



CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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Mayor's Message:

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Community = a group of people that care about each other and feel they belong together. According to an article on Medium.com by Fabian Pfortmüller, the author delves into the true meaning of "community".

- **"A group of people"**: we are talking about real humans with real lives, real stories, real hopes, and real dreams.
- **"that care about each other"**: this is the absolute core of a community. The individuals in a group are not just random strangers, they have relationships with each other. This is where the magic of a community happens. When people care about each other, they develop trust. Trust unlocks collaboration, sharing, support, hope, safety, and much more.
- **"feel they belong"**: communities address one of the most fundamental human needs. We want to be loved, we don't want to be lonely, and we want to know that we belong somewhere.
- **"together"**: A community gives people a sense of shared identity. The sum is bigger than the individual parts. It turns strangers into trusted peers through a proxy effect. Many of us express our interests, ambitions, and goals through the people we spend time with - communities become part of our identity.

Dalworthington Gardens is our community. I have been humbled to tears by the random acts of kindness we have witnessed through this crisis. I have witnessed neighbors reaching out to each other, opening their homes, sharing their resources, and truly defining what community means through loving acts of kindness and not just mere words. Therefore, our Court of Kindness is filled with too many offenders to just mention in one newsletter.

Court of Kindness: Jeff Chasteen, Marcus Day, David Flores, and Bryan Davis, our public works team, have been absolutely extraordinary. They have worked around the clock with little to no sleep to respond to an unprecedented amount of water leaks and breaks while also ensuring our city did not go without water and our roads were passable. They were constantly monitoring the weather conditions and proactively seeking to solve problems before they happened. Jeff Chasteen did an outstanding job managing public works needs and his efforts far exceeded our expectations during this event. As everyone already knows, we have the most awesome DPS of any city in the USA. They not only lived up to their reputation but exceeded anyone's expectations. Their constant watch over our citizens and businesses kept us safe. Our volunteers were available 24/7 and showed up to assist in managing water leaks, frozen streets, burst water pipes, etc. Our volunteers were on active duty throughout the entire week as we witnessed our state under the siege of a winter storm. God bless our dispatchers!

January 2021

City Council News Items Approved

- Quote for fire hydrant maintenance
- Priority list for crack sealing

Water Conservation Tips

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

Laurie Bianco - Mayor - (903) 258-7354

Ed Motley, Mayor Pro Tem - (817) 265-0919

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Despite the overwhelming number of calls, they handled it in stride just like any other day when they go above and beyond to do their jobs. Kudos to Sandra Ma who handled calls and solved problems on the city and utility side of things. Sandra single-handedly represented city staff on water leak calls, and monitoring citizen water usage so we could effectively detect leaks to notify citizens and organize solutions. We thank God every day for her sense of calmness in the midst of a disaster. Thank you to Gary Harsley for monitoring businesses and coming up with ways to lessen the burden on citizens during these unprecedented times. Thank you to Kay Day for always being available to address any financial concerns the city and our citizens have, and for helping prepare utility billing this month to lessen workload for other staff members who had to direct their attention to the snow storm. Thank you to Jennifer Burkhart for always being available inside and outside of the office to assist others even outside of her scope of duties. She is always a call or a text away at any given moment. Although we required Allison Watkins, Carla Newbell, and Doreen Summerall to stay home for safety, they are always willing and ready to serve in any capacity and our city is so blessed to have them. Without the brains behind the brawn, we would not have been able to effectively manage every emergency situation that arose. My sincere thanks and respect go to Lola Hazel and Greg Petty. They are the brains behind the city operations. Neither of these two individuals closed their eyes the entire week when we were confronted with this arctic blast. Despite damages to their own homes, their allegiance to the city came first. I cannot tell you the level of respect and love I have for both Lola and Chief Petty. I am humbly indebted to both of them for not only what they give to a crisis, but each and every day they come to work. Most of all, I want to express my gratitude to each and every citizen in "our community". Thank you for your patience and grace as we tried to mitigate each and every situation that arose. You are the most important part of our city, and on behalf of the entire staff and myself, thank you for giving us the privilege to serve you. We never take this lightly. And lastly, we have a few of our citizenry that will appear in the Court of Kindness. Thank you Anna and David Cook for providing pancakes to those who were working around the clock. We would like to thank Dino Bianco for scraping ice off the entrance to Enchanted Gardens to ensure the safest possible road conditions. Mark Shelton always gets a shout out for having a generous heart and supplying our troops with pizza from CiCi's. If there is anyone I have failed to recognize, would you please let me know because it is very important to acknowledge the kindness extended to us by our citizens.

Plumbing Permits and Utility Leak Adjustments: In an effort to alleviate some of the burdens placed upon our citizens, the city is waiving permit fees for plumbing due to damage as a result of the storm. We have also made the process more streamlined by allowing emergency work to take place without an approved permit. Please ensure your plumber does apply for a permit and takes pictures and notes to include in city records with the permit. For water leak adjustments on utility bills, the city's policy is typically to provide one water leak adjustment per 12 month period. However, due to the storm, we are allowing leak adjustments to anyone regardless of whether you have already utilized this policy. Citizens will need to provide an invoice or other proof of work from the contractor.

Thank you for your patience as we move forward in trying to resolve the problems we have encountered during this time. I am so grateful for you and count you among my greatest blessings.

Thought of the Day: The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members. – Coretta Scott King

Laurie Bianco, Mayor

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Chief's Message:

We would like to thank all residents who came to our Push-In Ceremony for our new Engine 43. We had a great turn out, especially considering the bitter cold weather. We are proud to have Engine 43 in service. Thank you to CPSAAA for helping plan and fund the push-in ceremony, Grounds and Gold for making our vision with cookies and cupcakes come alive, Chicken Express for donating all the tea for this event, and Visual Impact for your once again amazing work on the towels.



This past week of unprecedented weather has been interesting to say the least. From the bitter cold temperatures, the three days most of our residents went without power, and then the water boil notice. We know our residents have endured a lot. We thank you for your patience during all of this. Our City and DPS staff have worked tirelessly during all this to keep things moving as much as possible. Public Works Superintendent Jeff Chasteen, David Flores, and Marcus Day have been working around the clock to ensure your water was being properly taken care off to avoid full outages. They have worked sanding and clearing the streets and responding to residents and businesses that have needed emergency shut offs.

To our fire VOLUNTEERS, we could not have done this without you! Most of our volunteers have spent 48 hours or more at a time, away from their families to spend the nights at our station responding to calls. This has been a tremendous help to our full-time crew, giving them the manpower needed.

To our residents, THANK YOU to those who delivered food and drinks to our staff during all of this. We appreciate your support. We have the best residents in the DFW area and we appreciate everyone looking out for each other. You all are the reason that DWG is such a great place to live!

Now that we are starting to get on the other side of this storm, our staff is looking forward to a much warmer spring!

Sincerely and Respectfully,
Chief Greg Petty

Historical Committee News

The Historical Committee welcomes the Ross family on Roosevelt Dr., the Turner family on Hemingsford Ct. and the Braly family on Sunset Lane with a big Gardens' Greeting for their recent move to DWG.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 4 at 6:30 pm for the next Historical Committee meeting. We will be meeting virtually again. If you have attended a virtual Historical Committee meeting, we will send you an invite the day prior to the meeting. If you are not already on the email list and wish to attend the virtual meeting, please contact the water window (option 3 at 817-275-1234) by the end of business on March 2 so we can send you an invitation. All are welcome.

CPSAAA News

Many thanks to our Dalworthington Gardens fantastic team of First Responders for everything you have done for our citizens and our city throughout the polar weather event and all of the residual issues accompanying it. Also, thank you to our wonderful team of City Administrators and City Workers for all you all have done during these very trying times. We are so very fortunate to live in such a wonderful community.

Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President

Park Board Bulletin

It's been a cold second part of February. Hope you've been able to capture a few snow pictures.

Thank you to those who were able to catch the FB live stream of the Great Backyard Bird Count sessions this month. We also want to thank Eileen Frey, a member of the Fort Worth Audubon society, who broadcasted the event with Cathy Stein. If you missed it and are interested in watching the video about how to identify various birds in our area, there is a link on the DWG FB page.

Here are a couple of upcoming activities to Save the Dates:

March 27th – With Easter being on April 4th this year, we are planning to drop off Easter eggs to DWG families who pre-register. If you are interested, please email us at parkboard@cityofdwwg.net with your name, address, and how many children in your household that are 10 and under.

April 24th – Earth Day Celebration with this year's theme Restore Our Earth.

We plan to have a Chalk Art activity on various dedicated sidewalk area. Mini potted plants will be awarded to participants while supplies last. This will help us with our action items for our city's Monarch Pledge. More details will be posted on NextDoor and FB.

Take care and be safe,
DWG Park Board • parkboard@cityofdwwg.net

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Not all colors of bird feathers are due to pigments, some are structural and depend on how the light falls on the feathers.
Light pollution is hazardous to migrating birds since most birds migrate at night.
Owls can eat up to 12 mice on an average night.
Mockingbirds and blue jays mimic the calls of other birds

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