

# **GARDEN'S GAZETTE**

**September Newsletter**

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## **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

*I am pleased to announce that, pending legal review, the city has accepted the bid from XTO for leasing DWG property for drilling. Their bid includes a \$15,311 bonus per acre and 28% royalty. In addition, XTO is willing to work out a form lease, with very similar terms, for residents within range of the drill site. I will schedule a date and time in the near future to enable residents, who have not already leased their mineral rights, to easily sign leases with XTO.*

*I thank the city council and staff for their hard work in negotiating an excellent leasing agreement. The process was difficult, but I believe the end result will generate a great opportunity to our city.*

*I also thank the park board for their hard work and dedication on the Recreational Trails Grant. The new sidewalk will be a great asset to our park. I hope you all will have the opportunity to get out and enjoy this new feature.*

*Finally, please keep in mind that we are looking to honor a volunteer of the year. Nominating someone is easy. In a statement of one page or less tell us why that person should be the volunteer of the year. Submit a nomination to City Hall by November 30, there is a drop box in the lobby. We will announce a decision by December 14.*

### **Park Board News-**

#### **Recreational Trail/Grant Project**

If you have not had the opportunity to visit Gardens Park recently make a point to visit the park and enjoy the new recreational trail. The park board is thrilled with the outcome of our most recent park improvement.

#### **Citizens Help Make Trail A Reality**

The park board wishes to thank the following Gardens families for their donations to help make the Texas Parks and Wildlife Recreational Trails Grant possible;

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Campanozzi, Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Campanozzi, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Calhoon, Mr. & Mrs. Brett Hall, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Loe, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Pettke, Dr. & Mrs. Jim Piland, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Szureck, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Tedder, and Dr. & Mrs. Ken Wallace.

The park board is currently researching our next project. You can help us with your suggestions. And, like the citizens above, your donations can help make that project a reality.

#### Wanted: Park Board Donations

Do you know you can donate a tree in honor or memory of a loved one to Gardens Park? The 10-year master park plan calls for trees to be placed along the new recreational trail. Contact a park board member or city staff for details.

#### Scout Project

The park board would like to thank Eagle Scout candidate Doug Boothe for choosing Gardens Park as the site for his Eagle project. Doug designed and built a smartscape be at the pad site on the western side of the recreational area of the park.

The park board meets regularly on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM

#### City Council News

The following items were approved and discussed at the September 20, 2007, City Council Meeting:

Minutes of the September 20, 2007 Council meetings- approved

Plat revision of Lot 1R, Block 1-

Plat revision of Lot 1R, Block 7-

Atmos Mid-Tex Rate Increase-

Award contract from bid proposals for gas drilling on City property-

Amendment to Automated Signal Enforcement Contract-

#### City News

Every year the city has recognized a volunteer that lives in the city. This year we invite you to nominate someone you believe should receive this award that truly is a servant to their community. Your nomination should include the volunteer's name and a 200 word or less summary of why you think this person should be the 2007 DWG Volunteer of the Year. You can drop off your nominations at City Hall , there will be a volunteer drop box in the lobby; the deadline for nominations is November 26, 2007. We hope you will participate and want to thank all those volunteers in DWG for making this such a special place.

#### Water Conservation Tips

Fall is almost here; make sure you do your part to save water:

- Avoid water loss in your pool by filling at lower levels.

- If we are forecasted to receive rain or are under a flash flood warning, please adjust your water sprinklers accordingly.
- Water your yard when it requires it, not by the clock. Try to water in the morning instead of afternoon to avoid evaporation.

**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](http://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**

Gordon L. Cannoles CPA/PFS- 2313 Roosevelt Dr., suite C

Divina Shop- 2238 Michigan

Walden Affordable Group- 2805 W. Arkansas Lane, suite 103

DPI Press- 2222 S. Bowen Rd.

### **November Meeting Dates**

Zoning Board of Adjustments- November 5, 2007, 7:00 pm

Planning and Zoning- November 6, 2007, 7:00 pm

City Council Meeting- November 15 2007, 7:00 pm

Park Board- November 27, 2007, 7:30 pm