

# CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS

## **GARDEN'S GAZETTE**

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# July 2024 City Council News Items Approved

Purchasing of rifles for DPS

# <u>Water</u> <u>Conservation</u> <u>Tips</u>

- 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:

Happy August to our DWG family!

There's lots happening in our wonderful city and our community. It's time for school to start up and we are so happy with the work that has been happening at Key Elementary. Dr. Cavazos had promised to help us remedy the traffic flow in our city when I first got into office. Although, he has retired as the AISD



superintendent, he is a man of his word. Thank you for your hard work in making this project happen. On another note, Dr. Matt Smith, the new AISD superintendent, is an awesome gentleman who brings a wealth of experience, knowledge, and dedication to our public school system. I can't wait to see the wonderful things he has in store for us.

Thanks goes to Chief Petty and our DPS for installing an additional light on Indian Trail so that we can alert citizens if the low water crossing is closed. This will help our friends on Santa Fe be able to see the light without having to drive up to Sieber and turn around. We have the best folks working at the city.

If you are looking for a way to connect with other folks in DWG, here's a fantastic opportunity! THE DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS EMPTY NESTERS CLUB IS COMING!

When Susan and Jeff Kutac moved to DWG over a year ago, their kids had all graduated and left the nest, they found that life was a lot more quiet. With the norm of being very social, having lots of friends and busy calendars, the idea of the **NEW DWG Empty Nesters Club** came to mind! "We thought it was important to reach out and meet other neighbors and have met some great ones," says Susan, however, there are many others we haven't met." It turns out that many other residents have the same feeling as us and want to connect and make that new friend community." Some residents may have children who've gone off to college and careers, others who don't have kids and a few may still have older teens at home. We WELCOME everyone! Please join us for our 1st social on **Monday, August 12th at 6:30 pm** at our home! Bring your chairs, your Yeti or Stanley cup with your favorite drink and let's discuss upcoming activities and ideas. We look forward to meeting you! Please **RSVP via text by 956-357-7248 to Susan by Saturday, August 10th. Address**; Jeff and Susan Kutac, 2804 Burlwood Drive, DWG 76016. Hope to see you there!

There is a new "project" coming to Arlington, The Taste Project. I visited the one in Fort Worth, and I wanted to share a bit about it so that we can support this great organization. Taste Project is a 501(c)3 non-profit established simply to feed people, one community at a time. Taste's mission is to feed, educate, and serve our community so they may "...taste and see the Lord is good." Psalm 34:8. Because they believe everyone should have access to healthy and

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nutritious food. Their vision is to see our communities become a solution to the challenges our communities face as they relate to hunger. Their full-service restaurant looks like many others—bright, light, and welcoming. Those in need and those wanting to help are not segregated, creating an environment that is inclusive and approachable. Because their menu has no prices, they ask that people pay what they can, pay what they would typically pay, or pay a little extra to help a neighbor. Except for Mondays when Taste provides basic medical assessments, and financial and nutritional counseling, the restaurant is open six days a week. Breakfast is served 9AM-11AM with lunch served 11AM-2PM on weekdays. Brunch is served 9AM-2PM on weekends. Taste depends on its 80% volunteer staff to support its operations. daily. Taste Community Restaurant will open in Arlington! Located at 200 N Cooper Street in 76011, whether you would like to volunteer or enjoy an excellent meal, come support the Taste movement as they deliver on their promise by serving healthy, nutritious meals with dignity and care for all.

Local Business Leaders – you're invited! Tony Brock, "spy turned executive leadership instructor" is a leader in the business sector and executive director of the Griffin Leadership Institute at the new Medal of Honor Museum. He will be conducting a one day workshop on how to align your team for business success. Unfortunately, too many teams are confused and frustrated by a lack of direction, focus, and priorities. "Leading Mission Alignment" is interactive workshop that will equip you with the tools and insights needed to lead purpose-driven teams for business success. In just one day, you'll learn to craft purposeful Vision & Mission statements, leverage Business Intelligence, and master Strategic Planning. Transform your leadership and propel your business toward growth! Here are the details:

Date: Saturday, August 24th (8am - 4pm)

**Pricing:** \$500 (\$400 with early registration until July 20th, then \$450 until August 10th)

Location: Golf Center of Arlington (1301 NE Green Oaks Blvd)

Space Availability: Limited to 20 participants

Includes all materials plus catered lunch by Prince Lebanese Grill. Reserve your spot today and lead your business to success. If you would like to participate, please contact Tony and his team at <a href="mailto:susan@anthonybrockgroup.com">susan@anthonybrockgroup.com</a> to reserve your seat. I can assure you, he will not disappoint.

Welcome to the DWG Business Community:

His Masterpiece Women's Wellness (Jennifer Howard-Owner) is located at 2226 Michigan Avenue Suite A, DWG, TX 76013

Salon Couture Scalp and Body (Angenique R. Miles -Owner)is located at 2620 West Pioneer Parkway Suite 104, DWG, TX 76013

It is with great sadness that our hearts grieve with the Wilkinson Family on the loss of Nancy Ann Wilkinson, one of our longtime residents. Nancy grew up in Arlington, graduated from Arlington High School, and attended college at Texas A&M University then transferred to UTA. where she was a member of ZTA Sorority and earned a bachelor's degree in accounting. After graduation in 1987 she dedicated herself to her career and in 1997 she left to collaborate with her husband at No Frills Grill & Sports Bar, which they had co-owned since January of 1995. Nancy married Gregg Wilkinson in 1990 in Arlington, Texas. They were happily married for 34 years. Family was her first priority. To say Nancy loved to travel would be an understatement. The only thing that rivaled Nancy's love of traveling was her love of animals. She was a resolute supporter of the SPCA of Texas, Arlington Life Shelter, St. Joesph Catholic School, The Grant Jackstadt Education Foundation (which she helped form over 22 years ago), plus numerous other charities. Let's continue to lift Gregg and the entire family up in our prayers as they travel the road that lies before them.

Thought for the Day: Growth is deleting the entire paragraph and texting back "OK."

Laurie Bianco, Mayor

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#### Chief's Message:

We would like to thank the residents that have delivered cases of water for our first responders over the past month. We are always in need of cases of bottled water for our responders as they do go through them quickly in this weather. Any cases donated may be dropped off too our dispatch center 24 hours a day, located in the DPS building next to City Hall. Staff will be happy



to assist with unloading any donations given.

Tis the season! Our house watch program is in full swing right now and we are happy to report that we have a significant number of residents utilizing the service. We thank each of you for trusting us and helping us be proactive in keeping criminals away during the peak seasons for criminals.

If you are new to the Gardens' we want to make sure that you are aware of the house watch program. This is a voluntary program that is offered as a free service to DWG residents. Anytime (year-round) that you plan on going on vacation contact dispatch and fill out a form and we will have officers check your residents twice a day. We offer this program as a proactive way to assist residents in keeping their property safe with no added worries while gone. For more information on this program please contact dispatch.

We are quickly approaching the start of the new school year, and it is time to remind everyone that DWG is home to several schools. Arlington Classics Academy, DWG's biggest school campus starts school Wednesday August 7th, and Key elementary school located at the other end of our city starts back Wednesday August 14th. We would kindly ask that you show grace for the first several weeks as we help parents get into a new routine and work out all the kinks in the car lines. Our command staff has been working with both campuses to ensure a safe and efficient drop off and pickup.

DAY WITH THE LAW!!!!! This event is always our biggest event of the year. This event is fun for the whole family with things for both kids and adults to enjoy. Our tentative date for this is Saturday September 7, 2024, from 10a-2pm in Elkins Park. If you have never been today with the law, you are missing out. This event brings departments from across the whole metroplex to DWG for the day. Every department will bring their specialized equipment to show off to the public. This event includes police, fire and EMS services and any entities that are closely related to them. We will have food, bounce houses, and a parade to end our event. Look for more info as we get closer!!!

Sincerely and Respectfully, Chief Greg Petty

#### **Historical Committee**

The Historical Committee members enjoyed visiting with the large number of citizens who turned out for our Ice Cream Social. We also enjoyed eating some homemade ice cream and sweet treats. (Thanks to Walter and Tricia, Jill, Pam, Cathy, and Sandy for making and/or serving them up.) The park board received useful feedback on their future project hopes for the park. We also enjoyed looking at historical photos and a video about early times in DWG.

Mark your calendar for the Historical Committee's next regularly scheduled meeting, Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 pm in the City Hall council chambers. We will be planning our display for National Night Out in the park on Tuesday, Oct. 1. 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 Frye family.

CPSAAA News - Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association

#### **Bottled Water Donations**

The Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association (CPSAAA) is collecting cases of water for our DWG DPS and Fire Departments. During this hot weather, having cold drinks to count on is imperative to keep our DPS/Fire friends hydrated. Bottled water donations can be dropped off at the station at 2600 Roosevelt Dr., next door to the City Hall building. CPSAAA and DWG

DPS/Fire want to thank all who have donated water for your generosity and thoughtfulness! It is very much appreciated.

#### CPSAAA is selling T-Shirts as a fundraiser.

All profits benefit our

Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety and Fire Department.

Sizes Small thru XXXL

Available in Grey, Light Pink, Dark Pink, Royal Blue, Black, and Lavender \$20 Small - XL

\$22 XXL - XXXL

Free Local Delivery Included

Call, Text, or Email your order to Tracy, see contact info below.



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

Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President DWGCPSAAA.org

#### Park Board Bulletin

#### SURVEY!! SURVEY!! SURVEY!!

The DWG Park Board has started a campaign to determine interest for the installation of a public restroom in Pappy Elkins Park. Voice your opinion and fill out the survey to show your support:

https://bit.ly/3L5OTmk

#### Schedule of Events:

- Bi-Monthly park workday Saturday, Sept 14h 9am Noon. Meet at the marquee.
- Concert in the Park (The Dischords) Saturday, Sept 21st 7pm- 9pm. BYOB

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, Sept 14th from 9am – Noon. Be on the lookout on Facebook and the City's website for any weather-related updates.

Bring your gardening gloves and tools. The meetup 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

Monarch caterpillars feed exclusively on the leaves of milkweed, the only host plant for this iconic butterfly species. As such, milkweed is critical for the survival of monarchs. Without it, they cannot complete their life cycle and their populations decline. The good news is that planting milkweed is one of the easiest ways that each of us can make a difference for monarchs.

Check out this site to find milkweed for our area: https://blog.nwf.org/2015/02/twelve-native-milkweeds-for-monarchs/

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