



# CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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## Mayor's Message:

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**GRATITUDE** – The quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for; and to return kindness. As we enter different seasons of life, we are presented challenges, some seen and some unforeseen. Oftentimes, it's very easy to become overwhelmed, but each time I have a sense of sadness or anxiety, especially around the holidays, I stop dead in my tracks and start counting my blessings. When I am able to recognize my blessings, I become overwhelmed with a sense of gratitude. I want to reach out to each of you and thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you in this capacity. You bless me! Happy Thanksgiving!

**City Street Bond Projects:** The November 2, 2021 Tarrant County bond election passed which means DWG will receive funding for Corzine Drive drainage improvements and Roosevelt Drive reconstruction from California Lane to Bowen Road. Look for more information on these projects in the future.

**Park Board Vacancies:** We are very sad to report that Marion Armstrong and Tara Cao will be resigning from the Park Board effective December 31, 2021. We are so thankful for their service to the City. If you or someone you know would like to serve on our Park Board, please contact Lola Hazel at 682-330-7418 or [lhazel@cityofdmg.net](mailto:lhazel@cityofdmg.net).



**Salvation Army:** Dalworthington Gardens' citizens and businesses have very giving hearts. As this year comes to a close, would you kindly consider donating to the Salvation Army? I have the privilege of serving on the council for the Salvation Army and I see exactly how funds are spent. This is an organization that gives directly back to the community. The Mayor's Red Kettle Challenge will be on December 11. I would personally appreciate your contributions on that day so that DWG will once again be recognized for their generosity. If you would like to ring the bell, would you kindly contact me at 903-258-7354 or [mayorbianco@cityofdmg.net](mailto:mayorbianco@cityofdmg.net).

**Business Over Breakfast:** Our next Business Over Breakfast will be December 1, 2021, 8-9am at Grounds and Gold, 4130 S. Bowen Road. Hope to see you there!

**Court of Kindness:** We humbly thank Texas Image and Printing for their generous contribution in printing the brochures for our new City Hall. Wow! Patti White with Green's Produce really outdid herself with the donated planters for our new City Hall building. Come by and check out her beautiful handy work. Spence, thank you for taking photos at our Grant Opening event. Several of our council members deserve recognition for their contributions to our new City Hall Grand Opening Event. Council Member Cathy Stein donated beautiful artwork for our conference room. Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and his wife Linda donated an extraordinary handcrafted conference table.

Thanks to Council Member John King for his generous contribution of bottled water for our Grand Opening event. Thank you to our dedicated CPSAAA members who graciously gave up their time to make our event successful. Thank you to Jennifer Smith and Lola Hazel for working behind the scenes to plan everything and make it a successful event. Thank you also to those volunteers who work hard to keep the flower beds in Gardens Park looking pristine.

**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**

## October 2021 City Council News Items Approved

- Comp Financial Management Policy
- City Fee Schedule
- ARPA Fund Priority List

## Water Conservation Tips

- When cooking, peel and clean vegetables in a large bowl of water instead of under running water.
- Fill your sink or basin when washing and rinsing dishes.

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Welcome to our new businesses:

- Larry the Door Guy, 3105 W. Arkansas Lane, Suite B2
- Tire Mart Auto Center, 2870 Pioneer Parkway
- Deep Water Emergency Services, 2805 W. Arkansas Lane, Suite 204
- Arlington Reiki Wellness, 2104 Roosevelt Drive, Building #2, Suites J and K

Thought of the Day: Your smile is your logo, your personality is your business card, how you leave others feeling after an experience with you becomes your trademark. – Jay Danzie

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

We are headed into the Holiday season. I would like to remind everyone to keep crimes of opportunity at bay by locking your car doors, not leaving items in plain sight in your cars, and keeping your garages shut when you are not outside. Thieves look for easy targets so let's not give them any chance. Also, if you are going out of town and you would like to place your house on close patrol or house watch, please contact dispatch at 817-275-1234 ext. 1 for more information, or you may go to our website to find the form at [www.cityofdww.net](http://www.cityofdww.net).



Santa is coming to town! Please join us on December 23rd for our annual Santa Parade. Santa will arrive around 5:00 pm in Gardens Park so we can join him on his journey through the city. He will be escorted through the city by our public safety officers and volunteers. This is our 33rd year and we are excited to continue the tradition! If you have a special request for a stop, please contact Jennifer Smith at 682-330-7416 or by email at [jsmith@cityofdww.net](mailto:jsmith@cityofdww.net) and we will do our best to accommodate any extra stops we can.

Santa's stops on his route:

- Ambassador Row
- Gazebo at Gardens Park
- Sieber/Wooded Creek
- Garden Ln
- Kathryn Court
- Key Elementary
- Hemingsford
- Home Place
- Flower Garden

We all want our kids to take advantage of some of the technological advances that have come so quickly in the past few years. With these advances, though, have come some dangers, particularly those that can expose your child or teen to Internet criminals and even those who prey on young people. Anyone who says that protecting against these threats is easy is selling you something, but there are some commonsense things we can do as parents to help.

The lowest hanging fruit is plucked by making sure your kids' phones and devices are not jailbroken, and that they are updated as soon as possible. Jailbreaking nearly guarantees a cyber infection; blocking jailbreaks and ensuring updates are simply the most effective ways to assure your child's device and data stay safe.

Now, some kids - and these can be otherwise trustworthy, well-behaved, honorable kids - try to disable updates or jailbreak their phones. That's because cool features or hacks that they pass around to one another can be "fixed" or disabled by an update - and they don't want this. It's part of being a kid in the modern world. Yet security experts tell us that this kind of behavior is exactly the sort of thing that criminals and predators hope will happen, because it leaves our kids' phones and apps vulnerable to attack. So it may help to discuss with your child the importance of updates, and to help them update their phone and apps - taking the time to check to make sure updates have been installed.

On an Android phone, from within the Google Play Store, click the hamburger icon in the top-left, then choose Settings. In the General menu, select "Auto-update apps at any time". To save on data, you may wish to click the option to "Auto-update apps over Wi-Fi only." But be careful - kids can spot that weakness, and prevent an update simply by turning off WiFi, which will leave them unsafe and raise your data usage.

On an iPhone, enter the Settings (the gear wheel), select "General," then select "Software Update." The controls for automatic updates are found in the General section of Settings. Select "Automatic Updates," then turn on the Automatic Updates by swiping the button to the right (green).

There are apps that are dangerous because they can expose your child to content, we don't approve of, and there are some that can have more sinister impact. It's up to us as parents to understand what's out there. Talk to your kids but read up on your own. Spend time going through your child's phone with them and ask questions about what apps you're unfamiliar with do. A good first step is to require that you approve app purchases - this can be done on Android or iPhone.

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Some apps, like TikTok, are hugely popular with kids but can expose them to content we as parents are concerned about - and even expose them to security risks. Some, like CashApp, can provide your kid a way to send and receive cash if they're over 13 - even get a debit card. Some, like KiK, are popular but very dangerous because of their use by child predators - police departments here in the DFW area have investigated many cases of teens and pre-teens being contacted and tricked by adults grooming kids. And because Kik is Canadian, getting cooperation can take months, at a time when time is of the essence.

There are millions of apps out there, so we can't cover them all. And there are choices to be made based on our values as parents - there's a great guide to apps you should be aware of at Safewise, which takes the time to contextualize by categories such as "Secret Storage", "Deepfakes", "Explicit content" etc., so you can choose.

It's important to be an educated parent when it comes to apps that run on devices our children use. As with everything with our kids, the responsibility ultimately lies with us.

Sincerely and Respectfully,  
Chief Greg Petty

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### **Historical Committee News**

The Historical Committee extends a warm welcome to DWG's newest residents; the Anderson family and the Carter family.

For the new residents of DWG and a reminder to those of you who have lived here for a while, the City has its own Texas Historical Marker. It is mounted in the historical plaza located in Gardens Park at the NW corner of Roosevelt Dr. and California Ln. The plaza is paved with bricks. Many bricks have already been purchased and placed to honor and keep alive various memories of this city. If you do not have a brick in the patio around the DWG Historical Marker or if you want to order another one, you will find the brick paver order form under forms/other on the City's website. Give someone the gift of becoming part of DWG history by giving them a brick. Newly ordered bricks are placed once a year with a target date of around the City's anniversary in June.

This year's DWG Volunteer of the Year will be recognized at the December council meeting. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered this year to make DWG and the surrounding communities a better place to live.

The next Historical Committee meeting is scheduled for January 6 at 6:30 pm. We will set our meeting calendar for 2022 at this meeting.

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### **CPSAAA News**

**We've got the perfect holiday gift idea for you and your loved ones!** A locking mailbox is a great gift that they can enjoy for a very long time, and they'll remember just how thoughtful you are every time they go out to get their mail. Keep the mail safe and secure by having a locking mailbox installed through our ongoing Dalworthington Gardens Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association Lock Your Box Campaign. If you are interested in purchasing a locking mailbox or would like more information, please call Jim Fallon at 817) 478-4773. This is not a fundraiser for CPSAAA, there are no extra fees or charges added to the cost of your mailbox or installation, our goal is to help provide you with knowledge of the options available to you in the hopes of helping you to protect your mail and packages from theft. If you do not have a brick mailbox and would like to have one built or if you would prefer to have your locking mailbox on a post, Jim can provide you with an estimate on what those costs would be. If you currently have a brick mailbox it is likely that a locking mailbox can be retrofitted into your existing brick mailbox. It is a great peace of mind to know your mail is protected in your mailbox until you are able to check it.

***Also, did you know that when you shop for the holidays at [smile.amazon.com/ch/82-3520164](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/82-3520164), AmazonSmile donates to DWG CPSAAA!*** AmazonSmile is very simple to use—all you need is an Amazon account. On your first visit to the site, you will be asked to log in to your Amazon account with existing username and password (you do not need a separate account for AmazonSmile). You will then be prompted to choose a charity to support (DWG CPSAAA). During future visits to the site, AmazonSmile will remember your charity and apply eligible purchases towards your total contribution—it is that easy! You can also log on by going to [DWGCPSAAA.org](https://DWGCPSAAA.org) and click on the Amazon Smile "Click here to get started" link on our web page. All donations benefit our Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety and Fire Department.

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

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### **Park Board Bulletin**

Hello DWG Residents,

It's that time of the year to be with family and friends to celebrate the upcoming holidays. We are thankful for the DWG staff to help us keep the park beautiful and the DWG DPS to keep us safe.

With the previous year and half being different and sad for some families, we want to remind you that you can order a memorial bench that can be placed in the park. Just contact us and we can help you decide which type, color, and location.

Mark your calendar for Sunday December 5th from 3pm to 5pm since we plan to have pictures with Santa in the gazebo on California. Be sure to bring your family to enjoy cookies and hot chocolates.

Take care and continue to be safe,  
DWG Park Board  
parkboard@cityofdwg.net

### Getting to know the Park Board:

As we approach the end of 2021, we want you to get to know us and what we do on the DWG Park Board (PB) in case you are interested in joining for 2022. We currently have 5 members so every month we will feature a member telling you about ourselves, what our responsibilities are, and why we joined. Be sure to catch others you may have missed in the previous newsletters.

### Shelly Finnin

#### When did you move here?

--> I am originally from Ohio and moved to DWG in 2018

#### Why do you like being on the DWG Park Board?

--> I was drawn to the Park Board because I like to volunteer and meet other residents.

#### What do you do on the park board?

--> I've attended monthly PB meetings and have led some events such as Earth Day where we had sidewalk chalk art to contribute to the Monarch Pledge; helped clean up flower beds at the park at our bi-monthly Park Work Day; created flyers to advertise Texas Arbor Day; adopted a section of the monarch garden.

### Respect Our Park

People use the parks for exercise, for quiet reflections, for a chance to enjoy the greenery, and the sports/playground equipment. A pavilion and parking lot littered with food wrappers and aluminum cans (and, sometimes broken bottles) — not to mention uneaten food! — That's a blight on the beauty of our parks.

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