

GARDEN'S GAZETTE

November Newsletter

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As the holiday season approaches us, I want to remind everyone that there will be traveling, shopping and lots of traffic on the streets; please be safe and courteous of each other this busy time of year. I would also encourage everyone to be cautious of your surroundings and of our neighborhoods and if you are leaving town, place your home on close patrol with our DPS.

As for the citizen oil and gas leases, when we have confirmed a date and time with XTO for citizens to sign up, we will send out a special letter so that all citizens are aware of the date and time.

Park Board News-

Recreational Trail/Grant Project

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new recreational trail was held on Saturday, November 17th. Thanks to all who took time from their busy schedules to help us celebrate this memorable occasion in Gardens Park. Special thanks go out to the Texas Parks and Wildlife, Mayor Tedder, City of DWG Council and Staff and to the Park Board, donors, and citizens who helped make this trail a reality.

Citizens Help Make Trail A Reality

Last month we thanked many of the Gardens families for their generous donations to help make the Texas Parks and Wildlife Recreational Trails Grant possible; However, a very important contributor got left off of the list, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Snodgrass. We apologize for the mistake, and would like to thank you both for your generous contribution and for your support in the beautification of our park.

Tree/Plant Donations

The Park Board would like to thank Green's Produce for the recent donation of trees and landscape plants to Gardens Park. Special thanks to Cathy Stein and city staff for the time and labor spent to get these planted.

The park board normally meets regularly on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. There will be no meeting in December.

City Council News

The following items were approved and discussed at the November 15, 2007, City Council Meeting:

Minutes of the October 18 & November 7, 2007 Council meetings- approved

Amendment to Automated Signal Enforcement Contract- tabled

Departmental Reports & October financial reports- approved

Purchase of Fire Engine- tabled

Twin Springs street repair- approved for bid

Scout Project of a duck feeding deck- approved

Clean up day for tree limbs and disposal- approved for January 19th

City News- Please Notice

House Numbering Required- City Code **requires** the placement of street address numbers in plain, legible figures not less than four (4) inches high on the front of a residential building or mailbox and six (6) inches high on the front of commercial buildings. Being able to spot an address during an emergency is vital. Please check your homes address numbers for clear visibility. Code enforcement will be checking.... starting in December.

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 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.

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

Fall is here and winter is upon us, here are some tips to follow as temperatures begin to fall:

- Make sure all pipes outside the house are wrapped
- Check to be sure outside faucet washers are secure
- Keep the lid on the meter box so your meter won't freeze

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.

December Meeting Dates

Zoning Board of Adjustments- December 3, 2007, 7:00 pm

Planning and Zoning- December 4, 2007, 7:00 pm

City Council Meeting- December 13, 2007, 7:00 pm

Park Board- No meeting in December