

CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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

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Mayor's Message:

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Hi Friends!

I don't think I've ever been so happy to see spring arrive as we navigate our exit from 'snow-vid' 2021. Hopefully everyone has had the opportunity to make repairs on their homes. It is good to see our businesses back at full capacity.

Be Informed: We want to remind you about ways you can sign up for city notifications and follow city news. Please keep in mind, we do not monitor social media 24/7, and social media is not the proper method for reporting a crime.

- Subscribe to news alerts on our website www.cityofdwg.net and click on "Subscribe"
- Sign up for utility text or email alerts by calling City Hall or email utilities@cityofdwg.net
- Follow us on Facebook at

https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Dalworthington-Gardens-1809359549296903

Leak Alerts: The new smart meter system allows residents to be in control of monitoring their water usage. We encourage you to sign up for leak alerts. You can create an account by visiting https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/dgtx/utilities and clicking "Login". If you already receive e-bills, you can sign up for leak alerts on this same page where you login to view your bill. Questions? Call City Hall at 817-275-1234 or email utilities@cityofdwg.net

Garbage/Recycling Rate Increase: You will see an increase on your April bill for garbage/ recycling rates. The last time rates were increased was in 2019. Residential rates will increase from \$16.53 to \$16.95. The additional recycling cart rate will increase from \$2.07 to \$2.15. Commercial hand collect rates will increase from \$20.62 to \$21.11.

Rental Assistance: Are you in need of rental assistance? Although the city has no current funding to provide for rental assistance, we are gathering data to assess the need for such a program. Please email Lola Hazel at lhazel@citvofdwg.net if you have this need.

- **Welcome to Our New Businesses:** Aktive Life Studios - 2110 Roosevelt Drive, Suite E
- See Me, I Belong Here 2102 Roosevelt Drive, Building 3, Suite K
- Al Carroll, CPA, PLLC 2305 Roosevelt Drive, Suite B

February 2021 **City Council News Items Approved**

- Audit committee selection
 - Garbage rate increase
 - DPS vehicle purchase
- Sewer pipe cleaning and CCTV work for Elkins and Gardenia
 - Water pump gate valve repair
- Sod quote for Twin Lakes, Twin Springs

Water Conservation Tips

 For weekly water advice and tips for saving water, visit https://waterisawesome. com/ to sign up.

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

Thought of the Day: Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.

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

Chief's Message:

Happy Spring!!! We are very ready for spring to arrive here at City Hall after last month's snowstorm! With the longer daylight hours more children will be out enjoying the beautiful weather, please remember to watch for kids and bikes when frequenting the neighborhood streets.

As the weather starts getting warmer, we are starting to prepare for fun activities for our residents to enjoy. DPS will be offering a new Citizens Public Safety Academy starting Tuesday June 8th. These classes will run for 14 weeks, meeting every Tuesday night at 6:00pm. This is a great interactive class for adults to learn more about public safety and what we do. This class will cover CPR certification, a license to carry certification course, how to conduct building searches, active shooter scenarios, DWI enforcement, crime scene techniques, traffic stops, and a day of firefighting activities. This class will include both in class and hands on training. This class is a great way to meet your fellow residents. This will be our 4th CPSA class to host and we love how much fun everyone has. If you are interested in attending this course, please email Jennifer Smith at jsmith@cityofdwg.net for an application or for more information. We are now taking applications for this course and do have limited seats available, so if you have interest please reach out as soon as possible.

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 to Day 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.

We would like to thank CPSAAA for their continued support of our officers and our department. CPSAAA has purchased 20 flashlights that will be used on firearms.

Sincerely and Respectfully, Chief Greg Petty

Historical Committee News

TThe Dallas Morning News from June 28, 1950 reported that the population of Dalworthington Gardens was 267. (This was about a year after the majority of residents voted to incorporate the bulk of the original homestead project as a city.) According to texasalmanac.com, the population estimate for 2019 was 2,354.

Forms for ordering an engraved brick are available under the Forms tab on the City's website. Newly ordered bricks are placed once a year with a target date of around the city's anniversary in June.

Mark your calendars to join us for our next meeting, Thursday, May 6 at 6:30 pm.

CPSAAA News

We are so excited that our Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety is beginning Citizens Public Safety Academy Class Four, set to begin Tuesday, June 8th.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the community and working alongside our Department of Public Safety, please join us in class four. Here are a few of the topics covered in the class.

Traffic Laws and Traffic Stops / Working accidents and DWI Crime Scenes / Active Shooter / Fire Safety / CPR / LTC / Building Searches

It is our goal to share the vision, mission and life experiences of the DPS in order to engage in discussion that clarifies and bridges gaps, enhances service quality and addresses community safety needs. In other words, to Engage the Community, Equip our Citizens and Empower a Safe and Secure DWG. Once you have completed the CPSA Class you can become a member of the Alumni Association, work with the Citizens on Patrol Program and Volunteer for the many functions that support the DWG DPS. Space is limited, please sign up early to ensure you have a spot.

Please contact Jennifer Smith at jsmith@cityofdwg.net for more information and to sign up.

When you shop on Amazon, please start at this page <u>smile.amazon.com/ch/82-3520164</u>. CPSAAA will receive a donation from Amazon on everything purchased through our page on Amazon Smile. We truly appreciate the support of everyone that participates in this program, we continue to receive donations through this program and 100% of the funds we receive are used to benefit our great Dalworthington Gardens First Responders.

For more information or to sign up for any of our up-coming activities please email your contact information to us at dwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com or give me a call at 817-726-3448.

Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President

Park Board Bulletin

Hello DWG residents,

It's spring time! Please find time to go out to our park and enjoy the sunshine while seeing ducks in the lake and all the blooming flowers. Don't forget to put on your sunscreen.

With Earth Day coming up next month, we hope you can help "Restore our Earth" by picking up after your dog at the park and not using chemicals on your yard. Remember to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

Come join us on **April 24th** for our Earth Day Celebration. This year's theme is **Restore Our Earth**. We plan to have a Chalk Art activity on dedicated sidewalk areas. Mini potted plants will be awarded to participants while supplies last. This will help us with our action items for our city's Monarch Pledge. More details will be posted on NextDoor and FB.

Also, as a quick heads up, we will be starting a Capital Campaign to install a Shade Structure in the playground. Please be on the lookout in your mailbox for a post card and notices via social media for more details.

Take care and be safe, DWG Park Board parkboard@cityofdwq.net

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- ** Earth Day is an annual event celebrated around the world on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection
- ** Earth Day was created through the tireless efforts of Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson.
- ** The first celebration of Earth Day was on April 22, 1970.
- ** 20 million people participated in the first Earth Day marking a strange combination of boisterous rallies and sober reflection on the state of the planet.
- ** The date selected for the first Earth Day was specifically selected to mobilize college students and was a calculated choice: April 22 on most college campuses falls right between Spring Break and final exams.

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