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June 2025 City Council News Items Approved

- City Fee Schedule
- Appointing members to various boards and committees

Tips

Please do not place your household waste/garbage on the curb before 7 p.m. the evening before our trash pick-up. (Monday and Thursday evenings)

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:



The nickname was I given by a few dear friends of mine is Colombo. "Why Colombo?" you might ask Well, I think I had the potential of being a private investigator in my younger life. I love to dig into the details and find what lies underneath. As a result, I love researching to find out the origins of words and stories. Have you ever wondered who "Yankee Doodle" was? Well, I have sung this song since I was a young child without ever discovering the meaning behind it. Little did I know it was a slap in the face to Americans. Here's a little excerpt from the Kennedy Center about the story behind this song: "Yankee Doodle" is a famous example of an insult that backfired. The "Yankee Doodle" tune was already well known by the 1750s, but tradition says that in 1755 a British doctor named Richard Schuckburg penned new words to mock his American allies. He portrayed the colonists as rude, crude, and cowardly. In the song, Schuckberg referred to the American fighter as both a "doodle"—a country hick, and a "dandy"—a conceited jerk. No one has ever figured out exactly where the term "Yankee" came from. One guess is that "Yankee" started as the nickname "Little Jan," used by Dutch settlers at the time, but the Brits used it to mock all American colonists. Later, of course, it became the name of a very famous New York baseball team. As for me and my tribe, we will always be Rangers fans.

Yes, it's open! Campo Verde has made a comeback that is even bigger and better than before. We presented them with a proclamation naming June 5th as Campo Verde Day in our beautiful city. I had the privilege of attending their VIP event and let me just say the food is over the top and the service is exceptional. Chef Mosse and Li are extraordinary in every way. Their calculated soft opening was brilliant. They required reservations in order to make sure things were running smoothly and if there were hiccups along the way, it would be a controlled situation. I sincerely appreciate the fact that they have everything in compliance with our city codes. With so many lights, it can become overwhelming to do what is necessary to maintain both the spirit and concept of this iconic restaurant. No shortcuts have been taken to provide a high quality of food. Y'all know about my sugar addiction, and they have not helped me at all because of the churros. Oh my gosh, they are the best and my mouth is watering just thinking about them. Anyway, enough said, go check it out. It does not disappoint! Born on the Fourth of July—that is Judy Rupay. I would like to pay tribute to this icon on her 75th birthday. Permanently stamped in our hearts and in our communities, Judy's footprint is embedded in too many facets to acknowledge. Judy was one of the first women to work on Wall Street and has set the tone for others to follow. She has blazed a path from NYC to DFW, laying the groundwork for success in every step she takes. Her service on the city council of Arlington forged a path forward to make our sister city, Arlington, extraordinary. Her wisdom is unmatched, but her heart rivals at the same level. She continues to serve as a mentor to future leaders and her investment in people is just one of the many attributes that makes her unique. If I need sound advice, this is the lady I go to. She quietly gives of her time and resources to

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so many non-profits and betters our cities without ever seeking the limelight. However, I feel like it is important to recognize those whose service makes a significant difference in the lives of others, just as she has in mine. Happy 75th birthday, Judy!

Welcome to our Business Community Our business family is expanding by leaps and bounds. YAY!!! We welcome the following businesses to our sweet little community: Campo Verde Mexican Bar and Grill located at 2819 West Pioneer Parkway, Euro Car American Repair located at 2157 Corzine Drive, Culligan Ultrapure Inc located at 2232 Michigan Avenue, Suite C, Preferred Personal Training located at 2238 Michigan Avenue, Suite A, Hinton Garden Spa housed at 2313 Roosevelt Drive, Suite A, and Health Quest Exams located at 2238 Michigan Avenue, Suite C.

Our Hearts Mourn We recently lost a wonderful, sweet member of our DWG family, Dolores Henderson. Dolores passed away on May 26 at her home in DWG. She was born on November 4, 1943, in Wichita Falls, TX, where she grew up and graduated from the Academy of Mary Immaculate (AMI) in 1961. After high school, she began working as a receptionist at Industrial Supply, where she met her future husband. Dolores married Ray in 1961 in Wichita Falls. They were happily married for 64 years. She later worked for many years as an attendance clerk at Bowie High School until her retirement. Dolores was an active member of both Saint Maria Goretti and Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Churches in Arlington. She was a lifelong member of the St. Maria Goretti Ladies Garden Club and participated in various craft clubs. She even spent a few years in a bowling league alongside her husband, Ray. Dolores served as the booster club president for Tara's high school drill team and loved playing Bunco—remaining in the same group for more than 20 years. Her love for dogs inspired her to donate regularly to the ASPCA throughout most of her adult life. Dolores is survived by her husband, Ray, her daughters, Lisa (John) Upshaw, Tara (Jay) Rhynes, her grandchildren, Travis, Holly, Jessica, Toni, and RJ; and her many nieces, nephews, and other beloved relatives. We will miss this precious soul in our DWG family.

Thought for this Month "True independence and freedom can only exist in doing what's right." Brigham Young

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Chief's Message:



DWG DPS partnered with 31 other North Texas Police Departments to offer a Citizens Response to Active Shooter Events (C.R.A.S.E) training class on Saturday June 28th. The course was put on by all participating agencies on the same date in an effort to amplify the its importance and ensure access to the metroplex. We had a full class in DWG, and were happy to participate in this monumental day for DFW. 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 use 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 6th, and Key Elementary the next Wednesday, August 13th. 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

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

We hope you will be able to join us for the ice cream social at City Hall on Saturday, July 12 from 6:30-8:30pm. This is a come and go event where you can meet and visit with your neighbors, and enjoy some great homemade ice cream.

We also have two other treats for you this year. 1) The park board will be announcing the theme for this year's Mayors' Monarch Pledge art project. Pick up information from a park board member while you are at the social. 2) Who remembers the teasers we have had at previous ice cream socials about the historical fiction children's book that DWG's own Mary Webster wrote? Well, it is finally, as of this writing, in line to be printed. We are hoping to have copies available for sale for \$15 each (sales tax included) by the 12th. If we don't have them in hand yet, we will take orders. What definitely will be happening at the social is to have an author's reading of the book. We anticipate the reading to start around 7pm. The illustrator, Kristy Jarvis, is also planning on being there. She donated her talent to bring Mary's story to life.

Mark your calendars; the next regularly scheduled Historical Committee meeting is Thursday, September 11 at 6:30 pm in the council chambers. All are welcome.

CPSAAA News - Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association

Bottled Water Donations

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. Bottled water donations can be dropped off at the Police Station at 2600 Roosevelt Dr., next door to the City Hall building. CPSAAA and DWG DPS/Fire sincerely thank you for your generosity!

We have added wonderful new products and colors to our CPSAAA fundraiser merchandise! In addition to our popular T-shirts, we now have stylish ball caps and bucket hats available, just in time for summer.

Sizes Small thru XXXL
Free Local Delivery is available.

Call or text 817) 726-3448 today to see all the great styles.

All profits benefit our
Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety and Fire Department.
Available in Grey, Light Pink, Dark Pink, Royal Blue, Black, Lavender, Purple, Red, Daisy, Scuba Blue, Irish Green, Texas Orange, Green Camo, Tan Camo, and Sport-Tek styles in Black or Gray



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

Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President
DWGCPSAAA.org

Park Board Bulletin

The next bi-monthly park work day is scheduled for Saturday, July 10th from 9-noon. Be on the lookout for weather-related updates on Facebook and the DWG city website. Bring your garden gloves and tools. The meeting location is by the main marquee at the corner of Roosevelt and Elkins Drive. Contact the Park Board by emailing ParkBoard@CityofDWG.net.

We are looking for volunteers. Interested in lending a hand for the upcoming DWG events like the famous ICE CREAM SOCIAL, MUSIC IN THE PARK and MOVIE NIGHT? Contact the Park Board by email.

PARK BOARD CHALLENGE- Can YOU name that plant?

Have you stopped by the park or playground to check out the TRIVIA clues? Pam and Joe Miller have posted clues to Don's mystery plant located at the triangle bed north of the gazebo. Be the first to name that plant! Hint: It is even mentioned in a famous song.

The pollinator plant of the month is Ironweed (Vernonia.) A very tall perennial plant, it can grow to be over 8'. Beautiful with bright purple blooms, the large plant is on the far west side of our garden beds. This tall plant shades some of the milkweed patch and helps hide the Monarch caterpillars that have been spotted. A member of the daisy family, expect to see this flowering until late in the fall.

Native Wildflower Seeds are available for the asking- email us!

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