

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

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OCTOBER 2023 **City Council News** Items Approved

• Approval of a purchase of a KASCO tank mixer

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.)

In the past few weeks I have started navigating a new chapter in my life, and I am so thankful for those who support me without judgment. I know in the past, I could readily give advice, especially during my teaching career. The other day while I was sitting enjoying a cappuccino,



reflecting over my life experiences. I looked back to my many years of teaching school. I had Emily when I was almost 43, so for my entire teaching career, I never had experienced motherhood. As a result, I was an expert at giving parents advice on how they should raise their kids. I could solve any problem related to children, until the day I gave birth. It was at that point that I learned how to cook and eat crow. As a matter of fact, I could become quite wealthy on how to cook crow. It was so easy from an outsider's point of view looking in to give advice. It is funny how time and life experiences humble us. Now, I have learned to never pass judgment on someone else because we all walk different paths in life. From these life experiences, I have begun to ask myself these questions. 1. Have I been asked for my advice? If not, don't offer it. 2. What is driving my need to speak? Their need or mine? 3. Have I earned the right? In other words, am I an inner-circle friend? In other words, I have learned to speak less, listen more, and hopefully provide what each person needs at that exact moment. Thank you for your outpouring of love in all circumstances.

Court of Kindness: Kudos to our DPS and especially Chief Petty and Jennifer Burkhart for an exceptional event as always. If you missed the grill masters in action, don't let another opportunity pass you by. Thank you to Christina Van Dorf for her contributions and participation at the event. Thank you to Maurice Ahern for the butterscotch cookies. They were a melt-in-your-mouth delight. Thank you to Green's Produce for donating pumpkins for the event.

Farmer's Market: Come join us every Sunday from 10am-2pm for the Dalworthington Gardens Farmer's Market located in the ACA parking lot across from Green's Produce.

Ghost Food Truck Park, Parking lot of NewGen Printing, 2601 W. Arkansas Lane: they have four food trucks there at all times and Friday night events. Don't miss your chance to take advantage of a photo op with a fall theme on their premises.

Solar Eclipse: It is with great pride that we want to thank our extraordinary Park

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 Mark McGuire Board for the annular eclipse event that was held in our park on October 14. We had a great turnout for the presentation given by one of the members of the Fort Worth Astrological Association, followed by a community viewing of the eclipse with complimentary glasses provided by our speaker. He setup telescopes so that our residents had the opportunity to have a closer view of what this actually looks like. I can't wait to see what will happen for the total eclipse in April.

<u>Salvation Army:</u> Tis the season to help us ring the bell. Would you kindly consider giving an hour or two of your time to help support the Salvation Army? The Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge will be held on December 9. DWG has been recognized for the past several years by being awarded the per capita award for North Texas. This translates as our citizens have the biggest hearts and deepest pockets in the whole "country" of Texas. All of the money raised will go directly into our local Salvation Army service area in Arlington and Mansfield. An example of services funded is Family Life Center in Arlington. This center gives family a chance to success by providing rehabilitation services, Bible studies, meals, and clothing needs to the recipients. It is not a program that provides a handout, but rather helps families to learn to manage their money effectively so they can be productive members of our society.

Thank you to Lola Smith: It is with my deepest regrets that I share with you the news that our beloved City Administrator/City Secretary Lola Smith has accepted a position with the City of Hurst. Hopefully, this new job opportunity will allow more time to spend with her precious 1 year old, Alex, and alleviate the stress that a job like hers which holds significant responsibilities and time demands. Lola has been the steadfast rock that has helped lead our city down the road to success. Her tireless efforts included to promote the city, maintain accurate city records, respond to citizens' concerns, oversee personnel, and pretty much do everything the city needs. I personally want to thank Lola for all of her support and guidance. I am going to be lost without her. Lola, we wish you the very best on this next chapter of your life, and may DWG and its residents and employees, always hold a special place in your heart.

Quote of the Day: Don't ever judge another person by someone else's opinion.

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Chief's Message:

We are headed into the Holiday season. I would like to remind everyone to keep crimes of opportunity at bay by locking your car doors, not leaving items in plain sight in your cars, and keeping your garages shut when you are not outside. Thieves look for easy targets so let's not give them any chance. Also, if you are going out of town and you would like to place your house on close patrol or house watch please contact dispatch at 817-275-1234 ext. 1 for more information, or you may go to our website to find the form at www.cityofdwg.net.



Santa is coming to town! Please join us on December 23rd for our annual Santa Parade. Santa will arrive via helicopter between 4:00- 4:30 pm in Gardens Park so we can join him on his journey through the city. He will promptly leave Gardens Park at 5:00p. He will be escorted through the city by our public safety officers and volunteers. This is our 33rd year and we are excited to continue the tradition! If you have a special request for a stop, please contact Jennifer Smith at 682-330-7416 or by email at jsmith@cityofdwg.net and we will do our best to accommodate any extra stops we can. You may view our live route map by using the link below or the QR code:

Santa's stops on his route: Ambassador Row • Gazebo at Gardens Park •Garden Ln • Seiber/Wooded Creek Kathrine Court • Key Elementary • Twin Springs/Twin Lakes • Hemingford Home Place • Flower Garden Sincerely and Respectfully, Chief Greg Petty



Historical Committee

The Historical Committee extends a warm welcome to DWG's newest residents, the Espinoza family.

For the new residents of DWG and a reminder to those of you who have lived here for a while, the City has its own Texas Historical Marker. It is mounted in the historical plaza located in Gardens Park at the NW corner of Roosevelt Dr. and California Ln. . The plaza is paved with bricks, many of them engraved bricks purchased to commemorate something important to the purchaser of the brick.

If you do not have a brick in the patio around the DWG Historical Marker or if you want to order another one, you will find the brick paver order form under forms/other on the City's website. Give someone the gift of becoming part of DWG history by donating an engraved brick in their honor. Newly ordered bricks are placed once a year with a target date of around the City's anniversary in June.

The next Historical Committee meeting is scheduled for January 4 at 6:30 pm. We will set our meeting calendar for 2023 at this meeting. Please join us.

CPSAAA News

DWG – Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association- November 2023



Happy Thanksgiving from our CPSAAA Families to Yours!

Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President <u>dwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com</u> / DWGCPSAAA.org

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.

Park Board Bulletin

We want to thank all the volunteers that helped with Trunk-or-Treat and all those who donated candy/trinkets. This event would not have been a success without the support of the citizens, the student volunteers from the local high schools, the photographer, and City Staff. We appreciate all the support.

Hope to see more of you this Saturday for movie night. Bring your dancing shoes, warm clothes, and lawn chairs. For those of you that know the movie...we don't talk about Bruno. If you haven't seen the movie, come out and see why we don't talk about Bruno.

Respect Our Park

Yay for the rain!! Boo for the trash!! Thank you to those who helped pick up trash around the park. We appreciate the partnership we have with citizens and the public works' staff to keep our park clean.

Schedule of Events:

- Movie night (Encanto) in the park Saturday, November 4th 7:00pm
- FREE Pictures with Santa Sunday, December 3rd 3pm-5pm
- FREE Pictures with the Easter Bunny Date & Time TBD
- Total Solar Eclipse Monday, April 8th

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, November 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. 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

Many plants go to seed in fall, making it a good time to gather seeds for future use. Seeds are a way for you to keep growing some of your favorite plants and share them.

If stored correctly, your seeds will stay alive in a dormant state for many years.

DWG Park Board parkboard@cityofdwg.net

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