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February 2022 City Council News Items Approved

- Calling general and special election
- Global opioid settlement agreements
 - Oncor Steering Committee invoice
- Garbage and recycling rates
- ILA with Tarrant County for Elkins Drive paving improvements
- Arlington Today article for economic development promotion

Water Conservation Tips

- Avoid installing ornamental water features unless the water is recycled.
- Don't water the pavement. Set sprinklers so that water lands on lawn and gardens, not on pavement, and stop sprinklers when puddles or runoff occur and allow the water to soak into the soil before resuming watering.

Mayor's Message:

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Happy March friends!

Camaraderie - a feeling of friendliness, of goodwill, and familiarity among the people in the group. I feel like camaraderie is a good descriptor of all of our friends who live in DWG. In an effort to make sure that we are all well informed about the events of the lives of the people who live in our community, I would like to kindly remind everybody that if you would like to share news about yourself or your family, could you kindly contact us so we can include this in our monthly newsletter. Some examples of this could be the birth of a new baby, graduation, death of a resident, weddings, or anything else you would like to share that is of importance. We're not a community just based on business affairs for the city, but rather a community where we share our successes, our needs, and hopefully show kindness through our actions. Speaking of camaraderie, it is with great pleasure that I can inform you that the friends who sit at your dais, will remain on council. We are so blessed to have a group of folks who share a common vision for the city, and each of them brings their own special gift to contribute when making decisions on your behalf. For me personally, thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to serve you for another two years. I never take this responsibility lightly, and as always, it is one of my greatest blessings.



Arlington Today Article: We had the opportunity to be featured in Arlington Today's March issue. This was a great opportunity to share information about our city's past, present, and our future plans. You can access a digital copy here: https://issuu.com/arlingtontoday/docs/march_flip_pages_

May 7, 2022 Special Election: The city will hold a special election on May 7, 2022 for voters to consider the reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Dalworthington Gardens, Texas at the rate of one-fourth of one percent to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets. This tax was first authorized by voters in a 2018 election. This sales and use tax specifically funds maintenance and repair of municipal streets and has funded various street projects to include Twin Spring/Twin Lakes, Indian Trail, Orchid Court, and crack sealing in multiple years.

Business Over Breakfast: We held our most recent Business Over Breakfast on Wednesday, March 2, 8-9 am at Grounds and Gold, 4130 S. Bowen Road. Our speaker was Devin Warner with Metro Mobile Electronics, and they are located at 2310 Michigan Court. His presentation sparked my interest because now they have technology that is not only a GPS tracker, but it can also record speeds, alert you when a driver is distracted/looking at their phone, and a multitude of other things. If you have any personal needs or needs for your vehicle fleet at your company, I would highly suggest contacting this very kind and competent gentleman. DWG is so blessed to have such great business owners in our city. Our next Business Over Breakfast will be June 1, 2022, 8-9 am at Grounds and Gold, 4130 S. Bowen Road.

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

New Garbage/Recycling Rates: Garbage and recycling rates will change on your April bill. Residential rates will decrease from \$16.95 to \$16.94. The additional recycling cart rate will increase from \$2.15 to \$2.24. Commercial hand collect rates will increase from \$21.11 to \$22.08.

Code Red Notification System: The city is in the process of moving city wide notifications to Code Red. We encourage you to get signed up now in preparation for the move. The city will still utilize Facebook and the city website on occasion, but Code Red will be the best way to receive notices for utility outages, road closures, projects, and low water crossing notices. You can sign up for text, call, and email notifications. When signing up, please use your physical address, not a PO Box, and use "Dalworthington Gardens" as the city. There are "managed account" and "guest account" options. The "managed account" will allow you to make changes to notifications in the future. "Guest account" would allow quick signup, but you have no control over managing notifications. Sign up here: <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BFFA9500DBE5> or Text "DWG" to 99411.

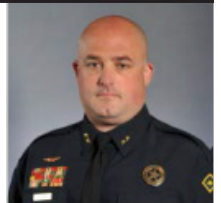
Thought of the Day: Just because the path is different, doesn't mean I'm lost.

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Chief's Message:

Safety Tip of the month:

As the weather starts to get nicer, we are having lots more people frequenting parks across the area. Park parking lots are easy targets for criminals. It is our goal to raise awareness to this problem and help prevent you from being an easy target. When planning a trip to your local park please make sure to leave all valuables at home, do not leave them in your vehicle. If you have to leave valuables in your vehicle while it is unattended, please put the items in your trunk or in other places where they are out of sight. Try to avoid hiding items in obvious areas like glove boxes and middle consoles. Never leave items laying on your seats, dashboard, or floor. Car smash-and-grabs happen out of sight and very quickly. Easy items for thieves to take: Cell phones, purse or wallet, laptops, backpacks, shopping bags, cash, and your keys! Ensure that you have locked your vehicle and look through your windows to see if you can spot anything valuable prior to walking away. When walking or running at night park in well-lit areas. Always remember trust your instincts if you see something suspicious call 911 and report it immediately. Never confront anyone yourself.



WE ARE HIRING!!! We are hiring for a full-time dispatch position, and a full time PSO position. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a dispatcher, PSO, or for more information please email jsmith@cityofdwg.net

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 News

Forms for ordering an engraved brick are available under the Forms tab on the City's website. Newly ordered bricks are placed once a year with a target date of around the city's anniversary at the beginning of June.

The Dollar family, Morrow family, Loud family, Cook family and Turner family all moved into Dalworthington Gardens in March. Please join us in welcoming them to the DWG community.

Sam Bogart (1/31/1932 - 1/31/2022) was a big contributor to the Historical Committee's mission of collecting information about DWG's past. He donated his time, talent and sound studio in the run up to DWG's 75th anniversary to record oral histories from people who had a history with DWG in its earlier days. Sam lived in DWG for 48 years. His wife Velma and daughter Nancy continue his tradition of cultivating a large rose bed at the entrance to their property.

Mark your calendars to join us for our next regular meeting, Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 pm.

CPSAAA News



Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President
DWGCPSAAA.org

Park Board Bulletin

Hello DWG Residents,

Woohoo for warmer weather!! We were even blessed to have warm weather for the annual Great Backyard Bird Count. The groups identified a whopping 29 species with Northern Shovelers leading the count with 84 individuals, very impressive. Special shout out to all the birders guiding the tours and to Wild Birds Unlimited for guiding the tours and providing giveaways to participants.

Also, thanks to all the citizens that completed the park board's survey. We appreciate all the feedback.

Please join us for pictures with the Easter Bunny on Sunday, April 3rd from 3-5pm. There will be goodie bags and fun activities for the kiddos. Event will take place at the gazebo in Gardens Park.

Take care and get ready to ditch those winter coats.

DWG Park Board
parkboard@cityofdwg.net

Respect Our Park

Bluebonnet season is coming up. Let those gorgeous flowers bask in the sun and live life to the fullest IN THE GROUND. We only see them once a year so please do not cut, pull, pick, or do anything else to the flowers besides take pictures.

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

As mentioned above there will be pictures with the Easter bunny on Sunday, April 3rd from 3-5pm at the gazebo in the park.

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

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th from 9am – Noon. Bring your gardening gloves and tools. Meet the Park Board near the marquee by the old City Hall building. We appreciate the volunteers that came out in March who donated a collective 16 hrs of work.

Physical labor not your thing??? No float cypress mulch is always welcomed. Donations can be dropped off at City Hall. 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 +++++

(From the Texas Park and Wildlife)

The Bluebonnet is the state flower. Did you know there are many kinds of bluebonnets in Texas? In west Texas, the tall Big Bend bluebonnet grows up to three feet high! The shorter, more common Texas Bluebonnet grows east of a line going from northeast to southwest Texas. It grows 15 to 24 inches. The flower looks like a little bonnet when you look at it closely. After it rains, look for a drop of water in each bonnet or bowl-like petal.

Blooms March through May.

Bonus: The bluebonnet became the Texas state flower in 1901. Since this flower has look-alike “cousins,” the state legislature, in 1971, named all lupine species as the official state flower.

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