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Mayor's Message:

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David and Goliath: Fighting Giants and Conquering your Fears
We all have giants in our lives—those looming from fears that feel too big, too strong, or too overwhelming to face. Whether it's fear of the future, uncertainty about a situation you're in, or stepping outside your comfort zone, these giants can stop us in our tracks.
The story of David and Goliath is a powerful reminder that size does not determine strength, and fear does not have to determine our outcome. David wasn't the biggest, the strongest, or the most experienced warrior. However, he had something greater: courage, faith and the willingness to step forward when others stepped back. Instead of focusing on Goliath's size, David focused on what he could do. He used the tools he had, trusted his abilities, and took action. That's the lesson for all of us. We don't need to have everything figured out or be perfectly prepared to face what scares us. We just need to take the first step.
Stop for a second to think about the giant(s) in your life. What fear has been holding you back? Now ask yourself—what small, brave step can I take today? You don't have to defeat the giant all at once. Just like David, you start by showing up, standing firm, and trusting that you are more capable than your fear would have you believe. Your giant isn't bigger than your courage. Take that step!
Court of Kindness
Once again, Bonnie Sweitzer showed up to the party! Thank you for providing decorations for our July 4th parade. Our firetruck and CPSAAA vehicle looked the best ever.
I would like to personally thank our council for the time and effort they have invested in crafting the 2026-2027 budget. So much more goes into this process than anyone can imagine. It goes without saying that our extraordinary staff has made this possible through their hard work and dedication. We truly do have the best staff and council of any city!
Welcome to our New Business:
Elite Roofing and Remodels LLC located at 2102 Roosevelt Drive, Suites E and F
Thought for this Month:
The size of the giant doesn't matter when the strength of your courage is greater.

Laurie Bianco, Mayor
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July 2026 City Council News Items Approved

- Purchase policy
- Financing for Infrastructure projects and improvements.

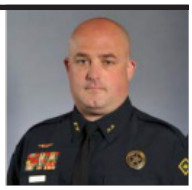
Water Conservation Tips

- 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.)

Laurie Bianco - Mayor - (903) 258-7354

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

Councilmembers:
Alderman John King • Alderman Steve Lafferty • Alderman Cathy Stein • Alderman Paul Sweitzer



Chief's Message:

Every Drop Counts: Protecting Our City's Water Supply

Together We Can Make Every Drop Count

Water is one of our city's most valuable resources. As our community grows and Texas continues to experience periods of drought, extreme heat, and unpredictable rainfall, conserving water is more important than ever. Every gallon we save helps ensure a reliable water supply for our homes, businesses, schools, parks, and emergency services.

Why Water Conservation Matters

Using water wisely helps:

- Preserve our local water supply for future generations.
- Reduce the strain on water treatment and distribution systems.
- Protect rivers, lakes, and natural habitats.
- Delay the need for costly infrastructure improvements.
- Keep utility costs as low as possible for everyone.

Seasonal Watering Tips

Spring

- Check your irrigation system for leaks or broken sprinkler heads.
- Adjust sprinkler timers as temperatures begin to warm.
- Take advantage of spring rainfall by turning off your irrigation system after significant rain.

Summer

- Water only when your lawn truly needs it. Most established lawns need about 1 inch of water per week, including rainfall.
- Water between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. to reduce evaporation.
- Avoid watering during the hottest part of the day or on windy afternoons.
- Consider using a rain sensor or smart irrigation controller to prevent unnecessary watering.

Fall

- Reduce watering as temperatures begin to cool.
- Continue checking for leaks before winter.
- Add mulch around trees and flower beds to help retain soil moisture.

Winter

- Most lawns require very little irrigation during the winter months.
- Turn off automatic sprinklers during freezing weather.
- Protect irrigation equipment from freezing temperatures to prevent costly repairs.

Everyone Can Help

Simple actions make a big difference:

- Repair leaks as soon as they're discovered.
- Run dishwashers and washing machines only with full loads.
- Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth.
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of using a hose.
- Choose drought-tolerant plants and native landscaping whenever possible.

A Community Effort

Water conservation isn't just about saving water today—it's about protecting our community's future. By making small changes in our daily routines and using water responsibly throughout the year, we can ensure a dependable water supply for generations to come.

Thank you for doing your part to help keep our city strong, sustainable, and water-wise. Every drop truly counts.

Back to School Safely: A Community Reminder

As students head back to school, our streets become busier with school buses, young pedestrians, bicyclists, and families traveling to and from campus. We all play a role in making sure every child arrives safely.

For Drivers

- Slow down and eliminate distractions in school zones.
- Obey posted school zone speed limits and crossing guards.
- Stop for school buses when required by law. Never pass a stopped school bus that is loading or unloading children.
- Watch carefully for children crossing between parked cars or stepping into crosswalks.
- Allow extra travel time during the first few weeks of school when traffic is heaviest.

For Parents

- Review your family's route to school and identify the safest places to cross the street.
- Remind children to use sidewalks and crosswalks whenever available.
- Make sure children know not to use phones or headphones while crossing the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing.
- If driving your child to school, follow the school's drop-off and pick-up procedures and avoid double parking.

For Students

- Walk—don't run—when crossing streets.
- Stay alert and avoid distractions from phones or other devices.
- Wear bright or reflective clothing if walking or biking early in the morning.
- Always wear a properly fitted helmet when riding a bicycle or scooter.
- Never approach or enter a stranger's vehicle.

School Bus Safety

- Arrive at the bus stop a few minutes early.
- Stand at least six feet away from the curb while waiting.
- Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before approaching.
- Follow the bus driver's instructions at all times.
- Before crossing in front of the bus, make eye contact with the driver and wait for their signal.

Let's Work Together

The beginning of a new school year is an exciting time for students and families. By slowing down, staying alert, and practicing safe habits, we can help ensure every child has a safe journey to and from school each day.
Thank you for helping make our community a safer place for everyone. Have a safe and successful school year!

Sincerely and Respectfully, Chief Greg Petty

Historical Committee

We would like welcome the Linde family with a big Gardens' Greeting for their recent move to DWG.
The Historical Committee is enjoying a summer off, after spearheading DWG's 90th Anniversary Events this past June. We will reconvene in September and invite anyone interested in the history of Dalworthington Gardens to join us. Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 10 at 6:30 pm in the council chambers of city hall.

CPSAAA News - Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association

Bottled Water Donations

The Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association (CPSAAA) is collecting cases of water for our DWG DPS and Fire Departments. During this hot weather, having cold drinks to count on is imperative to keep our DPS/Fire friends hydrated. Bottled water donations can be dropped off at the station at 2600 Roosevelt Dr., next door to the City Hall building.

CPSAAA and DWG DPS/Fire want to thank all who have donated water for your generosity and thoughtfulness! It is very much appreciated.

Get Your CPSAAA T-Shirt Today!

All profits benefit our
Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety and Fire Department.
Sizes Small thru XXXL
Available in Grey, Light Pink, Dark Pink, Royal Blue, Black, and Lavender
$20 Small – XL
$22 XXL - XXXL
Free Local Delivery Included
Call, Text, or Email your order to Tracy, see contact info below.
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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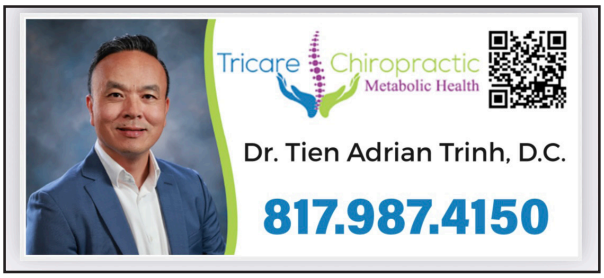
Park Board Bulletin

The Mayor's Monarch Garden pollinator plants of the month are the beautiful Mexican petunias blooming in white, purple and pink along the front beds. Our notable milkweed is once again "hairy balls." The striking tall plants sport large green balls along the stems. Watch for both of these unique plants when you are out on a walk along the park.
Watering restrictions are in effect!
Refer to the City of DWG website for your scheduled watering days and recommended hours.

Upcoming Events Calendar:
Back to School August 11-12th
Labor Day September 7th
Concert in the Park September 26th
Trunk or Treat Event October 17th

Back soon with details.

Candy & trinket donations for the annual Trunk or Treat festival are being accepted at City Hall during work hours. Volunteers for the event may contact Park Board members or email ParkBoard@CityofDWG.net

Remember to respect our park. Please require visitors using our park to share our regard for the park. A clean park is a joy for everyone to celebrate.

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