

CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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Mayor's Message:

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Happy February friends!



Well we had some slippery slopes this past month. I want to give a shout out to Jennifer Burkhart, Vickie Hess-Miller, Ryan Miller, John Rotert, Clayton Wolf, Ben

Witts, Mike Bass, Austin Bass, Gary Harsley, Will Fike, Kyle Sugg, and Marcus Day for coming to the rescue as we battled Bowen Road in an impassable state. Our city administrator, Lola Hazel, had to quarterback the event from her home, and Chief Greg Petty, was on the streets not only navigating through this challenging situation, but also making sure our residents were safe and our employees were fed. I am always humbled by the dedication that our staff has for our citizens and their wellbeing. I count myself blessed ever day to work with these fine folks.

Guess what, y'all?! We had the opportunity to be featured in Arlington Today's March issue. This was a great opportunity to share information about our city's past, present, and our future plans. You will be able to access a digital copy here sometime in the near future: <u>https://arlingtontoday.com/digital-editions/</u>

<u>Business Over Breakfast:</u> Our next Business Over Breakfast will be Wednesday, March 2, 8-9am at Grounds and Gold, 4130 S. Bowen Road.

Code Red Notification System: The city is in the process of moving city wide notifications to Code Red. We encourage you to get signed up now in preparation for the move. The city will still utilize Facebook and the city website on occasion, but Code Red will be the best way to receive notices for utility outages, road closures, projects, and low water crossing notices. You can sign up for text, call, and email notifications. When signing up, please use your physical address, not a PO Box, and use **"Dalworthington Gardens"** as the city. There are "managed account" and "guest account" options. The "managed account" will allow you to make changes to notifications in the future. "Guest account" would allow quick signup, but you have no control over managing notifications. Sign up here: <u>https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BFFA9500DBE5</u> or Text "DWG" to 99411.

Blood Drive: HDNP International and Prosperity Bank will hold a blood drive on March 26, 10am-3pm in front of Prosperity Bank, 4110 S Bowen Rd, Arlington, TX 76016.

<u>Twisted Grapevines Grand Opening</u>: Twisted Grapevines is now open for business at 2887 W. Pioneer Parkway. Please stop by and see them!

Arlington Classics Academy Open Enrollment: One of the state's top rated charter schools is our neighbor and they are accepting applications for the 2022/23 school year. Arlington Classics Academy has two campuses in DWG serving students in grades Kindergarten through 5th in addition to a Middle School a few miles away. February is open enrollment month for Arlington Classics Academy. Located at 2800 W. Arkansas, ACA Campuses will be hosting weekly tours

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Councilmembers:

Alderman John King • Alderman Steve Lafferty • Alderman Cathy Stein • Alderman Joe Kohn

January 2022 City Council News Items Approved

Agreement with Tarrant
County for Roosevelt Drive
Reconstruction

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

 Adjust your irrigation timer monthly – lawns require different amounts of water in winter than in spring. Thus irrigating with the same amount of water results in an incredible waste of water.

• Sign up for weekly watering advice at <u>https://</u>waterisawesome.com/

all month for interested families. This is a great time to find out what makes ACA shine and if it is the right fit for your family. Tour information for each campus can be found on their website, TryACA.com.

Welcome to our new businesses:

Welcome to our new business owner, Rob Walker, who now owns multiple businesses in the city. New Gen Print and Design, 2601 W. Arkansas Chicken Express, 4106 S. Bowen (new owner) Crimmins Construction, 2805 W. Arkansas Lane, #301 Twisted Grapevine, 2887 W. Pioneer Parkway, Suite G Topsy Empire, 2110 Roosevelt Drive, Suite E

Thought of the Day: Good friends help you find important things when you have lost them...your smile, your hope, and your courage.

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

Chief's Message:

Security Tip of the month: Dealing with scammers is a part of life for most people these days. They continue to carry out these scams because people fall for it, and it is lucrative for them.



Today's scammers use something called social engineering. It's a pretty simple idea. They use technology to convince people that they are really the people they say they are by spoofing email addresses and phone

numbers. Then they use urgency and pretended authority to apply pressure, ultimately convincing people to send them money, remote them into a computer, or divulge personal information.

Some guidelines to follow: If you get a call or email from a company or entity requesting money or personal information, don't do ANYTHING until you verify who they are. You can do this by looking up legitimate contact information for the company or entity they claim to represent. So, if the "IRS" calls you, (the IRS will almost never call you), tell the caller that you will contact the IRS directly and do so by looking up legitimate contact information for them.

NEVER allow someone who calls you to remote into your computer. They may say they are with Microsoft (Microsoft will NEVER call you), but they will install Malware on your computer and demand a ransom payment from you.

Don't get fooled by urgent calls to action. Slow things down and make wise decisions with your money and personal information.

Never trust an email. If your bank emails you requesting information, call your bank and verify that they sent the request before responding.

No legitimate company or entity will ask for payment in the form of gift cards or crypto currency. If you are ever unsure of an email or phone call, or something just seems a little fishy (phishy), trust your instincts, slow things down, and verify who you are dealing with before you take action. If you need help, contact an expert that you trust, and they will help you determine what action needs to be taken, if any.

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 News

The Historical Committee welcomes the Moore family and the Leon family with a big Gardens' Greeting for their recent move to DWG.

We had an interesting historical tidbit submitted by one of our residents that goes to show that important history is all around us if we only look to the stories from our past. We were told that a gentleman named Frank Smith Sr. was responsible for laying out the grid system of streets for the original Federal subsistence farming community which evolved into our cherished City of Dalworthington Gardens. It turns out that Frank Sr.'s son taught at UTA with Ned Webster's dad back in the day when the name of UTA was Arlington State College.

When you uncover any nuggets of DWG related history, please jot them down and share them with us. The clerks at the water window would be happy to take them and pass them on to us.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 3 at 6:30 pm for the next Historical Committee meeting. All are welcome.

CPSAAA News

We truly appreciate your support when you shop on Amazon through our Amazon Smile page -- CPSAAA receives a donation from Amazon on everything purchased through our page on Amazon Smile. We truly appreciate the support of everyone that participates in this program, 100% of the funds we receive are used to benefit our great Dalworthington Gardens First Responders. Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases – at no cost to you. This fundraiser program has raised approximately \$300 for our organization from the time we started participating until now.

Please start at this page smile.amazon.com/ch/82-3520164 when you shop.

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

Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President DWGCPSAAA.org

Park Board Bulletin

Hello DWG Residents,

We want to thank all the volunteers that came out last month to help clean up the garden beds in the park. We appreciate the support.

Please join us for DWG's annual Great Backyard Bird Count on Saturday, February 19th starting at 10:30am with guided bird walks to begin at 11:00am. Please meet at the Gazebo in Gardens Park.

Also, it is VERY IMPORTANT we get feedback from the community. We want to understand the needs/desires of the community to help bring events to the park and to improve/maintain the park beauty and amenities. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE fill out our community survey by clicking the link below or fill out a hard copy at City Hall: <u>https://bit.ly/3ufpvmQ</u>

Take care and continue to be safe, DWG Park Board parkboard@cityofdwg.net

Respect Our Park

Love is in the air!! Valentine's Day was this month!! Show your love for wildlife and Gardens Park in a real way. If you are in the park spending quality time with your loved ones, especially the furry ones, please pickup up their poo and any trash you brought with your boo.

Bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, March 5th from 9am – Noon. Bring your gardening gloves and tools. Meet the Park Board near the marquee by the old City Hall building. Physical labor not your thing??? No float cypress mulch is always welcomed. Donations can be dropped off at City Hall. 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>

(From the Texas Park and Wildlife-Our Wild Texas Bulletin)

Coyotes live all around us, even in cities. They are permanent residents but should be avoided. Discourage nuisance coyotes with these tips:

- Do not leave food outside.
- Do not supply a source of water.
- Keep pets on a 4-6 ft. leash or monitored when outside.

If a coyote gets too close for comfort, do not run or turn your back – look it in the eye, yell and wave your arms. For more information on how to deal with urban nuisance coyotes, contact your local Urban Biologist. (Reference: <u>https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/</u> <u>TXPWD/bulletins/2776423</u>)

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