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Hello all DWG Friends!



Happy Easter! We are on the cusp of springtime. Thankfully Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow for the 21st time in the 138 year history of this tradition which means that we are in for an early spring. As we begin this new month, I thought I would share a few fun facts about March. The "Ides of March" was a day in the Roman calendar equivalent to March 15th. It was considered a deadline for settling debts. It was also the day Julius Caesar was assassinated. If you were born in March, your birth flower is a daffodil! March babies are spoiled with two birthstones: aquamarine, and bloodstone which symbolizes courage. March is the equivalent of September in the Southern Hemisphere. Every year, March and June finish on the same day of the week. March is the time of year when animals start waking up from hibernation. The name for March comes from Mars, the Roman god of war. It was named as such in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars. The Vernal Equinox occurs around March 20 or 21st. This is when the sun is directly above the equator, making the day and night equal length. The Anglo-Saxons called March "Hlyd monath" meaning "Stormy month" or "Hraed monath" meaning "Rugged month." The popular social media outlet Twitter was launched on March 21, 2006, with the first tweet going out the same day. It was posted by the founder, Jack Dorsey, which read "just setting up my twttr." Saint Patrick's Day occurs every March 17th, celebrated in many western countries to commemorate the day Saint Patrick died. Easter Sunday is another popular holiday of this month. Originally observed by Christians to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, my favorite guy, it will fall on March 31 this year. On the secular side, it has now become a holiday involving egg hunting, candy, and the Easter bunny. Statistically, March is the most unproductive month of the year in the U.S. This is the result of "March Madness" which is the season of NBA. Some companies lose up to \$1.9 billion in wages paid to workers who were not productive and instead spent company time on betting on NBA games. Back in the older days, March was when military campaigns would resume that had previously been put on hold for winter. On March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell made the first-ever phone call. It was to his assistant and he said "Mr. Watson, come here. I want to see you." The Eiffel Tower was ascended for the first time. Eiffel himself led a group of government officials and members of the press to the top. The elevators were not in operation yet, so the journey was made on foot and took over an hour. President John F. Kennedy founded the Peace Corps on March 1, 1961. It is a successful volunteer organization that has since sent at least 235,000 Americans abroad to developing countries to help with health care, education, and other human needs.

Court of Kindness:

Our friends at Green's Produce have once again sent the flower fairy to ensure the front of our city hall is beautifully landscaped. Thank you, Patti White, for always keeping us looking great and for the breath of fresh air those spring flowers bring to our DWG families and employees. We sure do love and appreciate you!

Welcoming New Businesses:

I had the privilege of attending not one, but two grand openings this past month! Pirtek is located at 2887 W Pioneer Parkway. Greg and his team can meet your hydraulic needs. Our other new business is Faithfully Dressed, located at 2755 W Arkansas Lane Suite 101. This is a family owned business and they can outfit you with fantastic fashionable clothing.

Well done, ACA:

As this season of sunshine arrives, we have so much to celebrate. Let's start with Arlington Classics Academy.

February 2024 City Council News Items Approved

- May 4, 2024 General Election called
- Concept plan, Final Plan, and Preliminary Plat Approved for 2611 W. Pleasant Ridge Road
- Upgrade to the SCADA system

Water Conservation Tips

- Water landscape in the early morning and at night
- Design a water-wise landscape
- Maintain in-ground irrigation and check your sprinkler heads

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We are thrilled to announce that ACA will be honored in the 40th Annual Governor's Volunteer Awards for our focus on civic engagement and community service. Specifically, Mia Russo nominated ACA for the work done in the community through the Griffin Goodfellows program, a student volunteer engagement program collaboratively supported by our amazing PTO, ACA families, and our campuses. ACA's students and families impact the communities where they live in many ways as evidenced in this excerpt from Mia's submission: *"Arlington Classics Academy has embedded volunteerism and fostered empathy and responsibility in its community culture for 25 years. The Griffin Goodfellows program, a core initiative, engages students in diverse community service projects, volunteer activities, and fundraisers. Collaborations with Mission Arlington and the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Mayoral Challenge result in significant contributions, with students collecting 27,000+ canned food items and donating an average of \$624 annually. The program goes beyond traditional philanthropy, including initiatives like Rucks for Trucks, Toys for Tots, and support for organizations such as Patriot Paws. Approximately 100 students receive the Griffin Goodfellow Award annually, fostering a sense of accomplishment and shaping socially responsible, empathetic leaders for over two decades."* ACA is celebrating its 25th year as the choice in education for the areas they serve and they hold unwavering to our purpose of equipping a new generation of diverse students with ALL of the tools they need to understand the origins of their liberties and the character of leadership it takes to maintain them. Kudos to the whole Griffin Tribe for truly working collaboratively to the benefit of the students, our community, and the greater impact ACA graduates will have for years to come.

Condolences:

Marvin (Bud) Gilbert Smith, 81, passed away on Thursday, February 8, 2024 surrounded by his family., Bud was born on October 31, 1942. Bud was a very accomplished gentleman. In 1965, he received his MBA in Business Administration and Accounting, with honors, from The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity (Theta Sigma Chapter), Pi Gamma Mu, and Beta Gamma Sigma honor societies. Bud and Marilyn married in 1965, and he began his career which took them around the country. In 1985, he was offered the opportunity to help with the transformation of downtown Ft. Worth when he took a position with the Bass owned City Center Development Co., where he served as President until 2006. He served in many leadership roles: Board President of The Arlington Boys and Girls Club, Board Member of the Ft. Worth Chamber of Commerce (Economic Development), the beginning group for the Ft. Worth Main Street Arts Festival, Board Member of Downtown Ft. Worth, Inc., and President of the Ft. Worth Better Business Bureau. He was also a member of the BOMA International (Building Owners and Managers Association) in which he served as both Ft. Worth and Texas State Presidents. Bud was happiest when he was with his family and was known as Papa to his four grandchildren. It was his huge hugs and great sense of humor that made him so endearing. Much of his leisure time was spent boating and fishing at his Possum Kingdom Lakehouse, indulging his love of music and playing his guitar. He loved animals and had many cats and dogs throughout his life; he was a true "animal whisperer." Bud will be remembered as a gentle giant and a patient, soft-spoken, kind man. He was always willing to help mentor people and was a man of his word. His generosity and his hugs will be missed by everyone who knew him. He leaves behind a grieving family who will forever hold dear their wonderful memories of him. He is survived by his best friend and adoring wife of fifty-nine years, Marilyn, and two children: a daughter, Jennifer Brock of Southlake, TX, and a son, David Grant Smith (Katherine Esch Smith) of Edwards, CO, four grandchildren, and 8 great-nieces and nephews. Bud was a fifty-year member of First Presbyterian Church of Arlington, TX where he served as an Elder and Trustee. He was a devoted Christian with a strong moral compass. The family is grateful to the Lord for the work of Christ throughout Bud's life and answered prayers and compassion in his passing. His life is our guide, and in this time, we remember his remarkable life and the impact he had upon those around him.

Our hearts mourn the loss of Barry Thomas Fletcher, 59, a devoted husband and father passed away Tuesday, February 13 at his home here in DWG. Barry was born September 27, 1964, in Atlanta, Georgia, the son of Emory Thomas Fletcher, Jr. and Mary Jo Bennett Fletcher. Although he grew up in Arlington, Texas, he attended and graduated, in 1983, from Cook High School in Adel, Georgia. He had a lifelong love of horses, and after graduating he left for the mountains of Montana where he guided hunting trips on horseback deep in the backcountry. His work life was as eclectic as his interests. He worked as an inspector for the USDA, owned his own welding company and traveled throughout the country as a safety consultant for a variety of oil and gas companies – ultimately as the lead safety supervisor for the largest compression plant on the East Coast. In 1997 he married Charlene Mauk of College Station, Texas. After the birth of their son, W.T., they moved to Arlington, Texas. Barry was a devoted family man and loved to promote the work of his son. Barry loved to find and make a deal. He also enjoyed sharing his finds with others. It was rare if a visitor left his home without a "Barry bag" full of his most recent acquisitions. With the passing of Barry, the world has lost several shades of color. His family is well rooted in our community. He is survived by this beautiful wife, Charlene Mauk Fletcher and son, Warren Thomas Fletcher, as well as his two sisters Amy Fletcher and Tracy Dodson (Ben). We are already missing you, Barry!

Fay Geraldine Henderson of Dalworthington Gardens, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at the age of 89. She was born on August 16, 1934, in New Philadelphia, Ohio, to Claud Jackson Kreighbaum and Alma Geraldine Shelt. Life started for Fay in New Philadelphia, Ohio, where she grew up in a large family. Being the oldest of 6 siblings, she had three sisters (Ellen, Claudia and Elsa) and two brothers (Claud and Carl). Fay's father was the owner of an automotive tire shop located on the very same street on which they lived. After many successfully years, Fay's father sold his tire shop and moved the family to Sacramento, California, to run a Firestone tire shop. It was here in California that Fay met her husband-to-be, Mr. Elgie Lee Henderson, an Air Force Aviation Cadet from Texas. The two met while taking private flying lessons at the same facility in Sacramento and even had a dinner date to fly to a restaurant at an airstrip miles away. Elgie and Fay were married on January 9, 1960 in Carson City, Nevada, in a small ceremony with family and friends. From there, they began a new life together with the United States Air Force taking them to many places throughout the U.S. and overseas. Fay and Elgie enjoyed Country Western dancing, Ballroom dancing, clogging, and even some tap dance. But most importantly they both just loved laughing and having a good time together. Her love for her family and that big smile will be greatly missed. She is preceded in death by her husband, Elgie Henderson; parents, Claud and Alma Kreighbaum; brother, Claud Kreighbaum; sisters, Ellen Pate and Claudia Walker; and sons, Ronald and Gilbert Love.

We are also holding Wendell Brown's family close in our thoughts and prayers on the loss of his mother.

Friends, we are a small, but mighty community and I am so blessed to be able to serve you! If you have news that you would like to share, please let me know. I always want to include everyone, but I also do not want to interfere with your privacy. Feel free to call, text, or email me with news that we can share with our DWG families.

Thought for the Day:

To inspire people, don't show them your super powers. Show them theirs!

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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 site. 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.

DPS is excited to assist the Park Board with this year's Total Solar Eclipse event on Monday April 8th in the Elkins Park. We will have DPS staff onsite to ensure a safe and enjoyable event. Please check out their Facebook event on the City of Dalworthington Gardens Facebook page for up-to-date information. We look forward to being a part of this rare historic event.

We want to meet you! DPS is starting a new neighborhood outreach program where we will 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.

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

Solar Eclipse News

Have you noticed the uptick in reports in the news about the upcoming total solar eclipse in our area? A great thing about living in DWG is that you don't have to travel to experience this stunning spectacle of nature.

DWG will be hosting a total eclipse viewing event in Gardens Park on Monday, April 8. The event will include a presentation about solar eclipses, viewing stations with telescopes provided by the Fort Worth Astronomical Society, food trucks and yard games. Bring your picnic blanket or lawn chairs. We will have a great view of the moon's shadow as it approaches across the landscape to temporarily block out the sun. More details can be found at the event website, <https://dwgsolareclipse.blogspot.com/>. The FAQ tab has a lot of information about how to safely view a solar eclipse, specifics about the DWG event and tips for residents on how to plan around the large influx of people expected into the area. Additional details about parking, shuttles, drop off locations, road closures and commemorative merchandise for purchase will be added to the website soon.

We are still looking for volunteers. Volunteers will be able to fully enjoy the amazing experience of the total solar eclipse so please don't be hesitant to help. Email Alderman3@cityofdwg.net if interested.

We also want to increase the number of viewing stations in the park. If anyone has a telescope that might be able to help out with that, please send a note to the email above.

We are accepting donations of empty, clean Pringles cans and/or Saltine cracker boxes with a square base or similarly sized boxes for DIY eclipse viewers. Drop off donations at City Hall during normal business hours

Historical Committee

Forms for ordering engraved bricks are available under the Forms tab on the City's website. Newly ordered bricks are placed once a year at the historical plaza around the City's Texas Historical Marker at the corner of California Lane and Roosevelt Drive with a target date of around the City's anniversary at the beginning of June.

The Historical Committee welcomes the Birkenfeld Family with a big Gardens' Greeting for their recent move to DWG. You made it just in time to join us for the city's total solar eclipse event in Gardens Park on Monday, April 8.

DWG – Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association- March 2024

SAVE THE DATE

**Mark your calendar and be sure to join us at
PRESPA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT**

Date: Thursday, April 11th

This is a fundraiser supporting our DWG Department of Public Safety and Fire Department. This fundraiser event at Prespa's on April 11th is an all-day event. You can go anytime you want to that day for lunch or dinner, they are open from 11am to 9 pm. Prespa's keeps up with the sales throughout the day and donates a percentage of the sales for the day to CPSAAA. It's a win win, support a good cause while enjoying a delicious meal. Prespa's is a great supporter of our DPS and Fire departments. Grab your family and friends and come enjoy a wonderful meal at Prespa's,

Located at 3100 W. Arkansas Ln. in Dalworthington Gardens.
11am – 9pm

We will have T-shirts for sale at the Prespa's fundraiser during lunch and dinner, or you can contact us anytime to purchase.

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 DWGCPSAAA.org

Park Board Bulletin

It was chilly on the day of the Great Backyard Bird count, but we still had several people come out to participate. The groups identified 33 DIFFERENT species of birds. The next time you are at the park, take a moment and appreciate being surrounded by nature. The park same quiet, but it is alive in well with wildlife if you take the time to look.

Please join us for FREE pictures with the Easter Bunny on Sunday, March 24 from 3-5pm. There will be goodie bags and fun activities for the kiddos. The event will take place at the gazebo in Gardens Park.

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

Schedule of Events:

- FREE Pictures with the Easter Bunny – Sunday, March 24th 3-5pm
- Total Solar Eclipse – Monday, April 8th
- Plant Swap and Earth Day Event – Saturday, April 20th Time TBD

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

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, March 9th 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+++++

Dalworthington Gardens is in the path of totality for the total solar eclipse happening on April 8th, 2024 This means you'll be able to watch the moon slowly slide in front of the sun and eventually hide the sun altogether. For just over 3 minutes the view will be absolutely breathtaking

DWG Park Board

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