

## CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS **GARDEN'S GAZETTE**

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

#### DWG 1936-2023 "and Growing"

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### May 2023 **City Council News Items Approved**

- Heat sensor requirement
- DPS vehicle equipment
- Roosevelt Traffic Control Plan costs
- Roosevelt erosion control
- Roosevelt hydro mulching
- Arkansas Lane striping
- Roosevelt foot bridge repair



- 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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Music is the great uniter. An incredible force. Something that people who differ on everything and anything else can have in common. - Sarah Dessen, Just Listen



Celebrating the successes of our citizens is an extremely important part

of who we are. The gentleman I would love to focus on this month is Randy Jordan, the director and conductor of the Arlington Master Chorale. I had the privilege of attending one of his final performances this past month. Not only did it give me goosebumps, but just witnessing his masterful ability to lead the orchestra and chorale with the simple movement of his wand, brought me to tears, especially the piece that his son composed in honor of his father's retirement. Obviously, the gene pool for music runs deep in that family. Randy has completed his 48th year of teaching and conducting. He is a composer/arranger with choral works published by at Alliance Music, Carl Fischer Music, and Hinshaw Music Publishers. Under his direction, The Arlington Master Chorale (AMC) has grown from 38 members to 110. AMC made their first appearance at Carnegie Hall in New York in March of 2007, and have performed at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Rather than list all of the distinguished venues where he has performed, let's just say that Randy's gift of music has sprinkled the globe with joy. In September 2021 AMC presented the world premiere of Elaine Hagenberg's Illuminare, and Mr. Jordan will conduct the United Kingdom premier of that same work in London on June 21, 2023. Our community is so lucky to have such a gifted individual right in our backyard. He and his wife Debbie Duncan are proud parents/grandparents of four children and ten grandchildren. We will celebrate Randy with a proclamation at the July 20, 2023 Council Meeting.

Twisted Grapevines Ribbon Cutting: Twisted Grapevines, located at 2887 Pioneer Parkway, will have their ribbon cutting on June 29, 2023, 4:30-5:30pm. They did an exceptional job of presenting at our Business Over Breakfast. They create custom wreath designs & decor for any occasion, and also host events and parties.

Garbage and Recycling Services: The City received two bids for garbage of recycling services from Republic Services and Community Waste Disposal (CWD). The City Council will be reviewing said bids at their June 15, 2023 meeting. Any decision made will be published in the July newsletter.

### 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 **Salvation Army – National Donut Day:** Once again, our precious friends, Kostya and Anna Maslenikov with the Salvation Army brought donuts to our staff for National Donut Day on June 2. We are so grateful to them for their loving acts of kindness and also for the tasty donuts!

#### New Businesses for this Month:

Cornerstone Weightlifting, 2110 Roosevelt Drive, Suite B1 Fulcrum Equipment Rentals, 2110 Roosevelt Drive, Suite B Dream Studio Inc., 2114 Roosevelt Drive, Suite D Madrona Rich Services LLC, 2217 Michigan Avenue Austin Realty Consultants, 2317 Roosevelt Drive, Suites A and B Havana Style VIP, 2512 W. Pioneer Parkway PIRTEK Arlington, 2887 W. Pioneer Parkway, Suite E RG Apparel Co., 3216 W. Arkansas Lane

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#### Chief's Message:

Several months ago, we added to the newsletter ways to better protect your family. This included the addition of thermal heat detectors to residential alarm systems in your attic area. This is a simple low-cost upgrade that can be made to all alarm systems in residential structures. This will help you to act quickly in case of an emergency, allowing you to know sooner if you have issues in



your attic space. For most of our residents that utilize Brent with Home Security Central, he is able to facilitate these upgrades to any alarm that he currently maintains. Brent can be contacted at 817-467-3040. Please note that Home Security Central is a third-party vendor not associated with the City of DWG, however they are very familiar with how DWG alarms are monitored. Regardless of who your alarm provider is, this should be an upgrade that can be added to any residential system. We have had a good number of residents that have upgraded their alarm features to include these detectors successfully over the past several months. Please make sure that you contact dispatch when any upgrades to your DWG monitored alarm are made to ensure that all zones and detectors are coming in correctly. We will help you ensure that everything is working properly, and after testing is done, we can issue you an insurance form that may allow for a discount on your home owners insurance. This will help you to act quickly in case of an emergency, allowing you to know sooner if you have issues in your attic space. For any assistance needed with changing of batteries and checking the function of your current smoke detectors DWG DPS will gladly assist with this process. You may call dispatch for assistance at 817-275-1234 ext. 1.

Tis the season! Our house watch program is in full swing right now with the summer months upon us. If you are new to The Gardens we want to make sure that you are aware of the house watch program. This is a voluntary program that is offered as a free service to DWG residents. Anytime (year-round) that you plan on going on vacation contact dispatch and fill out a form and we will have officers check your residents twice a day. We offer this program as a proactive way to assist residents keeping their property safe with no added worries while gone. For more information on this program please contact dispatch.

As many may have already noticed, Key Elementary is a summer school location this year for AISD. Please be mindful of your speed and the newly posted summer school times. School zone times until June 30th are from 7:00-8:00am and 1:15-2:15pm.

As you may have already noticed, Phase II of the Roosevelt Drive Construction Project started several weeks ago and is expected to take eight weeks. The traffic plan completely closed Roosevelt Drive from California Lane to Sunset Lane. All traffic beginning Sunset Lane is southbound only, and Roosevelt Drive is shut down to northbound traffic at Burlwood. This is always subject to change as we adapt to needs and safety measures during the project. Traffic plans are determined based on what is safest for citizens, construction crews, and staff, what is most cost effective and also easiest and safest for our DPS to enforce from a traffic safety standpoint. We appreciate your patience during these projects as we know there are inconveniences and delays. Thank you for allowing us to improve the streets in our city.

Just a note, our DPS will be monitoring and enforcing the 20-mph speed limit and general traffic safety during the project. Thank you, Dalworthington Gardens DPS for helping to keep construction crews and our city safe!

We have had an increase in snake and wildlife calls over the past several months with all the rain pushing them out of the creek areas and onto residential properties. As most wildlife is very protected, officers are unable to catch or kill wildlife unless it is posing an immediate risk to the public. Snakes...the dreaded subject, they are slithering into garages and yards more than normal right now. Please be aware in high grassy areas as they may be hard to see. If you are having problems with either, and need immediate assistance please contact dispatch and we will send an officer out to assist in relocating the animals if possible. Please know that officers will assess each situation on a case by case basis and have limited resources.

Sincerely and Respectfully, Chief Greg Petty

#### Historical Committee News

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 15. The Historical Committee will once again be holding an ice cream social in the Annex next to the fire bays. Please let us know if you are interested in contributing your homemade ice cream or finger foods for everyone to enjoy by leaving your name and number with one of the clerks at the water window and someone will contact you. The social will start immediately following the ribbon cutting for the new playground. (The ribbon cutting will start promptly at 7pm.)

Welcome to our newest DWG residents, the Royal family. We hope you can join us at this year's ice cream social so we can greet you in person. We always have a great time visiting with neighbors.

The new bricks for the Historical Plaza in Gardens Park are in and most likely will have been placed by the time you read this. Thanks to Dennis Ferdinand for keeping tabs on the annual orders and coordinating the purchase and placement of the bricks.

#### **CPSAAA News**

Thank you so much to everyone who entered a design in our CPSAAAT-shirt Design contest. All of the designs were great! The grand prize winner is Nicole Owen. **Congratulations Nicole!** The runners-up include Linda Ferdinand, Christina Van Dorf and Devin Warner. The winners received a gift certificate to Prespa's Italian Restaurant in Dalworthington Gardens. We will include the design and ordering information in the July newsletter.

Be sure to look for the Dalworthington Gardens Police, Fire and CPSAAA Citizens on Patrol vehicles in the upcoming Arlington 4th of July Parade.

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@yahoo.com DWGCPSAAA.org

#### Park Board Bulletin

Hello DWG Residents,

Have you seen our new 5-12 year old playground equipment in Gardens Park? Thanks to everyone who gave feedback on the project, worked on the grant, and contributed to make this project a reality that built on what Mr. Stevenson started for the kids of the community so long ago. Also, we give a big thanks to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for choosing DWG as a recipient of a 50/50 small city grant so that this part of the 10-year park plan could become reality.

DWG Park Board parkboard@cityofdwg.net

#### **Respect Our Park**

While horseback riding is allowed in Gardens Park, please take care not to leave divots when the soil is saturated and keep your horses out of the playground area and off the sidewalks. There have been some problematic "accidents" left recently in high traffic areas. If your ride leaves a pile, please come back as soon as you are able to mitigate the mess. Thanks.

Come out and celebrate our new playground equipment at the ribbon cutting on Saturday, July 15. The ribbon cutting will begin promptly at 7pm, so if you want to visit, get there a bit early or head over to the ice cream social in the Annex immediately afterwards.

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, July 8th from 8am – 11am. Bring your gardening gloves and tools. The meetup location is at the concrete slab near the intersection of Park and Elkins Dr.

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>

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If you have not already refreshed your mulch in your garden, now is the time to do it before the hot and dry part of the year sucks the moisture out of the soil. We have been lucky to get more rain this year than last year. Lock that moisture in and you will conserve water in the long run because you will be keeping your plant's roots cooler and keeping water in their root zones longer.

# Shop DWG and Our Surrounding Businesses

