

# CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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# December 2021 City Council News Items Approved

- Scope of work for Elkins Dam in accordance with TCEQ regulations
- Removal of two trees on city property
- CDBG project contractor selection

# 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.

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Happy New Year, friends!

I just know that 2022 is going to be filled with abundant joy for all of us. My word for this month is "focus". Focus is defined as the state or quality of having or producing clear visual definition. Lucad to make New Yoar's resolutions, and by the third work.



clear visual definition. I used to make New Year's resolutions, and by the third week of January, the wheels on my struggle bus had usually fallen off and I found myself in a ditch on the highway of life with glaze crumbs of a Krispy Kreme donut covering my shirt. As a result of many failed attempts, I now only resolve to try and focus on being the best person that I can be, making sure I show the love and grace to others that I would want shown to me. As a city, this year, we will be focusing on recruiting businesses that will hopefully generate a greater sales tax base so that our citizens and staff can enjoy the benefits that it will bring to our city. If you know of someone who would like to move their business into our wonderful city, could you kindly contact me and we will get that ball rolling down the right path.

<u>New Public Works Director:</u> We are ecstatic to welcome Kyle Sugg as the new Public Works Director in DWG. Kyle brings over 11 years of municipal government experience, and was most recently the Director of Public Works in our sister city of Pantego. We are excited for the experience and expertise Kyle brings to help maintain the City's public works needs.

<u>Comp Plan:</u> The City Council is finishing up proposed revisions to the Zoning Comprehensive Plan. The Council has been working diligently over the last few years to ensure appropriate land use plans are in place for our City's future. Be on the lookout for a future Town Hall meeting date so we can present these exciting ideas to you and gain your very important feedback.

Court of Kindness: We have a few offenders in this month's Court of Kindness. Thank you to Spence for capturing updated council photos for us. Spence gives a lot to the city and we are blessed that he shares his gift with us. Thank you to Arlington Classics Academy for their support both as bell ringers and for their very generous donation to the Red Kettle Challenge. Thank you to the following people for ringing the bell: Lola Hazel, Kay Day, Devin and Belynda Warner, Jennifer and Mason Burkhart, Allison Watkins and Donovan Terry, Steve and Alice Lafferty, Jim Robinson, Sandy Riney, Barbara and Erik Moeller, Marcus Day, Horace Riley, Carla Newbell, Kent and D'Ann Besley, Teri and Dennis Watkins, Tara Cao, Kathleen Snodgrass, Chaplain Don and Dolly, Ben and Tracy Dodson, and Judge Kimberly Fitzpatrick and family. Thank you to Patti White, Green's Produce, for the beautiful poinsettias donated to City Hall. Last but not least, thank you to those who brought goodies up here for staff to enjoy during the holidays. Thank you to Rodney Parsley for planting flowers in Gardens Park. We can't wait to see them flourish as spring arrives.

<u>Park Board Members:</u> We are elated about our two new additions to the DWG Park Board. Welcome to Pam Miller and Rhonda Schrock!

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:

- The Dominion, 2114 Roosevelt Drive, Suite C
- Revised Body and Wellness, 2104 Roosevelt Drive, Building 3, Suite O
- Twisted Grapevine, 2887 W Pioneer DWG TX Suite G

<u>Thought of the Day:</u> Love your life. Take pictures of everything. Tell people you love them, and talk to random strangers. Do things you're scared to do, carpe diem. Take your life and make it the best story in the world. What's your next chapter?

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

#### Chief's Message:

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and was able to take some much-needed time off with family. We want to thank everyone who came out and participated in this year's Santa Parade! We had an amazing turn out this year, we had more stops than past years, and more families at each stop. We are already looking at next year's event to make it better than the last. As we look forward into 2022 it is a perfect time to do some housekeeping to ensure all odds and ends are taken care of to start off a clean new year!



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.

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.

Cameras, if you have chosen to install outdoor cameras to your residence or business recently, we would love to add them to our database. Ring camera systems and other systems like it that residents and businesses have installed are always a great tool that can help our DPS during investigations. This database is a restricted database which will remain confidential and will be used for law enforcement purposes only. This database has shown to be highly beneficial over the last several months and has led to the arrest and apprehension of multiple suspects. If you would like to participate, please contact Lt. Will Fike at wfike@cityofdwg.net.

Social Media, we love seeing our residents on our Facebook pages, and Nextdoor app. Please remember that social media is not a way to file a police report. If you observe suspicious activity or need to report a crime, please call dispatch at 817-275-1234 ext. 1 for non-emergencies, and 911 in an emergency.

Sincerely and Respectfully, Chief Greg Petty

#### **Historical Committee News**

Please help the Historical Committee collect both current accomplishments and good news happenings in our city as well as historical documents, photos, artifacts and recollections. Contact the clerks at the front window of the new City Hall to find out how to share your information or artifacts with us.

We welcome the following new residents who moved to DWG in December, the Morris Family, the Davis Family, the Crawford Family, the Colon Family, the Doyle Family and the Bondzie Family.

At our January meeting, we decided to continue holding Historical Committee meetings on the first Thursday of odd numbered months at 6:30 pm, except for July when we once again hope to host an in person Ice Cream Social. Stay tuned for details. Special work sessions will be called as warranted.

#### **CPSAAA News**

Happy New Year from your friends in the CPSAAA! We wish you a Happy and Healthy 2022.

Dalworthington Gardens Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association (DWG CPSAAA) was founded in 2017 by the graduating members of the inaugural Citizens Public Safety Academy class in order to support the Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety. The DWG CPSAAA is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization. This organization is comprised of a Board of Directors and over 30 active members who support and acknowledge the Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety employees and their families. The DWG CPSAAA is dedicated to supporting the DWG Department of Public Safety through volunteerism and community activities. Our mission is to present and promote a continuing positive image of all law enforcement, but specifically, the Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety. We strive to support the DWG Police and Fire departments in achieving the goals of effective community involvement in these ways:

- Participating in appropriate department activities.
- Offering meetings and programs to continue the education of DWG CPSAAA alumni.
- Raising funds for equipment and activities not covered in the city budget but needed by our police and fire departments.

The DWG CPSAAA is made up of citizens who have completed and graduated from the DWG Citizen Public Safety Academy and become members of the Alumni Association. The Alumni Association functions as a support group to the Department and is a liaison to the community for the Department. We also raise funds in support of our officers for equipment and/or training needs that otherwise are not budgeted. Members of the Association are dedicated to doing what we can to let the Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety know how much we and the citizens of Dalworthington Gardens appreciate the work done by the Department.

Our sources of funding are obtained from: Annual \$20 membership dues Donations (Individual and Amazon Smile) T-shirt and Hat Sales License To Carry Classes Stop The Bleed Classes

#### Citizens On Patrol (COP) Program

Some of you may have seen our DWG Citizens On Patrol vehicle in your neighborhood. The COP program is a branch of our CPSAAA organization. Members of the COP program have completed training sessions covering legal liabilities, patrol procedures, communications, and the penal code through our Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety. We are taught to recognize suspicious or criminal activity and assist our police by actively patrolling the neighborhoods and reporting such activities. COP members are only observers/reporters and do not become physically involved or place themselves in dangerous situations. Citizens On Patrol programs have been proven to be a positive factor in decreasing crime in cities, especially with crimes such as theft, burglary, and auto theft.

We are truly fortunate to have both of these programs in our great little city.

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

Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President DWGCPSAAA.org

#### Park Board Bulletin

Hello DWG Residents,

The holiday season is ending. We hope everyone has enjoyed their time with family and friends in celebration and in remembrance as well for those who are no longer with us this season.

We are excited for 2022 and are looking forward to some of the events and activities we have in store for DWG.

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

#### **Respect Our Park**

Let's start off the new year right. Yes, most of us probably made resolutions to eat better and generally get in better shape. Maybe your resolution includes walking your dog more as part of having an active lifestyle. How about a few extra squats to pick up the poop from the fur baby as well? Please keep in mind as we all try to be more active in our lives that we also would like everyone to respect the park and pick up after your loved ones, especially the furry kind. If you forget your bag, then please don't fret. There are bags available AND trash cans available at the park.

How can we best serve the community? First step is to just ask people what they want. Stay tuned for a survey to be distributed in the upcoming newsletter and social media outlets. Mark your calendar for the annual Great Backyard Bird Count – Saturday, February 19th @ 10:30am. Please meet at the Gazebo in the park. More details to come.

Bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, January 29th from 9am – noon. Bring your gardening gloves and meet the Park Board near the marquee by the old City Hall building. 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: parkboard@cityofdwg.net

Ways to attract wildlife into your own backyard:

- **1.** Water Wildlife needs clean water, especially in hot weather. An easy way to support wildlife is to provide water year-round. Try birdbaths that mimic nature that are shallow with a gentle slope so birds can wade into the water.
- 2. **Nest Box** Different birds prefer different sizes of nest boxes. You can buy or build one for the birds you want to attract. Mount yours by early Feb. for spring use.
- **3.** Native Bee Condo Texas has many species of native solitary bees, and a bee block will attract these super-pollinators. They're not aggressive because they don't defend a hive.
- **4. Native Plants** Plants provide wildlife with food and places to hide, sleep and escape summer heat. If you choose native plants, they're likely to survive that heat year after year.

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