

### CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS

# **GARDEN'S GAZETTE**

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# October 2024 City Council News Items Approved

- Friendship City through Sister
   Cities International
- Approval of City Fee Schedule

# Water Conservation <u>Tips</u>

- 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:

Happy holidays to all of our DWG family!

I just love the holiday season! The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is "the most wonderful time of the year" for me. We all think of November as being the host month for Thanksgiving, but I must say that every day when I wake up, I start by giving thanks in all circumstances. There will always be challenges that we face on this side of the dirt, but I am trying to take those challenges and turn them into blossings. When I make a bad choice, I don't always look at it as a mistr



them into blessings. When I make a bad choice, I don't always look at it as a mistake, but rather a learning opportunity. Now, let's be real, if I keep making bad choices then it is a mistake and a terrible decision, but as long as we all learn from our life experiences, we grow and develop into wonderful human beings. I never look back with regret because I am who I am because of my life choices and experiences. Our lives are one decision away from changing the whole trajectory of our future. Who knows what lies ahead, and as Steven Sondheim cleverly wrote in the lyrics of his Broadway production of Into the Woods, "Opportunity is not a lengthy visitor." Take time to grab the brass ring, hold on tight, and see where that journey takes you. Life is too short! Tell and, most importantly, show folks how much you love them. No one is promised tomorrow so give thanks today for your blessings. I am so thankful to each and every one of you. Happy Thanksgiving and may God richly bless you and your families.

Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge: DWG has been the proud recipient of the Per Capita award for the Salvation Army's Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge for the past several years. It is because of your generosity that we have touched many lives of the folks in need in our community. Would you please consider donating to this cause? The actual bell ringing takes place on December 14th at Green's Produce, Campo Verde, and Ground and Gold. However, we have started collecting donations now. The on-line link is listed below. You can also join us in ringing the bell. Just let Jennifer Burkhart know by calling the city at 817 275 1234. Thank you so much for all that you do for others.

https://give.salvationarmytexas.org/fundraiser/5907086

**Great News:** It gives me great pleasure to share with you that one of the two bridges on Roosevelt will soon be installed.

Court of Kindness: A huge thank you goes to Mike Pair, one of our very own residents. Your friends, both great and small, want to extend our gratitude to you. Mike shared his welding skills with us and fixed the metal bar on the seesaw so that it is safe for our younger friends to use. His loving act of kindness saved the city lots of money. Mike, we sincerely appreciate you and Cindy and all that you do for our city. Also, the Court of Kindness we would like to extend our sincere thanks to the volunteers who worked at the Trunk or Treat event. It was a record-breaking crowd and without your help, this event could not have been as successful.

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 Mark McGuire

Of course, our park board worked tirelessly to put this event together and without their skillful planning, it would have never happened. Iashia Bergamini, the park board chair, did an outstanding job. Iashia and Regina McBride worked from dawn to dusk along with the following individuals: Alex and Mia Cardenas who are 5th graders in student council at ACA, Paityn and Carter Day who are our dynamic duo and the kids of our own Marcus Day, Tara Cao and her creative crew of Savannah and Leilan Li and Landon Masri. Allison Paige Nguyen proudly represented the iKids Dentistry business. From Martin High School we had Shasom Ehukhuemen. Jimmy McBride, Cody Morgan, Lyla Phelps, and to wrap up our list of all stars, we have Camerson and Phoebe McBride. If I have failed to recognize anyone, please let me know because it is very important to me to make sure we recognize those folks who make our city extraordinary.

**New Businesses:** We are so fortunate to have the following business join the DWG family: Expression Nail Studio (Crystal Ellison-owner) located at 2104 Roosevelt Drive and BTF Personal Training (Roy Ashford-owner) can be found at 2887 West Pioneer Parkway, Suite G. Please support these businesses by shopping local!

Speaking of our DWG Business family, Grounds and Gold has rolled out their new menu exclusively curated for them by our beloved Chef Moose. Their new hours will be extended until 8:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 9:00 p.m. Friday- Saturday. They are also in the process of getting their TABC license which will allow you to enjoy a glass of wine with your gourmet dinner.

Here are two unique opportunities for our residents and I highly encourage you to consider these: FIFA has just announced a contest to design the official Host City poster for FIFA World Cup 26 Dallas – residents see the link and rules below. Please note that the submission deadline is **November 11**, **2024**. The U.S. Department of State is looking for Americans (individuals and groups) to represent the USA at the 2025 World Expo in Osaka for either a short-term or two-month residency in Japan. **All travel**, **lodging**, **insurance**, **and per diem costs are COVERED** for talent in the fields of:

- Music Dance Visual Art (painting, photography, drawing, sculpture) Crafts
  - Literature (poetry, fiction, creative writing, screenwriting, spoken word, etc.)
  - Media Arts (film, video, radio, podcasting) Theatre Sports Culinary

Applications close **November 30**, **2024** and participants must be U.S. citizens at least 18 years of age. Program details here – <a href="https://meridian.org/news/meridian-international-center-announces-call-for-u-s-performers-artists-and-speakers-for-expo-2025-osaka/">https://meridian.org/news/meridian-international-center-announces-call-for-u-s-performers-artists-and-speakers-for-expo-2025-osaka/</a>. FAQ here - <a href="https://meridian.org/osaka-2025-frequently-asked-questions/">https://meridian.org/osaka-2025-frequently-asked-questions/</a>

**Thought of the Day:** If you make the same mistake twice, it is a decision.

Laurie Bianco, Mayor

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

#### WE ARE SO EXCITED! DAY WITH THE LAW IS DAYS AWAY!

This event is always our biggest event of the year and is a DWG DPS tradition! This will be our 32nd year of hosting this event and we can't wait! This event is fun for the whole family with things for both kids and adults to enjoy. We ask you to please join us **Saturday November 9, 2024, from 10a-2pm in Elkins Park**. If you have never been to Day with The Law, you are missing out.

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This event brings departments from across the metroplex to DWG for the day. Every department will bring their specialized equipment to show off to the public. This event includes police, fire and EMS services and any entities that are closely related to them. We will have food, bounce houses, balloon artists, face painting and of course a parade to end our event. This event is completely FREE.

Santa is coming to town! Please join us on December 23rd for our annual Santa Parade. Santa will arrive via helicopter between 4:00- 4:30 pm in Gardens Park so we can join him on his journey through the city. He will promptly leave Gardens Park at 5:00pm. He will be escorted through the city by our public safety officers and volunteers. This is our 34th year and we are excited to continue the tradition! If you have a special request for a stop, please contact Jennifer Smith at 682-330-7416 or by email at jsmith@cityofdwg.net and we will do our best to accommodate any extra stops we can. You may view our route map when we get closer to the event.

Facebook, if you haven't been following us on Facebook please do! We post all our events on our Facebook page and that is also where you will find our most up to date information.

Sincerely and Respectfully, Chief Greg Petty

#### **Historical Committee**

The Historical Committee extends a warm welcome to DWG's newest residents, the Thomas family.

We enjoyed visiting with many residents at our table last month during National Night Out. If you are interested in DWG's history, we encourage you to attend our upcoming meeting on Wednesday, November 13 at 6:30 pm in the council chambers at City Hall.

#### **CPSAAA News - Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association**

#### Hands Only CPR / Stop the Bleed Class

Dalworthington Gardens Department of Public Safety and Dalworthington Gardens Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association are proud to sponsor an AHA Hands Only CPR/Stop the Bleed class on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30pm. This is a free community event. The event will be held in the DWG City Council Meeting Room in the Dalworthington Gardens City Hall at 2600 Roosevelt Dr.. Due to limited seating in the venue, reserved seating is required, adults and older children only please. **RSVP to dwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com** to reserve your seat. (There are still plenty of seats open to join this class, please RSVP as soon as possible.)

What is Hands-Only CPR? Hands-Only CPR is CPR without mouth-to-mouth breaths. It is recommended for use by people who see a teen or adult suddenly collapse in an "out-of-hospital" setting (such as at home, at work, or in a park). The Stop the Bleed course teaches individuals how to provide vital initial actions to stop uncontrolled bleeding in emergency situations.





Dalworthington Gardens DPS Day with the Law event is coming up on Saturday, November 9th, bring your family and friends, we look forward to seeing you there.



Happy Thanksgiving from our CPSAAA Families to Yours!

For more information on any of the above, please email us at <a href="mailto:dwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com">dwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com</a> or give me a call at 817-726-3448.

Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President DWGCPSAAA.org

#### **Park Board Bulletin**

Trunk-or-Treat was the largest event the Park Board hosted this year. Thank you to all who donated candy and volunteered for the event. It was a huge undertaking, and the attendees enjoyed their time at the park. Also, please continue to provide feedback for the potential installation of a public restroom in the park. If you haven't filled out the survey yet, please follow the link and voice your opinion: <a href="https://bit.ly/3L5OTmk">https://bit.ly/3L5OTmk</a>

#### Schedule of Events:

- Movie Night in the Park (Frozen) Saturday, November 9th 6pm
- Pictures with Santa Saturday, December 7th 3pm 5pm
- Bi-Monthly park workday Saturday, January 11th 9am Noon.

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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@cityofdwg.net

The leaves are starting to fall from the trees in our yards and around the neighborhood. Instead of raking and bagging them all up, consider making a brush pile for the birds. According to the Audubon, brush piles are a simple and effective way to provide familiar comfort for cardinals, catbirds, flickers, and other feathered friends that thrive in the shrubby transition zones between forests and meadows. To learn how to make your own brush pile please visit the link below to find out more.

https://bit.ly/3YIK7m7

DWG Park Board parkboard@cityofdwg.net

#### **DWG Social Club**

Happy Holidays DWG Neighbors! We can't believe the holidays are upon us!

By popular demand, many of our neighbors wanted to join the fun, make new friends, and have some much needed adult time. We're excited to now include ALL DWG Adult neighbors and friends!

OUR NEW NAME FOR THE GROUP IS: "DWG Social Club"

Please come start the holidays off with good cheer and meet & mingle with your neighbors of this great DWG community we live in!

#### 1st Annual DWG Social Club Christmas Party!

When: Friday, December 6, 2024 Who: Jeff and Susan Kutac Where: 2804 Burlwood Drive

Time: 7:00-10:00 pm

Wear your Favorite "Ugly Christmas Sweater"



#### Please Bring:

A Snack/Appetizer to share

Your Favorite Beverage of choice \*mixers will be provided.

We will have ideas of 2025 activities posted for everyone to see! Here's just a few of them:

Couple Events, Ladies Bunco, Men's Poker/Cigar Night, Game Watching Parties, Ladies Luncheons, Men's Lunch, Dinner/Movie Night, Happy Hours and so much more...

Don't forget to wear that sweater and book babysitters early! \*Prize for worst sweater!

We hope to see you there! \*RSVP to Susan at 956-357-7248 by Weds Dec 4th





