



# CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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DWG 1936-2017 "and Growing"

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## August 2019 City Council News

The following items were discussed and approved at the August 2019 City Council Meetings:

- Abandoning a portion of streets related to a gate in Hemingsfords Court
- Two new DPS vehicles
- New public works/DPS vehicle
  - Fire truck exhaust removal system
- Maximum proposed tax rate of \$0.58
  - Park equipment
  - Upgraded alarm monitoring system

## Water Conservation Tips

- Throw, don't flush. Put the squished bug, tissue or small garbage in the trash, instead of flushing it down the toilet.
- Turn off water in unused bathrooms. This will ensure a leak doesn't develop without your noticing.

## Mayor's Message:



Dear DWG Friends!

As this fiscal year comes to a close, we have some great things to share with you. We held true to our promises and liberated ourselves from the use of oil and gas revenue. We promised to use these revenues to build up the general fund and to make one-time large, capital purchases for the improvement of the city and city services. Once we met our fund balance goal for this year, we were able to purchase the following items: fire and public works equipment, a UTV for public works, a new community development vehicle, two new DPS units, DPS equipment, and we are proud to announce we will be able to put \$100,000 in a fire truck fund. Most importantly, we were able to give our employees a 3% raise. After all, they are our most valuable asset. Best news of all, our property tax rate remained at a \$0.58/\$100 valuation. This will increase revenue by 6.3% without raising your property tax rate.

In other news, the court of kindness is at max capacity for this month. The following people were "Caught Being Kind": Mike Redden for coordinating the acquisition of a new set of bleachers for Gardens Park; employee Jennifer Burkhart and DPS staff for handing out popsicles at Arlington Classics Academy as a 'welcome back to school' celebration; John Fisher, the father-in-law of our DPS Director, for the installation of new televisions in our Council Chambers; and Scott Solar Control for tinting one of our new city vehicles at no charge. A special thanks to employee Jennifer Burkhart and the CPSAAA for organizing a city/DPS staff gathering at Camp Thurman.

Thanks to Lezlee Liljenberg, one of our DWG Allstate Insurance agents, for organizing our first ever Business Over Breakfast event on September 4. We had a good turn out and hope to increase attendance at our next monthly gathering on October 2 at Sasa's Place, 2700 W. Arkansas Lane. We walked every business in the city, but some businesses were closed on the day of our visit. If you did not get a goodie bag filled with treats and coupons from our local businesses, please contact us and we will gladly deliver one to your business.

Kudos to Arlington Classics Academy for receiving the Texas Cup by the Texas Charter School Academic and Athletic League (TCSAAL). This state-wide award recognizes the top middle school campuses from over three hundred TCSAAL member schools for their academic and athletic accomplishments for the 2018/2019 school year. Way to go ACA!

Con tanto affetto,  
Laurie

Thought for the day: The most important trip you may take in life is meeting someone halfway.

Laurie Bianco, Mayor  
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**Councilmembers:**

**Alderman Guy Snodgrass • Alderman Mark McGuire • Alderman Joe Kohn • Alderman Cathy Stein**

## Chief's Message:

We would like to introduce our newest department member Officer Stephen Yancey to the team! Officer Yancey comes to us from the City of Forest Hill where he served as the Captain of operations. Yancey retired after serving their community for over 20 years. Officer Yancey will be joining the DWG family in the capacity of Detective. We are excited to have the opportunity to bring Officer Yancey to DWG as part of our team, as his years of experience and knowledge will be a huge asset to our department. If you see Officer Yancey out and about, please stop and introduce yourself, we would love for him to meet the wonderful DWG citizens he serves.



Mark your calendars for DWG National Night Out to be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 6-8pm in Elkins Park directly across from City Hall. Phil Szurek has graciously volunteered to cook for this year's event, as he has done for the past two years. Please plan on joining your neighbors for a fun night out and come hungry. DWG Park Board, CPSAAA, Historical Committee, along with many others will be there to answer questions and have lots of fun things set up to see and do!

Your DWG DPS officers and volunteer fire fighters handed out 1200 popsicles to all the students at ACA the first week of school to help lift spirits for the new school year. It was a hot day - perfect for popsicles! Thank you to all the parents and staff at ACA for allowing us to slow your pickup line to interact with your students. We loved seeing all the smiling faces.

We hosted our second successful FREE distracted drivers training course this past month. Thank you to Texas Municipal Police Association and TxDOT for presenting this class.

We are in the process of setting up a CRASE course in light of recent events. CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) is a nationally recognized program designed and built on the Avoid, Deny, Defend (ADD) strategy developed by ALERRT in 2004. This course provides strategies, guidance, and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. The date for this class is still to be determined; however, we will announce the date on our DPS Facebook page, Nextdoor app, and in the newsletter.

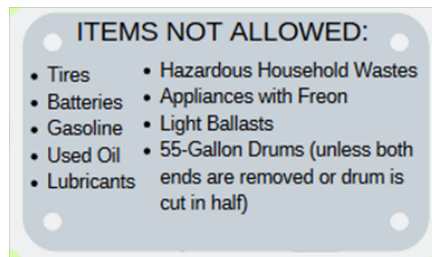
Sincerely,

Chief Greg Petty  
Dalworthington Gardens DPS

## City Administrator's Message

Hello DWG residents!

Fall is right around the corner which means the next clean-up day is soon! Mark your calendars for October 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the next City Clean-Up Day. One important thing to remember is to PLEASE separate your brush from the regular household trash. Below is a list of items that Republic Services does NOT accept:



The next pickup of household hazardous waste by HHW Solutions is September 26. Please make sure you: 1) Schedule your pickup; and 2) Place your HHW on your **front porch**; not at the curb. HHW Solutions picks up household hazardous waste once a month. To schedule your September 26 pickup, go to <http://hhwsolutions.com/> or call (972) 440-2040. Please be cognizant of the limits for HHW pickup:

Sincerely,  
Sherry Roberts, TRMC, CPM,  
City Administrator  
sroberts@cityofdmg.net  
(682) 330-7419

Is there a limit of items that can be set out for one pickup?

YES.

- Fluorescent light bulbs: Minimum 1, Maximum 8
- Used motor oils or antifreeze: Minimum 1 gallon, Maximum 2 gallons
- Paints and supplies; Pool & Household Chemicals: Minimum 1 gallons, Maximum 4 gallons
- Household Cleaners; Pesticides & Fertilizers: Minimum 1 items, Maximum 8 items
- Household Batteries: Minimum 1; Maximum 20

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## **Historical Committee News**

The Historical Committee is looking forward to sharing some of DWG's history with you at Neighborhood Night Out from 6-8pm on Tuesday, October 1 in Gardens Park. If you have tangible historical photos, documents, items or copies thereof for us to archive, please stop by our booth and share them with us. Pick up a form so you can submit your nomination for DWG Volunteer of the Year.

This month's warm welcome to DWG's newest residents is extended to the Moore family on Hemingsford Ct.; The Shih family, the Levitan family and the Alboem family on Chase Ct.; the Weir family and the Zervos family on Ambassador Row; the Thompson family on Roman Ct.; and the Knight family on Garden Ln.

The next Historical Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14 at 6:30 pm in the Annex next to the fire bays. We have several projects that interested citizens could help with. We would love to have you join us.

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## **CPSAAA News**

### **JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER AT PRESPA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT!**

Mention DWG CPSAAA fundraiser when you pay and Prespa's will donate 15% of sales to our organization. Please help us support our DWG Department of Public Safety and DWG Fire Department and enjoy a wonderful meal at Prespa's.

Date and Time: **October 10th from 11:00am – 9:00pm**

Location: **3100 W. Arkansas Ln. in Dalworthington Gardens**

### **DWG CPSAAA Document Shred Day**

**Sponsored by Cowboy Towing and Philip Szurek Insurance Agency**

**October 19th from 9:00am – 12 Noon at DWG City Hall Parking Area**

Citizens are invited to bring any **paper** documents to be shredded, with a maximum of 5 cartons per car. This is an opportunity for citizens to fight identity theft by shredding personal documents and help CPSAAA support our Dalworthington Gardens First Responders through your donations of \$10 per car.

This is not a city sponsored event so city staff will not be able to provide details. For more information please contact Tracy Dodson at (817) 726-3448 or [dwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com](mailto:dwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com).

### **Please help support DWG CPSAAA thru Amazon Smile**

AmazonSmile is very simple to use—all you need is an Amazon account. On your first visit to the site, you will be asked to log in to your Amazon account with existing username and password (you do not need a separate account for AmazonSmile). You will then be prompted to choose a charity to support. During future visits to the site, AmazonSmile will remember your charity and apply eligible purchases towards your total contribution—it is that easy! **You can also log on by going to [DWGCPSAAA.org](http://DWGCPSAAA.org) and click on the Amazon Smile “Click here to get started” link on our web page.**

We look forward to seeing everyone at **DWG's National Night Out** on October 1st at 6pm. Please come by our booth and enjoy playing a variety of fun yard games including Corn Hole, the 3-Legged Race and Potato Sack Races.

**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.**

Tracy Dodson,  
CPSAAA President

## Park Board Bulletin

The Park Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month, but now at a new time – **6:00 PM**. **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 7 p.m. - DAVE CORLEY in CONCERT** in Gardens Park, 2600 Roosevelt Dr. Bring your lawn chair or blanket, your favorite snack and beverage (This is a Council-approved BYOB event) for a relaxing evening.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 8 a.m.** – Join your neighbors and Tarrant County College Horticultural Club in Gardens Park to create a **MONARCH BUTTERFLY WAYSTATION GARDEN** on California Lane near the Gazebo. Bring your garden tools and gloves to prepare the site. Then at **3:30 p.m.** come to plant. This part is after school so you can bring your children and grandchildren to be a part of the creation.

You can help us fulfill part of our Monarch Pledge by planting pollinator friendly plants in your personal flower bed such as milkweed, nectar plants, mistflower, cenizo, turk's cap, lantana, cross vine coral honeysuckle and butterfly weed. Nurseries have a good stock as September is prime planting time for these species.

**SAVE THE DATE – TRUNK OR TREAT** is scheduled on Saturday, **OCTOBER 26, 5:30-7 p.m.** If you would like to pass out candy from your car trunk or tailgate (or other creation) please let us know by email at [DWGParkBoard@gmail.com](mailto:DWGParkBoard@gmail.com) or call Tara at 214-564-9269. We will begin collecting candy Oct. 1 at City Hall.

The Park Board is soliciting letters of support and citizen donation pledges to be used in our application to TX Parks & Wildlife Dept. for a **Small Community Grant to upgrade our Playground**. No money will be collected until the grant is awarded, but citizen involvement and support are key factors in getting the matching funds. **Pledge Form** and **Citizen Survey Form** are available on the City Website. You can also request a form by email to [DWGParkBoard@gmail.com](mailto:DWGParkBoard@gmail.com). Thanks for your support for the children of DWG.


## Shop DWG and Our Surrounding Businesses

 <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://FarrellIAH.com">FarrellIAH.com</a> 817-265-6276</p>	 <p><b>PetResort</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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