

GARDEN'S GAZETTE

December Newsletter

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to announce that City Council approved the Oil and Gas Lease with XTO at the December Council meeting. You will find information on the next page for Citizen Lease signings with XTO.

Remember to place your house on close patrol with the DPS if you are leaving town for the holidays. Please notice the following closings for City Hall through the holidays:

December 24 & 25 and December 31 & January 1.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday. We'll see you in 2008!

Park Board News-

Tree & Bench Donations

The city is currently accepting tree and bench donations for Gardens Park. To make a donation, please complete a City of Dalworthington Gardens Donations Guidelines form (located on the city website or at city hall) and return the form to city hall or a Park Board member. The Park Board will place the item on the agenda for the next regular meeting. Donors will be notified upon approval of their donation. Questions may be directed to Park Board member Cathy Stein.

Scout Projects

The Park Board would like to thank Eagle Scout candidate Jonathan Yoon for completing his Eagle project in Gardens Park. Jonathan built a deck on the south side of Pappy Elkins Lake near the Park Drive intersection.

The next regular Park Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 29, 7:30pm

City Council News

The following items were approved and discussed at the December 13, 2007, City Council Meeting:

Action from Executive session- approved XTO oil and gas lease
Minutes of the November 15, 2007 Council meeting- approved
Automated Signal Enforcement Contract and Implementation- approved
Departmental Reports & November financial reports- approved
Purchase of Fire Engine- approved to go out for bids
Street Repairs to Burlwood/Whisperwood- approved
Street Repair to Orchid Lane- tabled

City News- Please Notice

Tree Trimming Required- Fire Code **requires** an unobstructed clearance of not less than 13 feet 6 inches on City streets and easements. City streets, in most cases, have a 5 foot easement. Therefore, tree limbs hanging lower than 13 feet 6 inches anywhere from the easement extending to the street should be trimmed as soon as possible. Being able to drive emergency vehicles unobstructed thru city streets is vital during an emergency. Please check any low hanging limbs along your property line facing City streets. Code enforcement will be checking... starting in January. There will be a chipper available on Saturday the 19th of January for limb disposal ONLY, which will be located at the end of Elkins Drive in the back of the park. Please bring your cut limbs to this location on January 19. January 19th is the only drop off date, after this date disposal will be up to the citizen. Code Enforcement will begin writing tickets Monday, January 21st for those out of compliance.

Volunteer of the Year

Every year the city has recognized a volunteer that lives in the city. This year the 2007 Volunteer of the Year Award was awarded to Rob Stites for his volunteerism and for his continued efforts in the beautification of our community. We would like to thank all those volunteers in DWG for making this such a special place.

DPS News

As the holidays approach, we need to remember to be more aware of our surroundings. As you are out shopping, remember to keep an eye out around you, walk briskly and confidently as you leave, even this will deter 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 watching for 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 2008 STEP Wave will begin December 21, 2007-January 1, 2008. Remember to Buckle Up, Watch Your Speed and if you are going to drink, drink responsibly, Don't Drink and Drive.

Water Conservation Tips

Winter is upon us, here are some tips to follow as temperatures begin to fall:

- Keep the lid on the meter box so your meter won't freeze
- Winterize outdoor spigots when temps dip to 20 degrees F to prevent pipes from bursting or freezing

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.

January Meeting Dates

Zoning Board of Adjustments- January 7, 2007, 7:00 pm

Planning and Zoning- January 8, 2008, 7:00 pm

City Council Meeting- January 17, 2008, 7:00 pm

Park Board- January 29, 2008, 7:30pm