

CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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November 2021 City Council News Items Approved

- Annual Approval of City Investment Policy
- Curved Street
 Regulations for Platting
- CodeRed Notification System
 - Radio Donation Agreement
- Plat Approval for 2801
 Pleasant Ridge
- Global Opioid Settlement Agreement

Water Conservation Tips

- Save water (and make that pile of laundry disappear a little faster) by only washing and drying full loads every time, and using the appropriate setting on your machine to the size of the load you're washing.
- Using cold water whenever possible can reduce the energy needed to wash your clothes, as well as your energy bills.

Mayor's Message:

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The current sermon series that our church is addressing is "Finding Joy in a Joy-Starved World". I never really pondered the difference between joy and happiness. Happiness can be achieved by enjoying activities, purchases, and being with those we care most about. Joy, on the other hand, is something that comes from one's soul. During this holiday season, we may find happiness



with gifts that others have thoughtfully chosen to give us. However, finding joy in this season of celebration can sometimes be challenging, especially when we have experienced a loss or passed through a dark moment in life. Sometimes we take our blessings for granted or we don't live in the moment. This season, let's focus on finding joy in all circumstances.

Salvation Army Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge: Speaking of finding joy, we, the DWG citizens, outdid ourselves with the Salvation Army's Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge. Thank you to our citizens, businesses, and Arlington Classics Academy for your tremendous contributions. The Salvation Army truly does the most good, and 100% of the proceeds go back into your local community.

<u>City Hall Grand Opening:</u> Isn't our new City Hall absolutely awesome? We were so thrilled to have such a great turnout of our citizens, elected officials, dignitaries, and other guests. Thank you, Spence, and Dwayne Lee from Southern Flair for capturing these special moments in the history of our City. Our state rep, Tony Tinderholt, presented the City with a certificate to honor the ribbon cutting at our new City Hall, as well as a resolution for the 85th birthday of our city. As always, it goes without saying, that I appreciate the tremendous work that our staff does. Congratulations, Lola Hazel, our City Administrator, on the completion of this project. Thank you to our CPSAAA friends for serving refreshments at this event.

<u>Orchid Court:</u> The city will soon begin a bidding process for repair on Orchid Court. This will take place in early 2022, so stay tuned for future updates.

<u>Code Red Notification System:</u> The City Council approved a new and improved notification system that will take place of all other notification systems, both emergency and nonemergency. Staff is currently in the design and setup process. More information will be sent out to citizens in the future.

<u>Court of Kindness:</u> Thank you to one of our businesses, Larry the Door Guy at 3105 W. Arkansas Lane, Suite B2, for donating items for a door on the new City Hall building. We appreciate your generous contribution!

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 businesses:

- Gold Braids and Evelash Extensions, 2902 W. Pioneer Parkway
- First American Title, 4130 S. Bowen Road, Suite 100B
- The Studio, 2104 Roosevelt Drive, Building 1, Suite E

Thought of the Day: Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day.

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

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.



Please remember over the holidays to break down boxes from all big purchases. Your trash is a good indication of what is in your house when thieves are looking. Please help us in being proactive to keep our crime rates down. Also, this is a great time to know your neighbors! With most online shopping more often than not everyone is having packages delivered daily. Talk with your neighbors and help each other keep an eye on deliveries so they are picked up promptly, so they aren't left out for those larking.

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.cityofdwg.net.

Santa is coming to town! Please join us on December 23rd for our annual Santa Parade. Santa will arrive via helicopter 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@cityofdwg.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
Park Dr. at Sunny Meadows
Sieber/Wooded Creek
Garden Ln
Kathryn Court
Key Elementary
Twin Springs/Twin Lakes
Hemingsford
Home Place
Flower Garden



We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and if you are traveling that you have a safe trip.

Sincerely and Respectfully, Chief Greg Petty

Historical Committee News

Congratulations to Iashia Bergamini for being named the Dalworthington Gardens Volunteer of the Year for 2021. Iashia was the force behind many of the DWG Park Board's major accomplishments this year such as the shade structure capital campaign and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Small Community Grant submission.

The next Historical Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 6 at 6:30 pm. We will set our meeting calendar for 2022 at this meeting. The meeting will be held in the annex next to the fire bays. All are welcome.

CPSAAA News

The DWG CPSAAA would like to wish everyone happy and safe holidays. It is such a joy to live in our great little city. We are thankful to have the opportunity to help our fantastic Department of Public Safety through this organization. Thank you to all of our Dalworthington Gardens First Responders for all of your hard work and dedication throughout the year.

It's not too late to order and schedule your new locking mailbox to be installed in the new year. 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.

Many thanks to our outgoing CPSAAA Board of Directors for their past two years of service. Election for the 2022 – 2023 term was held on December 7th, the newly elected CPSAAA Board of Directors for the 2022 – 2023 term are: President – Tracy Dodson, Vice President – Joe Kohn, Treasurer – Walter Martz, Secretary – Philip Szurek, Community Events Coordinator – Amy Fletcher and Sergeant-at-Arms – Horace Riley.

Did you know that when you shop for the holidays at smile.amazon.com/ch/82-3520164, AmazonSmile donates to DWG CPSAAA? AmazonSmile is amazingly 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. 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 and click on the Amazon Smile "Click here to get started" link on our web page.

Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President, DWGCPSAAA.org

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from DWG Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association



Park Board Bulletin

Hello DWG Residents,

As we wrap up the year, we want to thank Robert Spence for his wonder photography at our previous events such as Earth Day, Ice Cream Social/Shade Structure Ribbon cutting and Santa in the Park. Check out the pictures on our DWG city website https://www.cityofdwg.net or go to http://www.flickr.com/photos/dwg_events. Enjoy the holiday decorations throughout the park and be sure to give us feedback regarding ideas and projects for next year. Maybe one of your New Year's Resolutions would be to help us keep the park cleared of litter and dog poo.

Take care and continue to be safe in 2022. 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). We have been featuring one member every month 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.

Marion Armstrong When did you move here?

--> I moved to DWG in 1998

Why do you like being on the DWG Park Board?

--> I was drawn to the Park Board because I've enjoyed giving back to my community

What do you do on the park board?

--> I've been on the park board for about 4 years where the last two years have been in the Secretary Role. I've attended monthly PB meetings taking notes and setting up agendas for those monthly meetings; led some events such as Customized Easter Egg Hunt during the pandemic; helped clean up flower beds at the park at our bi-monthly Park Work Day; helped on event day of Earth Day and Santa in the Park.

Gardening Tips for December: Prune and trim; Clear the gutters; Protect fragile plants; Continue to compost.

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.

Rain helps wash off dust and any other dirt or debris that may be on your leaves. Rain water dissolves the salts and other minerals in your tap water, which remain in the soil of your plants. Rain water also contains more oxygen than tap water. When this acidic rainwater reaches the soil, it helps to release micronutrients such as zinc, manganese, copper and iron that are essential to plant growth but are mostly locked up in our local soil, which typically registers a neutral to alkaline pH

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