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City Council News
Items Approved

- Electronic door locks
 - Sidewalk
- Settlement with Heath Consultants
- Annual water tank cleaning
- Budget and tax rate approval
- Various engineering projects

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:

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Hello my precious neighbors,

What is a companion? Well, some companions walk on two legs, some on four legs, some have wings, but a true companion occupies a special room in our hearts that we only share with those most loving and loyal to us. This was my companion, my boo, Zeus. He was the most beautiful German Shepherd, a gentle giant. Zeus occupied that special place in my heart. Now there is an abyss, but that is the price you pay when you choose to love another unconditionally. He was my ride or die buddy, the city mascot who came to city hall every day to get his loving, and the one I could share my deepest secrets with knowing he would never betray my trust or repeat anything I shared with him. We loved each other fiercely and there are no regrets. Rest in peace, Zeus. You will be with me eternally in my heart and with me when I die.

Just this side of heaven is a place called the Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to the Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water, and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind. They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster. You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress their beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together...



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Ed Motley, Mayor Pro Tem - (972) 757-4502

Councilmembers:

Alderman John King • Alderman Steve Lafferty • Alderman Cathy Stein • Alderman Mark McGuire

Computer Care Arlington: On a lighter note, we would like to recognize Computer Care Arlington at 2305 Roosevelt Drive. I was contacted by one of our citizens who was extremely impressed with their customer care. As always, we want to support our local businesses. Thank you, Computer Care Arlington, for providing exceptional care for our citizens!

Court of Kindness: We have one grand offender this month. Resident Wendell Brown found a dog that belonged to someone in a different neighborhood and successfully reunited them with their family. Thank you, Wendell, for loving our four-legged friends!

Dog Registration with City: Just a reminder, the City offers free registration for animals at our dispatch window. This helps us reunite animals and owners as quickly as possible. When we encounter animals, we always check for a chip first. So, if your animal is not chipped, please go out and get your animal chipped! Our famous vet, Dr. Turner, at Farrell Animal Hospital offers this service.

Concert in the Park: Not only is Dr. Turner an exceptional vet, he is the lead singer in a band, The Uptown Drifters, and they gave a wonderful performance at our Concert in the Park on Saturday, September 23.

Leash Law: Just a friendly reminder to our residents, all animals must be leashed in a public place. All creatures great and small are our responsibility to protect. Thanks for complying with this requirement.

Arlington 40 Under 40: Our very own Jimmy Kinley, with Grounds and Gold, was recognized once again for his exceptional achievements. This time it was the Arlington Today's 40 Under 40. Congrats, Jimmy, we are so proud of you!

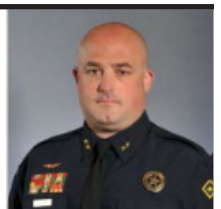
Bud Ashlock: One of our sweet residents, Bud Ashlock, recently passed away. Bud was the director of engineering when he retired from Vought Aircraft. He was an aeronautical engineer and helped design the B2 stealth bomber. Bud was also a father, and a highly active and involved member of our community who cared about his neighbors. Rest easy, Bud. We will miss you!

Quote of the Day: Misery might love company, but so does joy, and it throws much better parties.

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Chief's Message:

We want to thank everyone who came out for National Night Out! We had such a great turn out and the weather was perfect! We enjoyed meeting new residents and reconnecting with our long-time residents! We would like to thank Greens Produce for providing the pumpkins for the pumpkin painting station, and Christina Van Dorf and family for providing chips, cookies, and water. CPSAAA, Park Board, and Historical Committee all had wonderful information on their upcoming events.



With Halloween right around the corner and lots of parents starting to make plans for this year we want to make sure everyone is celebrating safely. If you are choosing to trick or treat this year, please consider the following tips:

- Always ensure you children are accompanied by an adult and stay in small groups
- Remind children to look both ways prior to crossing the street, and be cautious of roadways and traffic
- Stay on sidewalks when possible
- Only visit well-lit houses and avoid locations that are dark
- Take a flashlight and glow sticks for visibility
- Examine all treats before eating

Santa is coming to town! Please join us on December 23rd for our annual Santa Parade. Santa will arrive at around 4:30 pm in Gardens Park so we can join him on his journey through the city. He will be escorted through the city by our public safety officers and fire department. This is our 35th 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. Santa's route will be posted soon. Please make sure to follow our Facebook page for the most up to date information!

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.

Social Media, we love seeing our residents on our Facebook pages, and Nextdoor app. Please remember that social media is not a way to file a police report. If you observe suspicious activity or need to report a crime, please call dispatch at 817-275-1234 ext. 1 for non-emergencies, and 911 in an emergency.

Sincerely and Respectfully,
Chief Greg Petty

Historical Committee

The Historical Committee extends a warm welcome to DWG's newest residents; the Blaser family, the Rattanaweraong family and the Walker family. I hope everyone is Happy to Be in DWG!

October's big historical event is the annular solar eclipse on Saturday, October 14. Check out the Park Board report for more details on the event being held in DWG.

Do you know someone who is a passionate and regular volunteer? Their volunteering does not have to be within DWG to qualify them for DWG Volunteer of the Year, they just need to be a resident of DWG. We want to hear about someone you know who volunteers their time for the good of the environment, support of individuals or groups of people or other worthy causes in and around DWG. Nomination forms for this year's DWG Volunteer of the Year can be printed for you by staff at the water window at the new City Hall or downloaded at https://www.cityofdwg.net/documents/243/VOY_form.pdf. Please nominate someone and return your completed form no later than Friday, October 27 to staff at the water window.

Join the Historical Committee in City Hall for our next meeting (Thursday, Nov. 2 at 6:30 pm). All are welcome.

CPSAAA News

It was great to see everyone who came out to the Dalworthington Gardens National Night Out event. Thanks so much to our great DWG Department of Public Safety and Jennifer Smith for organizing this wonderful event. Thank you also to our CPSAAA members who volunteered, you are very much appreciated.

For more information on any of the above, please email us at dwgcpsaaa@yahoo.com or give me a call at 817-726-3448.

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Park Board Bulletin

We need candy donations for our upcoming Trunk-or-Treat!! If it's in your heart, please bring candy donations to City Hall during normal business hours and feed our little monster donation box.

Come out to the park for the annular solar eclipse on October 14th. Check the City's website and social media outlets for details. Eclipse glasses will be provided to participants while supplies last. Irie Smokehouse will provide some mouth-watering BBQ for purchase during the event.

Respect Our Park: As always, we love all the activities in the park and enjoy seeing citizens outdoors getting some fresh air. Let's keep the air fresh and continue picking up our trash/food waste. We all know that sharing is caring, but the exception to the rule is trash.

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

Schedule of Fall Events:

- Annular solar eclipse on Saturday, October 14th. The Fort Worth Astronomical Society will give a presentation at 9am. The eclipse will begin at 10:23am and end at 1:29pm, with the maximum coverage of the sun occurring at 11:52am.
- Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 21st from 5:30pm-7:30pm
- Movie night (Encanto) in the park Saturday, November 4th 7:00pm

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

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, November 11th from 9am – Noon. 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 +++++

If you don't have eclipse glasses or equipment to view the annular eclipse, then you can make your own pinhole camera with only a few supplies. Check out the link below to learn how: <https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/edu/learn/project/how-to-make-a-pinhole-camera/>

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