

## CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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Mayor's Message:

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City Council: 3rd Thursday Planning & Zoning: 4th Monday

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# DWG 1936-2022 "and Growing"

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### <u>July 2022</u> <u>City Council News</u> <u>Items Approved</u>

- Smoking ordinance
  revisions
- Tattoo shop special exception ordinance
- Clover Lane drainage solution
- Meter change out quote

• Public works barn SCADA weatherization

- Seeding on Roosevelt
  Drive
- Erosion control for Elkins
  Drive



• 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:

WOW! We are so proud to highlight businesses that were recognized for being "all stars" in the Arlington Today Magazine, and the "best of" winners in Living Magazine. The businesses are, in no particular order, Grounds and Gold, Brandy Austin Law Firm, Donna J. Smiedt Law Firm,



McAndrew Motors, McGaw's Automotive, RJ Construction, Green's Produce & Plants, Pet Resort in The Gardens, Farrell Animal Hospital, Ashlaroo's, Fossil Creek Liquor, Dr. Sabatino Bianco, and Bruce Ashworth Law Firm. Congratulations to all of these businesses! We are so thankful for what you bring to our community.

**School Starting:** School is officially back in session in DWG. Thank you for your patience as we navigate through these first weeks.

**Street Projects:** We are so excited to have the first phase of Roosevelt Drive reconstruction complete and look forward to having the remainder of the road from Sunset to California Lane completed in summer 2023. The Elkins Drive reconstruction project has officially begun. This project includes paving work from just east of Park Drive to Roosevelt Drive, including adjacent parking lots, and is expected to take eight weeks to complete. Orchid Court will undergo some storm sewer improvements which is scheduled to begin September 6, 2022.

<u>"Save" Coupon Books</u>: We've received complaints about the "Save" coupon books being thrown in yards in the city. If you would like to opt out and cancel, you can call a company called Valasis at 1-800-437-0479, and choose option 2 to be connected to a representative who can assist you with cancellation.

**Business Over Breakfast:** Just a reminder our next Business Over Breakfast event will take place on September 7, 2022, 8-9am at Grounds and Gold, 4130 S. Bowen Road, DWG.

Welcome to our new businesses for this month:

- Farmers Insurance, 2214 Michigan Avenue, Suite E
- North Texas Instructors of Therapeutic Massage, 2102 Roosevelt Drive, Building 1, Suite D
- Sno Sweets, 2529 Arkansas Lane Parking Lot

### 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

**Budget Process:** In a world where the economy seems to be going crazy, we have done our very best to hold taxes at the lowest rate possible. Despite an 8.6% CPI increase, we are only proposing to raise taxes slightly over half a penny per \$100 valuation. We focused heavily on staff retention and absolute needs versus wants while still continuing to provide you with excellent services. We strive to attract sales-tax producing businesses that fit in with the culture of our community so that we can boost those revenues in our city. If you know anyone who would like to move their business to DWG, please let us know.

We always want to share success stories and life changing events such as births, marriages, awards, and family losses. If you have something you would like us to share, please let us know. We're a close, tight knit community and that's one of the many attributes that makes DWG great.

**Thought of the Day:** Hug everyone a lot tighter. Never leave someone in an argument. Be present. Say I love you way too much. Take a lot of pictures with the ones you love. Don't take any second for granted.

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 activities are upon us. School zones are also active again, so please use extra caution when traveling through and around them. Key Elementary school zones run from 7:30am-8:30am and 3:00pm-4:00pm daily, affecting Bowen Rd. and Roosevelt Dr. Arlington Classics Academy school zones run from 7:30am-9:00am and 2:30pm-4:00pm daily, affecting Arkansas Ln. We would also like to remind every driver that the use of a cell phone is NOT



permitted in school zones, so please put them away. In addition, we know back to school activities and construction has caused some traffic backups and frustration. Please know that we are diligently working with our schools and community partners to soften the impact and lessen the inconveniences of traffic congestion. Please be mindful of temporary traffic control signs and devices, and please be patient with the personnel you see directing traffic as we work to solve problems and improve our community.

We want to THANK all the residents who have been generously giving to the volunteer fire fund through your monthly water bill. We are very excited to announce that these incredible funds have recently been utilized to purchase eight new LIFEPAK CR2 Automated External Defibrillators, commonly referred to as an AED. This purchase allowed us the ability to put an AED back into every vehicle, including our unmarked vehicles. These new AEDs are the newest, state of the art equipment that allow first responders like us to continue chest compressions during electrocardiogram (ECG) rhythm analysis, reducing pauses between CPR and defibrillation. DWG DPS was the first department to outfit its entire fleet of patrol cars with AEDs back in 1995 and we continue to strive to lead Texas in new programs that offer better care to our residents. Having this equipment readily available to our officers has made it possible for us to help save numerous lives over the past twenty-seven years. It would not be possible without swift lifesaving treatment by our officers, and the lifesaving equipment you provide us. If you would like to ensure that you are donating monthly to our volunteer fire fund, please contact our water department directly at 817-274-7368. For more information on this program and others, please contact Jennifer Smith at jsmith@cityofdwg.net or call 682-330-7416.

We hope everyone had a chance to take some time off and get away for some rest and relaxation this summer. We are always glad to check on things around the house while you are away, and our officers have certainly been busy over the past few summer months completing close patrols and house watches. Since May, officers have completed over 1081 close patrols and 799 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. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a dispatcher, please email jsmith@cityofdwg.net for more information.

Interested in becoming a volunteer fire fighter? We would be glad to have you! In order to qualify, you must be at least 18 years of age, have a driver's license, and 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 1 at 6:30 pm in the new City Hall council chambers due to the construction work being done on Elkins Drive. All are welcome.

The Historical Committee extends a warm welcome to DWG's newest residents, the Wisch family.

Some of the artifacts from DWG's Historical Closet will be on display at the Woodland West Library Branch at 2837 W. Park Row Dr. during the month of September. The exhibit can be found in a display case to your right after you enter the library. Visit anytime during the library's regular hours of 10am-8pm M-Th. and 10am-5pm F-Sat. The exhibit will focus on artifacts and articles from the early years of Dalworthington Gardens.

#### **CPSAAA News**

Thank you so much to the Hamby Family for their generous donation to Dalworthington Gardens Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association. We truly appreciate your support for our wonderful DWG First Responders.

#### Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association (DWG CPSAAA)

Dalworthington Gardens Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association (DWG CPSAAA) was founded in 2017 by the graduating members of the inaugural class in order to support the Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety. The DWG CPSAAA is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization. The DWG CPSAAA is dedicated to supporting the DWG Department of Public Safety through volunteerism and community activities. Our sources of funding are obtained from donations, activities and classes offered throughout the year.

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 DWGCPSAAA.org

#### Park Board Bulletin

#### Hello DWG Residents,

We have launched the 2022 DWG Monarch Photography contest in an effort to raise awareness of the Monarch migration through our area. The top twelve photos will be featured in the 2023 DWG calendar. The contest is from August 15 – October 15, 2022. Check the City's website and social media for contest details.

Hooray for our new foot bridge thanks to an eagle scout. Also, thanks to all the volunteers who continue to come out in the heat and maintain our Monarch garden.

Take care and stay hydrated

New Foot Bridge Photo:





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The monarch butterfly is among the most easily recognizable of the butterfly species in North America. Monarch caterpillars are striped with yellow, black, and white bands, and reach lengths of two inches (five centimeters) before metamorphosis.

Monarch butterflies communicate with scents and colors. The males attract females to mate by releasing chemicals from scent glands on the hind wings. Monarchs signal to other animals that they are poisonous by having bright orange wings. The bright colors serve as a warning that predators should attack at their own risk.

# Shop DWG and Our Surrounding Businesses

