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July 2023 City Council News Items Approved

- Selection of Capko Concrete Structures for Corzine Drive Project
 - Dispatch overhire
 - Roosevelt Drive dirt removal
 - Approved CWD for garbage and recycling services
- BYOB for Concert in the Park

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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Dear sweet friends,

We love sharing the accomplishments of those in our City and this month, we would like to recognize Larry Stein for being selected to officiate in the 2023 Little League World Series. He is 1 of 16 umpires from around the world who will participate in these games in Williamsport, PA. Serving as an umpire at the Little League World Series is the dream of every local league volunteer umpire.



The selection process to become a World Series umpire is lengthy and rigorous. In order to be eligible to volunteer in a Little League World Series, an umpire must first have officiated in multiple levels of local, state, and regional tournaments. Individuals who meet those qualifications are then screened annually by Little League and region staffs for selection to umpire in a Little League World Series tournament. Appointment as a member of the umpiring crew for a World Series is the highest honor that Little League can bestow on a volunteer umpire.

Larry has been a volunteer umpire with Little League and ASWLL for over 20 years, giving countless evenings and weekends to give back to the families in the Arlington community. Larry is the Umpire-In-Chief (UIC) for training and development for new umpires in ASWLL and neighboring little leagues. He regularly spends additional time and personal funds attending training and traveling throughout Texas to officiate in other Little League tournaments. Larry, we appreciate you giving of your time and talents to the community, and congratulations on this opportunity!

Best of the Best Businesses: The following businesses and individuals have been recognized by Arlington Today Magazine and/or Living Magazine for being the best in their fields. We are so proud to have these folks living and working in our community.

- Grounds and Gold for Coffee Shop
- Green's Produce for Farmers Market and Garden Center
- Spec's Liquor for Place to Buy "Spirits"
- Donna Schmidt for Divorce Attorney
- McAndrews Motors for Luxury Car Dealership
- Royal Pet Resort in the Garden for Pet Care and Grooming
- Farrell Animal Hospital for Veterinarian
- Coy Garrett for Commercial Development Real Estate
- Back 2 Wellness for Chiropractor

Laurie Bianco - Mayor - (903) 258-7354

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

Councilmembers:

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Garbage and Recycling Services: Just a reminder, the City is switching to Commercial Waste Disposal (CWD) for garbage, recycling, and household hazardous waste and electronics collection services on September 1, 2023. Garbage service will remain as bagged service for residential customers and collection remains on Tuesdays and Fridays. Residential recycling services remain as cart services but moves to a 95-gallon capacity cart. For cart transition, CWD will be delivering recycling carts on Tuesday, August 29. If you are currently paying for an additional cart, that will be delivered the same week. Republic Services will be removing their cart on August 29, so please leave your Republic cart at the curb after collection. Recycling services are moving to Friday beginning September 1, 2023.

Roosevelt Foot Bridge: You may have noticed one of the foot bridges on Roosevelt Drive is coned off and the bridge is missing. Staff began work on the bridge in-house, and during those efforts, ran into structural concerns leading to full removal of the bridge and marking off the area from use. Because the new and improved bridge requires engineering, design, and fabrication upon order, it will not arrive until early 2024. Although we would like the bridge to arrive sooner, we feel the result will be worth the wait. We do appreciate your patience.

New Billing Schedule: Just a reminder, the City will be changing utility billing dates to move to calendar month billing. This will result in being billed on August 16 for service dates of 7/17/23-8/13/23 and a short billing on September 5 for 8/14/23-8/31/23. Bills will then move to the 1st part of the month with a due date at the end of the month (October 4 billing will be due October 30). We understand this may result in unexpected expenses with two back-to-back billings and moving to a new schedule. If you encounter difficulty paying your bill, please contact the City at 817-275-1234.

Welcome to our new businesses for this month:

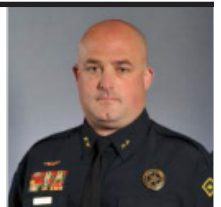
- ElevatED Solutions
- Goat Kingdom Cutz
- Sink or Swim Pools, LLC

Quote of the Day: Even though there are days I wish I could change some things that happened in the past, there's a reason the rearview mirror is so small and the windshield is so big. Where you're headed is much more important than what you left behind.

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Chief's Message:

We are very excited to announce we are growing as a department! We would like to welcome several new part-time firefighters that bring great experience to our team! Rontre Young will be working part-time for DWG while still fulfilling his full-time position with Arlington Fire Department. Rontre has been a Firefighter for ten and a half years and is an advanced EMT. Rontre joined our team last month and had no issues fitting right into the mix. Kevin Garcia will also be joining our team as a part-time fire fighter while still fulfilling his full-time position with Lake Cities Fire Department. Kevin is a seasoned Firefighter and is an advanced EMT as well. Kevin started this month with our department and is starting to learn how the DWG Family works. Sherry Piazza, a past DWG dispatcher, has come back to our dispatch team. She will start as a full-time dispatcher once again to the department she refers to as "home". We are very excited to welcome her back to the team! Please, when you see these new faces out and about introduce yourself and welcome them to the DWG Family.



In typical DWG fashion we have lost two long-time PSOs from our department to other, bigger departments. As most of our longtime residents are aware, DWG always breeds leaders! Although we are always sad to see them leave, we are extremely proud of where they end up! John Rotert, a 16-year employee has retired from DWG and has taken a position with the Kaufman County Fire Marshal's office as an Arson Investigator. John's years of experience from doing both police and fire at DWG will serve him well as he moves on to a different aspect of public safety. PSO Austin Bass, who came to us as a young volunteer firefighter then continued on to become a Full-time PSO has decided he loved the fire side of public safety more than the police side. Austin accepted a position as a full-time firefighter for the City of Irving and has since completed his academy time for them and will be placed in a fire house in the next few weeks! We are so proud of their accomplishments and wish them both the best!

Sincerely and Respectfully,
Chief Greg Petty

Historical Committee

Mark your calendar for the Historical Committee's next regularly scheduled meeting, Thursday, September 7 at 6:30 pm in the City Hall council chambers. We will be planning our display for National Night Out in the park on Tuesday, Oct. 3. No prior experience is needed. We welcome all who would like to help with that event or research and preserve DWG history.

The Historical Committee extends a warm welcome to DWG's newest residents, the Batts family, the Chan family and the Dobbins family.

CPSAAA News

The Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association (CPSAAA) is collecting cases of water for our DWG DPS and Fire Departments. During this hot weather, having cold drinks to count on is imperative to keep our DPS/Fire friends hydrated. Donations can be dropped off at the station at 2600 Roosevelt Dr., next door to the City Hall building.

CPSAAA and DWG DPS/Fire want to thank all who have donated water for your generosity and thoughtfulness! It is very much appreciated.

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

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Park Board Bulletin

Hello DWG Residents,

School is back in session but the heat has not loosened its grip on our area. A water bottle and sunscreen are still your best friends when you visit the park to get in your steps, play ball or fish.

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

Respect Our Park

It can be tempting to grab a bloom from a garden or wildflower area in the park. However, if someone acts on that temptation, no one else gets a chance to admire that beautiful bloom. We hope you enjoy the flowers and other amenities when you visit Gardens Park and leave them as you found them for the enjoyment of others. Thank you.

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

Dr. Turner’s band, The Uptown Drifters, will be live in Gardens Park on Saturday, September 23, 2023 to entertain us with a variety of musical genre through the decades.

Stop by the Park Board table at National Night Out on October 3. If you have not already signed up to provide a trunk for this year’s Trunk or Treat, please stop by and sign up to help.

On October 14 an annular solar eclipse will be able to be viewed in DWG. The Fort Worth Astronomical Society will be giving a presentation that morning at 9am in the council chambers. The eclipse will begin at 10:23 am and end at 1:29 pm, with the maximum coverage of the sun occurring at 11:52 am.

Stay tuned for more info about the Park Board’s events. As always, you can follow the City of Dalworthington Gardens on Facebook to get the details of and ask questions about upcoming events.

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

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

September 9 from 9am – noon will be the next park workday. Bring your gardening tools and meet us at the marquee bed at the corner of Roosevelt Dr. and Elkins Ln.

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

Monarch butterflies should begin to float through our area at the beginning of September on their migration to their overwintering grounds in Mexico. You can help support their fall migration by having nectar plants blooming in your garden to fuel their migration. The generation of butterflies that migrate through in the fall is in a state called reproductive diapause that allows them to make the long trip. If they encounter milkweed in the fall, it can break them out of diapause and disrupt the migration cycle. More info about this amazing butterfly’s migration can be found at <https://monarchjointventure.org/monarch-biology/monarch-migration>

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