

CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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

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DWG 1936-2022 "and Growing"

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August 2022 City Council News Items Approved

- Taser purchase
 - Elkins traffic control plan
- Fee schedule changes

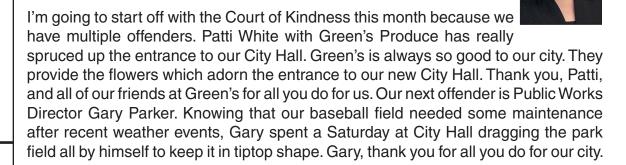
Water Conservation <u>Tips</u>

- 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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Hi friends!



It is with great joy that I would like to announce a future DWG family member. Our city administrator, Lola Hazel, will be out on maternity leave from October 17, 2022 through December 30, 2022. We can't wait to meet him, but Lola will be greatly missed during her short-term absence. Please be patient with us as we navigate providing our excellent level of service while we are short staffed.

Salvation Army Mayoral Bell Ringing Challenge: If you don't hear the Salvation Army bell ringing yet, we are about to embark on that season. If you are interested in helping us ring the bell on December 10 at any of our three locations, we would greatly appreciate your participation. Just give me a call and we can get you signed up. Our city consistently is recognized for having the highest per capita donations in the metroplex. As you plan your end of year giving, would you kindly consider supporting this great organization that truly is "doing the most good".

Budget and Tax Rate Adoption: City Council adopted the FY 2022-2023 City Budget and Tax Rate on September 15, 2022. The new tax rate will be \$0.665133 which is effectively a 1.00 percent increase in the tax rate. The budget focuses heavily on staff retention and absolute needs versus wants while still continuing to provide you with excellent services. We strive to attract sales-tax producing businesses that fit in with the culture of our community so that we can boost those revenues in our city. If you know anyone who would like to move their business to DWG, please let us know.

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

Passing of David Wayne McCulloch: One of our long-time residents, David Wayne McCulloch, passed away recently. David was born on January 3, 1947 in Waxahachie, Texas. He spent his youth farming and ranching with his father while attending Avalon High School. He received his BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington and then went on to get an MBA from Southern Methodist University. David worked for 45 years designing and building drilling equipment with National Supply, The Baylor Company, and then retired from Hydra Rig (NOV). Not a man to sit still long, after retirement he returned to farm and ranching activities around his parent's original home place near Bardwell/Avalon. David was a hardworking man who loved the Lord, his family, and his cows. He praised and worshiped daily tending to God's beautiful soil and creatures. David passed unexpectedly on August 14, 2022. He will be deeply missed by so many, but may we all realize how blessed we are for knowing such an extraordinary man.

<u>Upcoming Events:</u> Can't wait to see all of you at National Night Out on October 4 from 6-8pm in Gardens Park. Also, save the date for Trunk or Treat on October 22 in Gardens Park.

Welcome to our new businesses:

- Shekinah Glory Worship Center, 3100 W. Arkansas Lane, Suite H.
- Mickey Scott Insurance, 2810 W. Pioneer Parkway, Suite F
- Livid Horse Group, 3100 W. Arkansas Lane, Suite 100

<u>Thought of the Day:</u> Get out of your own way. Ditch the fear and doubt and absolutely own your magic and power.

Laurie Bianco, Mayor 2600 Roosevelt Drive Dalworthington Gardens, Texas mayorbianco@cityofdwg.net (903) 258-7354

Chief's Message:

Fall is here and as we settle into our fall routines in our community, DPS staff is working diligently to monitor traffic flows and ensure community safety, especially our students. We have enjoyed partnering with the schools in our city to achieve significant progress and resolution to the typical early school year traffic issues and concerns.



DWG DPS is excited to start announcing our holiday events as we are fast approaching the end of the year! National Night Out (NNO) will be the first of many events we will be hosting over the next several months. DWG hosts NNO on Tuesday October 4th from 6p-8p. Please bring the kids, dogs, and lawn chairs and come join us! We are still looking for a community sponsor to help with the food this year. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please let us know. This event usually brings about 200-250 residents and is always a great time.

DPS and our Volunteer Fire Department is in need of bottled water for our first responders. Donations are being accepted at this time at the DPS building, next to City Hall. All donations may be dropped off at the dispatch window, for assistance please contact the dispatcher on duty and they will dispatch a staff member to assist with your drop off. We sincerely appreciate your help keeping our first responders hydrated!

We are still compiling a list of all homes and businesses located in DWG that have exterior cameras or doorbells that record video. This list is implemented into our GIS system to assist our detectives in gathering information while conducting investigations. If you would like to participate, please contact Lt. Will Fike at wdfike@cityofdwg.net with your name and address. This list will remain confidential and will be used for law enforcement purposes only.

WE ARE HIRING!!! We are hiring for a full-time dispatch position, and a full time PSO position. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a dispatcher, PSO, or for more information please email <u>jsmith@cityofdwg.net</u>

Interested in becoming a volunteer fire fighter? Qualifications, must be 18 years of age, have a driver's license, and must be able to pass a physical fitness row test. Training nights are every Tuesday night at 6:00pm. For more information, please email <u>jsmith@cityofdwg.net</u>

Sincerely and Respectfully, Chief Greg Petty

Historical Committee News

It is that time of year again to think back on a person you know who has helped foster community through volunteering during 2022. Nominees need to be a DWG resident; however their volunteering efforts are not limited to DWG. You can download a form online at https://www.cityofdwg.net/documents/243/VOY_form.pdf or have staff at the water window in the new City Hall print one for you. You can return completed forms to staff at the water window by close of business on Friday, October 28, 2022.

This month's warm welcome to DWG's newest residents is extended to the Ek Family, the Scott Family, the You Family and the Lopez Family. I hope everyone is Happy to Be in DWG!

Congratulations to Cathy Stein for having her entry "Cedar Elm Roots" accepted to be part of the international group art exhibit "PLANTARIUM 2022: Trees, Leaves, Flowers" (online exhibition and publication). The exhibition is expected to open on the evening of September 15 and continue until October 15, 2022.

Do you know of any compelling news that has happened to another DWG citizen? If so, please share it with the Historical Committee so we can share it with the community and document the event.

The next Historical Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 3 at 6:30 pm, mark your calendars.

CPSAAA News

We look forward to seeing everyone at DWG's National Night Out on October 4th at 6pm. Please come by our booth and enjoy playing a variety of fun yard games.

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

Hello DWG Residents,

We are collecting candy donations for the upcoming Trunk-or-Treat. You can bring donations to the Concert in the Park on September 24th or drop off donations at City Hall.

Also, as a reminder, we have launched the 2022 DWG Monarch Photography contest to raise awareness of the Monarch migration through our area. The top twelve photos will be featured in the 2023 DWG calendar. The contest is from August 15 – October 15, 2022. Check the City's website and social media for contest details.

Take care and stay hydrated DWG Park Board parkboard@cityofdwg.net

Respect Our Park

The massive rainstorm rejuvenated a lot of the plants and trees within our park, BUT it also brought in a lot of 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 are park clean.

Schedule of Fall Events:

Monarch Photography Competition August 15th – October 15th

Concert in the Park September 24th, 7pm-9pm

Park Board table at National Night Out October 4th

Movie Night (Sing 2) October 8th, 7pm

Trunk-or-Treat October 22nd 5:30pm-7:30pm

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, November 12th from 9am – Noon. Bring your gardening gloves and tools. The meetup location is by the marquee at the intersection of Roosevelt and Elkins Dr.

parkboard@cityofdwg.net

The monarch population has declined by approximately 90 percent since the 1990s. Monarchs face habitat loss and pesticides are a danger to the population. One easy way to help monarchs is to participate in the National Wildlife Federation's Garden for Wildlife program by planting a pesticide-free monarch habitat garden filled with native milkweed and nectar plants. Use the regional guides in the link below to find the best native nectar plants and milkweed for monarchs in your area. Planting locally native species is the best option for helping monarchs because monarchs coevolved with native plants and their life cycles are in sync with each other.

https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/About/Native-Plants/Monarch-Nectar-Guides

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