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Mayor's Message:

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Hello all DWG friends and family!



Bring on a season of love! Many of us associate February with Valentine's Day, so I did a little digging on the History Channel. Exactly how did Valentine's Day originate from? The history of the holiday—and the story of its patron saint—is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. But who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Still others insist that it was Saint Valentine of Terni, a bishop, who was the true namesake of the holiday. He, too, was beheaded by Claudius II outside Rome. Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl—possibly his jailor's daughter—who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and—most importantly—romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France. Please take time this month of celebrate Valentine's Day with someone you care about, not just on February 14th, but every day of the month. Be the "bucket filler" for someone who needs it.

Let's Talk Trash! I know the trash has been an issue for some of our residents. We try our best to get the word out if there is a change in the schedule, but we need suggestions from you as to what we can do to better communicate this. Currently, we post it on the city website and our Facebook page. We also send out alerts from the city. If you have not signed up for these, I would highly encourage you to do so. We will not inundate you with excessive texts or emails, but it is one of the best ways to get

January 2024 City Council News Items Approved

- Purchase to repair the leak on Clover Lane
- Approval of Mayor's Monarch Challenge action items for 2024

Water Conservation Tips

- Replace your showerhead with a water-efficient model
- Promptly repair any leaks in and around your taps. (One leak can waste several thousand liters of water per year.)

Laurie Bianco - Mayor - (903) 258-7354

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pertinent news out to our citizens. Any suggestions you have would be greatly appreciated because we want all of our folks to be in "happy" mode where city issues are concerned.

DWG Presents (or should I say presented): Last month we hosted a DWG Presents program. Lezlee Liljenburg shared her latest book, *If You Only Knew*, with us. It was truly a blessing to all of you who were able to attend. Thank you, Cathy Stein, for all that you did to make this happen. If you missed it, you will have another opportunity to hear her speak on February 6 from 6:30-8:00 at Pantego Books located at 2910 West Pioneer Parkway (Campo Verde Square) in DWG.

Come One, Come All! Our next Business Over Breakfast is going to have a different flavor, literally. For this meeting on March 6 at 8:00 am, we are going to meet at the Arlington ISD Dan Dipert Career and Technical Center at 2102 Browning Drive, Arlington, TX 76010. We are opening this meeting up to not only business owners, but our residents as well. We would like to take this center by storm and show our support for everything this center offers to our students. We can also learn about ways that we can not only support, but all collaborative with them to give our students the best educational experiences and prepare them for careers which include welding, cosmetology, floral arrangement, hospitality, health sciences, and culinary arts just to name a few. These students can graduate with various licenses and certificates that will allow them to graduate from high school and become productive citizens in society immediately upon graduation. My friend and I toured this facility last week and my jaw dropped when I saw everything that was offered. You won't want to miss this! We will have a continental breakfast (\$10 per person) and learn about the extraordinary programs offered. A tour of the facility will be offered if your time permits. Could you kindly RSVP me at 903 258 7354 or mayorbianco@cityofdwg.net on or before March 1?

Our Condolences: It is with a heavy heart that I share the passing of three extraordinary individuals in our DWG family.

Patrick Van Cooper was best known for the garden he cultivated behind his home. He was such an important guy that the AISD gave him part of the land behind the ag center to grow his delicious vegetables. I would often stop by there while riding out with our police and Patrick would be outside tending his garden and offering a variety of goodies accompanied by a big hug. Patrick was born on December 18, 1943 in Dothan, Alabama. He certainly demonstrated his love for DWG and its citizens lived his faith. Patrick was a "one of a kind" individual. His impact on our community will be greatly missed.

Judith Mirzadeh, who resided at 3604 Wooded Creek, peacefully passed away on January 1, surrounded by her family. Judy was born on August 5, 1950 and was a faithful resident of our community for 25 years. Her son, Mark Shelton and his family, also live in DWG. She was such a graceful, classy, and loving lady and blessed all who knew her. Just as a testament to who she was as a person, the employees from Costco and the post office, as well as her favorite restaurants, attended her celebration of life. It is my pleasure to report that her number one man was Jesus. Her "home going" was celebrated on January 27th.

Elgie Lee Henderson, passed away on January 13th at the blessed age of 91. Elgie loved to play the guitar and sing. He loved to listen to old country songs, and he and his wife, Fay, belonged to Yesterday's Young Clogging group. Having served in the USAF as a navigator fueled his interest in Astronomy since it was necessary to know how to use the stars to navigate. Having that interest, he borrowed a large rolling telescope from his friend and he would invite the neighborhood residents and children to view the stars and moon. He even had Judge Hudson's children looking through his telescope while he howled at the moon. Elgie served 20 years in the United States Air Force, served in the Vietnam War and was stationed 2 years with his family in the Philippines from 1968 to 1970. He retired with the rank of Lt Colonel at Dyess Air Force base in Abilene, Texas in 1974. In 1975 he and his family moved here where he started his next career working for the US Army Corps of Engineers in Fort Worth as a Civil Engineer. He will certainly be missed by his family, and especially his loving wife, Fay.

Thought for the Day: Shining the light on someone else doesn't diminish yours. Take the time to encourage people and lift them up. It is at that moment that your light shines brightest.

Laurie Bianco, Mayor
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Chief's Message:

AWe want to meet you! DPS is starting a new neighborhood outreach program where we will visit a different neighborhood each month. If you are interested in setting your neighborhoods meeting time and date, please call 682-330-7416 or email jsmith@cityofdwg.net.



We would like to remind everyone that we offer a pet tag program free of charge to our residents. This is not a required program, simply a courtesy program to help us return any loose pets timely to their rightful owners. For more information on this program please contact dispatch at 817-275-1234 ext. 1

If you have DWG DPS monitoring your alarm system, please help us complete your yearly update. Please contact dispatch at 817-275-1234 Ext 1 to get a new application form turned in. We request you test your alarm to ensure that all zones are still coming into our center properly. This process is to ensure we can contact you timely if the need arises, and to help ensure you have no technical issues onsite that could hinder our response in the future. For more information on this you may email jsmith@cityofdwg.net. We can email or mail all forms to you to help expedite this process. Also, dispatch is manned 24/7 so we can complete the alarm testing whenever works best for your schedule, this process takes less than 10 minutes to complete. If your alarm system is monitored through a third party and you would like information on DWG DPS free monitoring, please let us know.

Sincerely and Respectfully, Chief Greg Petty

Solar Eclipse News

Those of you who joined us for the partial eclipse last October know that Gardens Park provided a wonderful location to view that event. The total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8 will be even more spectacular and we are planning for a much bigger crowd with additional activities and food trucks.

We are looking for more people to help with the event. There are little things and big things that we need help with.

1. Do you have a telescope, preferably with a clock drive and outfitted to safely view the sun? We want to have more viewing stations for the total solar eclipse. Please let us know if you can provide a viewing station.
2. Can you help us with the DIY solar viewer station? We need people to man the station that day AND we donations of empty, clean Pringles cans and/or Saltine cracker boxes with a square base or similarly sized boxes. Drop-off donations at City Hall during normal business hours.
3. We will also need volunteers for a variety of other jobs the day of the eclipse. If you are interested in being on a list of volunteers that we can call on, please let us know.

Watch for more information in next month's regular newsletter and additional electronic communications from DWG about the eclipse. Call the City at 817-275-1234 or email Alderman3@cityofdwg.net

Historical Committee

The Historical Committee welcomes the Hernandez family with a big Gardens' Greeting for their recent move to DWG.

Look for information about the potentially once in a lifetime event, the total solar eclipse in DWG, in this newsletter. Our next Historical Committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the city council chambers. All are welcome.

CPSAAA News – Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association

Check out these great T-Shirts CPSAAA is selling!!!

All profits benefit our

Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety and Fire Department.

Sizes Small thru XXXL

Available in Grey, Light Pink, Dark Pink, Royal Blue, Black, and Lavender

\$20 Small - XL

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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 DWGCPSSAAA.org

Park Board Bulletin

I+++++STAY TUNED+++++

Schedule of Events:

- Great Backyard Bird Count – Saturday, February 17th 10:00am – 1pm
- FREE Pictures with the Easter Bunny – Sunday, March 24th 3-5pm
- Total Solar Eclipse – Monday, April 8th
- Plant Swap and Earth Day Event – Saturday, April 20th Time TBD

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

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, March 9th from 9am – Noon. Be on the lookout on Facebook and the City's website for any weather-related updates.

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

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

Cedar waxwings is a popular bird species that can be found in our very own Gardens Park in DWG. Cedar waxwings are named for the waxy red tips on their secondary wing feathers, but the purpose of the waxy secretions is unknown. These crested birds have pale yellow to lemon-colored bellies and a matching band of yellow at the tip of their square tail. A black mask edged in white extends from its beak and surrounds its eyes. The rest of the bird's plumage is gray to brown.

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