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- Interlocal Agreement with the City of Arlington for Library Services
 - lease of 3 flock cameras

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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Happy New Year to all of my precious friends!

As with the beginning of every new year, many of us start out making New Year's resolutions. I try to set attainable goals that I feel I can follow throughout the year. One of mine is to conquer my sugar addiction. Yep, it's real! Laugh if you want, but there are times I think I need a 12 step program for sugar addicts like me. In that same spirit, I try to choose a word that I reflect on every day and this year I have chosen "faith." What is faith? One definition is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Another suggests it is the complete trust in someone or something. A common idiom that we use in the English language is "taking a leap of faith." Among these definitions, the one underlying denominator is trust. As 2024 begins, I am going to have faith that our community will grow with the appropriate businesses, developments, and that we will attract the right kinds of folks to our city that will help us prosper and be the beacon of light in a sometimes dark world. That is who we are! WE ARE DWG!!

Salvation Army Mayoral Challenge: It is with great joy that I am able to share the results of the 2023 Mayor's Red Kettle Challenge. Thanks to YOU and your generous giving, DWG raised \$20,378.39!! WOW!! Did you know that all the money raised goes directly back into our area? Through your generous giving, you have provided: clothing, food, shelter, and Christmas for more families that we can count. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and from our friends at the Salvation Army as well. In this friendly competition we have won the Per Capita Award again and we were second in the running for the total funds raised from all of the participating cities. We could not have done this without the many bell ringers who faithfully showed their support. We had several groups from ACA student council, ACA PTO, Key Elementary student council, the Mothers of Multiples, The Bible Accountability Group, and other friends in the community who came out to help. We will recognize them at the January Council meeting on January 18 at 7:00. DWG's very own citizens also graciously gave of their time. These friends are: Alice Lafferty, Ryan and Vicki Miller, Gary Parker, Iashia Bergamini, Vincent Bergamini, Erick and Barbara Moeller. Jim and Sandy Robinson, Don Gieseke, Kent Beasley, Ashley Schwengler, Landon and Riley Staats, Sherry Piazza, Tracy and Ben Dodson, Amy Fletcher, AJ Thomas, Carla Newbell, and Diana Pendrey. You guys rock! We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Green's Produce, Grounds & Golds, and Campo Verde for allowing us to ring the bell at your business

Library Cards: Several years ago our citizens were given free library cards when the Arlington Library was conducting a capital campaign to raise money for the new downtown library. After the campaign finished, we went back to paying for library services. In an effort to try and provide a service for our citizens, we have been working with the library to find a way to provide cards for our citizens. We will have a two week period from January 16-31 in which we will subsidize library cards to the first forty families that qualify. Please come to

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city hall and ask for the information form. After completing the form, we will let you know if you automatically qualify or what documents are needed to obtain the card. The library cards will then be distributed the first week of February. This is a trial program and if it is successful, we hope to continue being able to offer this

Court of Kindness: Would it surprise you if I told you that Pam Miller is being recognized for her contributions to the city? Pam is a very dedicated citizen who not only serves with a gracious heart on the Park Board, but also strives to make our city look the best it can be. Thank you, Pam, for decorating our planters at city hall with holiday flowers. The staff and I would also like to express our appreciation to all of folks who so kindly remembered us at city hall and the DPS. We were showered with sweet treats and thoughtful messages. You guys know how to make us feel loved.

Kudos to Kay: Kay Day, our finance director, has once again been awarded the ACFR (Annual Comprehensive Financial Report) from GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association). This is a certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting. This is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Congratulations, Kay, for an extraordinary award that is very well deserved.

Planning and Zoning Vacancy: We have an opening on our Planning and Zoning Board and would love to have someone who is interested in helping our city with future development. If you feel so lead, please submit your application online or give us a call at 817 275-1234, ext. 2 and we will be thrilled to help you with that.

Let's Talk Trash and Stay in the Loop: During the holidays we had a considerable number of calls about issues with the trash/leaf pickup. We selected CWD as our trash provider in September because they offered twice a week pickup and their services were at a price that we felt was beneficial to our citizens. We are continuing to work with them to resolve the problems that have been expressed to us. We want to thank you for working with us. In an effort to make sure everyone is in the loop, we would like to encourage you to sign up for email alerts from the city with announcements related to city services and other pertinent information. You can do this by going to our webpage, cityofdwg.net. Go to the bottom left of the homepage and click stay informed/subscribe. You will be all set.

Election Matters: It's that time again. Our general election will be held on May 4, Candidates filing dates are from January 17, 2024 - February 16, 2024. Applications can be found online at cityofdwg.net/elections or contact Sandra Ma at 817 275-1234 ext. 2. Her email is sandra@cityofdwg.net

Staff information: As many of you know, our former city secretary/administrator left to pursue a less stressful job that would allow her to spend time with her precious son. As a result, Chief Petty is our acting city administrator and Sandra Ma is our city secretary. We would like to ask for your continued patience as we navigate our way through the transition process. It's a lot to learn, but I can assure you we have the most exceptional staff known to mankind.

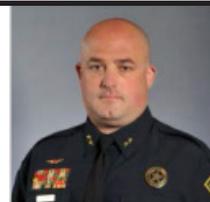
Our condolences: Our city lost a legendary member of our DWG community. James Williams had many talents and a very colorful life. He led the Southeast Optimist Little League to the Little League World Series 63 years ago. James was also a recognized musician and signed a contract with Columbia Records, which afforded him the opportunity to tour coast to coast. His most famous accomplishment, in my opinion, was when he opened a little Mexican food restaurant in Fort Worth called Campo Verde. He later opened a second location in our wonderful city. James managed to put us on the map because of his must-see Christmas extravaganza. Customers come from far and wide to experience this little piece of paradise. He retired and sold his business in 2022. We would like to extend our sincere condolences to Pamela, his wife of 25 years, and the rest of his family.

Thought for the Day: Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase. Martin Luther King, Jr

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Chief's Message:

A HUGE Thank you to all those that braved the weather to come out for our Annual Santa Parade! Weather and all, we had one of our biggest turn outs during the 30+ years of this tradition. DPS is so thankful for the support of all our residents. Thank you to the Twin Springs addition that provided hot chocolate to all our staff and volunteers as we came through their area as the bad weather started to come in. A HUGE Thank you to the Campanozzi family for the yearly meatball subs that feed our entire crew including volunteers, and family members at the end of the parade (this in not a small undertaking), and for allowing our large group to stop and seek shelter as the rain poured at its hardest. Our sincerest apologies to the Enchanted Gardens family that was affected by our last-minute route change due to the weather. Our goal is always to ensure that every resident gets to enjoy the Santa Parade, however we always must consider the safety of our staff and volunteers as well.



For the most up to date information on events, or time sensitive changes please like our City of Dalworthington Gardens, and our Dalworthington Gardens DPS Facebook pages. If you are already following our pages, please go like a post or change your settings so that you are following the page as a “favorite” to ensure the Facebook algorithm doesn’t cause you to miss important notices. We know technology is great, however sometimes it has its downfalls, so we ask that everyone help us with this beginning of the year clean up!

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@cityofdwwg.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

The Historical Committee wants to remind you that we try to share current happenings along with historical tidbits. We welcome new residents, celebrate new additions to families, share memories of residents no longer with us and pass on kudos for achievements. Please help us collect both current accomplishments and good news happening to residents of our city as well as historical documents, artifacts and recollections. Please contact the city clerks to find out how to get your information or artifacts to us.

We welcome the following new residents who moved to DWG during the past month, the Singh family. Our regular meetings are held on the first Thursday of odd numbered months and are open to all.

CPSAAA News – Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association

Happy New Year from your friends in the CPSAAA! We wish you a Happy and Healthy 2024.

Dalworthington Gardens Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association (DWG CPSAAA) was founded in 2017 by the graduating members of the inaugural Citizens Public Safety Academy 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. This organization is comprised of a Board of Directors and over 30 active members who support and acknowledge the Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety employees and their families. The DWG CPSAAA is dedicated to supporting the DWG Department of Public Safety through volunteerism and community activities. Our mission is to present and promote a continuing positive image of all law enforcement, but specifically, the Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety. We strive to support the DWG Police and Fire departments in achieving the goals of effective community involvement in these ways:

- Participating in appropriate department activities.
- Offering meetings and programs to continue the education of DWG CPSAAA alumni.
- Raising funds for equipment and activities not covered in the city budget but needed by our police and fire departments.

The DWG CPSAAA is made up of citizens who have completed and graduated from the DWG Citizen Public Safety Academy and become members of the Alumni Association. The Alumni Association functions as a support group to the Department and is a liaison to the community for the Department. We also raise funds in support of our officers for equipment and/or training needs that otherwise are not budgeted. Members of the Association are dedicated to doing what we can to let the Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety know how much we and the citizens of Dalworthington Gardens appreciate the work done by the Department.

Our sources of funding are obtained from:

Annual \$20 membership dues Donations • T-shirt and Hat Sales License To Carry Classes • Stop The Bleed Classes

Citizens On Patrol (COP) Program

Some of you may have seen our DWG Citizens On Patrol vehicle in your neighborhood. The COP program is a branch of our CPSAAA organization. Members of the COP program have completed training sessions covering legal liabilities, patrol

procedures, communications, and the penal code through our Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety. We are taught to recognize suspicious or criminal activity and assist our police by actively patrolling the neighborhoods and reporting such activities. COP members are only observers/reporters and do not become physically involved or place themselves in dangerous situations. Citizens On Patrol programs have been proven to be a positive factor in decreasing crime in cities, especially with crimes such as theft, burglary, and auto theft

We are truly fortunate to have both programs in our great little city.

CPSAAA is selling these great T-Shirts as a fundraiser.

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.

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Park Board Bulletin

It's a new year and we are excited for 2024. We look forward to our annual events and are committed to improving our park. As always, we truly appreciate the support from the community.

Respect Our Park

New Year, New You. Looking for something new to do? We would never turn down or frown upon anyone willing to lend a helping hand. We have trash cans spread throughout the park. If you see any litter, we encourage you to take a few extra seconds and toss it in the trash can and yell..."Jordan!!"

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

Schedule of Events:

- 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
- Plant Swap and Earth Day Event – Saturday, April 20th Time TBD

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

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, January 14th from 9am – Noon. Be on the lookout on Facebook and the City's website for any weather-related updates.

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@cityofdmg.net

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

Last month we spoke about the benefits of tree snags, standing dead trees. We mentioned snags are a great place for many birds to find a snack. Since the snag in our park posed no threat to people or property, we let it stand so birds and other wildlife could benefit. Thank you, Linda Seitz, for capturing this photo of a hawk perched on a snag in our park.



We encourage everyone to consider the benefits of the fallen limbs, leaves, and other plant material in your own backyard that may be beneficial to the birds and other wildlife passing through in need of a snack or refuge.

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