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December 2020 City Council News Items Approved

- 2021 city holidays
- Budget process policy
- City Investment Policy
- Support for HB 233 for building materials
 - Plat for 2915 Roosevelt
 - Plat for City Hall, 2600 Roosevelt
 - Credit access business ordinance
 - Utility ordinance update/changes

Water Conservation Tips

Check your toilet for leaks. Put a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the coloring begins to appear in the bowl, you have a leak that may be wasting more than 100 gallons of water a day.

Mayor's Message:

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Happy New Year to all friends in DWG!

2020 is one for the history books and not for the right reasons, but I want to let you know the great things we did accomplish this past year. We were able to purchase a new fire truck and give police officers raises, all while maintaining a balanced budget. We're building a new City Hall that is funded by a citizen-approved bond and should be completed in early spring. We also repaired Indian Trail, and Twin Lakes and Twin Springs. Most importantly, we saw the more tender side of humankind by the way our citizens came together in times of need lifting others up when they needed it. Let's count our blessings.

City Hall Lobby Closed: In order to protect our folks at City Hall, we have temporarily closed the lobby. However, if you would like to drop your water bill off, you can ring the buzzer near the door and dispatch will let you in to put in the drop box. We are here first and foremost to serve you.

Court of Kindness: In our Court of Kindness this month, we have imprisoned the entire King family. Council Member John King and family provided Christmas lunch for the folks who had to work at City Hall on Christmas Day, but leading that cause was their daughter Kaysha. Kaysha has an extremely generous heart and willingness to serve others, just like her daddy.

Community Recipes: Price and Erika Pitstick, owners of Price Right Tree Service, don't just operate a highly recognized company in the DFW area – they also have Taking Roots, a TV show on Amazon that highlights what it is like to run a successful business while raising four children under 6 years old. Their passion for trees and landscaping is just the tip of the iceberg; gardening and cooking are other spaces they love to explore. Erika's sentiments for growing produce and sustainable living bring her back to her roots of her hometown in El Salvador. With a book launching this spring, Erika will share her expertise of making simple changes to live more intentionally and sustainably in your own home. In the midst of learning how to garden and trying new recipes, she has found joy in re-purposing items in the kitchen, such as home cleaners and beauty products. Erika loves the idea of making things from home. Erika is passionate about connecting with her local communities and has asked for some family recipes from DWG residents. She hopes to share them not only with her family, but to add her sustainable 3 in 1 touch, taking the remnant ingredients to create other items to use around the home and garden, utilizing every ingredient to its fullest potential. Recipes will be shared on her blog and potentially future publications. Please send recipes to takingroots.social@gmail.com. Visit their website at www.taking-roots.com.



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 Joe Kohn

National Law Enforcement Day: We celebrated National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on January 9, 2021. We celebrate our police every single day because they are the best in the nation, but we would like to recognize DWG's finest during this day of appreciation. Thank you, Chief Petty, and every single rock star that works in our DPS.

General Election: May 1, 2021 will mark the date for the city's general election – candidate filing dates are January 13, 2021 through February 12, 2021. Applications can be found online at <https://www.cityofdwg.net/elections> (bottom of page), or by contacting Lola Hazel, 682-330-7418, lhazel@cityofdwg.net.

Thought of the Day: Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. – Mark Twain

Laurie Bianco, Mayor

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Chief's Message:

We are PROUD to announce that our new fire truck has been delivered. Our staff is diligently working to complete all training necessary to be proficient on all the new equipment. We have live burn training scheduled at Johnson County Fire facility where all personnel will work fully with all equipment and put what they have learned into use in real life situations. Once all training has been completed, we plan on having a public push-in ceremony to officially put this new truck in service. The Push-in ceremony which pays homage to firefighters in the 1800s who used horse-drawn equipment and would have literally pushed the fire engines into the garage after returning from a fire. During this ceremony we will do a "wet down" which is a ritual where firefighters commission a new fire apparatus by anointing it with water sprayed from the retiring pumper's tank water. The date for this special ceremony will be put out as soon as we have it and we hope you will join us.



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, and 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.

Cameras, if you have chosen to install outdoor cameras to your residents or business recently, we would love to add them to our database. Ring camera systems and other systems like it that residents and businesses have installed are always a great tool that can help our DPS during investigations. This database is a restricted database which will remain confidential and will be used for law enforcement purposes only. This database has shown to be highly beneficial over the last several months and has led to the arrest and apprehension of multiple suspects. If you would like to participate, please contact Lt. Will Fike at wfike@cityofdwg.net.

Social Media, we love seeing our residents on our Facebook pages, and Nextdoor app. Please remember that social media is not a way to file a police report. If you observe suspicious activity or need to report a crime, please call dispatch at 817-275-1234 ext. 1 for non-emergencies, and 911 in an emergency.

Sincerely and Respectfully,
Chief Greg Petty

Historical Committee News

In keeping with our understanding that history is being created every day, the Historical Committee wants to remind you that we try to share current happenings along with historical tidbits. We welcome new residents, celebrate new additions to families, share memories of residents no longer with us and pass on kudos for achievements. Please help us collect both current accomplishments and good news happening to residents of our city as well as historical documents, artifacts and recollections. Contact the city clerks to find out how to get your information or artifacts to us.

We welcome the following new residents who moved to DWG in December, the Mujica family on Madrid Court.

Thanks to everyone who came out to our January meeting and helped get us going for 2021. It was decided to continue holding our meetings on odd numbered months except for July when we are hopeful that we will be able to resume our in person Ice Cream Social. Stay tuned for details or learn more about past socials and snag some frozen treat recipes in the Ice Cream Social photo album on the City's Facebook page. Special work meetings will be called as needed.

CPSAAA News

Happy New Year from your friends in the CPSAAA! We wish you a happy and healthy 2021. CPSAAA would like to thank the Brown Family for their generous donations. Also, many thanks to everyone who donates to DWG CPSAAA through the Amazon Smile program for your ongoing support of our awesome Dalworthington Gardens DPS, Fire and Dispatch Heroes.

Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President

Park Board Bulletin

Happy New Year DWG residents,

It's been great seeing people enjoying nice walks at the park with their family and pets. If you see anyone not picking up after their pets, please offer them a bag. We appreciate everyone helping to keep the park clean.

Regarding fun events at the park, we've planned a calendar full of interesting activities for you to learn more about birds, monarch butterflies, and our basic planet Earth.

Here are a few upcoming activities to Save the Dates:

February 12th – 15th are the dates for the 2021 International Great Back Yard Bird Count. On Friday the 12th at 10 am we plan to have a Live Stream where you can learn about how to identify birds and submit your observations. Watch for more details on Facebook and Nextdoor. On Saturday the 13th at 10:45 am if weather permits, you can come to Gardens Park at the back parking lot behind the lake and meet with some local bird experts for a guided bird walk with social distance. Please bring your own binoculars and wear your masks. Hot chocolate will be available near the parking lot to enjoy during or after your walk.

March 27th – With Easter being on April 4th this year, we are planning to hide Easter eggs in front yards of DWG families who pre-register. If you are interested, please email us at parkboard@cityofdmg.net with your name, address, and how many children in your household that are 10 and under.

Take care and be safe,
DWG Park Board
parkboard@cityofdmg.net

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Birds see in four colors, adding UV to the three colors people can see.
A single barn swallow can eat up to 850 insects in a single day.
The average hummingbird weighs less than a nickel.
Cormorants and grebes swim underwater to catch fish and aquatic insects.

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