

# **GARDEN'S GAZETTE**

**July Newsletter**

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## ***Mayor's message***

***At its' July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, the City Council unanimously REJECTED all current bids for drilling leases. The Council determined that information that was not included in the original bids was needed to make an equitable decision. To address this need we are preparing a NEW RFP for oil and gas leases that will require the additional data. The amended RFP will be sent out as soon as possible. We hope to receive proposals back and make a final decision soon.***

***I regret if this delay causes any inconvenience to any of you, but the Council and I felt that the additional data needed to be included in each bid to avoid possible inequitable issues with evaluation of the current bids. We need to have ALL the appropriate information from each bidder to evaluate each bid and make the best decision for our city. I will keep you informed of our progress.***

***Mayor Tedder***

### **Park Board News-**

#### **Recreational Trails(10-year park plan)-**

The trail project has been advertised for bids with proposals due back in early August

#### **Scout Projects**

Thanks to the Eagle Scout candidate Jake Harmon for his recent project in Gardens Park. Jake built five pet waste stations in the park.

The next regular park board meeting will be August 9, 2007 at City Hall.

### **City Council News**

The following items were approved and discussed at the July 19, 2007, City Council Meeting:

Irvin Yarbough was presented with award for participation in Day with the Law Minutes of the June 21, July 10 & 11, 2007 Council meetings- approved

Selection of highest & best bid proposal for gas drilling on City Property- denied  
Plans & Specifications for Gardens Park Recreational Trail & Pedestrian Bridge- approved

Tarrant County Tax Assessor Agreement- approved

Final Development & Construction Plans, Gardens Town Center, Lot 3- approved

Citizen Request: Tree Ordinance- approved

Street Approach repair, Michigan Court- approved

### **Water Conservation Tips**

As warmer temperatures begin to arrive in our areas and the April shower season picks up, here are some tips to follow:

- Wash fruits and vegetables in a pan of water, then recycle the water on your plants
- Consider new front loading washing machines that use half as much water as customary clothes washers
- Water only when the grass needs watering. Walk across your grass early in the morning. If your footprints remain, it needs 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.

**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**

Argyle Fire Protection- 2620 W. Pioneer Pkwy, suite B

Kelly DBA Sigma Management- 2706 W. Pioneer Pkwy

### **August Meeting Dates**

Zoning Board of Adjustments- August 6, 2007, 7:00pm

Planning and Zoning-August 7, 2007, 7:00pm

Park Board- August 9, 2007, 7:00 pm

City Council Meeting- August 16, 2007, 7:00pm