



# CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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City Council: 3rd Thursday  
Planning & Zoning: 4th  
Monday

**DWG 1936-2022 "and Growing"**

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## December 2022 City Council News Items Approved

- Corzine Dr. ILA
- Mobile Food Unit Ordinance Revision
  - Montessori Academy Fence Variance

## 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.)

## Mayor's Message:

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Hi friends!

I'm not big on picking New Year's resolutions, but I do try to pick a word each year to focus on. My word for this year is "choices". Before indulging in that second piece of pie, I am going to make the choice to say, "No". When an opportunity presents itself to serve someone in need, I will make the choice to do so without hesitation. I resolve to use kind words before giving a gut reaction. I firmly feel like the choices we make have a direct impact on the outcomes to a certain extent. I definitely believe focusing on the positive aspects of the most negative of circumstances can you help you focus and find that glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel.



**ZBA Vacancy:** The city has a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Adjustments. This board hears requests for variances to the requirements of Zoning Ordinance and decides on appeals when it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance. If you are interested in serving on this board or any other city board, please contact Lola Hazel at 682-330-7418 or [lhazel@cityofdwg.net](mailto:lhazel@cityofdwg.net).

**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. The positions up for re-election this year are Alderman Place 3, Alderman Place 4, and Alderman Place 5. To pick up a candidate packet, please visit the city's election page at <https://www.cityofdwg.net/elections> or contact Lola Hazel, 682-330-7418 or [lhazel@cityofdwg.net](mailto:lhazel@cityofdwg.net)

**Streets/Infrastructure:** The city is currently in the design and planning phases for infrastructure projects on Broadacres Lane for paving and drainage work and Corzine Drive for drainage work. Corzine Drive will be funded by Tarrant County through bond funds approved by voters in 2021. And a reminder, the remaining portion of Roosevelt Drive reconstruction is still scheduled to be completed this summer.

**Court of Kindness:** Our Court of Kindness is overflowing with offenders this month. The offenders for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Challenge are as follows: Andrew Pittaway, Michael Marquez, Ryan and Vickie Hess-Miller, Carla Newbell, Horace Riley, Gary Parker, Angelica Jenson, Jennifer Burkhart, ACA Student Council, Kay and Paityn Day, Steve Yancey, Nicki and Carol Owen, Kent and D'Ann Beasley, Ashley Schwengler, Barbara and Erik Moeller, Sandy Riney, Jim Robinson, Jannea Wright, Arlington Moms of Multiples, Pam and Bobby Joe Miller, Patti and Mr. Tom from Green's Produce, Devin and Belynda from Metro Mobile Electronics, Mike and Michelle Redden, Pat Swink, Fawzy Sedrak, Dr. Steve Penca, Jeannine and Frank Calhoon, Kostya and Anya Masslenikovs, Tracy and Ben Dodson, Sandra Ma, Bob Abott, Jill Howard, Dr. Carla Young, John King, Marissa Morales, Joanne Franks, and Todd and Deborah Batiste. Last but not least, thank you to Chief Petty, Captain Fike and Jennifer Burkhart for their behind the scenes work in making this event a success.

**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**

If someone made a contribution and you are not noted in the above list, please let me know because I want to make sure that everyone is recognized. Your contribution of your time, talent, and gifts will reach more lives than any of us will ever know. The impact of your giving has no boundaries. Our young bell ringers will be recognized at the council meeting with a certificate on January 19 for their generosity in raising funds for this worthy organization.

Thank you to Jackson Howard, 11, and Jameson Howard, 8, both are boy scouts, who cleaned up trash behind our lake. Thank you for making our community as beautiful and clean as it can be. And, thank you to their parents for raising such fine gentlemen.

**Welcome to our new businesses:**

- Day by Day Bread, 2110 Roosevelt Dr., Suite A
- Folly Jay African Store and Logistics, 2146 Corzine Dr.
- Computer Care LLC, 2161 Corzine Dr.

**Thought of the Day:** When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away? Of course not, you change the batteries. When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not! You help them change their batteries. Some need AA...attention and affection; some need AAA...attention, affection, and acceptance; some need C...compassion; some need D...direction. And if they still don't seem to shine...simply sit with them quietly and share your light.

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**Chief's Message:**

You answer your phone, the hoarse voice at the other end says, "Grandpa?" This is the introduction to one of the five most common phone scams in America today: the "Your Grandson Has Been Arrested" swindle. Scammers dial numbers at random, hoping to get an elderly person at the other end of the phone. As potential victims, we make his day when he says, "Grandpa?" and we answer, "Jimmy?" because now they say, "Yes!" and we are convinced it's our grandson, Jimmy - and he sure sounds like he is in trouble.



"Jimmy" will tell you he has had a car wreck, and he was injured when he hit another car - but his "lawyer" will explain everything. Now, "Jimmy" hands the phone to his "lawyer" - who convincingly tells you Jimmy crashed into a car being driven by a woman, who is now in the hospital, and it is feared she may die. "Jimmy" has been arrested for reckless driving, and is being held in some place far away - El Paso, Miami, Los Angeles... There are two problems: first, "Jimmy" needs bail money of \$5,000, or he will have to stay in jail until his trial, some months from now - and oh! The jails? They are an absolute scandal! By now, you're probably quite determined to help.

There's a second problem! "Jimmy" wrecked the other driver's car, and the tow and repairs cost \$9,000! The lawyer patiently explains that the jail can't take credit cards, or checks. If you could send down cash by express mail - he will helpfully tell you that, to avoid getting robbed by dishonest UPS carriers, you should take some magazines, and intersperse \$100 bills into the pages, and put it in an envelope. Then go to your nearest UPS Store and send it Priority Overnight - that is important!. When he gets the money in the morning, the lawyer can get Jimmy out of jail.

This scam is run hundreds of times a day on unsuspecting citizens across the country. It's a challenge to investigate because the swindlers use pre-paid, anonymous mobile phones; the cash you send gets to the thieves within as little as 12 hours, and many local law enforcement agencies can't move that quickly.

Similar scams state that the grandchild has been kidnapped and needs ransom money, or that there is a warrant for their arrest. In a related variant, an "agent" from the Internal Revenue Service or the US Marshals Service calls, saying that the warrant is actually for YOU (for not paying taxes, or for harboring, again, your grandchild), and only cash payment (or sometimes, a bank or cryptocurrency transfer) can solve the problem.

**Steps To Take:** Be aware when answering your phone. If someone calls and says, "Grandma?" - ask yourself if this makes any sense. One victim told us, "After I sent the money, I thought about it and realized he called me 'grandma', but actually my grandson has always called me 'Nanna'." So be attuned, and don't give in to emotion or pressure to act quickly. Ask, "Who is this?" and see if they give your actual grandchild's name (and then see if you can recognize the voice) - or even better, make up a name and ask: "Andy?" - if they say "Yes," then you know it's a scam. Ask questions. What police department made the arrest? Where are you being held, in what jail? What are the specific charges he is being held on. If they don't give specifics, again, you know it's a scam. And remember, they will often find a reason why you need to act quickly, to put more pressure on you. Sometimes they will imply that by paying now, you can help "Jimmy" get away from the clutches of the police, who are corrupt and want to hurt him. Remember: Time is on your side, not theirs.

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The best bet after you hang up is to call us at the Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety, at (817) 275-1234, and explain the situation - our officers can call and confirm the story and, in the off-chance it's real, advise you on how to proceed.

Here are some things to do to help the police help you:

- Note the number they are calling from, and the time of day.
- Pay attention to the details - write them down - including the method they told you to use (UPS, FedEx, etc) and the address where they want you to send the money.

Even if you've already sent the money, call us: it is sometimes possible for us, working with UPS or FedEx security, or the US Postal Inspection Service, to intercept a package. But we need to know about it. And of course, the best thing is not to send it in the first place.

In the coming months, we will write about other common scams: schemes targeting teenagers, the Microsoft Customer Support Scam, and others.

Sincerely and Respectfully,  
Chief Greg Petty

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### **Historical Committee News**

The Historical Committee is currently working on a Texas Historical Marker application. If successful, DWG will be the home to two Texas Historical Markers. The main focus of the subject for this application is an event that happened in 1933 in an area that is now in the northern portion of DWG. We have gathered quite a bit of information for the narrative but wanted to reach out to the community to see if you have any documentation or someone who can give an oral history about events that happened in 1933 in that area that can add to our research. If you have any written information, please leave a copy of it at the water window along with your contact information for the committee. If you have some oral history that you would like to share, please leave your contact info at the water window and a member of the Historical Committee will be in touch.

We welcome the following new residents who moved to DWG in December, the Craig 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 are planning to host an in person Ice Cream Social. Mark your calendars for July 15 and stay tuned for more details. Special work sessions will be called as warranted.

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### **CPSAAA News**

Happy New Year from your friends in the CPSAAA! We wish you a Happy and Healthy 2023.

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 programs in our great little city.

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

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## Park Board Bulletin

Hello DWG Residents,

It's a new year and we are excited for 2023. We look forward to continuing our commitment to improving our park and hosting various events and activities. Special shout out to Mr. Reyes and Maria Cardenas for touching up the paint in the gazebo.

Take care and stay hydrated (even in winter)

DWG Park Board

[parkboard@cityofdmg.net](mailto:parkboard@cityofdmg.net)

## Respect Our Park

New Year means there are more people committed to exercising in 2023, at least for January. If improving physical fitness is your resolution, feel free to get some extra squats in around the park and help pick up trash that you may see blowing around. You will work some extra muscles and will get the warm and fuzzies in your soul.

+++++STAY TUNED+++++

Great Back Yard Bird Count February 18th 10:30am – 1pm (Meet at the Annex – Room next to the Fire Bay)

+++++WANT TO VOLUNTEER+++++

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, March 11th 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@cityofdmg.net](mailto:parkboard@cityofdmg.net)

+++++DID YOU KNOW +++++

**Birds are experiencing the impacts of climate change and habitat loss, and these dangers will only grow over time. Did you know you can help birds thrive right where you live by making your yard more bird-friendly?**

**Here are some guidelines for Backyard Habitat Conservation Projects**



- Grow native plants that provide fruits or trees.
- Woodlots with fallen limbs and leaves, dead plant material, and other woodland debris harbor the insects that migratory birds thrive on. Leave as much dead plant material, as possible, on the land.
- Seek alternatives to chemical pesticides. Use biological controls for unwanted insects and vegetation.
- Reduce the risk of bird predation by keeping pet cats indoors. Refrain from putting out table scraps, which will attract predators, such as raccoons.
- Invite neighboring landowners to join your backyard effort. Plan cooperatively.

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## *Shop DWG and Our Surrounding Businesses*

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 <p><b>Farrell Animal Hospital</b> <i>Superior Care For the Life of your Pet</i> 2890 West Pioneer Parkway Arlington, TX 76013 <b>Check out our new website!</b> <a href="http://FarrellAH.com">FarrellAH.com</a> 817-265-6276</p>	 <p><b>Pet Resort</b> <i>The Gardens</i> <i>Protected Play And a Pampered Stay</i> 2890-A West Pioneer Parkway Arlington, TX 76013 (Behind Farrell Animal Hospital) Dog &amp; Cat Boarding Doggie Daycare Grooming <a href="http://Petresortinthegardens.com">Petresortinthegardens.com</a> 817-635-5510</p>
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