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Approval of guardrail located in the 3500 Block of Roosevelt for the newly installed pedestrian bridge

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:



Bring on spring, please! My topic for this month is serving others. First and most importantly, let me take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to serve you in our beautiful city. I never take this lightly and I don't want to be an "average" mayor. I want to be exceptional! One of the best ways to achieve this is through service. Through a little research I have learned about the characteristics of a servant leader. Servant leaders have several key traits and behaviors for effective leadership. They prioritize understanding others perspectives and needs while fostering a culture of trust and empowerment. They also leverage past experiences for strategic planning, promote collaboration, and continuously seek opportunities for personal and organizational growth. They also share several characteristics which include: empathy, listening skills, integrity, empowerment, foresight, collaborative spirit, awareness, and commitment to continuous learning. Most importantly, they SERVE!

Recently I had the opportunity to meet with one of our wonderful residents, Angela Johnson. She and her friend, Patrice, shared a fabulous opportunity for volunteering. JustServe does the work of researching organizations, finding service projects, coordinating schedules, and bringing local service projects to your fingertips. All you have to do is register to join a community of volunteers who are already changing the world. "We may not solve world hunger immediately, but we're convinced that by serving with each other in our local communities, we're paving the way for much broader changes. Our individual efforts don't need to be huge—a little bit of change here, a few hours there—but even small efforts quickly add up to make a real difference. As we work side-by-side and learn from each other, mutual understanding increases, misconceptions can be corrected, and new friendships are built. The best service opportunities are collaborative—working side by side with others in faith-based, nonprofit, community, and government organizations." Just serve is an online resource where the volunteer needs are posted, and where volunteers can search for opportunities to enhance the quality of life in their community. Volunteer service opportunities range from local recurring projects to disaster relief efforts to remote projects done from home. How can you serve? 1. Visit JustServe.org or the JustServe app. 2. Search for a project by location, or use the advanced filters to find a project that is interesting to you. 3. Volunteer for your chosen project. 4. Be blessed! Everything is free so join in the fun. Let us keep this in the forefront of our minds: Serving people brings us out of isolation and back into relationships with others, and a provides a sense of belonging in our communities. At our council meeting last month, we presented a proclamation making DWG a JustServe City. We will be the second city in the state of Texas to have this honor.

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

Welcome to the Business Community:

Meditance located at 2315 Roosevelt Drive, Suite D

Premier Torch Healthcare Services, LLC located at 2104 Roosevelt Drive, Suites G and H

South West Arlington Medical PA (Sonja Wandji, owner) at 2704 West Arkansas Lane

Coming Exclusively to DWG: I'm so excited about this! We work hard to promote our city and to bring unique opportunities to our community. Well guess what? PRESTON NGUYEN is coming our way on March 23rd. Mark your calendars because you do not want to miss this! Chef Nguyen has been making waves in the culinary world. He is the youngest World Food Champion and has won more than \$100,000 in global competitions. Featured on Gordon Ramsay's Next Level Chef, Preston continues to push the boundaries of flavor and creativity. He has worked in kitchens around the world and is bringing back those flavors to his hometown. Chef Preston had a pop up event in the fall at Green's Produce and it was such a success that we are trying to convince him to do this event several times a year. He has agreed to do another 7 course meal at Green's Produce on March 23. Tickets are \$120 per person, and it is a BYOB event. His last event sold out in record time. Please go to Preston's website at theculinarycode.com to purchase your tickets!

Congratulations: Our best wishes go our to Helen Bailey on her 96th birthday. Accompanied by Todd Batiste, she was escorted in his vintage car around the street of our community and even graced everyone at city hall with her presence. Way to go, sweet Helen! Here's to 96 more!

Remembering Those Close To Our Hearts: Our hearts mourn the loss of Pat Burdette, the former first lady of DWG. Billie Bob served as our esteemed mayor from 1982-1986. Patricia "Pat" Burdette, a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, and friend, passed away peacefully at home on February 1, 2025, at the age of 8 Pat grew up in Austin and graduated from Austin High School in 1956. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Texas Christian University in 1960, where she served as President of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. In 1983, she furthered her education by earning a Master of Education from Texas Wesleyan University. In college, Pat met her sweetheart, Billy Bob Burdette. They married and celebrated 64 wonderful years together on June 25, 2024. Together, they dedicated their lives to education, becoming teachers in the Arlington ISD in 1961 and retiring in 1998. Teaching was Pat's passion and mission. She created a classroom environment that gave space for students' unique personalities to thrive, encouraged individualism, and infused lessons with wit, humor, patience, and boundless encouragement. She was beloved by students, parents, and colleagues alike, forging lasting relationships and maintaining an incredible memory for her former students throughout the years. Pat is survived by her devoted husband, Billy Bob Burdette; their daughter, Rebecca Burdette Southard and her husband, Wayne; grandson Christopher Burdette Henz and his wife, Jordan, and their son, Royce; grandson Jonathan-Reid Henz and his wife, Hayli, and their sons, Owen and Adam; and granddaughter Camille Henz and her fiancé, Joshua King. She also leaves behind a host of loving nieces, nephews, and their families.

Please keep Officer Ryan Miller and his wife, Vicki Hess-Miller in your thoughts and prayers. Officer Miller lost his father, Ted D. Miller, on February 16th. He was a retired airline Captain for Texas Internation, as well as a flight instructor for a total of 50 years. Office Miller, along with his mother and two sisters, will certainly miss their husband and father. Officer Miller has faithfully served our community for the past 37 years. Our hearts mourn with theirs on this loss.

Words of Wisdom: From the immense wisdom of Mother Teresa comes the following quote: "If you can't do great things, do little things with great love. If you can't do them with great love, do them with a little love. If you can't do them with a little love, do them anyway. Love grows when people serve.

Laurie Bianco, Mayor

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Chief's Message:

Calling 9-1-1! We want to remind everyone when using your cell phone to call 9-1-1, your call is routed based on the cell tower your cell phone pings to. When using 9-1-1 on a cell phone the original call hits a very broad area and routes you to what it believes is the nearest call center. Once the call is answered by a 9-1-1 dispatcher it then hits what is called a phase 2 call where it reduces the location to the actual longitude and latitude of the phone. Thus being said, when calling from a cell



phone you are most likely going to be routed to Arlington 9-1-1, if/when this happens simply just say “transfer me to DWG” and they will transfer you no questions asked. Knowing that you are a DWG resident is key in a quick transfer response.

A guardrail is being placed on the outside of the new footbridge located on the south side of Roosevelt to prevent any accidents and help better protect pedestrians using the bridge. After this is completed, we will begin installation of a second footbridge on Roosevelt, located on the north side between Castelon and Sunset In. Work on the second footbridge is scheduled for the first part of April.

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.

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

CPSAAA News - Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association

Show Your Dalworthington Gardens Pride with a DWG T-Shirt!

Support your community and show off your Dalworthington Gardens spirit with a custom DWG t-shirt! These stylish and comfortable shirts are available for purchase—don't wait to grab yours.

All profits benefit the Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety and Fire Department.

Sizes Available: Small thru XXXL

Colors to Choose From: Grey, Light Pink, Dark Pink, Royal Blue, Black, and Lavender

Pricing:

- \$20 Small – XL
- \$22 XXL - XXXL

Free Local Delivery Included!

Order yours today by calling, texting, or emailing Tracy. Don't miss out on this opportunity to support a great cause while showing your DWG pride!

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

The weather was rather nice on the day of the Great Backyard Bird count for active birders. The groups identified 32 DIFFERENT species of birds. There were 91 American wigeons counted in our park. The next time you are at the park, take a moment and appreciate being surrounded by nature. The park 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, April 6th 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, April 6th 3-5pm
- Plant Swap and Earth Day Event – Saturday, April 26th 10am - Noon

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

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, March 8th 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@cityofdwg.net

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

Since 1916, the National Park Service has been entrusted with the care of our national parks. With the help of volunteers and partners, the National Park Service safeguards these special places and share their stories with more than 318 million visitors every year. The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The National Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

The generosity of citizens through their tax dollars and their donations helps to sustain America’s national parks

DWG Park Board

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DWG Social Club

Dear DWG Residents,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to reach out to you to express my regret in canceling the DWG Social Club due to low attendance. It has been a hard decision to make, but it’s difficult to plan events with minimum RSVP’s.

I am truly sorry for any inconvenience or disappointment this may cause. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. We will keep you informed of any updates or rescheduling if we decide to resume this group in the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 956-357-7248. All the best, Susan and Jeff Kutac • DWG Social Club

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