

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

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Mayor's Message:

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Hi friends!

As the Christmas season approaches, we reflect back on the gifts that the wise men brought to King Jesus. Even though they gifted gold, frankincense, and myrrh, sometimes gifts can be disguised as thoughtful gestures instead

of fancy gifts incased in ribbons. These include sharing a smile, giving someone a warm embrace, extending a compliment, or even something as simple as opening a door for someone. If you give someone a compliment or a smile, or any kind gesture, it may change the trajectory of their day. Although the Christmas season brings tremendous joy for some people, for others, it may evoke emotions related to loss or loneliness. Share that beautiful smile of yours with someone, not just during the Christmas season but all year long. As 2023 approaches, I pray that your family will be blessed with help, prosperity, and extreme joy. Thank you for making 2022 an extraordinary year for my family and me.

May 6, 2023 General Election: The filing period for a place on the May 6, 2023 General Election ballot will be January 18-February 17, 2023.

Upcoming Events and Holidays:

You better watch out, you better not cry because Santa Clause is coming to DWG on December 23. Please join us for this annual tradition as Santa and his team of First Responders make their way through the streets of our beautiful city. Keep your eyes peeled for Santa's arrival by helicopter in Elkins Park between 4:30-5:00 p.m. Santa will promptly depart the park at 5:30 p.m. to begin his journey.

Our City Hall will be closed Friday December 23,2022 - Monday December 26, 2022 to celebrate the Christmas holiday. We will reopen December 27, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. for regular business hours. In observance of the New Year Holiday, we will be closed on January 2, 2023.

Court of Kindness:

By the time this newsletter is printed, the Salvation Army's Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge will be over. I just wanted to thank each and every one of you who chose to either donate your time or your resources to support this extraordinarily worthy cause. All of the money raised will be used locally. I am always humbled by your generosity!

If you haven't had the opportunity to visit our park during the holiday season, please take a moment and enjoy the new decorations that our Park Board has provided. Countless hours have been spent preparing and decorating to once again make our city shine. Chief Petty,

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 Mark McGuire

November 2022 **City Council News Items Approved**

Short Term **Rental Ordinance**

Storm Drain Pipe on Orchid Lane

Water Conservation **Tips**

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.)

who does not like to be publicly recognized, graciously crafted the metal brackets required for hanging the gorgeous wreaths.

We also had a great turnout for the "Pictures with Santa" that was held on December 4. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event.

Welcome to our new businesses:

Mattress by Appointment 2906 W. Pioneer Parkway

Thought of the Day: When the power of love is greater than the love of power, the world will know peace.

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

Chief's Message:

We are happy to announce that we have over a handful of new DPS staff members that have joined our crew over the past several months! We would like to welcome Grant Fetzer and Nick Gurrola to our part time fire staff. Both men join us with a combined 5 years of experience between them. Both are employed as full-time firefighters at a neighboring agency, working for us on their days off. Both men are a great asset to our fire service team. Jacob Blinn, Andrew Pittaway, and Michael Marquez joined our



DPS team and are all currently enrolled in the police academy. They will graduate in early spring. Jacob Blinn, once out of the police academy will be a full PSO as he came to us with both fire and EMS background already. Andrew Pittaway, and Michael Marquez will complete a fire and EMS academy once they graduate from the police academy. Nicole Owen joined our department in August of this year and has since completed her Basic Telecommunications Licensing, and we have Frank Guevara who is freshly new in our telecommunications department who began training just weeks ago. We are VERY excited to have new faces in our department and look forward to our residents meeting them soon! We are currently still hiring 1 more dispatch position. If you are interested, or know someone interested in joining our growing family please contact jsmith@cityofdwg.net.

Santa is coming to town! Please join us on December 23rd for our annual Santa Parade. Santa will arrive via helicopter between 4:30- 5:00 pm in Gardens Park so we can join him on his journey through the city. He will promptly leave Gardens Park at 5:30p. 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. You may view our live route map by using the link below or the QR code:

https://cityofdwg.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=b2833186c596419ea6baab157fd1db57

Santa's stops on his route: Ambassador Row Gazebo at Gardens Park Garden Ln Seiber/Wooded Creek Kathrine Court Key Elementary Twin Springs/Twin Lakes Hemingford Home Place Flower Garden



Sincerely and Respectfully, Chief Greg Petty

Historical Committee News

Congratulations to Spence for being named the Dalworthington Gardens Volunteer of the Year for 2022. Spence lends a helping hand wherever he sees a need. One of the needs of the City that he has thankfully lent his talents and time to is that of photojournalist. For several years Spence has documented and shared photos of events and other happenings within DWG.

The next Historical Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 5 at 6:30 pm. We will set our meeting calendar for 2023 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.

Did you know that when you shop for the holidays at <u>smile.amazon.com/ch/82-3520164</u>, 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@yahoo.com DWGCPSAAA.org

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from DWG Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association

<u> Park Board Bulletin</u>

Hello DWG Residents,

The Park Board has been working hard this year. We could not have come close to achieving any of our achievements and success without the support of all the citizens, our nearby neighbors, community organizations, and local businesses.

Here is a list of our accomplishments and successful events:

- Great Backyard Bird Count: 29 species spotted in our park
- Bi-Monthly Park Workdays: Over 100 volunteer hours
- Pictures with Easter bunny: 60+ families participated
- Joint Plant Swap with Friends of DWG Garden club
- Concert (Uptown Drifters Dr. Turner): 65+ attendees
- Movie Night (Sing 2): 40+ attendees
- Trunk-or-Treat: 100+ participants
- TPWD Small Community Grant Recipient: New playground to be installed in 2023
- Successful Mayor's Monarch Pledge Submission: Implemented Eight Actions for monarch awareness
- Pictures with Santa: 100+ individuals (kids and adults) participated
- New bridge installed via Eagle Scout Project
- Repainted gazebo
- New trash cans
- New pet waste stations
- · New swing seats in playground

- · Educational tidbits in the Did You Know section of the newsletter
- · New Christmas Wreaths added to light poles along Roosevelt
- · 2023 DWG Calendars featuring monarch butterflies
 - o Also include important information related to City services and will have events/meetings posted as well. Look for this button on the City's website to place your order.

PURCHASE MONARCH CALENDAR

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, January 14th from 9am – Noon. Bring your gardening gloves and tools. The meetup location is by the marquee at the intersection of Roosevelt and Elkins Dr. parkboard@cityofdwg.net

WREATH PROJECT

Our heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful neighbors, businesses, and employees of Dalworthington Gardens, which have contributed to our Holiday Wreath Project. Your generosity will continue to bring joy to all who enter our city, for years to

come! Thank you ALL! TWISTED GRAPEVINES CHIEF GREG PETTY JILL AND GEORGE HOWARD MARY AND NED WEBSTER ELGIE AND DAVE BERGH JEANNINE AND FRANK CALHOON CINDY AND FRANK CALHOON CINDY AND RON HENSLEE ED AND LINDA MOTLEY CATHY AND LARRY STEIN ANNETTE AND JIM PLOG RANDON PORTER JUDY AND JOHN MORRIS PAT AND CINDY NOONAN

PARK BOARD -IASHIA BERGAMINI, PAM BOOKOUT, PAM MILLER, SHELLY FINNIN, AND REGINA MCBRIDE

Shop DWG and Our Surrounding Businesses

