



# CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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**August 2019**

**DWG 1936-2017 "and Growing"**

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## July 2019 City Council News

**The following items were discussed and approved at the July 2019 City Council Meetings:**

- Motorcycle purchase
- Brewpubs and wineries as land uses by special exception
- Comprehensive Financial Policy
- Water and sewer rates
  - Permit fee schedule changes
  - Capitalization and Depreciation Policy change
- Hired Planning Concepts for grant application
- OWT Architects for new City Hall building
- Purchase Policy Manual changes

## Water Conservation Tips

- Switch to a low-flow showerhead
- Take shorter showers

## **Mayor's Message:**



Dear DWG Friends:

August is a month of new beginnings as we prepare for the opening of the new school year. Your city council members are diligently working to prepare for next year's budget. I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation to our city council members and their families. Budget workshops often require time away from family for multiple nights over the course of a couple of months. We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated group of folks working on behalf of the citizens. Please monitor the city's website and the City Hall marquee for upcoming budget work session dates. We will have two public hearings - August 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and September 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.; both meetings to be held at City Hall, 2600 Roosevelt Drive. The marquee and city website will have the most up to date information on the possible tax rate hearings.

We had numerous people who have been caught in the commission of kindness. This month's offenders are local business owner Rick Hinton for generously donating furniture to the city; Mike Watkins for furnishing the moving van for the furniture; and the following people for shedding their blood, sweat (lots of it), and tears to move the furniture: Alderwoman Cathy Stein and the following city employees: Gary Harsley, Darren Burkhart, Vicky Hess-Miller, Ryan Miller, Jeff Chasteen, Shawn Chasteen, Aaron Brown, and Sherry Roberts. Thank you to the Park Board, CPSAAA, and Jeff Chasteen for organizing and running the Ice Cream Social and Movie in the Park held on July 20. Also, huge thank you to John King who ran a one-man show. He not only furnished the equipment for the movie but also operated it during the event. Although I know he prefers to work behind the scenes in most cases, he is truly a blessing to the city.

Save the Date: Business Over Breakfast, September 4, 8-9 a.m. at Sasa's Place, 2700 W. Arkansas Lane. Hope to see our local businesses there!

Con tanto affetto,  
Laurie

Thought for the day: You are always one decision away from a totally different life.

Laurie Bianco, Mayor  
[mayorbianco@cityofdmg.net](mailto:mayorbianco@cityofdmg.net)  
(903) 258-7354

## **Chief's Message:**

The hustle and bustle of back to school activity is upon us. We ask our great DWG community to help by leaving yourself extra time in the mornings and afternoons when traveling out to work or appointments to help lessen your stress, and remember to please watch your speed. Please watch for walking children, children on bikes, and please remember that there are NO CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL ZONES. We want to ensure the safety of all of our residents and especially our children.

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**Laurie Bianco - Mayor - (903) 258-7354**

**Ed Motley, Mayor Pro Tem - (817) 265-0919**

### **Councilmembers:**

**Alderman Guy Snodgrass • Alderman Mark McGuire • Alderman Joe Kohn • Alderman Cathy Stein**

We want to THANK our residents for trusting us while you are away! Your DWG officers completed 1,208 house watches and close patrols from June 1st-August 1st. This is a free service we offer for residents who are going on vacation or have other need for extra patrols. We appreciate your diligence in making sure your doors and windows are secure, and that packages are promptly picked up by friends and neighbors while you are away. We want to be proactive to keep DWG as crime free as possible!



We will be hosting a FREE distracted drivers training course for adults on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 from 6-7pm. For more information on this class, contact Captain Darren Burkhardt at [dburkhart@cityofdwwg.net](mailto:dburkhart@cityofdwwg.net) or by calling (817) 275-1234 ext. 1.

We are in the process of setting up a CRASE course in light of recent events. CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) is a nationally recognized program designed and built on the Avoid, Deny, Defend (ADD) strategy developed by ALERRT in 2004. This course provides strategies, guidance, and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. The date for this class is still to be determined, however we will announce the date on our DPS Facebook page, Nextdoor app, and in the newsletter.

Mark your calendars for DWG National Night Out to be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 6-8pm in Elkins Park directly across from City Hall. Phil Szurek has graciously volunteered to cook for this year's event, as he has done for the past 2 years. Please plan on joining your neighbors for a fun night out and come hungry.

Thank you to the Park Board for hosting a successful ice cream social. They had a great turnout and everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all the members who not only provided ice cream, but also made homemade ice cream.

Thank you to John King with the CPSAAA for providing the audio and video for our last movie in the park night. We appreciate all you do for our City and residents.

Sincerely,

Chief Greg Petty

Dalworthington Gardens DPS

## **City Administrator's Message**

Hello DWG residents!

The next pickup of household hazardous waste by HHW Solutions is August 22. There were 15 pick-ups scheduled for July. A few were picked up that were not actually scheduled because others had placed their items at the curb. Please make sure you: 1) Schedule your pick-up; and 2) Place your HHW on your front porch; not at the curb. HHW Solutions picks up household hazardous waste once a month. To schedule your August 22 pickup, go to <http://hhwsolutions.com/> or call (972) 440-2040. Please be cognizant of the limits for HHW pickup:



- Fluorescent light bulbs: Minimum 1, Maximum 8
- Used motor oils or antifreeze: Minimum 1 gallon, Maximum 2 gallons
- Paints and supplies; Pool & Household Chemicals: Minimum 1 gallons, Maximum 4 gallons
- Household Cleaners; Pesticides & Fertilizers: Minimum 1 items, Maximum 8 items
- Household Batteries: Minimum 1; Maximum 20

### **Atmos Energy Unveils "Pledge to Call 811"**

*American Red Cross will receive \$1 donation for every pledge completed online*

(July 19, 2019) – According to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, research indicates there is a 99 percent chance of avoiding a utility service outage, property damage, personal injury or harm to the environment when someone dials 8-1-1 before digging. Because excavation damage poses the greatest threat to its natural gas system, Atmos Energy has unveiled a "Pledge to Call 811" to underscore the importance of safe digging. As an added incentive to aspiring 811 ambassadors – and to support a valued partner that often provides aid to communities affected by damaged utility lines – Atmos Energy will donate \$1 to the American Red Cross for every pledge completed online.

"Natural gas safety is a partnership, so we want everyone to understand the importance of calling 811 before building a deck, planting a tree, installing a fence or digging for any other project," said John McDill, Atmos Energy vice president of pipeline safety. "Calling 811 is free, it's safe and it's required by law – helping to protect millions of miles of underground utility lines that are vital to everyday life."

When someone dials 8-1-1 before digging for any project, that caller will reach a local representative who will coordinate with Atmos Energy and other utilities to mark all underground pipes and cables. For specific state guidelines, visit <http://call811.com/811-your-state>.

As always, please call or email me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Sherry Roberts, TRMC, CPM, City Administrator      [sroberts@cityofdwwg.net](mailto:sroberts@cityofdwwg.net)      (682) 330-7419

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## **Historical Committee News**

Mark your calendar for the Historical Committee's next regularly scheduled meeting, Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 pm in the Annex next to the fire bay. We will be planning our display for Neighborhood Night Out in the park on Tuesday, Oct. 1. No prior experience needed, we welcome all who would like to help with that event or research and preserve DWG history.

The Historical Committee extends a warm welcome to DWG's newest residents; the Philpot family on California Lane, the Long family on Roosevelt Drive, the Khater family on Chase Ct, the Tong family on Roman Ct, the Mayo family on Madrid Ct. and the Shih family on Madrid Ct.

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## **CPSAAA News**

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; Bar B Q Dinner Fundraiser; 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 very fortunate to have this program in our great little city.

## **Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (TCPAAA) Convention**

The TCPAAA hosts the Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association and Law Enforcement Training Convention each year. This year it was held August 5th – 7th in San Marcos, Texas. Citizens Police Academy Alumni Associations from across Texas attend the convention. This was my third year to attend, it is a fantastic 3 days of listening to speakers present on High-Profile cases, attending breakout sessions and meeting members of other CPSAAA groups and sharing ideas. This year we had 4 DWG CPSAAA members and our wonderful DWG DPS CPSAAA liaison officer, Lieutenant Fike, representing our city. I want to share the links to two very informative videos that we learned about while at the convention.

The first we learned about in a breakout session presented by Kirsta Leeburg Melton, the Texas Deputy Attorney General for Criminal Justice. The class she presented was Human Trafficking. The video is called "Be The One" and the link is: <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/initiatives/human-trafficking>. This video provides an introduction to human trafficking in Texas and dispels common misconceptions about human trafficking. It provides knowledge about the realities and red flags to be aware of. The Texas Attorney General's office produced and designed this video to mobilize all Texans to "Be the One" in the fight against human trafficking.

The second video link I would like to share is "Chronic State", the link is: <https://vimeo.com/280127474>. It was presented to us in a High-Profile session by Grand Prairie Assistant Police Chief Christy Martinez. Chronic State is a documentary on the consequences of drug legalization. It details the negative outcomes that have been experienced in the states that have legalized marijuana.

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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

## **Park Board Bulletin**

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 21** for a relaxing concert in DWG Park featuring **Dave Corley**. Format is tailgate/BYOB and snack, lawn chair or blanket. Start time is **7:30 p.m.**

The Park Board is currently working on a grant application with TX Parks & Wildlife Dept to **update and improve our playground**, adding new equipment for children 5-12: a climber combination, spinner/merry-go-round and glider. Also planned is upgrading the safety surface in the toddler area to a pour-in-place system and refurbishment of swings and the safety surfaces in those areas. In addition, we would like to add electrical outlets needed in the concert area near City Hall, additional trash cans, grills and other amenities. If you would like to assist us in this effort, you can visit the city website to pledge funds and/or show your support by completing the survey: [https://www.cityofdwg.net/documents/243/2019\\_TPWD\\_Survey.pdf](https://www.cityofdwg.net/documents/243/2019_TPWD_Survey.pdf)

Also, on the website under the FORMS tab, you can find forms to volunteer in the Park or apply to become a member of the Park Board as vacancies occur. **Be involved -make a difference!**

Remember, if you are out in the Park and have forgotten your sunscreen, you can pick up a free single-use packet of **FDA-recommended (non-sensitizing chemical) sunscreen** near the water payment box. **BE SAFE - PREVENT SKIN CANCER - ALWAYS USE SUNSCREEN WHEN OUTDOORS.**

## **CITY BRUSH CLEANUP**

**City Ordinance prohibits the dumping or disposal of brush at the west end of Elkins Drive.** City staff is currently in the process of removing all illegal material from this area and has set up barriers in this area. Clean-up days are scheduled by the City and are publicized in the Newsletter and NextDoor. If you need to dispose of brush at other times, you can bundle and place on the curb with your regular trash or call Republic Services for special pick-up or dumping options. Thank you for your consideration in keeping our city clean.


## ***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> <b>FarrellIAH.com</b> 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 <b>Petresortinthegardens.com</b> 817-635-5510</p>
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