



CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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Mayor's Message:



I cannot believe it is already February. We roughed it during the winter weather and hopefully, everyone came out smiling. I don't like to be a caged bird and have a difficult time sitting in one place. There's too much to experience in life! This month I was reflecting on the importance of communicating with others. I, personally, like to speak to people face to face, but if that's not possible, a phone call takes second place. It's easy to read someone's intentions when you see their face or hear their voice. Many folks prefer text or email. That one is a little more difficult for me. You can't always understand someone's intentions, and it can lead to misunderstandings, especially if it is about personal matters. However, there is nothing better than a handwritten note. Whether it is to say "thank you," "just checking on you," "sorry for your loss," or "I miss you," the intent is there. It takes time, effort, and lots of thought to sit down and write. As humans, we all want to feel valued, loved, and respected, and a letter signals just that. It is becoming a lost art in this age of technology. I would like to challenge each of you to select your preferred writing instrument, choose a simple piece of paper or a card, and just jot down your thoughts to a special person who may need to be uplifted. You would be amazed by the difference you can make in someone's life. With Valentine's Day on the way, send a note to someone who is lonely, has lost a spouse, or is in a nursing home, make their day! The gift of words is priceless and a treasure that can be kept not only in a special place in our home, but also in the treasure chests of our hearts.

Library Cards For those of you who signed up to receive the city subsidized library cards, we are so glad you are enjoying them. However, it is a subject that we will need to revisit next year. I know this is a precious resource for many of you. A few days before we started accepting applications, I received an email from our friends at the public library in Arlington informing us that the fees for non-resident library cards will be increasing from \$50 per household to \$120 immediately. That was a very unexpected bit of news. We will absolutely honor the cards for this year, but the city council will need to revisit this in next year's budget. I always want to be transparent and let everyone know the facts before making decisions.

Kudos: I must give a huge shout out to our Public Works Department! Truly, we have the BEST folks who work for our city in all departments! Darwin Brown did an exceptional job of leading the way to safety during the recent round of bad weather. Assistant Chief Fike and I drove the streets to make sure everyone was safe. When we arrived back to city hall, Darwin and Shawn Keener had salted and cleared all of the ice away from the entrances to city hall and the DPS complex, making sure everyone who entered was out of harm's way. Juan Rodriguez and Brendon Carter were right there as well, on call to assist in every emergency. These guys are the best of the best. Being out in below freezing temperatures and working to keep our citizens safe, these warriors do their jobs with happy hearts and never a word of complaining. If you see them, be sure and give them a pat on the back.

Laurie Bianco - Mayor - (903) 258-7354

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

Councilmembers:

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Just like our public works friends, we are all here for you!

Looking for something fun to do? Support our local businesses! Catalyst Creative Arts is an Art Studio and Gallery that offers classes, workshops, lessons, summer camp, community events and support for local artists. They began their 10th year in operation at their new location in DWG at 2238 Michigan Ave, Suite G. Visit the website for details: <https://www.catalystcreativearts.com/> I personally love this place and Jamie Mauldin, the owner, is a super gifted artist and his work is extraordinary.

It's Birthday Time As many of you know, DWG is about to celebrate our 90th birthday this June. Our Historical Committee has been hard at work paving the way for a great celebration. I would like to ask that you specifically read the portion of our newsletter dedicated to them for more details. As great time will be had by all so start making plans now for this event.

Court of Kindness We would like to thank Paul and Bonnie Sweitzer for their very generous donation of water to our city workers. As always, thank you for your generosity. There are so many folks who work behind the scenes that never get recognized. One of them is our council member, Steve Lafferty. You will often find Steve at city hall working on the city's vehicles or making adjustments to equipment to keep it in top notch condition. Before the storm, Steve worked on our backup generator to make sure we would have power if things went downhill. Thank you, Steve, for not only serving on council, but also for being an unsung hero to all of our friends here in DWG.

Welcome to our Business Community: Boost Air and Plumbing is located at 2313 Michigan Court. Welcome to the family!

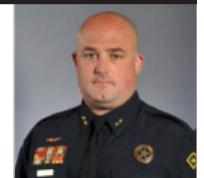
Thought for this Month: Oscar Wilde said it best, "The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."

Laurie Bianco, Mayor

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Chief's Message:

We want to thank everyone for staying inside and staying safe during last week's winter storm. We're happy to report that, as a city, we came through this storm in much better shape than the last one. We experienced a limited number of accidents and only minor residential leaks, with no reported damage. Thank you for heeding the warnings and taking the necessary steps to prepare. Your cooperation made a real difference. We'd also like to give a special shout-out to our dedicated staff who worked day and night throughout the storm, often for extended hours. Staff from Public Works, Police, Fire, and Dispatch not only prepared in advance of the storm but remained on site to ensure the continued safety of our residents. We truly appreciate your hard work and commitment.



We want to meet you! DPS will be restarting our neighborhood outreach program now that the holidays are over! We would like to visit a different neighborhood each month. If you are interested in setting your neighborhood's meeting time and date, please call 682-330-7416 or email jsmith@cityofdwg.net.

We would like to remind everyone that we offer a pet tag program free of charge to our residents. This is not a required program, simply a courtesy program to help us return any loose pets timely to their rightful owners. For more information on this program please contact dispatch at 817-275-1234 ext. 1

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

The Historical Committee sends out a warm welcome to Dalworthington Gardens' newest residents, the Johnson family.

As we mentioned last month, we will be sharing more information about the early days in DWG leading up to our 90th

celebration on June 5th and 6th. Find out more about the following historical tidbits at our 90th events.

On June 1, 1936 during the Great Depression, Dalworthington Gardens incorporated as a homestead association.

In 1933 Carl Mosig purchased a home and land (next to present day Green's Produce) along Arkansas Lane and called it Happenstance. It was also happenstance that First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt came to the home of Carl Mosig, with her son Elliott later that year. This chance meeting led Eleanor to believe she had located the perfect spot for one of her husband's Subsistence Homestead Program sites that were part of the New Deal.

Did you know the homes that were built for the Dalworthington Gardens Subsistence Homestead Program only cost around \$3,000 to \$4,000? Monthly payments ranged from \$18-\$25 a month.

Did you know there were no paved roads and no fences in the very beginning?

Did you know Eleanor Drive was the original name for Park Drive? Find out what happened!

Be a part of history and celebrate our amazing city! Join our team, contact us through City Hall (817-275-1234) or email our Historical Committee chair Mary Webster at (marywebster50@yahoo.com) if you would like to help or be a sponsor.

CPSAAA News - Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association

♥ The Perfect Valentine's Gift That Gives Back ♥

Still looking for a Valentine's Day gift that's thoughtful, practical, and supports a great cause? Consider giving something that shows love for both your special someone and our community.

CPSAAA is selling our **classic DWG T-shirts and hats** — favorites we offer year-round—as a Valentine's Day gift idea this season. These comfortable, everyday items make great gifts for anyone on your list, and **all profits go directly to benefit the Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety and Fire Department**.

It's a simple way to turn your Valentine's gift into something that truly makes a difference.

Item Details:



- **T-Shirts:** Sizes available **Small through XXXL**
 - **\$20 for Small-XL**
 - **\$22 for XXL-XXXL**
- **Hats: \$24.00**
- **Free local delivery included**

✉ **Payment options:** Cash or credit card accepted.

📞 📧 📩 **To order:** Call, text, or email **Tracy** (see contact information below).

This Valentine's Day, share the love—and support the people who keep our community safe every day. ❤️ 🚒 🚒

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

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Park Board Bulletin

Great Backyard Bird Count, a global event you can join from the comfort of your home or anywhere else!

Join bird watchers worldwide in this annual effort to track bird populations as they travel the globe. Last year saw a large increase in participation with the strongest numbers from California, Texas and other US locations. This resulted in a wider range of species observed and counted.

You can be a part of this important work by using a couple of easy to use apps on a phone. Merlin and eBird are readily available from the App Store on your smart phone or desktop computer.

From www.birds.org, follow these 3 steps:

"Step 1: Decide where you will watch birds.

Step 2: Watch birds for 15 minutes or more, at least once over the four days, February 13–16, 2026.

Step 3: Identify all the birds you see or hear within your planned time/location and use the best tool for sharing your bird sightings."

Dates to Remember in 2026

Great Backyard Bird Count 2026 February 13- February 16

Pictures with the Easter Bunny Sunday March 29, 3-5 pm.

Respect our park! Clean up after your pets, children, picnics and teams.

"If you already use Merlin or eBird, all entries over the 4 days count towards GBBC. Keep doing what you are doing!

No need to register or sign-up for GBBC."

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