



CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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- Bid awarded for DPS Renovation Project
- ILA with City of Arlington for supplemental fire coverage.

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:



Happiest wishes for the New Year to all of my DWG friends and family! 2025 is going to be absolutely awesome. Words have power, so let's cover the coming year with words of affirmation. Each year I choose a word as my theme for the year. This year my word is **BOLD!** My three top priorities are: 1. To love and embrace others with reckless abandon, accepting others where they are without judgement. 2. Do a better job of thinking before I think. I struggle with this one because I am very spontaneous and often don't totally think through what I should say before opening my mouth. As I used to tell my third graders when they were talking too much, "God gave you two ears and one mouth so you should listen twice as much as you talk." 3. Boldly share my faith through loving acts of kindness. I want to live my life like today is my last day on earth and not look in the rearview mirror with regrets. May 2025 be a year that we find the blessings in all circumstances. May God richly bless each and everyone of you and your families with health, prosperity, and a sense that you are loved and appreciated!

Court of Kindness: John and Suzanne Kacinski richly blessed our DPS with a very generous gift. Thank you for your generosity! We have the best citizens in the history of the world (seriously!). Thank you to all of you who brought goodies to city hall to share with our staff. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

Library Cards: We will be accepting applications for the first 40 families who would like for the city to subsidize the cost of these. We budgeted for this in our 2025 year's allocations so be sure and thank your wonderful city council members for this. We will accept applications at our city hall from January 20-31. There are certain guidelines that we use to ensure we are fair and provide as many cards as we can for our residents.

Salvation Army Mayoral Challenge: It is with great joy that I am able to share the results of the 2024 Mayor's Red Kettle Challenge. Thanks to YOU and your generous giving, DWG raised a whopping \$20,649.03!!! WOW!! Did you know that all the money raised goes directly back into our area? Through your generous giving, you have provided: clothing, food, shelter, and Christmas for more families that we can count. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and from our friends at the Salvation Army as well. In this friendly competition we have won the Per Capita Award again and we were third in the running for the total funds raised from all of the participating cities. Arlington and Mansfield were the only two cities that raised more than us in the 20 cities that participated. We could not have done this without the many bellringers who faithfully showed their support. We had several groups from Arlington Classics Academy which included their student council, their PTO, and individuals who just wanted to give of their time and resources. We are so incredibly blessed to have such a wonderful school in our city. I personally love the values they instill in the students which include service, patriotism, and leadership. We will recognize our friends at the January Council meeting on January 16 at

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

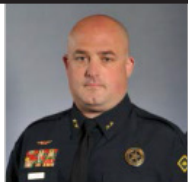
7:00. DWG's very own citizens also graciously gave of their time. These friends are: Rhonda Schrock, Iashia Bergamini and her son Vincent. Diana Pendery, Carla Newbell, Kent Beasley, Barbara and Erick Moeller, Sandy and Jim Robinson, and of course, Alice and Steve Lafferty.

Video produced by and featuring DWG: What an incredible masterpiece produced by Rosalind and Kent Krabill! The Krabills, who are neighbors to the Kulesz family, produced a video about the extraordinary light display on Rushnig Meadows. The Kulesz family has brought so much positive attention to DWG in the national news and media outlets. Please take the time to watch this on YouTube. It is titled, "David's Lights: A Story of Obsession, Community, and Love." You will be blessed!

New Businesses: We would like to warmly welcome the following businesses to our community: JWMC Hot Tubs and Spas located at 2755 West Arkansas Lane, Suite 101, Monte's Piano Services at 2810 West Pioneer Parkway, Suite D, There4 Gathering located at 2755 West Arkansas, Suite 102, and Dross Enterprises, LLC (Derrick Ross, owner) 2805 West Arkansas Lane, Suite 204

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



A HUGE Thank you to all who have always trusted us enough to plan your Christmas parties around our Annual Santa Parade! This tradition has been beloved by the DWG community for 30+ years.

DPS is so thankful for the support of all our residents. Thank you to the Twin Springs addition that provided hot chocolate to all our staff and volunteers as we came through their area as the bad weather started to come in. A HUGE Thank you to the Campanozzi family for the yearly meatball subs that feed our entire crew including volunteers, and family members at the end of the parade (this is not a small undertaking).

For the most up to date information on events, or time sensitive changes please like our City of Dalworthington Gardens, and our Dalworthington Gardens DPS Facebook pages. If you are already following our pages, please go like a post or change your settings so that you are following the page as a "favorite" to ensure the Facebook algorithm doesn't cause you to miss important notices. We know technology is great, however sometimes it has its downfalls, so we ask that everyone help us with this beginning of the year clean up!

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

Historical Committee

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. Please contact the city clerks to find out how to get your information or artifacts to us.

This month we want to share that one of our regular vendors at the Dalworthington Gardens Farmers Market has had some of her products added to the shelves at Green's Produce. Congratulations to Andrea for this accomplishment. Come out and see her entire line of handmade products from her business, Rush Creek Soap & More, when she is set up at the farmers market. You can find out which vendors will be at the market on any given Sunday by checking out FourSeasonsMarkets.com on the Saturday before or the day of the market.

We welcome the following new residents who moved to DWG during the past month, the Harris family and the Richeson Family.

Our regular meetings are held on the second Wednesday of odd numbered months and are open to all interested citizens.

CPSAAA News - Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association

Happy New Year from your friends in the CPSAAA! We wish you a Happy and Healthy 2025.

Dalworthington Gardens Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association (DWG CPSAAA) was founded in 2017 by the graduating members of the inaugural Citizens Public Safety Academy class in order to support the Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety. The DWG CPSAAA is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization. This organization is comprised of a Board of Directors and over 35 active members who support and acknowledge the Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety employees and their families. The DWG CPSAAA is dedicated to supporting the DWG Department of Public Safety through volunteerism and community activities. Our mission is to present and promote a continuing positive image of all law enforcement, but specifically, the Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety. We strive to support the DWG Police and Fire departments in achieving the goals of effective community involvement in these ways:

- Participating in appropriate department activities.
- Offering meetings and programs to continue the education of DWG CPSAAA Alumni.
- Raising funds for equipment and activities not covered in the city budget but needed by our police and fire departments.

The DWG CPSAAA is made up of citizens who have completed and graduated from the DWG Citizen Public Safety Academy and become members of the Alumni Association. The Alumni Association functions as a support group to the Department and is a liaison to the community for the Department. We also raise funds in support of our officers for equipment and/or training needs that otherwise are not budgeted. Members of the Association are dedicated to doing what we can to let the Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety know how much we and the citizens of Dalworthington Gardens appreciate the work done by the Department.

Our sources of funding are obtained from:

Annual \$20 membership dues • Donations • T-shirt Sales • License To Carry Classes

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Citizens On Patrol (COP) Program

Some of you may have seen our DWG Citizens On Patrol vehicle in your neighborhood. The COP program is a branch of our CPSAAA organization. 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 are truly fortunate to have both programs in our great city.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our CPR/Stop the Bleed class in December, sponsored by our Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety and DWG Citizens Public Safety Alumni Association. Many thanks to Lt. Jonathan Miller and Jimmy Studer, with the Arlington Fire Department, for teaching the class. We all learned a lot and thoroughly enjoyed the class.

CPSAAA is selling these great T-Shirts as a fundraiser, we still have a few left in the various sizes.

Call today to see if we have your favorite color in stock.

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 • \$22 XXL - XXXL • Free Local Delivery Included • Call, Text or Email your order to Tracy, see contact info below.

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

New year, new goals. Want to be more involved in the community? The Park Board has a spot for you. Please contact the City or the Park Board if you are interested in finding out more about what we do.

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

Schedule of Events:

- Bi-Monthly park workday – Saturday, January 11th 9am – Noon.
- Great Backyard Bird Count – Saturday, February 15th 10am – 1pm
- Pictures with the Easter Bunny – Sunday, April 6th 3 – 5pm

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

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, January 11th 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@cityofdmg.net

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

Bird enthusiasts from all over the world gather annually for the Great Backyard Bird Count over a four day period from February 14 – 17, 2025 to identify, count, and submit bird watching counts to help scientists better understand and protect birds. Whether you are a seasoned bird watcher or just received your first set binoculars for Christmas, this worldwide event is geared towards all those interested in connecting to birds.

Come out to City Hall or the Annex (next to the Fire station) on February 15th at 10am to participate in this event with your fellow DWG neighbors.

DWG Park Board
parkboard@cityofdmg.net

DWG Social Club

Happy New Year DWG! Welcome 2025!

The holidays have come to an end and we hope you all enjoyed your family and friends during this beautiful season! 🎄

Our 1st DWG Social Club event for 2025 will be our Valentine’s Party! ❤️

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+).

Jeff and Susan Kutac’s Home
Thursday, February 13, 2025
7:00-10:00 pm
2804 Burlwood Drive
RSVP text: 956-357-7248

Please bring your favorite appetizer and drink. We’ll provide the mixers, water and tea. Hope to see you there!

Susan and Jeff Kutac
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