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Mayor's Message:

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Merry Christmas to all my sweet friends,

As all of you know, the Salvation Army is an organization that is near and dear to my heart. The ringing of The Salvation Army bell is not just a sound of a bell... it is the sound of curing hunger, the sound of Christmas to a child in need, the sound of a safe place for our neighbor to sleep. It is the sound of help, hope, and comfort to our neighbors when they need it most- during the holidays and beyond. The Salvation Army was founded by General William Booth in 1865. So how did soup, souls, and salvation in the 1800s turn into the modern Salvation Army we see today? Kettle collections started in San Francisco in 1891 when a local Salvation Army Captain publicly promised to feed 1000 destitute people near Fisherman's Wharf. The bell tradition began in 1900s with a teenage volunteer who was frustrated by the many bankers on Wall Street who walked by her kettle and ignored her. She went to a nearby Woolworth Department Store and bought a small bell for 10 cents. The rest is history. This organization now gives assistance to others in 131 different countries, including 30 million Americans each year. Would you kindly consider supporting our local Salvation Army by contributing during the Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge on December 9, 2023? We will be ringing the bell at Green's Produce, Campo Verde, and Grounds and Gold. If you prefer to contribute online you can use the following link. <https://give.salvationarmytexas.org/fundraiser/5062656>

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for always being the generous folks that you are.



Exceptional Achievement:

Bragging on our staff brings me much joy. It is with a greatest of pride that I can formally announce that Kay Day, our financial director, has received the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a governmental entity for its management.

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 Mark McGuire

November 2023 City Council News Items Approved

- Garden Homes Ordinance
- Bowen Road Overlay
- Professional Engineering Service Agreement for LCRR Mapping

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.)

Look Who Is In The News:

DWG has some of the most outstanding citizens known to mankind. Among them is one that we often refer to as "Miss DWG," aka Velma Bogart. Velma's service to the city has made a very strong impact on what DWG is today. She served on city council for many years and is our local historian. However, her achievements in music scholarship, performance, teaching, and support of music organizations have impacted communities across North Texas for nearly 50 years. Velma's leadership, musicianship, and dedication to Arlington Community Band spanned more than 40 years. During this time, she not only served on the Board but also spearheaded and managed the Salute to Community Bands annual event, which is heading into its 12th year. She retired from ACB at the young age of 91. Beyond her involvement in ACB, Velma's contributions to music organizations have resulted in lasting, valuable community music outlets across North Texas. For example, she was a founding member of The Texas Flute Society, the Flutissimo Flute Choir, and the Musical Memory Singers. She performed with the Mansfield Wind Symphony as well. Congratulations, Miss DWG, on a job well done!

A Few Housekeeping Tips:

As the winter months are upon us, don't forget to turn off your irrigation system and make sure they are safeguarded in case of cold weather.

For all of you culinary queens and kings, as you begin preparing delectable holiday meals, please remember to refrain from pouring grease down the drain. I knew my momma had it right when she used her mason jar for those hot messes. Significant amounts of grease in sewers (fatbergs) have even clogged neighborhood sewer systems. Let's collectively work to keep our systems clean.

Thought of the Day:

May your choices reflect your hopes and not your fears.

Laurie Bianco, Mayor
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Chief's Message:

Santa is coming to town! Please join us on December 23rd for our annual Santa Parade. Santa will arrive between 4:30- 5:00 pm in Gardens Park so we can join him on his journey through the city. He will promptly leave Gardens Park at 5:30p. He will be escorted through the city by our public safety officers and volunteers. This is our 34th year and we are excited to continue the tradition! If you have a special request for a stop, please contact Jennifer Smith at 682-330-7416 or by email at jsmith@cityofdwwg.net and we will do our best to accommodate any extra stops we can. You may view our live route map by using the link below or:



<https://cityofdwwg.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=b2833186c596419ea6baab157fd1db57>

Santa's stops on his route:

Ambassador Row
Gazebo at Gardens Park
Garden Ln
Seiber/Wooded Creek
Kathrine Court
Key Elementary
Twin Springs/Twin Lakes
Hemingford
Home Place
Flower Garden

As Christmas is upon us please remember a few safety tips to help be proactive and less attractive to criminals.

Please pick up all packages as soon as possible once they are delivered. If you plan on going out of town consider having a neighbor or close friend check the house regularly to pick up mail, newspapers, and packages that may be left throughout the day. If you are purchasing any large new items such as TVs, or gaming systems please consider breaking down the boxes to help conceal what was in the box prior to putting it out for the trash, you don't want to advertise what may be in your house.

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

Historical Committee

Congratulations to Don Barrett for being named the Dalworthington Gardens Volunteer of the Year for 2023. Don lends a helping hand wherever he sees a need. He is a regular at park work days and has adopted a section of the Monarch garden to care for. In addition to his section, Don trims the weeds and grass back from the edges of the entire garden with his weed eater. You are likely to see Don and his wife, Sylvia, lend a hand at Park Board events too.

Wishing the following new DWG residents, who got here just in time for the holidays, a warm welcome: the Abu Obaid family and the Singleton family.

The next Historical Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 4 at 6:30 pm. We will set our meeting calendar for 2024 at this meeting and continue working on some outstanding projects. The meeting will be held in City Hall. All are welcome.

CPSAAA News

The DWG CPSAAA would like to wish everyone happy and safe holidays. It is such a joy to live in our great little city. We are thankful to have the opportunity to help our fantastic Department of Public Safety through this organization. Thank you to all of our Dalworthington Gardens First Responders for all of your hard work and dedication throughout the year.

We Have the Perfect Gift for Your Loved Ones This Year!

CPSAAA is selling these great T-Shirts, all profit goes to benefit our Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety and Fire Department.

Available in sizes Small thru XXXL

\$20 Small - XL

\$22 XXL - XXXL

Free Local Delivery Included

Call, Text or Email your order to Tracy, see contact info below.

Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President

dwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com / DWGCPSAAA.org



HAPPY HOLIDAYS from DWG Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association



For more information, 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

We want to give a big thank you to all the volunteers that have helped throughout the year to maintain the gardens throughout the park and helped with all the Park Board events. We appreciate all the support. We could not have accomplished any of our goals without the help of the community. We are forever grateful.

Respect Our Park

Are we in Fall or Winter? It's hard to tell with the weather these past several weeks. One minute it's nice outside and the next minute we can see our breath from the cold. Either way, we can still be consistent and continue to pick up trash as we see it around the park.

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

Schedule of Events:

- FREE Pictures with Santa Sunday, December 3rd 3pm-5pm
- Great Backyard Bird Count – Saturday, February 17th 10:00am – 1pm
- FREE Pictures with the Easter Bunny – Sunday, March 24th 3-5pm
- Total Solar Eclipse – Monday, April 8th

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

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, January 14th 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 +++++

Trees benefit birds in countless ways. In fact, even dead trees are critically important for many bird species. Standing dead trees are known as snags and they benefit birds by providing food and shelter. Snags may appear lifeless, but take a closer look and you may find a wide variety of invertebrates, which makes snags a great place for many birds to find a snack. Several species of birds will also create or use existing cavities in snags to nest. If snags pose no threat to people or property, consider letting it stand so that birds can continue to benefit.

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