

CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS **GARDEN'S GAZETTE**

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Mayor's Message:

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Hi Friends!

July 2021 **City Council News Items Approved**



We are so happy to see all of our friends as the new school year ramps up. Thank you for your patience as we navigate through these first few weeks of school. Kudos to our DPS for the popsicle handout at Arlington Classics

Academy and also for handing out pencils to each of our friends at Key Elementary on the first day of school. It is our greatest hope that these occasions offer us the opportunity to engage with the youngsters who will one day be our future leaders.

Welcome Packet: I would like to personally thank Chief Petty for his outstanding idea in the development of a welcome packet. It is our intention to visit all of our new residents within their first 30 days here. The welcome packet includes information about our DPS, alarm monitoring, and pertinent information for citizens. It is because of our citizens that we are the best community to live in in the metroplex.

Italian Exchange Student: Would you or someone you know be interested in hosting an Italian exchange student for the 2021-2022 school year? Mondo Insieme located in Bologna, Italy has contacted me about this opportunity. It would involve providing accommodations, food, and hosting them as a member of your family. They would attend the local high school. This is a great way to enrich not only their lives but yours as well. If you are interested in this opportunity, would you kindly contact me at 903-258-7354 and I can share the information with you.

Republic Services/HHW: Did you know Republic Services offers bulk waste pickup? To schedule service, please call 817-317-2000. Examples of items to schedule for bulk waste pickup are mattresses, furniture, home construction debris (see their website for allowed materials), and large appliances (without freon). Call Republic Services for acceptable bulk waste items at your address. HHW Solutions offers household hazardous waste pickup to citizens. Go to http://hhwsolutions.com/ to schedule a pickup at your home. Examples of acceptable items include used motor oil and used cooking oil (screw top lid), batteries of all kinds, paint of all kinds, and light bulbs of all kinds. Please visit the following site for the full list: http://hhwsolutions.com/accepted-items/.

Atmos Energy: Millions of dollars in energy assistance funding is available to help customers pay their utility bills. Deadline is Sept. 30, so it is urgent that you act now. https://www. atmosenergy.com/newsroom/struggling-pay-your-natural-gas-bill-atmos-energy-here-help

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 Joe Kohn

 Issuance of bonds for street projects Submission of facility lighting grant application

 Repair of park fountain and waterfall

DPS equipment

Water **Conservation** Tips

For weekly water advice and tips for saving water, visit https:// waterisawesome.com/ to sign up.

<u>Be Informed</u>: We want to remind you about ways you can sign up for city notifications and follow city news. Please keep in mind, we do not monitor social media 24/7, and social media is not the proper method for reporting a crime.

- Subscribe to news alerts on our website <u>www.cityofdwg.net</u> and click on "Subscribe"
- Sign up for utility text or email alerts by calling City Hall or email utilities@cityofdwg.net
- Follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Dalworthington-Gardens-1809359549296903

Leak Alerts: The new remote meter system allows residents to be in control of monitoring their water usage. We encourage you to sign up for leak alerts. You can create an account by visiting <u>https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/dgtx/utilities</u> and clicking "Login". If you already receive e-bills, you can sign up for leak alerts on this same page where you login to view your bill. Questions? Call City Hall at 817-275-1234 or email <u>utilities@cityofdwg.net</u>

<u>Court of Kindness</u>: This month we want to recognize our Park Board and specifically lashia Bergamini for their efforts on the Small Community Grant application they have been busily preparing. Thank you for volunteering countless hours to such a worthy cause.

Welcome to our new businesses:

- Central Alps, 2820 W. Pioneer Parkway
- Five Star Bath Solutions of Arlington, 2620 W. Pioneer Parkway, Suite 104

Thought of the Day: The smallest deed is better than the greatest intention.

Laurie Bianco, Mayor 2600 Roosevelt Drive Dalworthington Gardens, Texas <u>mayorbianco@cityofdwg.net</u> (903) 258-7354

Chief's Message:

The hustle and bustle of back-to-school activity is upon us. We are working diligently with schools and other members of the community to soften the impact of the inconveniences regarding traffic congestion. Please be patient with these entities and DPS personnel as we partner to solve these problems for the community, it takes a couple of weeks for everyone to get into a working routine. Please use extra caution as school zones are more active. Key Elementary School zones run from 7:30am-8:30am and 3:00-4:00pm



daily, affecting Bowen Rd and Roosevelt Dr. traffic. Arlington Classics Academy school zone runs from 7:30am-9:00am and 2:30pm-4:00pm daily, affecting Arkansas Ln. traffic. We would also like to remind all drivers that cell phones are NOT allowed in any school zones so please put them away.

Officers have been busy over the past few summer months completing lots of close patrols and house watches. Since May officers have completed over 470 close patrols and 980 house watches. For more information on these programs please contact dispatch at 817-275-1234 ext. 1.

WE ARE HIRING!!! We are hiring for a full-time dispatch position, and a full time PSO position. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a dispatcher, PSO, or for more information please email jsmith@cityofdwg.net

Interested in becoming a volunteer fire fighter? Qualifications, must be 18 years of age, have a driver's license, and must be able to pass a physical fitness row test. Training nights are every Tuesday night at 6:00pm. For more information, please email jsmith@cityofdwg.net

Sincerely and Respectfully, Chief Greg Petty

Historical Committee News

Mark your calendar for the Historical Committee's next regularly scheduled meeting, Thursday, September 2 at 6:30 pm. With the high community spread of Covid-19 that Tarrant County is once again experiencing, we are planning on a virtual meeting again. If you want to attend via computer or phone, please call City Hall (option 5 at 817-275-1234) by the close of business on September 1 so we can send you an invite. All are welcome.

The Historical Committee extends a warm welcome to DWG's newest residents, the Swiggart family and the Reeves/Smith family.

CPSAAA News

Lock Your Box Campaign – Mailbox installations have picked up. We have installed quite a few locking mailboxes in the last few months. Over the years since CPSAAA initiated this community service project, we have installed over 150 locking mailboxes in Dalworthington Gardens. We are very proud of the progress we have made and very grateful to Jim Fallon and all of the tremendous efforts he puts forth in making it a great success. Many thanks to all of you who have participated in the program over the years.

Keep your mail safe and secure by having a locking mailbox installed through our ongoing Lock Your Box Campaign. If you are interested in purchasing a locking mailbox or would like more information, please call Jim Fallon at 817) 478-4773. This is not a fundraiser for CPSAAA, there are no extra fees or charges added to the cost of your mailbox or installation, our goal is to help provide you with knowledge of the options available to you in the hopes of helping you to protect your mail and packages from theft. If you do not have a brick mailbox and would like to have one built or if you would prefer to have your locking mailbox on a post, Jim can provide you with an estimate on what those costs would be. If you currently have a brick mailbox it is likely that a locking mailbox can be retrofitted into your existing brick mailbox. It is a great peace of mind to know your mail is protected in your mailbox until you are able to check it.

The Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association (CPSAAA) is collecting cases of water for our DWG DPS and Fire. During this hot weather, having cold drinks to count on is imperative to keep our DPS/Fire friends hydrated. Donations can be dropped off at city hall. CPSAAA sincerely thanks you for your generous giving on behalf of our officers who keep us safe!

We appreciate your support when you shop on Amazon-- CPSAAA will receive a donation from Amazon on everything purchased through our page on Amazon Smile. We truly appreciate the support of everyone that participates in this program, 100% of the funds we receive are used to benefit our great Dalworthington Gardens First Responders. Please start at this page *smile.amazon.com/ch/82-3520164* when you shop. Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases – at no cost to you.

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

Park Board Bulletin

Hello DWG residents,

We hope you are wrapping up summer activities this month and are getting ready for the autumn season activities. With the school year starting up, maybe you can take your children or grandchildren to the park on the weekends and catch up with all the excitement of the new school year. Don't forget to put on sunscreen to avoid sunburn.

Once again, thank you to the individuals and families who have previously pledged and donated to the shade structure. If you've made a pledge but haven't sent us your donation, feel free to bring it to City Hall via the payment window and we will earmark the amount for new playground equipment. Also thank you to those who filled out a survey for us regarding the 5-12 yr. old playground equipment. The survey will greatly contribute to our grant application to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department along with our 10 year plan to improve the park. In the meantime, if you enjoy the picnic areas, please help us pick up trash or any broken bottles you see. Also, for pet walkers, please remember to pick up after them.

Take care and feel free to send us your feedback about the park. DWG Park Board parkboard@cityofdwg.net

Getting to know the Park Board:

As we approach the end of 2021, we want you to get to know us and what we do on the DWG Park Board (PB) in case you are interested in joining for 2022. We currently have 5 members so every month we will feature a member telling you about ourselves, what our responsibilities are, and why we joined.

Tara Cao – I've been on the DWG PB as a volunteer and member since 2015. I have two daughters who are now in 8th and 12th grade. My husband and I work full time so I do most of my volunteer work on the weekends. Being the current chair, I plan the monthly meeting agenda topics, conduct the meetings, check our budget, and write these fun newsletters. The PB sponsored activities are planned at the beginning of the calendar year so I coordinate the upcoming tasks with the event lead and city staff as needed. It's been fun getting to know other residents on the PB since we don't have many opportunities to chat and enjoy the park. As a stress relief, I've adopted a section of the Monarch Garden to help make the park beautiful when I weed or water plants an hour or so per week.

Gardening tip from the Friends of DWG Garden Club on FB:

Crush dried chrysanthemum blooms and put them around the vegetable plants and it will keep insects away.

- Summer Fun Facts from https://bestlifeonline.com/summer-facts/:
- ** Sunshine improves your brain function.
- ** A special type of firefly lights blue instead of white.
- ** Americans drink billions of glasses of iced tea a year.
- ** You could enjoy the summer nearly all year round thanks to different hemispheres
- ** There are more than 300 varieties of watermelon.
- In Japan, you could find a cubed shape watermelon for as high as US\$200.

Take care and stay safe, Park Board • parkboard@cityofdwg.net

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