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Mayor's Message:

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Hi Friends!

I want to express my sincere thanks for your loving acts of kindness during the past month. I lost my daddy on March 24 and that has left a huge hole in my heart because he and my momma have always been my biggest cheerleaders. It's comforting to know he's sitting at the feet of Jesus. I can only imagine he is blowing leaves under the Tree of Life, trimming hedges in The Garden, or tickling the ivories for the heavenly choir. Your calls, texts, cards, and beautiful flowers touched the deepest part of my heart. I don't think I've ever felt so loved. Many heartfelt thanks for your kindness.

Time Capsule: We would like to put together a time capsule for the new City Hall grand opening and we would like input from citizens. If you would like to include an item in the time capsule, please contact Lola Hazel at 682-33-7418 or lhazel@cityofdwg.net. The time capsule will be 16.3" x 3.9".

Court of Kindness: Thank you to Brad Bowman with Bowman Landscaping. His company has been chosen for landscaping at the new City Hall building. Brad, thank you for your generosity in helping us make our vision come to life.

No Clean Up Day: Just a reminder that the City will no longer have annual cleanup days. However, many of the items you bring to cleanup day can be picked up on a more frequent basis through services you already pay for. Republic Services already offers bulk waste pickup. To schedule service, please call 817-317-2000. Examples of items to schedule for bulk waste pickup are mattresses, furniture, home construction debris (see their website for allowed materials), and large appliances (without freon). Call Republic Services for acceptable bulk waste items at your address. HHW Solutions already offers household hazardous waste pickup to citizens. Go to <http://hhwsolutions.com/> to schedule a pickup at your home. Examples of acceptable items include used motor oil and used cooking oil (screw top lid), batteries of all kinds, paint of all kinds, and light bulbs of all kinds. Please visit the following site for the full list: <http://hhwsolutions.com/accepted-items/>

Be Informed: We want to remind you about ways you can sign up for city notifications and follow city news. Please keep in mind, we do not monitor social media 24/7, and social media is not the proper method for reporting a crime.

- Subscribe to news alerts on our website – www.cityofdwg.net and click on "Subscribe"
- Sign up for utility text or email alerts by calling City Hall or email utilities@cityofdwg.net
- Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Dalworthington-Gardens-1809359549296903>

Leak Alerts: The new remote meter system allows residents to be in control of monitoring their water usage. We encourage you to sign up for leak alerts. You can create an account by visiting <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/dgtx/utilities> and clicking "Login". If you already receive e-bills, you can

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Ed Motley, Mayor Pro Tem - (817) 265-0919

Councilmembers:

Alderman John King • Alderman Steve Lafferty • Alderman Cathy Stein • Alderman Joe Kohn

March 2021 City Council News Items Approved

- P25 radio connectivity changes

Water Conservation Tips

- When cooking, peel and clean vegetables in a large bowl of water instead of under running water.
- Fill your sink or basin when washing and rinsing dishes.

sign up for leak alerts on this same page where you login to view your bill. Questions? Call City Hall at 817-275-1234 or email utilities@cityofdwwg.net

REMINDER: Garbage/Recycling Rate Increase: You will see an increase on your April bill for garbage/recycling rates. The last time rates were increased was in 2019. Residential rates will increase from \$16.53 to \$16.95. The additional recycling cart rate will increase from \$2.07 to \$2.15. Commercial hand collect rates will increase from \$20.62 to \$21.11.

Rental Assistance: Are you in need of rental assistance? Although the city has no current funding to provide for rental assistance, we are gathering data to assess the need for such a program. Please email Lola Hazel at lhazel@cityofdwwg.net if you have this need.

Thought of the Day: Don't forget your reset button. Successful people press it a lot. – DWG resident, Derek Kinney

Laurie Bianco, Mayor

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Chief's Message:

As the weather starts getting warmer, we are starting to prepare for fun activities for our residents to enjoy. DPS will be offering a new Citizens Public Safety Academy starting Tuesday, June 8th. These classes will run for 14 weeks, meeting every Tuesday night at 6:00pm. This is a great interactive class for adults to learn more about public safety and what we do. This class will cover CPR certification, a license to carry certification course, how to conduct building searches, active shooter scenarios, DWI enforcement, crime scene techniques, traffic stops, and a day of firefighting activities. This class will include both in class and hands on training. This class is a great way to meet your fellow residents. This will be our 4th CPSCA class to host and we love how much fun everyone has. If you are interested in attending this course, please email Jennifer Smith at jsmith@cityofdwwg.net for an application or for more information. We are now taking applications for this course and do have limited seats available, so if you have interest please reach out as soon as possible.



DPS would like to say thank you to the anonymous donor who provided us with a coke machine for our employees. DPS can now provide onsite drinks for staff at cost instead of paying retail prices.

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

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 jsmith@cityofdwwg.net

Day with the Law: we WILL be having Day with the Law this year! 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 25, 2021 from 10a-2pm in Elkins Park. If you have never been to Day 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.

Sincerely and Respectfully,
Chief Greg Petty

Historical Committee News

Please welcome the following new residents to DWG: the Smith family on Chase Ct. and the Duinick family on Rosebud Ct.

If you want to purchase a brick, to be set in the patio around the DWG Historical Marker this year sometime around DWG's anniversary date in June, the deadline for returning your form and payment is close of business on Friday, May 14, 2021. You can find an order form on the City's website.

If you are interested in helping out with a DWG history project or can spend some time writing down your recollections of DWG to help the Historical Committee's ongoing process of documenting the history of our unique city, please reach out to our chair at reneetroper@gmail.com to see if she can provide you with a task or attend our next meeting. The May meeting is scheduled for 6:30, Thursday, May 6. We will once again be meeting via zoom, so if you want to attend, please let DWG staff know your interest and email by close of business on Wednesday, May 5, if you have not attended a meeting this year, so we can send you an invite.

CPSAAA News

Lock Your Box Campaign: We are pleased to announce that our DWG DPS/CPSAAA Lock Your Box Campaign is starting back up again. We would like to continue to encourage all of our DWG citizens to join us in our efforts to help ward off mail theft in our city through this initiative. Some beautiful mailboxes have gone up since we started this citywide initiative in 2018. If you are interested in purchasing a locking mailbox or would like more information, please call Jim Fallon at 817) 478-4773. This is not a fundraiser for CPSAAA, and there are no extra fees or charges added to the cost of your mailbox or installation. Our goal is to help provide you with knowledge of the options available to you in the hopes of helping you to protect your mail and packages from theft. If you do not have a brick mailbox and would like to have one built or if you would prefer to have your locking mailbox on a post, Jim can provide you with an estimate on what those costs would be. If you currently have a brick mailbox, it is likely that a locking mailbox can be retrofitted into your existing brick mailbox. A great big thank you to Jim Fallon for making this project a big success since its inception and for continuing to spearhead the efforts now.

Citizens On Patrol (COP) is back in service, so if you see our marked Citizens on Patrol vehicle, say hello with a wave. The COP program is a branch of our Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association (CPSAAA). Members of the COP program have completed training sessions covering legal liabilities, patrol procedures, communications, and the penal code through our Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety. We are taught to recognize suspicious or criminal activity and assist our police by actively patrolling the neighborhoods and reporting such activities. COP members are only observers/reporters and do not become physically involved or place themselves in dangerous situations. Citizens On Patrol programs have been proven to be a positive factor in decreasing crime in cities, especially with crimes such as theft, burglary, and auto theft. We feel truly fortunate to have this program in our great little city.

Citizens Public Safety Academy Class (CPSA) Four is now gearing up to begin June 8th

If you are interested in becoming involved in the community and working alongside our Department of Public Safety, please join us in class four. Here are a few of the topics covered in the class: Traffic Laws and Traffic Stops / Working accidents and DWI Crime Scenes / Active Shooter / Fire Service / CPR / License To Carry

It is our goal to share the vision, mission and life experiences of the DPS in order to engage in discussion that clarifies, and bridges gaps, enhances service quality and addresses community safety needs. In other words, to Engage the Community, Equip our Citizens and Empower a Safe and Secure DWG. Once you have completed the CPSA Class you can become a member of the Alumni Association, work with the Citizens on Patrol Program and volunteer for the many functions that support the DWG DPS. Please contact Jennifer Smith at jsmith@cityofdwwg.net for more for more information or to sign up.

For more information on any of the above, please email us at dwwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com or give me a call at 817-726-3448. Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President

Park Board Bulletin

Hello DWG residents,

Hope you are enjoying the sunny spring weather and have caught a glimpse of the blue bonnets blooming in our wild scape area at the west end of Gardens Park by the lake.

If you happen to be by the edge of the lake, please help us pick up any broken glass you see to prevent injuries, especially to kids who may be wearing flip flops. We also often see ties from sandwich bags. Let's work together to keep our park clean. Remember: do not feed bread to ducks. This is harmful to them and the environment. More information can be found here: [\(1\) Please Don't Feed the Ducks - Tips from a Wildlife Biologist - YouTube](#)

These are upcoming events to pencil on your calendar at Garden's Park:

April 24, 2021 – Earth Day Celebration – 10 am - Noon

May 22, 2021 – Movie Night – Sunset

June 5, 2021 – Free Fishing Day – all day

Watch for details on Facebook and NextDoor. We will be practicing social distancing.

Regarding the Shade Structure Campaign, thank you to those who have pledged and those who have donated. We truly appreciate your kindness and generosity during these tough times. For those who still would like contribute, please email us for information or go to our city website.

Take care and stay safe, Park Board • parkboard@cityofdwwg.net

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April 22, 2021 is Earth Day.

- In 1990, it was globally known as International Mother Earth Day.
- In 2009, NASA planted a "MOON TREE" to celebrate Earth Day.
- 2021, the theme this year is Restore Our Earth. Join us on Saturday, April 24 to celebrate Earth Day and have some fun.

April 30, 2021 is National Arbor Day.

- Arbor Day, much like Earth Day, is a holiday that celebrates nature.
- Arbor Day sprouted from the mind of a zealous tree lover named Julius Sterling Morton, who had a passion for planting all kinds of trees.
- It is always celebrated on the last Friday in April, but many states observe Arbor Day on different dates throughout the year based on best tree planting times in their area. For instance, Texas celebrates Arbor Day on the first Friday of November.
- Its purpose is to encourage people to plant trees.
- A popular Arbor Day tradition is to plant a tree in honor or memory of a loved one.

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