

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

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City Council: 3rd Thursday Planning & Zoning: 1st Thursday

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November 2024 **City Council News** Items Approved

Flock Safety Cameras

Planned Development Ordinance

2025 City Holiday Schedule

Employee Medical, Dental, and Life Insurance Benefit Plans

Work Truck for Public Works

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.)

Merry Christmas to all our precious DWG friends and family! "Our city looks like it is featured in a Hallmark movie." This was a statement that I received in a text message from one of our wonderful residents. If you need to get in the holiday spirit, please drive by the park and City Hall. The part board and our public works team have done an outstanding job of decorating for the holidays. Needless to say, it only takes one trip down to Rushing Meadows or Carnation Drive to really set the tone for the holiday season.

Mayor's Message:



As 2025 draws closer, I would like to thank everyone for an extremely successful and productive year in our city. We rolled out our comprehensive plan to give our council guidance on future decisions regarding development in the city, we replaced the bridge on Roosevelt which looks fantastic, and we ended the year with every one of our accounts in the black. We also welcomed new families into the fold and had to say goodbye to ones that we love dearly. It has definitely been a year of change and growth. As always, I am eternally grateful for each of you for allowing me to serve our city. When I say you are one of my greatest blessings, there is so much more to the story than anyone realizes. Your loving acts of kindness never stops amazing me.

If you do not have a church home, I would like to invite you to our Christmas program at Fielder Church on December 8th at 9:30 in the chapel. I will be taking part in it, and all are welcome. Since it is the season of giving, I would like to ask you to please consider donating to the Salvation Army for the Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge on December 14th. We will be ringing the bell at Green's, Campo Verde, and Grounds and Gold. If you have any tax-deductible contributions that you need to make, please join me in supporting this great organization. Here is the link for online giving:

https://give.salvationarmytexas.org/fundraiser/5907086

We are always happy to welcome new businesses to our city. This month we openly welcome the following businesses:

Dent Wold LLC (Lenworth Pratt-Owner) 2232 Michigan Avenue Suite B DWG, TX 76016 Ascension Cremation LLC (Michael B. Wade-Owner) 2317 Roosevelt Drive Suite B1 DWG, TX 76016 Top Dawg Global LLC (Michael Anderson-Owner) 2805 W. Arkansas Lane Suite 304 DWG, TX 76016

Laurie Bianco - Mayor - (903) 258-7354

Ed Motley, Mayor Pro Tem - (972) 757-4502

Councilmembers:

Alderman John King • Alderman Steve Lafferty • Alderman Cathy Stein • Alderman Paul Sweitzer

Are you looking for a place to fill your stocking with sweet treats or your tummy with delicious bites? Grounds and Gold has rolled out their evening menu and extended hours, and Pan Pan Bakery on Roosevelt is sure to tickle your tastebuds! Let's support our local businesses.

Your city council has agreed to subsidize library cards for the first 40 residents who sign up during the last two weeks of January. I will give more details in the next newsletter.

As we approach 2025, let's each make an effort to extend an extra smile, handshake, or hug because this season of celebration may not always be a joyful one, especially for those who may have an empty chair at the table. You are the most loving kind folks that I know, and you make a difference in the lives of those you touch. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I can't wait to see what 2025 has in store for us.

Thought for the day: Don't be afraid to start over again. This time you are not starting from scratch, you are starting from experience.

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

Chief's Message:

Santa is coming to town! Please join us on December 23rd for our annual Santa Parade. Santa will arrive 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 35th 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 <u>ismith@</u> <u>cityofdwg.net</u> 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 Garden Ln Seiber/Wooded Creek Kathrine Court Key Elementary Twin Springs/Twin Lakes Hemingford Home Place Flower Garden

As Christmas is upon us, please remember a few safety tips to help be proactive and less attractive to criminals. Please pick up all packages as soon as possible once they are delivered. If you plan on going out of town consider having a neighbor or close friend, check the house regularly to pick up mail, newspapers, and packages that may be left throughout the day. If you are purchasing any large new items such as TVs, or gaming systems please consider breaking down the boxes to help conceal what was in the box prior to putting it out for the trash, you don't want to advertise what may be in your house.

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

Congratulations to Pam Miller for being named the Dalworthington Gardens Volunteer of the Year for 2024. Pam Miller is a longtime resident of Dalworthington Gardens and former 5th grade science teacher at Key Elementary. Giving to others comes naturally to Pam. She currently sits on the park board and assists with their events and work days. In addition to that, she helps friends in need with a ride or a quick errand. Join us on Thursday, December 19, at the regular city council meeting, to honor Pam as this year's volunteer of the year.

Wishing the following new DWG residents, who got here just in time for the holidays, a warm welcome: the Sullivan family.

The next Historical Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 pm. We will set our meeting calendar for 2025 at this meeting and continue working on some outstanding projects. The meeting will be held in City Hall. All are welcome.

CPSAAA News - Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association

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.

We Have the Perfect Gift for Your Loved Ones This Year!

CPSAAA is selling these great T-Shirts, all profit goes to benefit our Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety and Fire Department. Available in sizes Small thru XXXL \$20 Small – XL \$22 XXL - XXXL Free Local Delivery Included Call, Text or Email your order to Tracy, see contact info below.



Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President dwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com 817) 726-3448

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from DWG Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association

For more information on any of the above, please email us at dwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com or give me a call at 817-726-3448.

Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President DWGCPSAAA.org



Park Board Bulletin

TAs we wrap up 2024, we would like to extend a huge thank you to those volunteers that donate their time and money to support the efforts of the Park Board. We are forever grateful for your support as we are small group who truly care about the park and all things DWG. We could not have accomplished any of our goals without the help of the community and always welcome more help to make a bigger impact within the community. Be on the lookout for more things to come in 2025.

Also, please continue to provide feedback for the potential installation of a public restroom in the park. If you haven't filled out the survey yet, please follow the link and voice your opinion: <u>https://bit.ly/3L5OTmk</u>

Schedule of Events:

- Pictures with Santa Saturday, December 7th 3pm 5pm
- Bi-Monthly park workday Saturday, January 11th 9am Noon.
- Great Backyard Bird Count Saturday, February 15th 10am 1pm

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, January 11th 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. <u>parkboard@cityofdwg.net</u>

Attention all our outdoorsy people!! February will be a time to connect with others like you, connect with nature, and connect with birds. Have you heard of Birdability? It's an organization whose vision is that birding truly is for everybody and every body, regardless of disability or other health concerns. They strive to introduce birding to people with disabilities and other health concerns who are not yet birders so they too can experience the joys of birding. They have maps of accessible birding locations and much more on their website.

Visit www.birdability.org for more information.

DWG Park Board parkboard@cityofdwg.net

DWG Social Club

Happy Holidays DWG!

The holidays are here and Christmas will be here before we know it! The DWG Social Club is excited for 2025!

Our next event will be our Valentine's Day Party. More information will be in next month's newsletter.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please help us spread the word with your neighbors about this new social club. It's a great way to meet new friends and make lasting relationships! It's only the beginning, let's make the DWG Social Club in 2025 GREAT!

Have a blessed holiday season and safe and Happy New Year! Susan and Jeff Kutac • 956-357-7248 • 2804 Burlwood Drive

