



# CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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**DWG 1936-2023 "and Growing"**

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## June 2023 City Council News Items Approved

- Global opioid settlement agreements
- Plat for 2601 and 2615 California Lane
- Fence special exception for 3306 Evie Court
- Horse prohibition in City parks
- ADA ramp for DPS Building

## Water Conservation Tips

- **Twice a week or less.** If you're watering more than two days a week, you're watering too much.
- **Don't water between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.** Up to 30 percent of the water we spray on lawns during the heat of the day is lost to evaporation.

## Mayor's Message:

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Hi sweet friends!

Heroes come in many forms many of which we don't ordinarily recognize. The heroes I'm talking about don't wear capes or fly between buildings. The heroes I'm referring to live in DWG. This past week, I watched my neighbor, Susie Durand, live her life as a heroine. Susie is my hero because she has the heart of one of the most courageous, loyal people that I know. Thank you for not only taking care of your own family with all the love in your heart, but also others in your own neighborhood. The next type of heroes are those folks who continuously give without an expectation for something in return. Tracy and Ben Dodson exemplify this. They are my heroes because they constantly give back and foster a sense of community. They're the first ones to arrive and the last ones to clean up with nothing but a positive attitude from start to finish. Devin and Belynda Warner, owners of Metro Mobile Electronics, have their business in DWG and fully support, not only friends in the community, but also citywide events without expecting to be in the limelight. Their deep pockets have blessed our DPS in more ways than I can count. Susan Campbell, who I silently dub "the animal rescuer", is always cognizant of wildlife safety and seeks to protect this precious resource in our community. It takes a special person to work with terminal patients and our very own Rhonda Schrock exemplifies compassion when dealing with patients and their families at a pivotal moment in their lives. Taking care of those who are less fortunate requires a special kind of hero. Todd and Deborah Batiste fulfill that role. Being courageous and maintaining a positive attitude, despite devastating events, qualifies Ralph and Gail Parks as heroes. Some heroes give of their time and talents to the city in many ways and our Park Board is at the top of that list with all of their event planning and manual labor to keep our park and city looking it's best. You see, heroes come in many forms with various attributes. The hero of my story exemplifies all of these marvelous characteristics and I thank Him for the blessings He has bestowed on our community.



**Duck, Duck Goose:** Fishing season is in full swing and we would like to kindly request that our friends who enjoy fishing at Pappy Elkins Lake please be careful operating your equipment around our wildlife. Fish hooks, fishing line, and other equipment have resulted in many injuries to our ducks and geese. Anything you can do helps and we deeply appreciate it.

**Passing of Dr. Frank Dingwerth:** Dr. Dingwerth was a very respected member of our

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### Councilmembers:

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community and lived at 14 Twin Springs Drive. We send our thoughts and prayers to the Dingwerth family after this tremendous loss not only to the family but also to the friends in our community.

**Want to Volunteer?** Dental Health Arlington is a non-profit dental clinic that specializes in providing low income families with low cost dental care. Did you know somewhere in Arlington a child is not sleeping due to dental pain? Our SMILES school-based program offers FREE preventive services including education, screenings, fluoride treatment and a toothbrush to 1st-4th graders. Often times, this is a child's first toothbrush. We are creating miles of healthy smiles in the community!

You can help by:

- Joining our Advisory Board
- Joining our Board of Directors
- Making a monthly contribution. A monthly \$25 donation will help so many children and families get the preventive treatment needed to keep their teeth for a lifetime. Visit our website: [www.dentalhealtharlington.org](http://www.dentalhealtharlington.org)
- Volunteer in our clinic and/or SMILES program
- Attend our annual Fundraiser
- Join our fundraising committee
- Attend one of our monthly breakfasts and become a DHA Champion
- Email Glenda Bell for questions: [g.bell@dentalhealtharlington.org](mailto:g.bell@dentalhealtharlington.org)

**Garbage, Recycling, and Household Hazardous Waste Service Changes:** Effective September 1, 2023, the City of Dalworthington Gardens will move to Community Waste Disposal (CWD) for collection of garbage, recycling, and household hazardous waste. This change comes because the City was facing significant service changes bundled with heavy cost increases. Moving services to CWD will allow the City to keep most services as is and will add a few benefits as well. CWD will begin coordinating drop-offs of new containers in August to prepare for the September 1 start date. Republic will coordinate pickup of their containers as well. Residential recycling is moving to Fridays, and garbage pickup will be on Tuesdays and Fridays.

**Watch out for Runners:** Fortunately, we have lots of athletically gifted citizens in DWG who enjoy running in our City. We don't want them taking their lives in their hands whenever they put on their sneakers to run. Since the city does not have sidewalks everywhere, you will see runners or bikers using the street at times. Please "share the road" with folks on two feet and two wheels.

**New Billing Schedule:** The City will soon be changing utility billing dates to move to calendar month billing. This will result in being billed on August 16 for service dates of 7/17/23-8/13/23 and a short, prorated billing on September 5 for 8/14/23-8/31/23. Bills will then move to the first part of the month with a due date moving to the second to last day of the month (October 4 billing will be due October 30). Cutoffs will move to the the third Tuesday of each month. We understand this may result in unexpected expenses with two back-to-back billings and moving to a new schedule. If you encounter difficulty paying your bill, please contact the City at 817-275-1234.

**Thought of the Day:** Hugging is the most beautiful form of communication that allows the other person to know beyond a doubt that they matter to you.

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### **Chief's Message:**

As your City Council and City Staff work diligently to improve the roadways in the City, we want to ensure your safety and the safety of our workers. As most have already realized, much work was done on Roosevelt Dr over the past few months. Lanes were closed, causing residents to use alternate routes and sometimes changed overnight. We appreciate everyone being pleasant and



patient as workers completed these projects. As we all know, growing pains are hard but worth it in the end.

School Zones: as the summer continues to fly by, we are less than a month away from school zones starting back. Please be patient as parents learn the new routes and get used to drop-off and pickup lines. This is a very stressful first couple of weeks for all. Arkansas Ln traffic for Arlington Classics Academy will start Tuesday, August 8th, and Key Elementary the following Wednesday, August 16th. We will have extra patrol officers in the area to assist staff and parents with the procedures to ensure everything goes as smoothly as possible; however, please plan for backup in the mornings and afternoons.

**WE ARE HIRING!!!** We are hiring for a full-time dispatch position. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a dispatcher, or for more information, please email [jsmith@cityofdwwg.net](mailto:jsmith@cityofdwwg.net)

If you have DWG DPS monitoring your alarm system, please help us complete your yearly update. Don't hesitate to 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 correctly. This process ensures 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](mailto: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. Please let us know if your alarm system is monitored through a third party and if you want information on DWG DPS free monitoring.

Sincerely and Respectfully,  
Chief Greg Petty

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### **Historical Committee**

We hope you were able to join us and had fun at the ice cream social. It was nice to cool off and eat some sweet treats after the ribbon cutting for the new playground equipment. Thanks to our residents who cranked out homemade ice cream for us to sample and all of the other volunteers who brought supplies and helped serve.

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

Mark your calendars; the next regularly scheduled Historical Committee meeting is Thursday, September 7 at 6:30 pm in the council chambers. All are welcome.

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### **CPSAAA News**

The Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association (CPSAAA) is collecting cases of water for our DWG DPS and Fire Departments. During this hot weather, having cold drinks to count on is imperative to keep our DPS/Fire friends hydrated. Donations can be dropped off at the station at 2600 Roosevelt Dr., next door to the City Hall building. CPSAAA and DWG DPS/Fire sincerely thank you for your generosity!

Thank you so much to the Flower's Family for their generous donation to CPSAAA and for their great support of our Dalworthington Gardens First Responders!

**We are so thankful for the men and women who put their lives on the line every single day to protect us and our community.**

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

Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President  
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## **Park Board Bulletin**

Hello DWG Residents,

Summer is upon us. As you are out enjoying all the activities of summer, please remember to stay hydrated. Heat stroke is no joke and can creep up on you if you are not drinking enough. Accidentally swallowing pool water because you did not close your mouth while diving does not count folks!! Hope we captured a little laughter or even a smile to brighten up your day.

Take care and stay hydrated  
DWG Park Board  
parkboard@cityofdwg.net

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### **Respect Our Park**

Pea gravel does not belong in the water fountain. It clogs the drain and thus creates standing water that attracts mosquitos when someone uses it to get a drink to stay hydrated. It is time consuming to constantly dismantle the fountain to clean out the pebbles. Please teach the kiddos to respect the park's amenities so that all can safely enjoy them.

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

Dr. Turner's band, The Uptown Drifters, will be back on Saturday, September 23, 2023 to entertain us with a variety of musical genre through the decades.

Did you know that on October 14 of this year that an annular solar eclipse will be able to be viewed in DWG? The Fort Worth Astronomical Society will be giving a presentation that morning prior to the eclipse beginning, with the maximum coverage of the sun occurring just before noon.

More info about the Park Board's events to come. As always, you can follow the City of Dalworthington Gardens on Facebook to get the details of and ask questions about upcoming events.

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

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](mailto:parkboard@cityofdwg.net)

Thanks to all the volunteers who came out to our July work day. Collectively we donated 18 hours of work cleaning up, weeding and planting that helped beautify Gardens Park.

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

According to Texas Parks and Wildlife's publication, On the Waterfowl of Texas, [https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd\\_bk\\_w7000\\_0695.pdf](https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_0695.pdf), "Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (south and central Texas) makes a nest of rotted wood chips in a tree cavity or nest box 8 to 30 feet above the ground, although it sometimes may nest on the ground. It is a year-round resident in wooded resacas, ponds, marshes and smaller lakes and is expanding its range in many parts of Texas." We often see them in the summer enjoying Pappy Elkins Lake. be keeping your plant's roots cooler and keeping water in their root zones longer.

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