



# CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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## January 2023 City Council News Items Approved

- DPS Complex layout
- Elkins Dam rehab research process
  - Monarch Challenge action items

## 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.)

## Mayor's Message:

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Hi friends!

My topic for this newsletter is going to be forgiveness. Learning to forgive yourself and others can be a very challenging task. For my entire life, I have struggled with weight. I am finally at the point where I love me as I am. However, it is a daily challenge, and I have decided that the devil lives inside a Frosted Flakes box. The other evening, I was craving sugar, and I had to have a bowl (or two or three) of Frosted Flakes. I have promised myself, once I emptied the box in the cabinet, I would eliminate that from my diet since it seemed to consume me. However, around 9:10 p.m., Thursday night, the craving was so big that I loaded Zeus in the car and we headed to Kroger. As I strolled the cereal aisle, the entire section of Frosted Flakes was empty. I thought to myself surely this cannot be true – they have every other brand of cereal known to mankind. At that point, I diligently searched, and came to the conclusion that this was a God wink and I should not be eating those Frosted Flakes. Unfortunately, satan crawled on my shoulder and whispered, "Look to the left on the bottom shelf." There, much to my surprise, was a bag of Frosted Flakes large enough to feed a small army. I mean, seriously, this thing was the size of a dog food bag. Let me just confess, that for \$7.99, I not only satisfied my cravings, but had a party in my mouth. The next morning when I woke up and stepped on the scale, I had a hard time forgiving myself. With each new day, comes a new beginning, and thankfully we are always given a fresh start. There are 24 hours, 1,440 minutes, and 86,400 seconds in a day. Don't let one small mistake change the trajectory of your day.

On the same note, I must ask forgiveness from Jess Kirchmeier for forgetting to publicly thank her for the wonderful culinary spread she provided for our Business Over Breakfast gathering in December. She and her two beautiful daughters are exceptionally crafty in the kitchen. Thank you, ladies, for blessing all of our friends who gathered that evening.

In our Court of Kindness, we have one offender for this month. Thank you to Johnny Roth for offering to take anybody in DWG and Arlington wherever they needed to go in the midst of the ice storm. I don't personally know this gentleman yet, but I was extremely touched by his willingness to help others in need.



**Laurie Bianco - Mayor - (903) 258-7354**

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### Councilmembers:

**Alderman John King • Alderman Steve Lafferty • Alderman Cathy Stein • Alderman Mark McGuire**

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**Business Over Breakfast:** Our next Business Over Breakfast meeting will be held on March 1, 2023, 8-9am at Grounds & Gold. We sure would love to see you there! This is not limited to just DWG businesses. We always welcome anyone who is interested in our city to join us.

**Chief “Bubba” Sells:** Our deepest condolences as we mourn the loss of one of DWG’s finest, Chief Bubba Sells. Bubba was an Arlington fireman for over 30 years, and served in the fire service a total of 52 years. In 1989, he began his service with the city of Dalworthington Gardens, coming through the ranks of Lieutenant, Captain, and ending as Deputy Chief until his passing. Chief Sells, we love you and we will miss you.

**Upcoming Events:** City Hall will be closed Monday, February 20 in honor of Presidents’ Day.

**Thought of the Day:** True forgiveness is when you can say, “Thank you for that experience.” – Oprah Winfrey

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### **Chief’s Message:**

Late last year, thieves using address poisoning schemes stole more than \$2 million from small investors and cryptocurrency enthusiasts. We have seen a marked increase in people falling for a clever and simple scam that targets cryptocurrency holders: address poisoning. While we would never recommend cryptocurrency or any investment, we recognize that even with the wild fluctuations in prices of cryptocurrencies, large banks and brokerages still offer them, and people are still eager to participate and invest in them. In this newsletter, we will tell you how this scam works, and how to protect yourself.



At its heart, this attack depends on the complexity and non-human readable nature of wallet addresses - the Cryptocurrency version of an “account number”. Where a bank account number might be six- to 12 digits, a Bitcoin address looks something like, “bf1fd2bcladdb35ad22493d83kkfdb0a1d”. And that’s hard to read. Certainly it is hard to remember. And here’s something easy to remember: in the Blockchain world, if you send money to the wrong place, it is really hard to ever get it back.

Many people only send cryptocurrency to a small number of addresses, and they rather predictably fall into a habit that is unsafe: Since bf1fd2bcladdb35ad22493d83kkfdb0a1d is so hard to remember, “Let me just eyeball it.” A common trick less experienced cryptocurrency users try, when they are preparing to send some crypto to an address, is to simply verify by eye that the first and the last four-to-eight characters of the address being provided by a transaction partner match the expected address - in this case, “bf1fd2bc” and “fdb0a1d”. If those match, they think, I will just go with the flow.

This is a very bad practice. The way this can be exploited is actually fairly straightforward, but the effect can be the irretrievable loss of your funds.

First, it’s important to know that, contrary to common perception, all transactions on a public blockchain are, well, public. To see some examples, head to the free site Blockchain.com and have a look.

Criminals can monitor transfer information of a certain type, and when they identify a transfer pattern (say, once a week, or of a certain type of stablecoin), they can capture the from and to addresses. Then they construct an address that contains identical starting and ending numbers to the ones used in transfers that you often make.

Next, using methods ranging from really easy to really complex, they can trick you into initiating a transfer to the wrong address. An easy way? Crafting a phishing email related to a transaction that you regularly make, and

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substituting their address for yours.

In this example, the address you normally send to, again, is bf1fd2bcladdb35ad22493d83kkfdbc0a1d, but the email reads:

“As usual, please transfer to bf1fd2bclbeec98df33493d83kkfdbc0a1d. Please make sure to copy and paste this address to avoid any mistakes!”

As you can see, it is really difficult to distinguish the fake address from the real one, especially since the first and last 8 characters of both are the same. More complex methods include “on-chain address poisoning” attacks, which are too complicated to go in here (but contact us if you are interested in learning more).

Technology like blockchain and cryptocurrency can be very exciting and fun to learn about, but there are risks that must be well understood. There are no wallets - whether you use a service like Coinbase or Circle, or your own hardware wallet such as Ledger or Trezor - that will guard against this risk for you. You simply have to pay close attention and verify all addresses to which you send cryptocurrency.

Sincerely and Respectfully,  
Chief Greg Petty

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### **Historical Committee News**

The Historical Committee welcomes the Villalobos family and the Commagere family with a big Gardens’ Greeting for their recent move to DWG.

Many of you may already know that Dalworthington Gardens began as a subsistence homestead project during the Great Depression. These projects were designed to help people better their lives during these trying times. A booklet from 1935 by the Federal government defines them as, ““SUBSISTENCE HOMESTEAD” consists of a modern but inexpensive house and outbuildings, located on a plot of land upon which a family may produce a considerable portion of the food required for home consumption.”

When you uncover any nuggets of DWG related history, please jot them down or copy them and share them with us. The staff at the water window would be happy to take them and pass them on to us.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 2 at 6:30 pm for the next Historical Committee meeting. We will begin our meeting in the annex by the fire bays. All are welcome.

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### **CPSAAA News**

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Mark your calendar and be sure to join us at  
PRESPA’S ITALIAN RESTAURANT  
Date: Thursday, April 27th 11am – 9pm**

This is a fundraiser supporting our DWG Department of Public Safety and Fire Department. Grab your family and friends and come enjoy a wonderful meal at Prespa’s, located at 3100 W. Arkansas Ln. in Dalworthington Gardens.

**For more information on any of the above, please email us at [dwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com](mailto:dwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com) or give me a call at 817-726-3448.**

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## Park Board Bulletin

Hello DWG Residents,

We hope everyone has thawed out from the ice storm and have started enjoying the park a bit more. Please be patient with us as the playground is currently under construction as we prepare the area for the installation of new playground equipment.

Take care and stay hydrated (even in winter)

DWG Park Board

parkboard@cityofdwwg.net

### **Respect Our Park**

If you are still going strong with your health and fitness resolutions, continue to support our cleanup efforts in the park with squat trash pickup. On the windy days, you can add in some sprints to chase down trash as well. Always stretch after performing such activities.

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

Great Back Yard Bird Count February 18th 10am – 1pm (Meet at the gazebo in Gardens Park)

Pictures with the Easter Bunny – April 2nd 3pm -5 pm (Gazebo in Gardens Park)

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

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, March 11th from 9am – Noon. Bring your gardening gloves and tools. The meetup location is by the marquee at the intersection of Roosevelt and Elkins Dr.

parkboard@cityofdwwg.net

+++++DID YOU KNOW +++++

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) launched in 1998 by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society. The GBBC was the first online citizen-science project (also referred to as community science) to collect data on wild birds and to display results in near real time. Birds Canada joined the project in 2009 to provide an expanded capacity to support participation in Canada. In 2013, the GBBC became a global project when began to be entered into eBird, the world's largest biodiversity-related citizen science (community science) project.

## **Shop DWG and Our Surrounding Businesses**

 <p><b>Farrell Animal Hospital</b> <i>Superior Care For the Life of your Pet</i> 2890 West Pioneer Parkway Arlington, TX 76013 <b>Check out our new website!</b> FarrellAH.com 817-265-6276</p>	 <p><b>Pet Resort</b> <i>The Gardens</i> <i>Protected Play And a Pampered Stay</i> 2890-A West Pioneer Parkway Arlington, TX 76013 (Behind Farrell Animal Hospital) Dog &amp; Cat Boarding Doggie Daycare Grooming Petresortinthegardens.com 817-635-5510</p>
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