

## CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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City Council: 3rd Thursday Planning & Zoning: 1st Thursday

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## Mayor's Message:

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## <u>March 2024</u> <u>City Council News</u> <u>Items Approved</u>

- May 4, 2024, General Election cancellation
- Approval for purchase of bunker gear for DPS
  Proclamation – Mayor's Monarch Challenge and
- Monarch Challenge and Child Abuse Prevention Month – Alliance for Children

# <u>Water</u> Conservation <u>Tips</u>

 Sign up for weekly watering advice. https:// waterisawesome.com/ weekly-watering-advice

 Opt for drip irrigation for flower beds, ground cover, gardens, and container plants. Hello my sweet DWG family! There is so much to celebrate! Let's look at what is in the works for our community. We will have our solar eclipse event in the park on April 8th. Iashia Bergamini and your faithful park board



members have been hard at work preparing a fantastic event for us to enjoy that day. Our very own Alderman Cathy Stein has been heavily involved in making preparations for this monumental event. If it turns out to be anything like our last eclipse event, you won't want to miss it! If you haven't ordered your merchandise that has been specifically designed for this event, there will be t-shirts, caps, and stickers available for purchase that day. On another note, I want to express my most sincere heartfelt thanks for allowing me to serve you for another two years (and hopefully until I die because I LOVE doing this). No one had an opponent in the upcoming election so our dynamic council will continue to work together to make DWG the best it can be! Our city has been graciously blessed with a council that works together cohesively and generates new ideas so that we can be the best we can be for the benefit of our citizens, our greatest asset!

**Tribute at Veteran's Park:** My friend, Clete McAllister contacted me to find out if we have any veterans who were killed in action that need to be recognized at The Memorial to the Fallen in Arlington Veterans Park. It lists the names of service members who have died in our nation's wars. The Arlington Veterans Park Foundation recently learned they missed a Pantego casualty even though he was born in Arlington and attended Arlington High School. Place of birth and high school attendance are two primary criteria for determining whether someone is from Arlington. The Arlington Veterans Park Foundation asks anyone who knows of any KIA from DWG who should be included in the memorial to send those names to <u>cletemc@gmail.com</u>. They are trying to wrap up this list by the middle of April so if you know if anyone please promptly submit their names. As always, we want to recognize those whose blood was shed for our freedom.

**New Businesses:** We would like welcome Made By Whit Co to our DWG family of businesses. They are located at 2805 West Arkansas Lane Suite 301. Thank

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Ed Motley, Mayor Pro Tem - (972) 757-4502

Councilmembers:

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you for making DWG your home for business. Our next meeting will be on June 5 at 8:00 at Grounds and Gold.

**Business Over Breakfast:** We had a great turnout for our BOB at the Dan Dipert Center. A special thanks goes to our businesses and residents who joined us. We learned about the many resources that are available to all of us and also about the ways we are raising our next generation of leaders. A special thanks goes to Dan Dipert who graciously joined us and Alyce Monroe for her leadership!

**Condolences:** Nancy Harris Hall was born in Galveston on December 3, 1952. Her family moved to Arlington when she was young and from early on she was a caretaker, watching and helping to raise her younger brothers Peter, Larry, and Ronnie. Peter, who had a number of physical and mental disabilities, needed extra care and support from his family, and Nancy was unflinchingly his advocate. At 19 Nancy married Glen Lorenz. Eight years later in 1979, they welcomed their first daughter, Jessica. In 1984 following separation from Glen at 32 and, while expecting her second daughter, Meredith, Nancy took accounting courses at UT Arlington and went into business for herself as an accountant. Meredith soon arrived, early, and needed extra attention for her health issues. Nancy, however, still had time to make the world turn. In 1985 she reconnected with a grade school classmate and former admirer, Danny Hiler. A year later they were married and running their own business, Arbor Tree Service. The new family of four moved into a fixer-upper Depression-Era farmhouse in Dalworthington Gardens at Nancy's suggestion. She delighted in making it into a wonderful home, full of family heirlooms, antiques and art she collected, and frequently the aromas of her cooking. Outside, she transformed an overgrown yard into a lush and vibrant garden. In 1992 she and Danny had a son, James. Over the next thirty years Nancy would take care of her children, her parents, her mother-in-law, and everyone she considered a friend. She wore many hats: advisor, teacher, contractor, caretaker, librarian, antique dealer, native gardener, art gallery hanger, animal rescuer, mover of mountains, and guiding star to many. Always an artistic eye, always a shoulder to lean on, always good advice and a clever remark. She was endlessly generous with her love, time, and talents, and she helped many of those around her through the storms in their own lives. In October of 2023 Nancy was diagnosed with a rare form of Leukemia, and following four months of treatment, she died of complications related to her illness on Wednesday March 6th, surrounded by her husband and three children. A memorial gathering will be held at the family home on Saturday April 27 at 2:00pm.

**Thought for the Day:** My sweet daughter is completing her junior year in high school and when I saw this quote, I reflected on how important it is to breathe life into our next generation. I have to constantly remind myself of the importance of this.

"Speak to your children as if they are the wisest, kindest, most beautiful and magical humans on earth, for what they believe is what they will become."

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#### Chief's Message:

Safety Tip of the month:



As the weather starts to get nicer, we are having lots more people frequenting parks across the area. Park parking lots are easy targets for criminals. It is our goal to raise awareness to this problem and help prevent you from being an easy target. When planning a trip to

your local park please make sure to leave all valuables at home, do not leave them in your vehicle. If you have to leave valuables in your vehicle while it is unattended, please put the items in your trunk or in other places where they are out of site. Try to avoid hiding items in obvious areas like globe boxes, and middle consoles. Never leave items laying on your seats, dashboard, or floor. Car smash-and-grabs happen out

of sight and very quickly. Easy items for thieves to take: Cell phones, purse or wallet, laptops, backpacks, shopping backs, cash, and your keys! Ensure that you have locked your vehicle and look through your windows to see if you can spot anything valuable prior to walking away. When walking or running at night park in well-lit areas. Always remember trust your instincts if you see something suspicious call 911 and report it immediately. Never confront anyone yourself.

If you have DWG DPS monitoring your alarm system, please help us complete your yearly update. Please contact dispatch at 817-275-1234 Ext 1 to get a new application form turned in. We request you test your alarm to ensure that all zones are still coming into our center properly. This process is to ensure we can contact you timely if the need arises, and to help ensure you have no technical issues onsite that could hinder our response in the future. For more information on this you may email jsmith@cityofdwg.net. We can email or mail all forms to you to help expedite this process. Also, dispatch is manned 24/7 so we can complete the alarm testing whenever works best for your schedule, this process takes less than 10 minutes to complete. If your alarm system is monitored through a third party and you would like information on DWG DPS free monitoring, please let us know.

Sincerely and Respectfully, Chief Greg Petty

### <u>Historical Committee</u>

Please welcome the following new residents to DWG: the Salter 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 the close of business on Friday, May 3. 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. Return your completed forms with your payment to the water window at city hall.

The Historical Committee has had to change its meeting days. We will still meet in odd numbered months at 6:30 pm in the council chambers of city hall (except during July when we host the DWG Ice Cream Social). However our day has changed to the second Wednesday of the month. Please join us if you are interested in learning about or helping preserve the history of Dalworthington Gardens.

#### CPSAAA News

### DWG – Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association- April 2024

We want to send out a huge

## Thank You to Prespa's Italian Restaurant

on Arkansas Ln., for the wonderful fundraiser and for your great support for CPSAAA and our Dalworthington Gardens First Responders. Thank You so much to all who attended and helped to make our fundraiser a success.

For more information on any of the above, please email us at <u>dwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com</u> or give me a call at 817-726-3448 Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President DWGCPSAAA.org

#### <u> Park Board Bulletin</u>

We are days away from the upcoming Total Solar Eclipse. Dalworthington Gardens is in the path of totality, meaning you'll be able to watch the moon slowly slide in front of the sun and eventually hide the sun all together. Come out to the park and join the festivities on Monday, April 8th, 2024 to experience the wonderful event.

Schedule of Events:

- Total Solar Eclipse Monday, April 8th
- Plant Swap and Earth Day Event Saturday, April 20th 10am-Noon

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, May 11th from 9am – Noon. Be on the lookout on Facebook and the City's website for any weather-related updates.

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. <u>parkboard@cityofdwg.net</u>

There are 31 million people in the United States that already live in the path of totality. In fact, 12 million people in Texas reside within the path of totality, by far the largest of any state in the US. A remarkable fact is that the entire metropolitan area of Dallas and Fort Worth, a megalopolis of 7 million people, is entirely inside the path of totality!

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