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September 2024 City Council News Items Approved

- **Comprehensive Plan**
- **Revisions to Article 14.02, Division 7 of the Code of Ordinances, "Overlay District Regulations"**
- **Budget and tax rate approval**

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:

Dear DWG friends and family.

There is so much to be thankful for starting with a bit of cooler weather. Personally, I am very grateful for having had the opportunity to visit Rothenburg ob der Tauber in Germany. Lord Mayor Markus Naser was so touched and appreciative for the beautiful proclamation that we presented to him on September 6th for their 750th anniversary. I also had the honor of meeting the Minister/President of Bavaria, Markus Boder. Rothenburg is a friendship city to Arlington and the sponsor of the Kris Kindle Market in downtown Arlington that will open the day after Thanksgiving. Sheri Capehart, a member of the International Council of Sister Cities, gave a presentation to our council during the work session on September 19th. I would love for us to explore the possibility of having a friendship city! If we choose to further explore this opportunity, I will include more information in a future newsletter.



As time is drawing closer to the end of the year, please consider volunteering to ring the bell for the Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge which will take place on December 14th. I would personally appreciate your consideration in supporting this great organization that helps so many folks in our community. This year I am privileged to be a co-chairman for the Inspiring Hope Luncheon on October 16th at ATT stadium. Serving others and giving back to our community are two of my greatest blessings.

New Council Member: It doesn't get much better than this gentleman. Paul Sweitzer has lived in DWG since 1988 and has been a very active member of the community in so many ways. Paul most recently served on the Planning and Zoning Board and was a graduate of the first class of the Citizens Public Safety Academy. Paul has a BA in political science and an MA in Public Administration. He retired from the city of Fort Worth with 28 years of service. His experience includes work in the police department, transportation, and public works. Paul was the traffic safety coordinator, wrote grants, and was a budget analyst for various departments which included police and fire. Wrapping up his career, he was the senior assistant to the city manager. He was appointed to the Tarrant County 911 District Board of Directors. This fine gentleman was also a board member of Stage West Theater Board of Directors. We are so fortunate to have him with such a vast amount of experience in government and he will be a huge asset to our city council.

New Businesses: We joyfully welcome the following new businesses to our community:
KRB APPAREL (Owner Kelly R. Burke)
2104 Roosevelt Drive Suite Q

Leo's Screen Printing LLC
2133 Corzine Drive. Let's keep it local.

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

Opportunity for teen girls: In a world obsessed with fitting in, it's easy to get caught up in trends, but God cares more about your HEART! This February, this great organization will focus on what really matters. Join them as they unpack God's truth and let's LIVE LOVED—

embrace who we are in Christ and let it shape all we do! THERE{4} Gathering is a 2-day conference designed to create an honest, fun, and authentic space for teen girls to gather and see that they are not alone navigating through life's challenges. If you are interested, ticket go on sale October 1 and can be purchased on their website. www.there4gathering.com

Finally, I want to personally thank Chief Petty and our DPS for the extraordinary National Night Out. I am trying so hard to resist those sweets and carbs. If you want to talk about torment, just stand near the cooking station and smell those delightful hamburgers and hotdogs being grilled. For those that don't know, grilling is Chief Petty's specialty. The Van Dorfs always add such a great touch with their contributions. A special thanks to the volunteers who worked in the various areas from face painting to food prep and everything in between. A huge shout to Jennifer Burkhart who is always behind the scenes running and organizing every event. She never takes the front stage to accept credit but trust me when I say she is the best!!!

Thought for the Day:

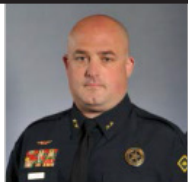
"Success is not a destination but a continuous journey of improvement."

Laurie Bianco, Mayor

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Chief's Message:

We would like to thank everyone for their continuous donations to our fire fund on the water bill. Your continued support has enabled us to outfit our primary response engine with all new fire hoses and valves. This amazing overhaul keeps us up to date with the new industry standards. We have purchased double jacket attack lines engineered for higher flows, superior heat and abrasion resistance, and increased durability. This hose enables firefighters to advance the hose quicker due to the low-pressure high-volume nozzles. The new valves will allow us to increase the pressure we can pull from a fire hydrant allowing us to pull more water per minute with low friction loss.



If you are new to the Gardens' we want to make sure that you are aware of the house watch program. This is a voluntary program that is offered as a free service to DWG residents. Anytime (year-round) that you plan on going on vacation contact dispatch and fill out a form and we will have officers check your residents twice a day. We offer this program as a proactive way to assist residents in keeping their property safe with no added worries while gone. For more information on this program please contact dispatch.

EVENTS!!!!

We would like to thank the Twin Springs/Twin Lakes neighborhood for having us out for a neighborhood meet and greet. This is the third neighborhood in which we have visited for our outreach program over the past several months. If you are interested in setting your neighborhoods meeting time and date, please call 682-330-7416 or email jsmith@cityofdwwg.net.

DAY WITH THE LAW!!!! This event is always our biggest event of the year. This event is fun for the whole family with things for both kids and adults to enjoy. Our OFFICIAL date is November 9, 2024, from 10a-2pm in Elkins Park. If you have never been to Day With The Law, you are missing out. This event brings departments from across the whole 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, and a parade to end our event.

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@cityofdwwg.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 Rose family and the Clark family. I hope everyone is Happy to Be 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 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, November 8 to staff at the water window.

Join the Historical Committee in City Hall for our next meeting (Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 6:30 pm). We have some donated files that we need to sort through, catalog and store. All are welcome.

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. 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.



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

Trunk-or-Treat is the largest event the Park Board hosts every year. The event would not be as popular as it is without all the support from volunteers and donations from citizens. If it’s in your heart, please bring candy donations to City Hall during normal business hours. If you want to be a trunk at our event, then contact the park board so we can save a spot just for you.

We also appreciate all the feedback we have received so far related to 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: <https://bit.ly/3L5OTmk>

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

Schedule of Events:

- Trunk-or-Treat - Saturday, October 19th 5:30pm – 7:30pm
- Bi-Monthly park workday – Saturday, November 2nd 9am – Noon. Meet at the marquee.
- Movie Night in the Park (Frozen) – Saturday, November 9th 6pm
- Pictures with Santa – Saturday, December 7th 3pm – 5pm

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

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, November 2nd 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 +++++

Here are a few great reasons to grow Texas wildflowers:

- Wildflowers provide important spring nectar for pollinators such as native bees, butterflies and hummingbirds during the spring migration.
- Your yard will be filled with butterflies!
- A wildflower bed is the perfect replacement for water-guzzling turf grass. Consider removing a portion of your grass and replacing it with a wildflower bed. It requires less mowing!
- Wildflowers require minimal supplemental water once established.
- Common wildflowers make beautiful cut flower bouquets that you can enjoy all summer and spring!

Do you want wildflowers in your yard this year? Now is the time to plant them. Here are few resources to help: <https://txsmartscape.com/>; <https://neilsperry.com/>; <https://www.wildflower.org/>; <https://xerces.org/monarchs/monarch-nectar-plant-guides>

DWG Park Board
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Hello Empty Nesters!

We met for the 1st Football game of the season this month. Our message didn't get out in time on the newsletter so we had a small group but was so fun!

We're changing our meeting times to the 3rd or 4th Friday or Saturday's as we will have some activities outside our home!

Our first idea was "Axe Throwing" however you must have a head count ahead of time to make the reservation. We will work on the calendar for November and December to find other events that can work for the group.

For October, please join us on Monday nights for Monday night at 7:30 if you're a fan! Come and go as you can! 2804 Burlwood Drive.

As a reminder, this is for anyone, singles, couples or if your spouse is not interested, bring a friend! Just no kiddos.

If you haven't made it to our meetings yet, please send Susan Kutac a text 956-357-7248 with your name and info and she will contact you for more information about our new DWG Empty Nesters community! We're just getting started!

Come join the fun and meet new friends within our DWG community, we'd love to meet you! Jeff and Susan Kutac. See you at the game!



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