



# CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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**DWG 1936-2024 "and Growing"**

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## January 2025 City Council News Items Approved

- City Fee Schedule
- Mayor's Monarch Challenge action items for 2025

## 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:



Welcome to the second month of 2025! I am so thankful we all survived the winter weather from last month. As beautiful as the snow is when it falls, I always dread when it melts. Frankie and Opal, my two children who walk' on four legs, are in their glory, but the floors in my house feel like the grand strand in Myrtle Beach with all of the sand these two stinkers drag in on their sweet little paws. I was held hostage in the house for an entire day and for those of you who know me, you know I can't sit still. As a result, I cleaned my house from top to bottom and I feel like the most organized person on the planet. There are always hidden blessings in all circumstances.

Here are a few fun facts about February, some more well-known than others. The word February comes from the Latin word februo, which means "to cleanse." In ancient Rome, this month was originally host to a spring cleaning festival on February 15. It is one of the most commonly misspelled words in the English language. February is home to Valentine's Day, American Heart Month, and National African American History Month. Other less known causes are Canned Food Month, Grapefruit Month, Hot Breakfast Month, Snack Food Month, and my personal favorite, Return Your Shopping Cart to the Supermarket Month. The Super Bowl, the biggest American sporting event of the year is held in February. February is the only month that gets longer every four years. The odds of being born on February 29th are about 1 in 1,461, as February comes around every 1,461 days. This month is the only month that could possibly pass without a full moon. I hope each of you find something to celebrate each day of this month.

**Court of Kindness:** It makes my heart jump for joy when I can brag on the young patriots we are raising. Jan Espeland's grandson, Parker Swiggart, cleaned up the north shore of our lake, picking up all of the trash and debris to make our city lake look its best. Way to go, Patrick! Keep up the great work and please know that your hard work is appreciated by all of our citizens. Thanks also go to his parents and grandparents for instill great values that we all embrace in making this world a better, more beautiful place. It goes without saying that we all appreciate Lanie Reed and all that she does for the city. Lanie has one of the most generous hearts of anyone I know. Thank you, Lanie, for the water you provided to the folks who work in DWG.

**Welcome to our new businesses:** We are so happy these businesses have chosen to make our community their home: Lithpro Graphics Supply, LTD (Mark Knowles, owner) located at 2805 W Arkansas Drive, Suite 303. Syers Transport & General Trade LLC (Sarah Al Azawi-owner) located at 2161 Corzine Drive.

**Laurie Bianco - Mayor - (903) 258-7354**

**Ed Motley, Mayor Pro Tem - (972) 757-4502**

### Councilmembers:

**Alderman John King • Alderman Steve Lafferty • Alderman Cathy Stein • Alderman Paul Sweitzer**

**Something to think about:** Live in the moment. Embrace the uncertainty. Some of the most beautiful chapters in our lives won't have a title until much later." Bob Gof

**Thought for the Day:** The cave you fear to enter holds the treasure you seek. Live boldly  
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**Chief's Message:**

We want to meet you! DPS will be restarting our neighborhood outreach program now that the holidays are over! We would like to 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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**Historical Committee**

Because DWG was established as a Federal subsistence homestead, residents were expected to supplement their incomes by planting gardens and raising livestock to feed their families. It was not a "relief project." Loans for the properties had to be paid back, so applicants had to have jobs in the area. Ten percent of the resident's income had to cover the monthly mortgage payments which averaged \$3 to \$10 over 30 years.

Getting gardens established could be a real challenge. It became easier when in late 1936 a homesteader named Guy Estill became project manager and he and four other colonists pooled their resources and bought a motorized garden tractor which they shared. Marie Tucker, an early resident, explained that DWG residents raised "corn, black-eyed peas, okra (and) things like that."

Our next Historical Committee meeting will be Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 pm in the city council chambers. Come join us and help discover additional historical details about Dalworthington Gardens. All are welcome.

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**CPSAAA News - Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association**

**Show your Dalworthington Gardens pride!**

**Grab one of these awesome DWG t-shirts while supplies last!**

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or give me a call at 817-726-3448.**

Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President [DWGCPSSAAA.org](http://DWGCPSSAAA.org)



## **Park Board Bulletin**

Come on out to the Great Backyard Bird Count Saturday, February 15th from 10am – 1pm to get your birding on!! A group of experienced and novice birders will meet at City Hall (2600 Roosevelt Drive) for some educational tidbits before splitting off into groups to count and identify birds in our lovely park.

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

### Schedule of Events:

- Great Backyard Bird Count – Saturday, February 15th 10am – 1pm
- Pictures with the Easter Bunny – Sunday, April 6th 3 – 5pm
- Plant Swap – Saturday, April 26th 10am - Noon

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

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, March 8th 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@cityofdwwg.net](mailto:parkboard@cityofdwwg.net)

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

Environmental stresses like heat, drought, flooding, lightning, animal damage, construction damage, soil compaction and wildfire make trees more susceptible to diseases. Often the best way to prevent tree diseases is to keep trees healthy. Here are some common diseases. Visit Texas A&M Forest Service to learn more on how to keep your trees healthy.

· **Oak Wilt** - An infection starts when sap-feeding beetles pick up spores from infected red oaks and carry them to fresh wounds on other oaks. Once an oak tree becomes infected, this disease can spread to adjacent oaks through root connections. All oak species are susceptible.

· **Hypoxylon Canker** - appears as dead lesions on oak and other hardwood trees and occurs in severely stressed trees. As the tree declines, Hypoxylon kills the wood just under the bark causing the bark to slough, exposing the spore mats.

· **Root Rot** - caused by a fungus that kills woody trunk and root tissues and fine feeder roots. Infection by root rot is often associated with previous wounding; however, it is very common in trees that are over-watered.

· **Bacterial Leaf Scorch** - usually occurs in summer as plants come under heat and water stress. The disease can be diagnosed by the appearance of a yellow halo between the green and scorched tissue on the leaves. It is often incorrectly diagnosed as oak wilt in red oaks.

DWG Park Board  
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## **DWG Social Club**

Happy February!

Just a reminder, Our 1st DWG Social Club event for 2025 will be our Valentine's Gathering! ♥

Wear your favorite RED and join us for lots of fun and laughs with appetizers and drinks! We need RSVP's by February 10th. We would love to see our attendance numbers continue to increase this year so please share the event with all your neighbors and friends! (All ages 21+).

**We have only received 2 RSVP's to date. We need more in order to have the event Let's try and make our 1st 2025 event a success!**

**Thursday, February 13th**

**6:30-8:30**

**2804 Burlwood Drive**

Wear your favorite red, bring an appetizer, and your favorite adult beverage Tea and Water will be served Hope to see you there!

Susan and Jeff Kutac  
956-357-7248  
2804 Burlwood Drive



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