



# CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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

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

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## February 2023 City Council News Items Approved

- May 6, 2023 General Election called
  - Garbage and recycling rates
  - Historical Marker placement at 3100 W. Arkansas Lane
  - School zone times ordinance
  - Special exception for mobile food units at 2529 W. Arkansas Lane

## 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:

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Hi friends!

Our hearts, thoughts, and prayers go out to the Ralph and Gail Parks whose home caught on fire on February 19. Attitude really does define someone's outlook in a situation. Mr. and Mrs. Parks attitude of gratitude truly inspires me every day. They continue to be the gracious, thoughtful people and their character truly is woven into the fabric of their lives. Our city has so much to be proud of because our fire fighters successfully contained this incident so that we could minimize the loss. I cannot imagine how devastating it must be to lose every material possession in one fell swoop. There is no other city where you would find the Chief of Police, the Building Inspector, and city employees sifting through the remains to try and help the home owners locate their valuable possessions. That's just one of the many aspects of what makes us DWG.



**Court of Kindness:** Dillon and Kara Kinney are being recognized at our March 20 City Council Meeting for their life saving efforts in getting the Parks out of their home before the fire completely engulfed everything. You two are truly life savers in every sense of the word.

**Congratulations Jim and Sandy:** We had a monumental event at our new City Hall. Jim Robinson and Sandy Riney are both DWG residents who met in a CPSA class. Jim and Sandy exchanged vows on March 3, 2023 with Sheriff Waybourn officiating the wedding services. Congratulations Jim and Sandy! In DWG fashion, and since Jim was a former fire fighter, they were escorted to their reception venue via the DWG uber service, compliments of Chief Petty. Thank you, Austin Bass, for being the chauffer of the fire truck.



**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 Mark McGuire**

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**Welcome to our new business for this month:**

Jayzee Wraps, 2529 W. Arkansas Lane

**Thought of the Day:** **Speak** in such a way that others love to listen to you. **Listen** in such a way that others love to speak to you.

Laurie Bianco, Mayor

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**Chief's Message:**

With great sadness, DWG DPS announces the loss of our beloved Deputy Fire Chief Robert "Bubba" Sells. Chief Sells passed away Sunday, January 22, 2023, surrounded by his wife of 36 years and his children. Chief Sells started as a volunteer with the DWG Fire Department in 1989, rising up through the ranks of Lieutenant, Captain and ending as Deputy Chief. Chief Sells was a pillar of our department and a mentor to all who joined DWG during his tenure. Chief Sells served the communities of Arlington, Pantego, and DWG for 52 years. His love for firefighting led him to the love of his life, his wife, Sydney. Family and friends were of the utmost importance, and his family is a tribute to his legacy of passion and dedication. Chief Sells will be forever missed by all who met him.



Changes are in the works for school zone traffic on Arkansas Ln. The council has approved revising the school zone traffic times for Arlington Classics Academy on Arkansas Ln. New school zone times will fit the needs of students and staff more appropriately for their safety. New times will be 7a-8:30 am and 2:30-4:15 and will be effective starting Monday, March 20.

It is that time of year again! We have sprung forward!!! We want to remind everyone to check their fire and smoke detectors to ensure they are in working condition and that new batteries are installed. Please contact our dispatch center before testing your alarm system so we can ensure that the correct signals are being received.

We have been asked about what they can do to protect themselves better. We recommend installing thermal heat detectors in all attics in your home. This simple, low-cost upgrade can be made to all alarm systems in residential structures.

For most residents that utilize Brent with Home Security Central (817-467-3040), he can facilitate these upgrades to any alarm he maintains. Please note that Home Security Central is a third-party vendor not associated with the City of DWG; however, they are very familiar with how DWG alarms are monitored. Thermal detectors are designed to trigger at high heat temperatures allowing for quicker notifications in the event of a fire.

If you need any assistance changing batteries or testing your smoke detectors, DWG DPS members will gladly assist with this process. You may call dispatch for assistance at 817-275-1234 ext 1. Your DPS team is currently in the process of starting a home inspection team to meet with homeowners when called upon to help residents be proactive in fire and home safety. More detail regarding this program will be sent out soon.

Sincerely and Respectfully,  
Chief Greg Petty

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## **Historical Committee News**

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 at the historical plaza around the City's Texas Historical Marker at the corner of California Lane and Roosevelt Drive with a target date of around the City's anniversary at the beginning of June.

Mark your calendars to join us for our next regular meeting, Thursday, May 4 at 6:30 pm in the council chambers.

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## **CPSAAA News**



CPSAAA is holding a contest to create a new design/logo to represent Dalworthington Gardens, our unique oasis and the best city in the metroplex! The new design will be used to sell T-shirts and hats at upcoming community events, and the funds will be used to support our DWG Department of Public Safety and Fire Department. If you have a creative spirit and talent for graphic design, live in DWG, or own a business here, submit your entry to [dwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com](mailto:dwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com). The deadline for entries is April 3rd. A panel of judges from members of Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association & Dalworthington Gardens DPS/Fire Personnel will decide the winning submission. So, get the creative juices flowing and submit your entry! The winner will be announced in the next newsletter.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Mark your calendar and be sure to join us at  
PRESPA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT  
Date: Thursday, April 27th**

This is a fundraiser supporting our DWG Department of Public Safety and Fire Department. This fundraiser event at Prespa's on April 27th is an all day event. You can go anytime you want to that day for lunch or dinner, they are open from 11am to 9 pm. Prespa's keeps up with the sales throughout the day and donates a percentage of the sales for the day to CPSAAA. It's a win win, support a good cause while enjoying a delicious meal. Prespa's is a great supporter of our DPS and Fire departments. Grab your family and friends and come enjoy a wonderful meal at Prespa's, Located at 3100 W. Arkansas Ln. in Dalworthington Gardens, 11am – 9pm.

We would like to express our appreciation to the anonymous DWG Family for your recent donation to CPSAAA. Our organization is dependent on donations and fundraisers to continue to be able to help support our wonderful Dalworthington Gardens First Responders, thank you so much for your generosity

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

Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President  
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[DWGCPSAAA.org](http://DWGCPSAAA.org)

## **Park Board Bulletin**

Hello DWG Residents,

It was a bit breezy on the day of the Great Backyard Bird count, but that didn't stop us from identifying 33 species with the American Robin and Cedar Waxwing leading the count with tie of 60 individual birds within each species, very impressive. Thank you to all those that came out to brave the cold.

Please join us for FREE pictures with the Easter Bunny on Sunday, April 2nd from 3-5pm. There will be goodie bags and fun activities for the kiddos. Event will take place at the gazebo in Gardens Park.

DWG Park Board

parkboard@cityofdwg.net

## **Respect Our Park**

Spring is just around the corner. As more folks come out to enjoy the park for gatherings, please be sure to clean up after your well wishes and Happy Birthday sing-a-longs.

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

As mentioned above there will be pictures with the Easter bunny in the park on Sunday, April 2nd from 3-5pm at the gazebo in the park.

Friends with DWG Gardens Club Plant Swap – April 22nd 10am – Noon (Gazebo in Gardens Park)

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

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, May 13th from 9am – Noon. Bring your gardening gloves and tools. The meet-up location is by the marquee at the intersection of Roosevelt and Elkins Dr.

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

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

Perhaps no other North American bird is as familiar to the general public as the American Robin. Widespread, common, and conspicuous, these medium-size birds can be found in every state in the Lower 48, every Canadian province, and Alaska. They are easy to spot with their rusty orange bellies and gray backs. Often seen running upright across lawns and meadows while foraging for worms, robins can be found from cities and towns to parks and forests, where their rich, throaty songs provide a constant soundtrack to our daily live.

## ***Shop DWG and Our Surrounding Businesses***

 <p><b>Farrell Animal Hospital</b> <i>Superior Care For the Life of your Pet</i> 2890 West Pioneer Parkway Arlington, TX 76013 <b>Check out our new website!</b> FarrellAH.com 817-265-6276</p>	 <p><b>Pet Resort</b> <i>The Gardens</i> <i>Protected Play And a Pampered Stay</i> 2890-A West Pioneer Parkway Arlington, TX 76013 (Behind Farrell Animal Hospital) Dog &amp; Cat Boarding Doggie Daycare Grooming Petresortinthegardens.com 817-635-5510</p>
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<p>ARKANSAS LANE (817) 460-1621</p> <p><b>Animal Hospital</b></p> <p>William L. Van Hoosier, D.V.M. 2419 W. Arkansas Lane • Arlington, TX 76013 MTWF 8AM-5:30PM • TH/SAT 8-AM-12 NOON www.alahpets.com</p>
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