

GARDEN'S GAZETTE

August Newsletter

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Mayor's Message

Last month, the City Council approved plans and specifications for a right-hand turn lane at the corner of Roosevelt Drive that will exit onto Bowen Road in an effort to decrease traffic around Key Elementary. Construction has begun at the south entrance of Roosevelt Drive and will last approximately 3-6 months.

Weather conditions may cause delays.

Please be prepared and plan accordingly for delays during peak hours, you may even want to consider alternate routes during these hours. Please use caution when approaching the construction site and be aware of the Key Elementary students as well as the construction workers. Please be patient, this should be a welcome addition to our city once it is complete.

DWG SPOTLIGHT

We would like to congratulate Melissa Lawson, 2008 "Nashville Star". Melissa Lawson was the Final Winner of "Nashville Star", a reality TV show that airs on NBC.

Mrs. Lawson is the wife and mother of 5 boys and resides here in the Gardens. For those of you who didn't watch Nashville Star this season, Melissa Lawson competed live against hundreds of talented singer/songwriters on national television, and was chosen by the American public as the most talented, earning her the title of "Nashville Star". I'm sure we will all be hearing a lot more from Melissa in the near future; in fact, you can already download some of her songs online off of itunes. We are so proud of Melissa and wish her and her family the very best on their journey in Melissa's new found career.

City Council News

The following items were approved and discussed at the August 21, 2008, City Council Meeting:

Minutes of July 10, 17, & 31, 2008 meeting- **approved**

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

Board & Commission Appointments- **tabled**

Ordinance Amending City Code Title 5.4.16-Vendors-**approved**

Wholesale Inter-local Wastewater Contract-**tabled**

Donation of Building for Historical Purposes- **tabled**

Change Order: Roosevelt Drive Right Turn Lane Project- **tabled**
Agreement for furnishing of traffic signal equipment with TXDOT- **approved**
Inmate telecommunications vending services agreement-**approved**
Secret Service Task Force Memorandum of Understanding- **approved**
Sale of 1968 American LaFrance Fire Truck- **denied**

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 August 15-September 1, 2008! Have a Safe Labor Day Holiday.

Water Conservation Tips

Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors. This saves 500-800 gallons per month

Direct the rain gutters on your home to grass or other unpaved area, so the water can soak into the ground and water the yard.

Capture tap water. While you wait for hot water to come thru the pipes, catch the flow in a watering can to use later on house plants or your garden. This saves 200-300 gallons per month.

September Meeting Dates

City Hall will close at 2:00 pm on August 29

City Hall will be closed on September 1 in observance of Labor Day

City Council Meeting- September 18, 2008, 7:00 pm