



# CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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## June 2024 City Council News Items Approved

- Apply for the copyright and publish *The Day Eleanor Arrives* DWG's children's history book

## Water Conservation Tips

- **Twice a week or less.** If you're watering more than two days a week, you're watering too much.
- **Don't water between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.**  
Up to 30 percent of the water we spray on lawns during the heat of the day is lost to evaporation.

## **Mayor's Message:**

Dearest DWG Friends and Family,

Happy July to all of our DWG friends!

The blistering temperatures of June remind me of how grateful I am for air conditioning. I must admit that I am really spoiled. One of my dear friends keeps encouraging me to go camping and I frequently remind him that my definition of camping includes an air-conditioned room with a TV, comfortable bed, and permanent plumbing, as in a shower and toilet. Well, that is a far cry from what our ancestors faced when defending our country to attain a bright future that includes the same freedoms (and amenities) that we enjoy today. As we celebrate our 248th, let all of us remember the sacrifices that were made to ensure a smooth path into our future. I am personally grateful for every drop of blood that was shed for our country. Believe me when I tell you, we enjoy freedom that citizens of other countries have no clue about, ranging from freedom of speech to religion and everything in between. My sincere thanks to each and every one of our citizens who has proudly served in any capacity. Let us all stand and place our hands over our hearts, not just on July 4th, but every single time we see Old Glory waving in the wind. As we celebrate the summer season, please join us at city hall for our annual ice cream social on July 13 from 6:30 to 8:30. Ice cream is just one way of connecting with our neighbors. For you history buffs, here's a bit of history about this delightful treat: Ice cream's origins are known to reach back as far as the second century B.C., although no specific date of origin nor inventor has been undisputedly credited with its discovery. We know that Alexander the Great enjoyed snow and ice flavored with honey and nectar. Biblical references also show that King Solomon was fond of iced drinks during harvesting. During the Roman Empire, Nero Claudius Caesar (A.D. 54-86) frequently sent runners into the mountains for snow, which was then flavored with fruits and juices. Over a thousand years later, Marco Polo returned to Italy from the Far East with a recipe that closely resembled what is now called sherbet. Historians estimate that this recipe evolved into ice cream sometime in the 16th century. England seems to have discovered ice cream at the same time, or perhaps even earlier than the Italians. "Cream Ice," as it was called, appeared regularly at the table of Charles I during the 17th century. France was introduced to similar frozen desserts in 1553 by the Italian Catherine de Medici when she became the wife of Henry II of France. It wasn't until 1660 that ice cream was made available to the general public. The Sicilian Procopio introduced a recipe blending milk, cream, butter and eggs at Café Procopio, the first café in Paris.



**Court of Kindness:** For those friends who joined us for our town hall meeting on June 25, I am grateful that you chose to spend the evening with us. Your city council has worked diligently for the past seven years to make a solid plan and drive our city to economic prosperity by identifying new areas where we can seek businesses that fit into the culture of our community.

**Dalworthington Gardens Investment in Character Event:** Join us for an evening of celebration and community spirit at the Dalworthington Gardens Investment in Character Event, honoring Councilmember Cathy Stein for over 30 years of service to the Dalworthington Gardens community in various roles. This special event will take

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### **Councilmembers:**

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place on July 17th at 6 PM at the Dalworthington Gardens City Hall. Cathy will be the proud recipient of the 2024 Community Impact Award, recognizing her outstanding contributions and dedication to the betterment of Dalworthington Gardens over the years. All proceeds from this event will go towards supporting local scouting in the Longhorn Council, fostering the growth and development of young leaders in our community. Please RSVP to [Jennifer.Lazenby@scouting.org](mailto:Jennifer.Lazenby@scouting.org). Come together to enjoy light refreshments with friends, family, and neighbors to honor Councilmember Cathy Stein and support a worthy cause. Your presence and generosity will help strengthen the scouting programs that make a positive difference in the lives of many. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Business Over Breakfast:** Chris Labra did an awesome job of sharing his vision for New Gen Printing and Ghost Food Park. This is a family owned business with deep roots, and we are so thankful to Chris and Juan making a presentation to us on June 5. Please mark your calendars for our next meeting at Grounds and Gold on September 4 at 8:00 am. You do not have to be a business owner or even live or work in DWG to participate. We encourage everyone to join us and let's work on boosting our economy by spending your money in DWG.

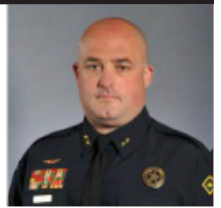
**Welcome to our new businesses:** On June 13th, we welcomed Smith Carrell, LLC located at 2320 Michigan Court, to our DWG family.

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### **Chief's Message:**

At a recent event, several people asked about trends in identity theft and how to protect against it. It's a great topic because criminal tactics and their goals have been changing, not for the better.



To start, what criminals mean when they target an "identity" has been in flux since the turn of the century. Traditionally, this has primarily been about gathering enough real-world information to impersonate the victim in applications for tax refunds, credit lines, and loans. That's still the case, but today, criminal tactics more often target online accounts.

As potential victims—and we are all that—we must safeguard against the theft of information about us in the real world and the digital realm. Let's start with the simpler real world.

The most likely real-world places where information about you will be targeted are your mailboxes (for letters and packages) and your garbage. So we recommend that you take common-sense steps like locking your mailbox, providing a locked area for packages, or using lockers from firms like Amazon. We also recommend using a cross-cut shredder on bills and financial data that you will throw away.

In the digital realm, the landscape is more intricate. The theft of your login and personal data is more likely to occur not from a hacker targeting your computer but from criminals targeting a website that you have entrusted with your data. We hear about these breaches frequently and receive notifications from the sites we use a few times a year about the loss of our data. This underscores the need for vigilance and caution with our online data.

We can't stop websites or our service providers like doctors and accountants from getting hacked. What we can do is understand why criminals are doing this, so that we can make ourselves more difficult to victimize. In a word, the sites are targeted to steal usernames and passwords at scale.

When they steal a million username/password combinations (called "credentials"), it costs criminals literally nothing to use computer programs to try those credentials in other places and see if they work. When they do, professional criminals build dossiers around your online identity. When a criminal finds you've used the same password for an online store and, say, a bank account, they will immediately use computers to try those credentials on the websites of every major online store, credit card company, investment house, and hospital and try those credentials. They will also use a computer to try variants of the password, adding numbers or characters (like 2, or #) at the end for good measure.

That is why we recommend three steps for every resident:

1. Strong, unique passwords for every site, stored in a password manager
2. Multifactor authentication using an app on your phone, or a hardware token like a Yubikey
3. Insist on encryption when you send personal or account information - never email records like these.

Passwords are, well, stupid. We're told that they should contain 15 mixed-case letters plus numbers and special characters like @, that they should be different for every site we go to, and we shouldn't write them down — and anyone who says this has never tried to do it because it's impossible. Instead, we need to use password managers.

## 1. Password Managers

The bottom line: Password Managers are trustworthy, and even the free ones offer protection better than any other system you can use. They use “Zero-Knowledge,” meaning that the passwords are encrypted on your computer — no one but you, not even the password manager company, can unencrypt them without the credentials (and we will make that even stronger in step 2).

Some good free password managers are 1Password , KeePass , and BitWarden . To protect the password manager, select a good, strong password and then save every password for every online account in the manager.

## 2. Multifactor Authentication

Authentication security has three “factors” or types: something you know (like a password or PIN), something you have (like another device), and something you are (like a fingerprint or eye scan). Multifactor means mixing any two or more of these — for example, using a password and a one-time code generated by an app on your phone or a password and a fingerprint.

We recommend that you never use an SMS text message as a second factor unless there is no choice. SMS messages are insecure. Instead, use a free program like Google Authenticator , Microsoft Authenticator , or a paid program like Duo Security . Password managers can also provide a one-time code.

Hardware tokens like Yubikey or Titan are the strongest multifactor tools. They're more complicated to use than one-time password apps, but if you are concerned explicitly about online accounts, we recommend you chat with us about how to deploy these.

## 3. Insist on Encryption

Our tax guy, bank, or a business we use will often ask us to email details, including credit cards, account numbers, SSNs, and other data. Don't do it. Email is inherently insecure and can be intercepted. Instead, ask them for a secure online portal. If they don't have one, we recommend putting the information in a Word or Google document, uploading that document to Google Drive or M365 SharePoint, and then sharing the document that way, which is encrypted in transit.

### Suggested Links

1 <https://1password.com>

2 <https://keepass.info>

3 <https://bitwarden.com>

4 <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.google.android.apps.authenticator2&hl=en&pli=1>

5 <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/security/mobile-authenticator-app>

6 <https://duo.com>

7 <https://www.yubico.com/>

8 [https://store.google.com/de/product/titan\\_security\\_key?hl=de&pli=1](https://store.google.com/de/product/titan_security_key?hl=de&pli=1)

Sincerely and Respectfully, Chief Greg Petty

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### Historical Committee

We hope you will be able to join us for the ice cream social at City Hall on Saturday, July 13 from 6:30-8:30pm. This is a come and go event where you can meet and visit with your neighbors, talk with park board members and give feedback on a project they are interested in spearheading in the park and learn more about the history of DWG, not to mention, enjoy some great homemade ice cream and more.

Remembering that history is not only past events but what we create daily, we would like to welcome our new residents since the last newsletter to DWG: the Underkofler and Marek family and the Scott family.

Mark your calendars; the next regularly scheduled Historical Committee meeting is Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 pm in the council chambers. All are welcome.

**Bottled Water Donations**

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. Bottled water donations can be dropped off at the station at 2600 Roosevelt Dr., next door to the City Hall building. CPSAAA and DWG DPS/Fire sincerely thank you for your generosity!

**CPSAAA is selling T-Shirts as a fundraiser.**

All profits benefit our

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



**Park Board Bulletin**

The DWG Park Board has started a campaign to determine interest for the installation of a public restroom in Pappy Elkins Park. Voice your opinion and fill out the survey to show your support:

<https://bit.ly/3L5OTmk>

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

Schedule of Events:

- Bi-Monthly park workday – Saturday, July 13th 8am – 11am Meet at the intersection of Parks and Elkins

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

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, July 13th from 8am – 11am. 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 +++++

Looking for a new fishing hole or don't know where to start when it comes to finding a fishing spot?! The Texas Park and Wildlife has a plethora of resources to assist. Check out their website for more information: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/recreational/wheretofish/>

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