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- May 6, 2023
General Election
cancellation
- DPS Building Survey

Water Conservation Tips

- Always turn taps off tightly so they do not drip.
- Promptly repair any leaks in and around your taps. (One leak can waste several thousand liters of water per year.)

Mayor's Message:

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We're four months into the year, and I have been evaluating my word for the year which is "choices". I was proud of myself for giving up added sugar and carbs for lent, but then on Easter night, I drove the sugar bus into the ditch, the wheels fell off, and I realized I needed a twelve-step program for sugar addicts like myself. This month, two situations arose where I had to make the choice to say, "no" to folks who asked for special favors. One of the hardest aspects of serving the precious people in our community is having to make decisions knowing that someone is going to walk away unhappy. I am a people pleaser by nature, but having to make these difficult choices is where the rubber meets the road. Thank you for trusting me to make decisions on behalf of the city that will benefit us as a whole. I promise I'll always do my best to make choices that are in the best interest of the city.



Salvation Army National Convention: Because of your generosity in supporting the Salvation Army's Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge, I was asked to speak at their National Convention in Dallas on April 18. You truly are remarkable people, and the fact that you share your time, talents, and gifts with our community sets us apart from everyone else.

Tarrant County Mayor's Council and Tarrant County Days in Austin: I am officially the chairman of the Tarrant County Mayor's Council. For those who don't know what that is, it's the council comprised of all 41 mayors in Tarrant County. We meet bi-monthly to discuss issues that directly affect Tarrant County residents. I had the privilege of going to Austin March 22 and 23 to represent Tarrant County and meet one-on-one with legislators. I advocated to all of our legislators to not support any bill that restricts local control such as HB 2127. We should have the power to decide what happens in our community, not legislators who meet every other year.

Holding Our Neighbors in Our Prayers: Mrs. Verna Rainwater of 2800 Whisperwood Trail passed away on April 3, 2023. Please keep Mr. Rainwater and their family in your prayers as they navigate this next chapter of their lives.

Independent Book Store Day 10th Anniversary Celebration: Pantego Books, located at 2910 W. Pioneer Parkway, is happy to announce their participation in the 10th Anniversary of Independent Bookstore Day! On April 29, 2023 they will have free face painting for kids from 2-4p and raffle entries 11a-6p.

Laurie Bianco - Mayor - (903) 258-7354

Ed Motley, Mayor Pro Tem - (817) 265-0919

Councilmembers:

Alderman John King • Alderman Steve Lafferty • Alderman Cathy Stein • Alderman Mark McGuire

Earth Day: The city is partnering with Arlington Classics Academy's Griffin Goodfellows on Earth Day, April 22. They will have volunteers pick up trash at Elkins Park. We want to thank them in advance for volunteering to make our city as beautiful as possible.



Welcome to our new business for this month:

- Authentic Thrift, 2908 W. Pioneer Parkway
- Dead Dirt Mobile Detail, 2110 Roosevelt Drive
- Cassie Harper, 2114 Roosevelt Drive, Suite E
- AMT Lifetime Financial LLC, 2300 Michigan Court, Suite B

Thought of the Day: Fight hard, especially when it's hard. Love hard, especially when it's hard. Forgive hard, especially when it's hard. Work hard, especially when it's hard. Speak hard truths, especially when it's hard. Do that, and watch how much easier your life becomes.

Laurie Bianco, Mayor
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Chief's Message:

Over the past few months, we have written about specific cyber-related scams and dangers. In this issue, I thought I would let you know how these kinds of threats to residents of our city fit into the broader American picture. To do this, we contacted law enforcement officers across America to ask them about the kinds of issues they are facing. The top five answers were predictable, but the scale is surprising.



The difference between the kinds of cyber attacks we hear about on the news - attacks that target businesses and government like business email compromise and network intrusion - and those that target citizens has resulted in two new terms. The business-facing attacks that can only exist in the cyber realm are called "cyber attacks," while the ones we need to worry about personally are called, "cyber-enabled crime". This category means that, while there is a cyber component (like using our cell phones, the Internet, or electronic gadgets like AirPods), the crimes underneath are what we used to call confidence schemes. Or, more simply, swindles.

First, let me tell you about a great resource from the federal government: the Federal Trade Commission has a good compendium (see below) of the categories of cyber-enabled crimes from debt-relief, business and investment and charity scams to imposter swindles.

Lieutenant Glen Mills of the Burlington (MA) Police Department told us that, as here in our community, the top five scams in the Boston, MA area currently are:

- Grandparent scams (the kind we wrote about here)
- IRS or other law enforcement scams
- Microsoft support cons
- Kidnapping scam (the same as the grandparent scam but directed at other relatives)
- Sextortion

The sextortion scam is quite disturbing, as it targets young teenagers and doesn't always involve money. Teens are baited into conversations and ultimately tricked into sending nude or semi-nude images or videos of themselves (or, sometimes, of siblings) and then extorted. We've seen a fair bit of this in North Central Texas, too.

Sometimes the sextortions require the teen or even pre-teen victims to engage in further cyber criminal acts such as sending messages on behalf of the criminals. And the sextortion schemes can be deadly - in rare cases, these messages have included Swatting, which is calling in false reports to the police in order to cause an emergency armed response.

As always, we recommend that parents speak with their young children and teens (a recent FBI release said that they have seen complaints from children as young as 10) about some of these dangers.

Jenelle Hudok, lead criminal intelligence analyst for the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, says they have seen recent scams in which criminals follow up scam phone calls by physically showing up at the victims' homes to extort cash or gift cards. They've seen this mainly with grandparent scams.

Of course, we are here to help: we are always available to discuss these issues with residents, and provide resources for further education.

Sincerely and Respectfully,
Chief Greg Petty

Historical Committee News

Please welcome the following new residents to DWG: the Murphy family and the Nohinek family. If you have been planning on purchasing a brick to be set in the patio around the DWG Historical Marker this year, you need to get your form and payment turned in no later than close of business on Friday, May 5. It is anticipated that this year's orders will be placed sometime around DWG's anniversary date of June 1. To find the order form, click "other forms" under the forms tab on the City's website then click "brick paver order form" to open it.

If you are interested in helping out with a DWG history project or can spend some time writing down your recollections of DWG to help the Historical Committee's ongoing process of documenting the history of our unique city, please attend our next meeting. The May meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm, Thursday, May 4 in the council chambers of the new city hall.

CPSAAA News

**Please be sure to invite your family and friends and join us at
PRESPA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT
Date: Thursday, April 27th**

This is a fundraiser supporting our DWG Department of Public Safety and Fire Department. This fundraiser event at Prespa's on April 27th is an all-day event. You can go anytime you want to that day for lunch or dinner, they are open from 11am to 9 pm. Prespa's keeps up with the sales throughout the day and donates a percentage of the sales for the day to CPSAAA. It's a win-win, support a good cause, while enjoying a delicious meal. Prespa's is a great supporter of our DPS and Fire departments. Grab your family and friends and come enjoy a wonderful meal at Prespa's,

Located at 3100 W. Arkansas Ln. in Dalworthington Gardens.
11am – 9pm on Thursday, April 27th



CPSAAA is holding a contest to create a new design/logo to represent Dalworthington Gardens, our unique oasis and the best city in the metroplex! The new design will be used to sell t-shirts and hats at upcoming community events, and the funds will be used to support our DWG Department of Public Safety and Fire Department. If you have a creative spirit and talent for graphic design, live in DWG, or own a business here, submit your entry to dwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com. The deadline for entries has been extended to June 1st. A panel of judges from members of Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association & Dalworthington Gardens DPS/Fire Personnel will decide the winning submission. So, get the creative juices flowing and submit your entry! The winner will be announced in the June newsletter.

For more information on any of the above, please email us at dwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com or give me a call at 817-726-3448.

Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President
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Park Board Bulletin

Hello DWG Residents,

Thanks to everyone who braved the storm to support our pictures with the Easter bunny event. The storm came and left quickly. We had good turnout considering the weather. Special shout out to all the volunteers that helped make this event possible.

DWG Park Board
parkboard@cityofdwg.net

Respect Our Park

The flowers in the park are blooming and are loving this Spring weather. Please be mindful of where you are walking/running and try not to trample the plants and flowers.

+++++STAY TUNED+++++

Friends with DWG Gardens Club Plant Swap – April 22nd 10am – Noon (Gazebo in Gardens Park)

Annual Free Fishing Day – June 3rd

This is a recognized day across the state of Texas. It is normally a requirement to have a fishing license for individuals 17 years or age and older. However, on June 3rd, a license is not required. Bring your poles, bait, and patience to Pappy Elkins Lake.

+++++WANT TO VOLUNTEER+++++

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, May 13th from 9am – Noon. Bring your gardening gloves and tools. The meetup location is by the marquee at the intersection of Roosevelt and Elkins Dr.

If you are interested in volunteering for park events or interested in preserving the garden beds and similar areas in the park, contact the park board via email. parkboard@cityofdwg.net

+++++DID YOU KNOW +++++

There is a Texas Fishing Guide located inside the Texas Parks & Wildlife app. Experts have provided a special, free look into Texas’ most popular fish - including species descriptions (with top quality color illustrations), where to fish and how to catch them in this exclusive feature in the Texas Parks & Wildlife app!

Shop DWG and Our Surrounding Businesses

 <p>Farrell Animal Hospital <i>Superior Care For the Life of your Pet</i> 2890 West Pioneer Parkway Arlington, TX 76013 Check out our new website! FarrellAH.com 817-265-6276</p>	 <p>Pet Resort <i>The Gardens</i> <i>Protected Play And a Pampered Stay</i> 2890-A West Pioneer Parkway Arlington, TX 76013 (Behind Farrell Animal Hospital) Dog & Cat Boarding Doggie Daycare Grooming Petresortinthegardens.com 817-635-5510</p>
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<p>ARKANSAS LANE (817) 460-1621</p> <p>Animal Hospital</p> <p>William L. Van Hoosier, D.V.M. 2419 W. Arkansas Lane • Arlington, TX 76013 MTWTF 8AM-5:30PM • TH/SAT 8-AM-12 NOON www.alahpets.com</p>
