

GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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Mayor's message

Council has moved forward with creating an ordinance for the regulation of exploration and production of oil, gas, and other minerals. A draft of this ordinance is available at City Hall. The draft has gone to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review. We will have another Town Hall Meeting soon for public comments and further information; we will post the meeting at City Hall and on the website, www.cityofdwg.net. I seriously encourage our citizens to sustain from signing any legal documents regarding any oil and gas companies. I look forward to your participation and hope you will continue to voice your opinions at the future meetings.

Don't forget Garden's Gathering is Sunday, October 1, from 2:30-6:30; I look forward to seeing you all.

Mayor Tedder

Park Board News-

The city received word in August that we were awarded a "recreational trails" grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife pending an environmental and archeological study. After this last hurdle is cleared we should be able to begin building the perimeter sidewalk as defined in the 10-year plan. Special thanks go out to the Park Board Grant Committee (Jeannine Calhoun and Stacy Tedder) for their hard work to make the grant possible.

The Park Board would like to thank Larry Galbiati for providing a copy of the information sheets that were available in the Nature Trail/birdhouse #1 box a few years ago. The information can now be reviewed and updated to provide current nature trail information about the 12 stations and other areas in the DWG Wildscape.

Special thanks go out to the 2006 Gardens Gathering Steering Committee for their hard work and dedication to making this year's event a huge success. This committee operates as a sub-committee of the park board and has done a wonderful job the last 2 years. Be sure to thank these members when you see them: Cathy Stein, Theresa Wilson, Judy Morris, Donna Peck, Tracy Dodson, and Mary Webster.

The Park Board will hold a special meeting for a park walk-through on Tuesday, October 3rd, 5:45PM, to review the 10-year park plan including the perimeter sidewalk. The next regular Park Board meeting is Thursday, October 12, 8PM.

City Council News

The following items were approved and discussed at the September 21, City Council Meeting:

Departmental Reports and August financial Reports- approved

Minutes of the August 17, 2006 Council meeting-approved

Ordinance regulating exploration and production of oil, gas, and other minerals- no action was taken

Engineering study to update Capital Recovery Fees-approved

Request for Proposals of non-exclusive water storage tank use-approved

Ordinance providing wireless service to residential and non-residential users- approved

Application for Plat Revision-approved

06-07 PRFDC budget-approved

06-07 Budget: General Fund, Water Fund, Court Security Fund, Court Automation Fund, Park Fund, Capital Improvement Fund-approved

06-07 CCPD budget-approved

06-07 Tax Rate-approved

Engagement letter from Bob Walsh, Jr. for auditing services-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.

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.

NEW WATER RESTRICTIONS

The following provisions have been adopted by ordinance in accordance with Dalworthington Garden's Wholesale Water Contract with the City of Ft. Worth: Prohibition on outdoor watering from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 1 to September 30, except with a hand-held hose or soaker hose.

New non-residential irrigation systems installed on or after June 1, 2006 must include rain and freeze sensors.

Existing non-residential irrigation systems must include rain and freeze by June 1, 2007.

Non-residential irrigation systems installed must have the rain and freeze sensors inspected annually.

New residential irrigation systems installed on or after June 1, 2007 must include rain and freeze sensors.

Copies of this ordinance are available at City Hall.

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 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.

The key things you need to remember are:

- NO outdoor watering from 10am-6pm June 1- September 30, except by hand or a soaker hose
- Maintain your sprinkler system. Repair any broken, missing, or misdirected sprinkler heads.
- Don't let your sprinklers water driveways, sidewalks, and streets.
- Don't waste water by allowing runoff onto a street or other drainage area.
- Don't water during any form of precipitation.
- Violating these guidelines can result in fines of up to \$2,000 per incident. A warning will be issued for the first offense.
- Report violators to 817-274-7368.

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

October Meeting Dates

Planning and Zoning- October 3, 2006, 7:00pm

Zoning Board of Adjustments- October 9, 2006, 7:00pm

Park Board- October 12, 2006, 7:00pm

City Council Meeting- October 19, 2006, 7:00pm