for our proposed sidewalk area. We anticipate their approval by the end of October. The park board would like to thank Beth Crymes for her recent volunteer efforts in Gardens Park. Beth painted the water fountain base near the playground. If you haven't seen her artwork be sure to make your way to this area in the park. Thanks Beth!

The park board would also like to thank the Gardens' Gathering Steering Committee for their outstanding job with this year's event. Cathy Stein chaired the committee with the following members: Theresa Wilson, Judy Morris, Donna Peck, Tracy Dodson, and Mary Webster. Thanks also to our wonderful city staff, our Mayor and council members, and our businesses and neighborhood groups for their help and their support. Once again, thanks to Bob Harvey for his now famous hayrides in the DWG Wildscape.

Many other volunteers helped make this event a success. The committee has already brainstormed additions to the event for next year. Let them know your thoughts if you haven't already done so. Thanks again EVERYONE!

The next regular park board meeting is Thursday, November 9, 2006, 8:00pm.

Gardens Gathering Wrap-up

On October 1, Gardens Park was filled with people who appeared "Happy to be in DWG". There were hayrides, food, music, crafts, information and activity booths. A big thanks goes out to everyone who participated in this year's Gathering.

An event such as the Gardens' Gathering is made possible through the hard work and dedication of many individuals. Please let the following people know that you appreciate their efforts if you see them. The Gardens' Gathering Steering Committee members were Cathy Stein, Theresa Wilson, Mary Webster, Donna Peck, Judy Morris and Tracy Dodson. Booths, entertainment and event preparation were provided by the DWG Park Board, Gardens' Gathering Steering Committee, DWG public works staff and DPS. Neighborhood booths were sponsored by Clover Lane, Enchanted Gardens, Sunset Drive, Burlwood/Whisperwood, Elkins/ Evie Ct./ Park Place Ct, Sunset Lake Estates, and Rushing Meadows. The following businesses supplied booths or made sure event goers would not go hungry or thirsty; Allstate Liljenberg Agency, Retro Boutique, Nite on the Towne, The Bank, Triple P, Prespa's Pizza and Pasta, Quick Stop and Narah Café. Musical entertainment was provided by the Arlington Community Band and the Geezers. A long time resident, Mr. Bob Harvey, provided the hayride. Other amenities were made possible by the generous donations of the following businesses; AutoGraph, Green's Produce, All Nations Seventh Day Adventist Church, McGaw Brothers' Automotive and Cowboy Towing.

Thanks again to everyone who helped put together this year's Gardens' Gathering and to all who came out and enjoyed a lovely, a bit warm, afternoon with us.

DWG T-shirts

If you didn't get by the Gardens' Gathering to purchase your 'Happy to Be in DWG' shirt, there are still a few left. White ladies T's are \$15 each, green T's are \$12 each. Pictures of these shirts will be on the city's web site. If you are interested in purchasing one, please see Christine at the water window. They will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

City Council News

The following items were approved and discussed at the October 19, 2006 City Council Meeting:

Departmental Reports and September financial Reports-APPROVED

Minutes of the September 21, 2006 Council meeting-APPROVED

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

Authorized city engineer to prepare specifications of elevated water storage tank and prepare the request for proposals of non-exclusive water storage tank use-APPROVED

Initiate review and make recommendation to amend Title 17 of the City Code to reference site plan approval for all commercial development- APPROVED

Ordinance regarding TMRS and COLA- TABLED

Review of proposal for traffic light system- TABLED

Eagle Scout Project for a grill in the park- APPROVED

Agreement between Tarrant County Hospital District and DWG- APPROVED

Agreements with City Peace Officers for motor vehicle use by the DPS-APPROVED

DPS News

Dalworthington Gardens DPS would like to thank our citizens and visitors for driving safely and obeying the traffic laws over the Labor Day holiday. The 2006 STEP Wave is now complete, thanks for being courteous and keeping us all safe. 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. We are also trying to update our contact information for businesses, please return your forms to dispatch at City Hall.

Halloween Safety Tips:

1. Remind kids not to enter strangers' homes or cars.
2. Set rules about not eating treats until kids get home. Be sure to inspect all treats before allowing kids to eat them.

3. Candy that has been open should be thrown away. Any homemade fruits or treats should be carefully inspected.
4. Remember drivers have a hard time seeing people, especially at dusk.
5. Never cross the street from between parked cars.
6. Watch open flames from jack-o-lanterns as they can catch costumes and long wigs on fire.
7. Make sure that fake knives, swords, and guns are made from cardboard or other flexible materials to avoid accidental injury or worse, have them mistaken for the real thing!

It is also important to ensure that your home is safe and accessible to trick-or-treaters. As adults there are some very simple things we can do to make the evening safe for everyone.

Turn on your porch light

Move lit jack-o-lanterns off the porch where kids get bunched up if they are trick-or-treating in groups.

Remove objects from your yard that might present a hazard.

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 @ 817-275-1234.

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.

- Water only what your plants need.

- Stop those sneaky leaks. Many hidden leaks allow water and your money to go down the drain. Studies have shown that homes can waste more than 10% due to leaks.
- Check faucets and hose connections for leaks. Repair or replace them when it's necessary. Inspect your pipes for pinhole leaks, leaking joints, etc.

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

Narah Café and Hooka Bar- 2896 Pioneer Pkwy.

Med-Associates, Inc.- 2805 W. Arkansas Ln., suite 304

Dress Hats and More- 2220 S. Bowen, suite B

November Meeting Dates

Planning and Zoning- November 7, 2006, 7:00pm

Zoning Board of Adjustments- November 6, 2006, 7:00pm

Park Board- November 9, 2006, 7:00pm

City Council Meeting- November 16, 2006, 7:00pm