

# CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS **GARDEN'S GAZETTE**

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# DWG 1936-2021 "and Growing"

## Mayor's Message:

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Hi Friends!

## August 2021 **City Council News Items Approved**



Crisp air, pumpkin spice, Dallas Cowboys, sweater weather, smores, candy corn... these are the images that fall brings to mind. Thank goodness for a little cooler weather and the opportunity to gather with friends and family. I recently went home

to see my mama, and I am constantly reminded of the importance of family - both those blood related and our chosen family, our friends. As Covid-19 has robbed so many lives, please take a moment to remember and pray for the two families in our community who have suffered a loss. Hug those you care about a little tighter. I made a new year's resolution several years ago, that if I think about someone I don't see on a regular basis, I will call or write a note to that person to tell them how much I love them and why they are important to me. Don't let an opportunity escape you. We all need words of encouragement and affirmation that we are loved.

Court of Kindness: Speaking of kind deeds, our Court of Kindness is full of offenders this month. Green's Produce - Sweet Patti and I ventured to Dallas and selected some beautiful planters which Green's Produce has graciously donated to the city along with the flowers that will adorn them. These planters will greet you at the entrance of our new City Hall. Our gratitude to Patti, Mr. Tom, and the staff at Green's Produce. We would like to acknowledge Brad and Robert Allen for their very generous contribution to our grand opening. They have generously donated their time and resources to printing a program for us. A special thanks goes to Sandy Beddow for her planning and layout of the program. Cathy Stein has diligently worked to landscape the north side of the new City Hall building. Wait until you see the handy work of Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley. Ed and Linda designed and built a capolavoro (translated into English it means masterpiece) for our conference room. The white oak table will be enjoyed by generations to come.

The City's staff always humbles me. Not only are they the most brilliant group of folks to work with, but they are also the most hardworking. I stand in awe as I witnessed each staff member move their belongings from the old City Hall to the new building. We always try to be mindful that we use city funds, and under the direction of our city administrator, our staff saved the city a significant amount of money.

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.

City Hall Open House – Mark it on your calendars – November 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. – BE HERE!! Our new City Hall is open for business but we didn't want to schedule our Open House until the building was completed inside and out. We are still waiting on signage and our dedication plague, but we expect them to be installed before that date. We can't wait for you to see "your" new house, a place

## 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

- Ordinance for school crossing zone times
  - Ordinance for unlawfully parked vehicles
    - Tree trimming
- Approval of 10-Year Park Plan
- Sick Leave Donation Policy

# Water Conservation Tips

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

where everyone in our city will be greeted with open arms. Reminder, we would love for you to submit items for our time capsule that will be buried at the Open House. Please contact Lola if you have items to include at lhazel@cityofdwg.net or 682-330-7418.

<u>New City Hall Payment Dropbox Location</u>: The new drop box is located on the south side of the new City Hall building. We are working on wayfinding signage, but a sign has been installed directly at the box.

**Italian Exchange Students:** We are so excited that two families have agreed to host Italian exchange students. The organization that places these students is looking to place students from January to June. If you have an interest, please contact me.

#### Welcome to our new businesses:

Je'Shawn Suit, 2906 Pioneer Parkway

**Thought of the Day:** Two things to remember in life. Take care of your thoughts when you are alone, and take care of your words when you are with people.

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

#### Chief's Message:

Fall is here and as we settle into our fall routines in our community, DPS staff is working diligently to monitor traffic flows and ensure community safety, especially our students. We have enjoyed partnering with the schools in our city to achieve significant progress and resolution to the typical early school year traffic issues and concerns.



A potentially tragic event on August 20, 2021 was averted through quick actions by our dispatch personnel and

public safety officers. Dispatch received a 911 call in regards to a smoke investigation at a group of townhomes. Our on duty PSOs arrived quickly and ensured the homes were evacuated. They then started fire suppression operations and were able to stop the fire from spreading to the rest of the structure with the assistance of our mutual aid partners. We would like to thank Pantego Fire, Forest Hill Fire, Kennedale Fire, and Blue Mound for their quick response for mutual aid. It is great to have partnerships with these, and other neighboring agencies that we work so well with.

We are still compiling a list of all homes and businesses located in DWG that have exterior cameras or doorbells that record video. This list is implemented into our GIS system to assist our detectives in gathering information while conducting investigations. If you would like to participate, please contact Lt. Will Fike at wfike@cityofdwg.net with your name and address. This list will remain confidential and will be used for law enforcement purposes only.

WE ARE HIRING!!! We are hiring for a full-time dispatch position, and a full time PSO position. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a dispatcher, PSO, or for more information please email jsmith@cityofdwg.net.

Interested in becoming a volunteer fire fighter? Qualifications, must be 18 years of age, have a driver's license, and must be able to pass a physical fitness row test. Training nights are every Tuesday night at 6:00pm. For more information, please email jsmith@cityofdwg.net.

Sincerely and Respectfully, Chief Greg Petty

#### Historical Committee News

It is that time of year again to think back on a person you know who has helped foster community through volunteering during 2021. A nominee should be a DWG resident; however their volunteering efforts are not limited to DWG. You can download a form online at <a href="https://www.cityofdwg.net/documents/243/VOY">https://www.cityofdwg.net/documents/243/VOY</a> form.pdf or have staff at the water window in the new City Hall print one for you. You can return completed forms to staff at the water window.

This month's warm welcome to DWG's newest residents is extended to the Schellinger Family and Barber Family. I hope everyone is Happy to Be in DWG!

The next Historical Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 4 at 6:30 pm. We will let you know in our October article if we will be meeting in the annex or by zoom again. We would love to have you join us so mark your calendars.

#### **CPSAAA News**

Every once in a while we like to reprint this information for those in our community that are not familiar with our DWG Citizens Public

Safety Academy Alumni Association --

Dalworthington Gardens Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association (DWG CPSAAA) was founded in 2017 by the graduating members of the inaugural class in order to support the Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety. The DWG CPSAAA is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization. This organization is comprised of a Board of Directors and over 30 active members who support and acknowledge the Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety employees and their families. The DWG CPSAAA is dedicated to supporting the DWG Department of Public Safety through volunteerism and community activities.

The DWG CPSAAA is made up of citizens who have completed and graduated from the Citizen Public Safety Academy and become members of the Alumni Association. The Alumni Association functions as a support group to the Department and is a liaison to the community for the Department. We also raise funds in support of our officers for equipment and/or training needs that otherwise are not budgeted. Members of the Association are dedicated to doing what we can to let the Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety know how much we and the citizens of Dalworthington Gardens appreciate the work done by the Department.

Our sources of funding are obtained from: Annual \$20 membership dues Donations (Individual and Amazon Smile) T-shirt and Hat Sales License To Carry Classes Stop The Bleed Classes

### Citizens On Patrol (COP) Program

Some of you may have seen our DWG Citizens On Patrol vehicle in your neighborhood. The COP program is a branch of our CPSAAA organization. Members of the COP program have completed training sessions covering legal liabilities, patrol procedures, communications, and the penal code through our Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety. We are taught to recognize suspicious or criminal activity and assist our police by actively patrolling the neighborhoods and reporting such activities. COP members are only observers/reporters and do not become physically involved or place themselves in dangerous situations. Citizens On Patrol programs have been proven to be a positive factor in decreasing crime in cities, especially with crimes such as theft, burglary, and auto theft.

We feel truly fortunate to have both of these programs in our great little city.

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

Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President

#### Park Board Bulletin

Hello DWG residents,

Happy Autumn!!! As the temperature cools down, we hope you plan time to come to the park for a nice walk or for a picnic with your loved ones by the lake.

In other news, we will not have the annual DWG Trunk or Treat this year due to the pandemic affecting children. Instead, we are organizing a goodie bag drop off event for families who reside in DWG with children age 10 and under. The goodie bag will be personally delivered to your home on Saturday, October 23rd.

If you are interested, please send an email to parkboard@cityofdwg.net with the following information: Resident's name, Resident's DWG Address, Number of children in the household, Ages of those children. The deadline to register for the event is by Friday October 15th, 2021, 11:59 pm central time.

Until then wishing you a happy and safe month ahead.

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.

Ingrid Cooley has been a DWG resident since 1996 and joined the Park Board because she loves flowers, plants and of course our park. She attends planning meetings, gives input to event planners, helps with tasks on event day, and also adopted a section of the Monarch Garden.

### HOUSEBOATS & TULIP FIELDS

Holland is a small country but is well known for its Houseboats & Tulip Fields. I was born on a houseboat in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Houseboats are very common and lie in all the canals, mainly because there was a shortage of housing & land. Today it's a very trendy thing to live on a houseboat and you see all kinds & sizes. Property taxes do apply on houseboats. It's a small country but the Dutch are very resourceful and have re-claimed a lot of land from the sea. Dykes were built, land reclaimed and houses were built. The second most popular attraction are the Tulip fields. Rows and rows of various colors and kinds of tulips are on display. A popular tourist attraction is Keukenhof where fields of flowers are on display. But my favorite thing to do is ride bikes around the farmer's tulip fields and see acres and acres of different colors and varieties of flowers. You can stop at the farmer's house and buy a fresh bunch of 25 tulips that make a beautiful bouquet. Of course the windmills are a big attraction and several are still actively operating. Holland also has many memorials and statues all over the country, reminding the world of the Nazi occupation and the brave men & women who protected the Jews. The Anne Frank House and Corrie ten Boom House are a few of the memorials to remind the World of brave citizens who resisted tyranny and protected the many Jews. It's a great place to visit and everyone speaks English.

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\*\* When **leaves change color** in the fall, they are actually becoming their true color. In the summer, the chlorophyll (which is how the leaves receive nourishment from the sun) takes over and causes them to turn green and hide their color.

\*\* The world's tallest tree, named **Hyperion**, measures more than 360 feet. It's a coast redwood and is located in California. Just to give you an idea of how tall that is, the tree is only a few feet shorter than the Empire State Building!

- \*\* A young, healthy, average-sized cat can jump about six times their length or over eight feet in a single bound.
- \*\* Cats have more than 100 vocal sounds.
- \*\* No two dog noses are the same
- \*\* Some dogs are fast and could even beat a cheetah!

#### Tips for walking in the changing season (from https://www.onemillionwomenwalking.com)

There is a sense of aliveness that comes with being outside during this transition season. A glow about the day that you bring back inside with you and keep going with a fire and a sense of satisfaction. Revel in these golden days by layering up or down for comfort, hydrating, walking wherever and whenever, and capturing the moments that speak to you. They'll speak to you for years to come.

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