

## CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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**DWG 1936-2022 "and Growing"** 

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

## **March 2022 City Council News Items Approved**

- Municipal court delinquent account collection agency
- Mini excavator
- Repurpose groundwater wells as district monitoring wells

# Water Conservation **Tips**

- Avoid installing ornamental water features unless the water is recycled.
- · Don't water the pavement. Set sprinklers so that water lands on lawn and gardens, not on pavement, and stop sprinklers when puddles or runoff occur and allow the water to soak into the soil before resuming watering.

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## Mayor's Message:

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Happy April friends!

April 2022

I drive through the streets of our city every day and I admire the beautiful landscapes that stretch across our city. Thank you to each of you for taking pride in your yards and making our city the most beautiful place it can be.



Court of Kindness: On this note, we have a Court of Kindness winner for this month. Even though he is not a citizen of DWG, he works for one of our businesses - Chad Neuzil who works for Royce Minatra, a local CPA. I personally caught Chad picking up garbage on Bowen Road. My heart skipped a beat because of his pride in making the world a better place, our city reaped the benefits. Thank you to all of our citizens for taking pride in our city and helping us to be the best we can be inside and out.

TPWD Small Community Grant: A congratulations to the Park Board for acquiring the playground grant so we can continue upgrading our equipment and making our park better. For those who were kind enough to make a pledge towards the grant, we are now accepting your pledge at City Hall. If you are unsure of your pledge amount, please contact Lola Hazel at 682-330-7418 or lhazel@ cityofdwg.net.

DWG Presents - Taking Roots: Save the date - Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. This "DWG Presents" event is perfect for the climate and culture of our community. Taking Roots eliminates the stress and guesswork of sustainable living. Simple and fun, these tips and techniques will allow you to feel confident in taking strides toward a more mindful, back-to-basics way of life. If you have been curious about creating more natural alternatives for your home, saying goodbye to plastic, or repurposing items you own, Taking Roots is your guide. By making small changes, you will make the most of your budget, time, and resources while reducing your environmental impact and increasing your home impact!

Code Red Notification System: The city is in the process of moving city wide notifications to Code Red. We encourage you to get signed up now in preparation for the move. The city will still utilize Facebook and the city website on occasion, but Code Red will be the best way to receive notices for utility outages, road closures, projects, low water crossing notices, and emergencies. You can sign up for text, call, and email notifications. When signing up, please use your physical address, not a PO Box, and use "Dalworthington Gardens" as the city. There are "managed account" and "quest account" options. The "managed account" will allow you to make changes to notifications in the future. "Guest account" would allow quick signup, but you have no control over managing notifications. Sign up here: https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BFFA9500DBE5 or Text "DWG" to 99411.

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

Welcome to our new business for this month: Lansford International LLC, 2887 W. Pioneer Parkway, Suite H

Thought of the Day: Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you.

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

#### Chief's Message:

Safety Tip of the month: Neighboring Cities are starting to have an increase in vehicle burglaries in the overnight hours. Please make sure that you are not leaving valuables in your vehicle, and you're locking your vehicle. DWG is an extremely safe community to live in, however we do not want to make ourselves easy targets. Most vehicle burglaries are actually committed on unlocked vehicles, burglars walk through neighborhoods simply pulling on door handles. Crimes like this are silent and very quick. Burglars can be in and out of your unlocked vehicle in a matter of seconds with as many loose items as they can grab.



Always remember, trust your instincts, and if you see something suspicious, call 911 and report it immediately. Never confront unknown subjects yourself.

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.

We are also looking for Fire volunteers. Departmental fire trainings are held on Tuesday nights. While we do have full time PSOs we also depend on volunteers for extra hands! If you are interested in more information please call 682-330-7416 or you may email ismith@cityofdwg.net.

If you have DWG DPS monitoring your alarm system, please help us complete your yearly update. Please contact dispatch at 817-275-1234 Ext 1 to get a new application form turned in. We request you test your alarm to ensure that all zones are still coming into our center properly. This process is to ensure we can contact you timely if the need arises, and to help ensure you have no technical issues onsite that could hinder our response in the future. For more information on this you may email jsmith@cityofdwg.net. We can email or mail all forms to you to help expedite this process. Also, dispatch is manned 24/7 so we can complete the alarm testing whenever works best for your schedule, this process takes less than 10 minutes to complete. If your alarm system is monitored through a third party and you would like information on DWG DPS free monitoring, please let us know.

Sincerely and Respectfully, Chief Greg Petty

#### **Historical Committee News**

Please welcome the following new residents to DWG: the Thomas family and the Kutac family.

If you have been planning on purchasing a brick to be set in the patio around the DWG Historical Marker this year, you need to get your form and payment turned in no later than close of business on Friday, May 6. It is anticipated that this year's orders will be placed sometime around DWG's anniversary date of June 1. You can find an order form on the City's website, <a href="https://www.cityofdwg.net/documents/243/09.10.2019">https://www.cityofdwg.net/documents/243/09.10.2019</a> Engraved Payers order form 2019.pdf.

If you are interested in helping out with a DWG history project or can spend some time writing down your recollections of DWG to help the Historical Committee's ongoing process of documenting the history of our unique city, please attend our next meeting. The May meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 5 in the community room next to the fire bay.

As part of documenting the history of DWG, we wanted to share the loss this past month of three of our residents, Alan Jones, Bruce Betzner and Craig Schrock. If you know their families and are in a position to help them navigate this challenging time please reach out.

#### **CPSAAA News**

#### **License To Carry Class**

# License to Carry Class – Saturday, June 4th Sign up now to insure a spot in the class!

DWG CPSAAA is offering a License to Carry Handgun Class on Saturday, June 4th. Sheriff Bill Waybourn will be our classroom certification instructor, he is an excellent instructor making the class both informative and fun. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. This is a fundraiser benefitting our Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety. Please help us make this a huge success by signing up for the class and/or getting the word out to your friends and family. Participants do not have to be a citizen of Dalworthington Gardens to join us.

Although Texas no longer requires a License to Carry in order to carry a handgun in Texas, it is vital to know the rules and regulations regarding carrying a handgun. People with a handgun license may be able to take their gun some places where unlicensed people cannot. Additionally, Texans may need a Texas License to Carry if they want to carry their handgun in another state that requires a handgun license and has a reciprocity agreement with Texas.

The Texas License to Carry Certification requires a classroom certification and a range certification. The classroom certification is June 4th from 9am-1pm, and the range certification will be scheduled individually with a certified range instructor whose contact information will be given to you during the class. The cost for the classroom certification is \$50 per person, if paid by May 31st, or \$60 per person at the door. (We accept cash, check, or credit cards.) The range certification cost (which includes range fees) is separate and will be paid directly to the range instructor on the day you complete your range certification. Once you complete the Texas LTC certification requirements you can apply for your license through the state of Texas License to Carry website. The minimum age requirement is 21 or older. Members of the military may be 18 years of age or older. To sign up or for more information please email us at <a href="mailto:dwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com">dwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com</a> or call me at 817) 726-3448. We appreciate your support!

Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President DWGCPSAAA.org

#### **Park Board Bulletin**

Hello DWG Residents.

It is officially spring. We kicked off this season with pictures with the Easter bunny in the park. Thanks to all those that made the event a success. Special shout out to our photographer for capturing the memorable moments, Balloon Décor by Lydia for creating such an awesome balloon display, and of course our local Easter bunny for your joyful spirit.

Another awesome moment to highlight this spring is the migration of the monarch butterflies. Our monarch waystation is a great area to support the migration of this beautiful species. Help support monarchs by planting nectar plants and native milkweed plants in your gardens. Wherever you see milkweed, monarch butterflies or their eggs or larva, report your sightings to one of the community science programs, <a href="https://monarchjointventure.org/get-involved/study-monarchs-community-science-opportunities.">https://monarchjointventure.org/get-involved/study-monarchs-community-science-opportunities.</a>

Also, please join the Friends of DWG Garden Club at the park's gazebo for a plant swap on Saturday, April 30th from 10am-Noon.

DWG Park Board parkboard@cityofdwg.net

#### **Respect Our Park**

What's the saying?? April showers bring May flowers?? We already had some showers, now it is time to see the flowers. Please be mindful of the blooming flowers (daffodils, tulips, bluebonnets, primrose, and blue-eye grass) around the park. The flowers can't move out of your way, but you can move out of their way. Please do not pull or step on the flowers around the park as they begin to bloom and showcase their gorgeousness. As always, do not let your pooches' poop on the flower parade.

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Ready to get your boogie on?? Concert in the park is co	ming back!! More details to come.

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The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th from 9am – Noon. Bring your gardening gloves and tools. Meet the Park Board near the marquee by the old City Hall building. We appreciate the volunteers that came out in March who donated a collective 16hrs of work.

Physical labor not your thing??? No float cypress mulch is always welcomed. Donations can be dropped off at City Hall. 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 at parkboard@cityofdwg.net

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Earth Day is April 22nd. The theme this year is Invest In Our Planet. Did you know the population of bees has declined over the decades? Bees play a massive role in pollinating the plants we eat. Many species of animals depend on bees for their survival because their food source, including nuts, berries, seeds, and fruits, relies on insect pollination. A single bee colony can pollinate 300 million flowers a day. One third of the world's food supply rely on bees.

How can you invest in the planet and help the bees?

- Plant native flowers.
- If bees are outside, don't bother them. They won't sting unless they feel threatened. It takes trips to thousands of flowers to collect enough nectar for the hive, so they are very, very busy and don't like to be disturbed

Sources: <a href="https://www.earthday.org/fact-sheet-bees/">https://www.earthday.org/fact-sheet-bees/</a> and <a href="https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/resources/keep-texas-wild/whats-the-buzzzz/student-research-page">https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/resources/keep-texas-wild/whats-the-buzzzz/student-research-page</a>

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