

CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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City Council: 3rd Thursday Planning & Zoning: 4th Monday

July 2021

DWG 1936-2021 "and Growing"

Mayor's Message:

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Hi Friends!



This month we want to highlight one of the ways we strive to serve our citizens, and that is by building relationships. I sit in awe of not only the multitude of outstanding citizens that live in our community, but also our business leaders.

Accessory structure
 ordinance

June 2021 City Council News

Items Approved

- Shade structure
 purchase
- City fee schedule
 - Auditing firm selection

• Reclassification of park donation account

• City hall grand opening expense

<u>Water</u> Conservation <u>Tips</u>

For weekly water advice and tips for saving water, visit <u>https://</u> waterisawesome.com/ to sign up. outstanding citizens that live in our community, but also our business leaders. For the past three years, we have focused on bringing the right businesses that fit into the culture of our community. We have had the privilege of working with several individuals who have truly invested their hearts and pocketbooks in our vision. As we are wrapping up our new Comprehensive Plan, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those folks who have come to the table to offer ideas to further develop the commercial areas of our city. If you could kindly say a prayer and ask God's provisions for our growth and development. I often drive around the city at night with Emily and my loyal companion, Zeus. I pray over each house, business, and every single person that works to provide services for our city. The good Lord smiles on DWG, after all, He is the first one we invite to the council meetings. We have faith that the right business opportunities will present themselves because of the relationships we continue to build.

Budget Process: Oh my gosh, I don't know what I would do without the staff! As we tackle the budget process, it's like walking a tight rope trying to balance the revenue that we have and meet the needs of our citizens. I am really excited about the prospect of the bond council is considering for street improvements. This is a bond previously approved by voters and would be used for street improvement projects. We always strive to provide the best, most efficient service for you. If you have suggestions for inclusions in the budget, would you kindly reach out to us? We are constantly trying to improve ourselves to be the best that we can be, and it's through your suggestions that we can reach that goal. I sincerely appreciate your confidence in our abilities. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you because I don't take it lightly. I am both humble and grateful!

<u>City Hall:</u> We can't wait to share YOUR new facility with you. We are anticipating our grand opening to be sometime this fall. Our furniture is scheduled to be delivered and we will be putting the final touches on the building prior to unveiling it to the public. Hint hint - you will get to see the handy work of a couple of our council members. Cathy Stein has landscaped what we affectionately refer to as 'Cathy's Garden' on the north side of the building.

<u>Special Election – July 27:</u> There is a special election taking place on July 27, 2021 for the U.S Representative District 6 runoff. Dalworthington Gardens will only be a polling place on Election Day, July 27. Please visit <u>https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/elections.html</u> for more information.

Laurie Bianco - Mayor - (903) 258-7354

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

Councilmembers:

Alderman John King • Alderman Steve Lafferty • Alderman Cathy Stein • Alderman Joe Kohn

<u>Summer Learning Programs:</u> If you are looking for a summer learning program for your kids, please refer to the Chief's Message below for a Junior PSO Academy which begins August 2nd. Excel Learning Academy is holding summer programs as well. Please visit <u>https://www.excellearning.academy/</u> or email Rynthia Clements at <u>RClements@excellearning.academy/</u> academy.

Welcome to our new businesses:

• P. Lynn Peterson Realtor Office, 2104 Roosevelt Drive, Suite Q

<u>Thought of the Day:</u> Maybe disappointments are just God's way of saying, "I've got something better." Be patient, live life, have faith.

Laurie Bianco, Mayor 2600 Roosevelt Drive Dalworthington Gardens, Texas <u>mayorbianco@cityofdwg.net</u> (903) 258-7354

Chief's Message:

Parents of young kids, we have dates! We will be offering a week long Junior PSO Academy class August 2-6th for kids 5-8 years old, and August 9-13th for kids 9-13 years old. All classes will be from 9a-1p with lunch provided daily. **Adult must be present for this event.** This will be a hands-on camp where we teach them all about what we do! We will have a Fire, EMS, Police and of course a graduation. Kids will learn about basic first aid, 911 systems, Fire safety, Bike Safety, crime scene, the gear we carry both fire and



police, and much more. We cannot wait to start this new program. This will be a great time for those looking for something to do this summer. If you are interested in this program, feel free to email **jsmith@cityofdwg.net** to request correspondence to be emailed to you once we have dates set.

Key Elementary is hosting summer school this summer from 6/7/2021-6/25/2021 then again 7/5/2021-7/23/2021. The summer school zone times are as follows: Morning lights: 7:50-8:50, Afternoon lights 12:50-1:50. Please use caution during these times as kids may be crossing.

Reminder as the summer is upon us that we offer house watches while you go on vacation. Please contact dispatch for more information. 817-275-1234 ext. 1

WE ARE HIRING!!! We are hiring for a full-time dispatch position, and a full time PSO position. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a dispatcher, PSO, or for more information please email **jsmith@cityofdwg.net**

Interested in becoming a volunteer fire fighter? Qualifications, must be 18 years of age, have a drivers license, and must be able to pass a physical fitness row test. Training nights are every Tuesday night at 6:00pm. For more information, please email **jsmith@cityofdwg.net**

Day with the Law, we WILL be having Day with the Law this year! This event is always our biggest event of the year. This event is fun for the whole family with things for both kids and adults to enjoy. Our tentative date for this is Saturday September 25, 2021 from 10a-2pm in Elkins Park. If you have never been today with the law, you are missing out. This event brings departments from across the whole metroplex to DWG for the day. Every department will bring their specialized equipment to show off to the public. This event includes police, fire and EMS services and any entities that are closely related to them. We will have food, bounce houses, and a parade to end our event.

Sincerely and Respectfully, Chief Greg Petty

Historical Committee News

The original Community House, that was the hub for community interaction and an original structure built as part of the homestead project, was torn down in April of 1971. The Fort Worth Lion's Club had expressed interest in moving the building but could not make it happen in the needed time frame. The new Municipal Building appears complete from the outside in a photo in a July 1971 article in the Citizen's Journal that also stated the building was about 4 weeks away from being moved into.

Remembering that history is not only past events but what we create daily, we would like welcome June's new residents to DWG: the Castprema family and the Miguel family.

The next regularly scheduled Historical Committee meeting is Thursday, September 2 at 6:30 pm. Stay tuned for meeting location. All are welcome.

CPSAAA News

The Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association (CPSAAA) is collecting cases of water for our DWG DPS and city employees. During this hot weather, having cold drinks to count on is imperative to keep our DPS friends hydrated. Donations can be dropped off at city hall. CPSAAA sincerely thanks you for your generous giving on behalf of our officers who keep us safe!

Our ongoing **Lock Your Box Campaign** is going very well. Keep your mail safe and secure by having a locking mailbox installed through our ongoing Lock Your Box Campaign. If you are interested in purchasing a locking mailbox or would like more information, please call Jim Fallon at 817) 478-4773. This is not a fundraiser for CPSAAA, there are no extra fees or charges added to the cost of your mailbox or installation, our goal is to help provide you with knowledge of the options available to you in the hopes of helping you to protect your mail and packages from theft. If you do not have a brick mailbox and would like to have one built or if you would prefer to have your locking mailbox on a post, Jim can provide you with an estimate on what those costs would be. If you currently have a brick mailbox it is likely that a locking mailbox can be retrofitted into your existing brick mailbox. It is a great peace of mind to know your mail is protected in your mailbox until you are able to check it.

For more information on any of the above, please email us at <u>dwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com</u> or give me a call at 817-726-3448.

Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President

Park Board Bulletin

Hello DWG residents,

Hope you are staying hydrated and taking early morning walks in the midst of the summer heat. There is still time for a lastminute vacation since school will be starting right around the corner in August.

If you happen to be strolling by Garden Park, be sure to check out the new shade structure over the toddler playground equipment. A big cheer to the folks who came together to make it happen. "What more can we do together to enhance our playground?" you ask...Well, there's still time to fill out the survey for the 5-12 playground equipment and/or make a pledge on the DWG city home page.

In the meantime, feel free to contact us to volunteer or give us feedback for anything related to the park.

Take care and stay safe, Park Board parkboard@cityofdwg.net

Events at Garden's Park to pencil on your calendar:

September – Grandparents Day celebration and Park Work Day (volunteers wanted, email Park Board) October – Halloween (Trunk or Treat possibly resuming this year) November – Park Work Day (volunteers wanted, email Park Board) December – Pictures with Santa (possibly resuming this year)

Tool Tip:

Are you looking for a tool that helps pull up seedling trees? This year our park board members and a few volunteers have been working around the park to clean up areas and found that the weed wrench is very handy in pulling up seedlings and their roots.

Summer Fun Facts from https://bestlifeonline.com/summer-facts/:

- ** With July being National Ice Cream month, the largest scoop of ice cream ever weighed over 3,000 pounds.
- ** Frisbee has gone from being played with an empty pie tin to being a full-on sport.
- ** There's enough water in an Olympic size pool to take 9,400 baths.
- ** One of the most stunning meteor showers of the year peaks in mid-August.
- ** The term the "dog days of summer" comes from astronomy.

This phrase wasn't inspired by lethargic, overheated pups. The "dog" in question is Sirius the Dog Star, which rises in the sky during late July as a part of the Greater Dog constellation, according to *National Geographic*.

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