



# CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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**DWG 1936-2024 "and Growing"**

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## May 2026 City Council News Items Approved

- Update Strategic Plan
- Wrecker Ordinance

## 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:



We are about to welcome in summer, and I am personally excited because my sweet baby will be home with me until the fall semester starts. During Mother's Day weekend, my mama and my brother came to visit to not only celebrate Mother's Day and a birthday, but also to see my new house. In the card that my mother gave me for my birthday she made a very interesting statement. She said that I was North Carolina bred, but Texas has my heart. No truer words have been spoken! During the many deep conversations that we had, she brought up an idea that really made me evaluate my attitude of gratitude. She asked, "What if we woke up this morning and only had the things we thanked God for yesterday." That one stunned me. I gave it some serious thought and responded by saying I would have my family, my friends, good health, the opportunity to serve our community in this role, the beautiful home I have been blessed with, and for the opportunity to not only live in DWG, but to live in this nation. As I was sitting near the intersection at Abram and Cooper, I was frustrated because I was running late, and the train seemed to be moving at a snail's pace. Rather than getting frustrated, I decided to use that opportunity to think about all of my blessings and how thankful I am for each and every one of them. For each train car that passed, I expressed my gratitude by naming a different "something" that I'm thankful for. You know, it is my humble opinion that things don't happen by chance.

People are put in our lives for reasons that we may not understand at the moment. For example, a gentleman named Tom Barber and his beautiful wife, Candi, met with me to talk about potentially moving their business to DWG. I immediately told them they had no choice! They are going to bring their business to DWG. Sure enough they signed their contract for Guardian Solutions, LLC. Little did I know that we would be conducting business even before they came to our city. After a lengthy visit at Grounds And Gold, I discovered that Tom not only does general contracting, that he is also a master craftsman. By the end of the visit, we had already found so many things for him to do. His family's desire to be involved in the community was evident. He has now re-mortared my roof to extend the life of it, brought the fence in the back of my yard back to life, refinished my kitchen table and chairs, as well as several other projects. I am so happy to announce that they now have a CO to do business in our city! As for all of the fine friends in DWG reading this, I am so deeply thankful for each of you and for the opportunity to serve you. I count you among my greatest blessings!

If you are interested in serving on a city board, we are accepting applications until June 18. Applications for our boards are available online at our city website [www.cityofdwg.net](http://www.cityofdwg.net) under forms or contact City Hall at 817-274-7368. If you currently serve on the board, you will remain assigned to that board unless you notify us. We are so grateful for everyone who serves and makes our city the extraordinary place that it is.

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

**Ed Motley, Mayor Pro Tem - (972) 757-4502**

### Councilmembers:

**Alderman John King • Alderman Steve Lafferty • Alderman Cathy Stein • Alderman Paul Sweitzer**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OUR BUSINESSES:

We are working to upgrade and have a new state of the art website that is more user friendly, and we would like to highlight your businesses so that we can promote you and bring more business into our community. If you would like to be included in the business directory, you must **OPT-IN**. If you would like to be included, please send an email with the following information: your name, business name, address, telephone number, email, and website. Please send this information to [permits@cityofdwg.net](mailto:permits@cityofdwg.net) by **Monday, June 15**.

We would like to warmly welcome the following businesses to the business family:

Guardian Solutions Group, LLC 2810 West Pioneer Parkway, Suite F

Texas Legit Roofing, 2218 Michigan Avenue, Suite D

New Strength Adaptive Fitness, LLC 2238 Michigan Avenue, Suite B

The Reel Coffee House, 2506 W. Poineer Parkway

We would like to wish Mike and Michelle Redden the very best that life has to offer. They sold their business, Cowboy Towing, and are starting a new chapter in their lives. Cowboy Towing has been our city provider for more years than I can count (32 plus years). Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your service to the city and for all of your contributions over the years—Day with the Law, fleet maintenance, shedding services, and so many more. We love both of you! Happy retirement!

## Court of Kindness:

We would like to express our thanks to The Gatton (Doug and Michelle Gatton) Community Group from Fielder Church for the water donation for our city. It was a greatly needed and deeply appreciated act of kindness and service to our wonderful city. Thank you, Jim LaBenz, for trimming the trees around our city sign on Sieber. We always want folks to know they are entering the best city in the universe! You rock!

## Something To Think About:

What separates privilege from entitlement is gratitude!

Laurie Bianco, Mayor

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## Chief's Message:

### 📢 INVASIVE HAMMERHEAD WORMS SPOTTED LOCALLY! 📢

Heads up, DWG! Reports of invasive hammerhead worms are rising in our area, and they are a major threat to our yards. You can easily spot them by their distinctive, shovel-shaped heads and slimy, ribbon-like bodies. These aggressive predators wipe out our beneficial earthworms and secrete a toxic slime that causes skin rashes and can make pets severely ill.

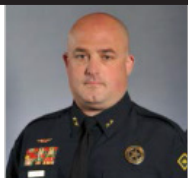
If you see one under mulch, rocks, or potted plants, **DO NOT CHOP IT UP**—any cut pieces will just regenerate into new worms! Instead, wear gloves, use tweezers to put it in a ziplock bag, and pour salt, vinegar, or rubbing alcohol over it to dissolve it completely before throwing it in the trash. Please keep a close eye on your yards and protect our pets and soil!

The heat is starting to really ramp up, and with the increased humidity this year our staff is feeling it! Our staff is quickly depleting our bottled water reserves as the temperature rises. We are always in need of cases of bottled water for our responders as they do go through them quickly in this weather. Any cases donated may be dropped off too our dispatch center 24 hours a day, located in the DPS building next to City Hall. Staff will be happy to assist with unloading any donations given.

We would like to thank Fielder Church and its community members for donating a pallet of water to help us start off the summer. Your graciousness has kept us hydrated during this very deceiving heat.

Tis the season! Our house watch program is in full swing right now with the summer months upon us. If you are new to the Gardens' we want to make sure that you are aware of the house watch program. This is a voluntary program that is offered as a free service to DWG residents. Anytime (year-round) that you plan on going on vacation contact dispatch and fill out a form and we will have officers check your residents twice a day. We offer this program as a proactive way to assist residents in keeping their property safe with no added worries while gone. For more information on this program please contact dispatch.

Sincerely and Respectfully, Chief Greg Petty



## Historical Committee

As I am writing our newsletter column, the 90th anniversary events are on the horizon. However as you are reading this article, they are in the rearview mirror.



**We hope you had a great time celebrating with us.**

**Thank you to all of our volunteers and sponsors.**

**Watch for a wrap up next month.**



If you weren't able to join us during one of our 90th celebration events, we hope you will be able to at another city event this year. One thing that was reinforced for me while putting together DWG's 90th anniversary events was how important a sense of community is. It is what allowed our pioneer families to succeed when all other Texas subsistence homestead projects faded away long before now. Some of the ways they accomplished this sense of community was through gatherings such as watching movies in the park, learning how to can or attending a dance at the old community house. They also developed a sense of community through participation as a community leader or a good neighbor looking out for others. We have a couple of new families to welcome to our community this month. Please welcome the Ortiz Family and the Barry Family.

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## CPSAAA News - Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association

Be sure to look for the Dalworthington Gardens Police Department, Fire Department, and CPSAAA Citizens on Patrol vehicles rolling through the upcoming Arlington Fourth of July Parade — a special celebration marking America's 250th birthday! Come out, show your patriotic spirit, and cheer on your hometown heroes as they represent our community in this historic milestone event. Parade kicks off at 9am on July 4th.

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Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President

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## Park Board Bulletin

The Mayor's Monarch Garden is rising to the challenge with strong pollinator activity. Stop by to hear from the busy bees, butterflies and hummingbirds! Special plants to watch for are *Salvia gauranitica*. This is also known as Black & Blue, a sage with indigo and black blooms that are attractive to hummingbirds. The second is a milkweed strain called Swan or "Hairy Balls" milkweed, *Gomphocarpus fruticosus*, which is known for large lime green seed pods. Some of the pods are now forming on the west side of the walk. Both of these varieties are new to the collection this season and were donated by

Green's Produce & Plants along with many other plants now thriving in the garden. Many thanks to Patty White of Green's for her generous donation of plants to our Monarch Garden.

Remember the DWG 90th birthday celebration this weekend with activities for the whole family to enjoy. Stop by the Park Board booth for information on upcoming park events.

Thanks go out to DWG resident Richard Todd who donated his time, skill and labor to the main Roosevelt bridge. He replaced much needed wood stringers and spent hours power washing the bridge, in preparation for the new stain application. Thank you, Richard Todd for your hard work and contribution to this improvement.

Texas Parks & Wildlife has kicked off the third annual Bird Bingo. Download the Prairie and Piney Woods West [or All Texas] card at TexasBirdBingo.com to join the fun. There is an interesting article about the Texas Tortoise explaining how to identify them and where to find their native habitat. Look for "The Great Tortoise Turn-in" article in the Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine.

Please remember to respect our park, especially the sensitive, delicate plants in the garden! Avoid trampling the flowers with soccer balls and other activities. Please clean up the area after your event. We want the park to bring enjoyment to everyone!

The Park Board can be reached through the City of DWG website or by email.

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