



## CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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City Council: 3rd Thursday  
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**DWG 1936-2024 "and Growing"**

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### December 2025 City Council News Items Approved

- City Investment Policy
- Preliminary Plat for 3312 Sunset Lane

### 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:



With the beginning of every new year, I always pick a word that I want to focus on for the year. After some time debating on what it would be for 2026, I finally chose the word "PRESENT." To be honest, I almost picked the word "no," but that sounded so negative. I need to say "no" when someone offers me a second helping of bread or "no" to the waiter at Mac's when they say they have strawberry or blackberry cobbler. Also, if someone ever says, "Can I tell you something?" That translates as "I'm about to share my opinion on something you aren't going to want to hear." In that case, a simple "no thank you" is just fine. I abandoned the word "no" because I really do want the cobbler at Mac's. Enough of that! Let's get back to the word "present." Why did I choose this one? Even though it is spelled the same way, it has three different meanings that are all significant to me. 1. To live in the moment. I want to be present in each moment that I live and savor each experience or particular situation I am in without letting it escape me. 2. A gift. I want to be a gift to someone else and bring joy to their life. Most times the most precious gifts are not ones purchased in the store. 3. To bring to someone's attention. I always want to present myself in a way that encourages others and helps us all to see the best in ourselves and each other. What word would you choose? I wanted to thank everyone who decorated their yards with Christmas joy. Emily and I would ride around at night and enjoy them. Thank you to everyone who helps our city become a destination.

We won the Salvation Army's per capita award for the Mayor's Red Kettle Challenge again this year for the Arlington/Mansfield Corp. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for always having such generous hearts and deep pockets when it comes to blessing others. Because of you we were able to bless more people than we will ever know who have the greatest needs and share the Good Book with them. That is what we are called to do and boy, oh boy, you sure did it!

#### **Library Cards**

We will be accepting applications for city sponsored library cards from January 19-30. We will provide 40 library cards to the first 40 families that qualify.

#### **Election Matters**

It's that time again. Our general election will be held on May 2, 2026. Candidates filing dates are from January 14, 2026 - February 13, 2026.

Information can be found online at [cityofdwwg.net/elections](http://cityofdwwg.net/elections) or contact Sandra Ma at 817 275-1234 ext. 2. Her email is [sandra@cityofdwwg.net](mailto:sandra@cityofdwwg.net).

#### **Court of Kindness**

We are so grateful for the very generous contribution to the city from the Heritage Gardens HOA. This money will be used across several areas in the city to help benefit the extraordinary friends who live in DWG. Many thanks from all of us!

**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**

**Welcome to the DWG Business Family:**

SKIP THE COURTHOUSE  
2102 Roosevelt Drive Suite A

THE BARGAIN BOUTIQUE  
2218 S. Bowen Road Suite 2222B

GOAT KINGDOM CUTZ & ETC  
2104 Roosevelt Drive Suite C

**Words to Ponder:**

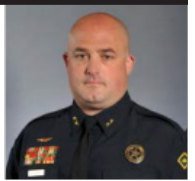
Take a moment to realize that the present moment is all you have. Make the 'NOW' your primary focus. That is yet another reason to eat dessert first!

Laurie Bianco, Mayor  
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**Chief's Message:**

A HUGE Thank you to all who have always trusted us enough to plan your Christmas parties around our Annual Santa Parade! This tradition has been beloved by the DWG community for 30+ years.

DPS is so thankful for the support of all our residents. Santa talked to residents and took pictures with the very youngest of residents to those who have been around partaking in our tradition from the very beginning! Thank you to the Twin Springs addition that provided hot chocolate to all our staff and volunteers as we came through. A HUGE Thank you to the Campanozzi family for the yearly meatball subs that feed our entire crew, including volunteers, and family members at the end of the parade (this is not a small undertaking).



For the most up to date information on events, or time sensitive changes please like our City of Dalworthington Gardens, and our Dalworthington Gardens DPS Facebook pages. If you are already following our pages, please go like a post or change your settings so that you are following the page as a "favorite" to ensure the Facebook algorithm doesn't cause you to miss important notices. We know technology is great, however sometimes it has its downfalls, so we ask that everyone help us with this beginning of the year clean up!

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@cityofdwwg.net](mailto:jsmith@cityofdwwg.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

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**Historical Committee**

Do you know what major milestone happens in 2026? The City of Dalworthington Gardens turns 90 years old! (And yes, about a little over a week after DWG's birthday the first FIFA match comes to Arlington and about a month later the United States celebrates its **Semiquincentennial**.) **However, this is a major milestone for the place our mayor calls 'the best place to live', so please join us in celebrating this milestone.**

**We are looking forward to having a great turn out from our wonderful DWG residents, businesses, and friends who have previously been a part of DWG or just enjoyed something in our city over the years.** The Historical Committee marks June 1, 1936 as DWG's official birthday. That is when the Dalworthington Gardens Homestead Association was incorporated.

To give everyone the best chance of attending our city's birthday celebrations this year, we will be holding our celebrations on Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6 instead of June 1. Mark your calendars and save those dates so you can attend.

We are planning a dinner and dance for Friday evening, June 5 and fun in the park on Saturday, June 6. The theme for DWG's 90th birthday is, 'Remembering our Roots'. Watch for more information about the early days in DWG and about this year's events as we get closer to the big day.

These events will be much bigger than the ice cream socials the Historical Committee is known for, so we need help planning and producing our celebrations! We are looking for both additional volunteers and for sponsors. Please consider getting involved with your city and call City Hall (817-275-1234) or email our Historical Committee chair Mary Webster ([marywebster50@yahoo.com](mailto:marywebster50@yahoo.com)) if you are interested in learning how you can volunteer or become a sponsor. Leave your contact information and a member of the Historical Committee will reach out to you about joining our team.

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### **CPSAAA News - Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association**

Happy New Year from your friends in the CPSAAA! We wish you a Happy and Healthy 2026.

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 35 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

T-shirt 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 city.

If you are in need of any very last minute holiday gifts, a DWG T-Shirt is a great gift. Valentine's Day is also coming soon in case you want to get ahead of the rush. Call today to see if we have your favorite color in stock.

All profits benefit our  
Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety and Fire Department.  
Sizes Small thru XXXL

\$20 Small – XL

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## **Park Board Bulletin**

**Winter has arrived.** The garden is resting, dormant during the coldest months. The Park Board is actively planning for the next pollinator season.

Here is a short summary of the 2026 Challenges for the Mayor's Monarch Garden:

1. Raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and other pollinators.
2. Encourage local residents to plant monarch friendly gardens.
3. Encourage planting milkweed and other nectar producing plants.
4. Promote monarch and pollinator conservation and awareness.
5. Provide native seeds and collect native seeds for future propagation.
6. Plant a monarch friendly garden.
7. Add milkweed to community gardens.
8. Provide information at the Mayor's Monarch Garden; label plants at the garden.

## **Dates to Remember in 2026**

Park Board Work day January 10- Meet at 9 am in front of public safety building

Great Backyard Bird Count February 14 from 10 am to 1 pm. Details soon.

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

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

DWG Park Board

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