



CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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- Work session date set for City's Zoning Comprehensive Plan

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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My sweet DWG family, Mother's Day is a well celebrated day for all women who have physically given birth, but not all mothers fit into this category. A mother can be defined as so much more. For me, a mother is someone who gives selflessly and puts their own feelings aside in order to nurture another being. I am certainly a mama to my precious daughter, Emily, but I am also a mother to Frankie and Opal, our family members who walk on four legs. I served as a mother to the students I taught long before having Emily. A "mama," as we call it, is the one who instills values into the lives of those they touch. They are the silent observers who encourage and love without abandonment, the cheerleaders in the stands, the shoulder to cry on, the ears that listen without judgement, the first to stand with applause, the one who wears their heart on their sleeve—that is what motherhood means to me. Being completely overwhelmed by love, joy, compassion, responsibility, and selflessness encompasses everything the word "motherhood" implies. This can often be a sad day for folks who have lost their mothers, have not been able to conceive or adopt a child, or those who are estranged from their family. Each of us, in our own special way, is a mother.

Every day that I wake up and have breath in my lungs is a Mother's Day to me. Spending time with my precious mama and daughter are my favorite ways to spend the actual day or any day for that matter. My mother turned 90 in December and her voice is the first one I hear in the morning and the last one I hear at night. When I had Emily, my mother changed her intellectual status from highly intelligent to genius. It is from our mothers that we learn about life. They are our first friend and teacher. For me, she is the one who loves me unconditionally. When I taught school I could solve every problem that a parent had. I was full of advice. Then it happened—I had Emily. There is nothing more humbling than to have a child. It was at that point I learned to never say never, my child will never do that and I quickly understood exactly what I don't know. I should write a book called How to Cook and Eat Crow because I have eaten too much of it.

Let each of us embrace our mothers, in whatever form that may be, and shower them with loving acts of kindness, not just on Mother's Day, but every day of the year.

Total Eclipse in the Park:

We did it! We not only survived the solar eclipse, but we did it with flying colors. A very special thank you is extended to our park board and a super special mention goes to lashia Bergamini and Cathy Stein who spent countless hours making sure every detail was addressed. Chief Petty, Captain Fike, and Jennifer Burkhart are also given exceptional kudos for their work in making this happen. Because of the hard work

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and collaboration between the citizens and our work family, we are able to accomplish great things! Sharing that experience as a community was incredible. Thank you to our DWG friends and family who came to this once in a lifetime event.

Court of Kindness:

Once again, our friends in the city spent many hours on their hands and knees making sure our city hall and park entrance have beautiful landscaping and are manicured. They pulled weeds, cleaned flowerbeds, and gave the sweat on the brows to help us be the best we can be. Thank you to our park volunteers who inspire me every day. During the fundraiser for the CPSAAA, I ran into many of our residents who support all of our city events. One of our beautiful residents who lives on Oak Trail Court specifically told me about her wonderful neighbor, Colonel John Meek, who lives across the street. John, you are now a prisoner in our court of kindness! Thank you for being the Mr. Rogers of your neighborhood by taking your neighbor's trash bin out to the curb on trash days, as well as reaching out to her when she needs a helping hand. It's folks like you that make us who we are. Also, my personal thanks to you for your service to our country. I am grateful to live in a place where we truly do care about our neighbors. This is what sets us apart from other cities—kindness!

Patti White at Green's Produce always make the headlines and is a permanent prison in the court of kindness. Patti always keep her business looking great and she went well out of her way to repair the concrete leading into her parking lot. She also filled the pot holes on Roosevelt, Patti, thank you from the bottom of all of our heart for all you do for the city.

Farmer's Market News:

Do you have a garden that's growing way too many tomatoes or a fig tree that is overloaded?

Did you know that the Dalworthington Gardens farmer's market offers a community table?

If you are a backyard farmer or just have a small garden that is growing too much, you can join us at the market to sell your VERY local extras! Any fruits or vegetables are accepted. The market is every Sunday from 10:00-2:00 at 2800 Arkansas Lane in the Arlington Classics parking lot. You can email Abby Rudolph, the market manager, if you're interested at arudolph@fourseasonsmarkets.com or text at 281-544-0287. There will be no cost to come out and use the community table.

You can find details about becoming a vendor on their website, fourseasonsmarkets.com

Let's "BRIDGE" the gap:

Our bridges have arrived, but we are researching companies to install them. AS soon as we are able to find a company that meets our standards, we will be bridging those gaps (sidewalks) to make our walking destinations easier to reach. In the meantime, thank you for your patience.

New Businesses:

We would like to welcome David Bui Auto Tech to the DWG family of businesses. They are located at 2144 Corzine Drive. Go by and pay them a visit to help support our city businesses. We also issued a CO to Arlington Classics Academy Auxiliary Services at 2805 W Arkansas Lane, Suite 300. They are growing and we love that! If you or your family are in need of counseling services, please go by and make an appointment at Compassion Counseling located at 2214 Michigan Court, Suite E. The Hinton Garden Spa has a new owner, Pei Pei Dong. Treat yourself to some pampering. They are located at 2313 Roosevelt Drive, Suite A. For a little sweet treat, you can visit Pan Pan Bakery and Café, You can find them at 2110 Roosevelt Drive, Suite A.

Thought of the Day:

The way that people see others is a reflection of themselves. If I am a trusting person, I will see others as trustworthy. If I am a critical person, I will see others as critical. If I am a caring person, I will see others as compassionate. If you change yourself and decide to become the person you desire to be, you will begin to view others in a whole new light. That will change the way you interact in all of your relationships. Be aware of your "lens."

Laurie Bianco, Mayor

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Chief's Message:

As we are fast approaching the end of the school year and start into summer, we would like to congratulate all parents, students, and teaching staff for all your hard work over the last year. CONGRATULATIONS to all our graduating high school and college seniors.



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 bases and have limited resources.

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 in keeping their property safe with no added worries while gone. For more information on this program please contact dispatch.

DAY WITH THE LAW!!!! This event is always our biggest event of the year. This event is fun for the whole family with things for both kids and adults to enjoy. Our tentative date for this is Saturday September 7, 2024, from 10a-2pm in Elkins Park. If you have never been today with the law, you are missing out. This event brings departments from across the whole metroplex to DWG for the day. Every department will bring their specialized equipment to show off to the public. This event includes police, fire and EMS services and any entities that are closely related to them. We will have food, bounce houses, and a parade to end our event. Look for more info as we get closer!!!

Sincerely and Respectfully, Chief Greg Petty

Historical Committee

Join us this month in welcoming the Richards Family to DWG.

May's regular Historical Committee meeting on the second Wednesday has been shifted to the second Tuesday of May (14th at 6:30) to be able to coordinate with the Park Board to finish getting our storage places completely sorted and hopefully organized.

Our annual Ice Cream Social is a great way to meet your neighbors and visit with friends. Save the date, Saturday, July 13 from 6:30 – 8:30pm. We had a wonderful range of handmade ice cream flavors last year. Put on your thinking cap about what you would like to make to share this year. Watch for more information in June's newsletter.

The Historical Committee's next scheduled meeting will be the second Wednesday of September at 6:30pm. (We host the Ice Cream Social instead of having a regular meeting in July.)

CPSAAA News

CPSAAA News - Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association

CPSAAA is selling these great T-Shirts as a fundraiser.

All profits benefit our

Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety and Fire Department.

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\$20 Small - XL

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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 DWGCPSAAA.org

Park Board Bulletin

We had several stretches of rain throughout the month. What's the saying? April showers bring May flowers. Check out all the blooming flowers at the Monarch Waystation. Although the park is open to the public, the flowers are not up for grabs. Please respect all the hard work put in by our volunteers to keep the garden looking fantastic by not taking any of the flowers.

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

Schedule of Events:

- Bi-Monthly park workday – Saturday, May 11th 9am - Noon

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

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, May 11th from 9am – Noon. Be on the lookout on Facebook and the City's website for any weather-related updates.

Bring your gardening gloves and tools. The meetup location is by the marquee at the intersection of Roosevelt 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. parkboard@cityofdwg.net

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

Ever wonder when did bluebonnets became the Texas state flower? According to the Handbook of Texas Online, the Texas Legislature bestowed that mantle upon the native blooms in 1901. It beat out both the prickly pear cactus and the cotton boll to claim it's right to fame. (The prickly pear was named the state plant in 1995.)

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