



# CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS GARDEN'S GAZETTE

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**DWG 1936-2024 "and Growing"**

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## August 2024 City Council News Items Approved

- **Bank Depository Services**

## 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 Family.

I cannot believe it is already September! By the time you get this, I will be in Rothenburg, Germany. I had lunch with their Lord Mayor in May when I went there for my 60th birthday. We struck up a friendship. He invited me to join the celebration for their "750th anniversary of being elevated to the unique rank of 'REICHSTADT' (which means free city in English) Imperial City of the Holy Roman Empire of German Nations and the 50th anniversary of the Imperial City Festival celebrating Rothenburg's elevation in 1274 A.D." Lord Mayor Markus Naser and I spoke on the phone and he convinced me to attend and present a proclamation from our city at the celebration. Evidently, it is a pretty impressive event and will also be attended by the German Prime Minister, also called their Federal Chancellor. I am both humbled and honored. Rothenburg is the city that Arlington partners with for the Texas Christkindl Market each year. Of course, Italy will always be my second home, but Rothenburg is my favorite European city. If you want to get a little taste of the celebration, here is a link from their prior celebrations <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BWxximQM-dM>.

Leave things better than you found them! That is my topic for this month. I have been blessed with the best landlords (and neighbors) ever, Scott and Janet Gray. They completely remodeled the house that used to belong to their aunt and uncle. When I moved in, they had demolished the old and ushered in the new, from top to bottom. After a few months of living here, Emily decided she wanted a dog, so we adopted Opal for a whopping grand total of \$4 from the animal shelter. Well, she may have been purchased for \$4, but several hundred dollars later, she has become the most expensive dog we have ever owned. She's a puppy so the teething process is as true for dogs as it is for babies. The brand-new cabinet corners were her favorite. She also deeply enjoyed scratching the doors and literally leaving her mark etched in the woodwork. I just wanted to cry because if I borrow or use something that belongs to someone else, I want to return it in better shape than I received it. Then entered Chuck, "Chuck with a Truck," to be exact. He is one of DWG's finest and is my new hero. Thanks to Chuck, I am able to return my abode to its original condition. Chuck Commagere is a fantastic jack of all trades. He was my salvation in my moment of despair. I would highly recommend his services to anyone who needs that extra helping hand around your house. I am always amazed at his ability to remedy every household issue I have had so far. Give Chuck a call if you need that extra helping hand.

Mark McGuire, our finance guru on city council, has made the unfortunate decision to resign from his position. This breaks my heart because we have such a fantastic group of ladies and gentlemen who serve our city well. Mark first served on city council in 2016-2019. He was then asked to serve again when Joe Kohn moved out of the city. Mark has been a faithful, loyal, and dedicated member of our council. Under his terms of service, we have managed to go from red to black in many of the various departments in our budget. He has worked closely with staff and has always been readily available to give sound advice and suggestions. Mark is a brilliant guy with so many talents. His work life and family life need his talents now, so it is with great sadness that we humbly thank him for his service to the city.

PTA at Key Elementary is calling all parents to participate. If you have a child that attends Key Elementary, please consider signing up for this great organization. We love our friends at Key! Blessed with a fantastic staff, this school works diligently to involve parents in their children's education. Let's



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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**

join together to support our friends,

Kudos to DWG's finest businesses and business owners! Arlington Today magazine featured the 2024 All Star edition, featuring businesses that were top rated by consumers in our area. I am thrilled beyond words to share these individuals and business with you! Here goes: Coffee Shop-Grounds and Gold (Our own coffee shop and the owners, The Kinleys ,are DWG residents), Italian Cuisine—Amore Mio Trattoria (Christian Rodriguez), Sports Bar-No Frills Grill (Gregg Wilkinson), Garden Center—Green's Produce, Farmer's Market—Green's Produce, Neurosurgeons—Dr. Clay Elswick and Dr. Sabatino Bianco, Pediatric Dentist—iKids on Bowen, Vein Doctor—Atlas Vein Clinic (Dr. Eric Eidson), Auto Dealer—McAndrews Motors, Divorce Attorney—Donna Smiedt, Health Food Store—Ann's Natural Grocer (Christian Rodriguez), Pet Boarding—Royal Pet Resort, Real Estate Professional—Brandee Kelly, Veterinarian—Farrell Animal Hospital. You guys make us proud, and we celebrate each of you. Congratulations!!!

We would like to welcome Cashunda Gilbert at Yummi Yoni to our DWG business community. They are located at 2102 Roosevelt Drive, Suite J. Along with this new business, we also welcome MGS Autocare to the DWG business community. They are located at 2157 Corzine Drive. Look for the grand opening of Pan Pan Bakery on Roosevelt. I visited with the owners and they are really going to bless our citizens with the finest of breads and baked goods. You can run in and grab a coffee and a sweet treat now while they are having their soft opening.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events in our city: CPSAAA is giving a free Stop the Bleed class on December 3rd. Please see their section of the newsletter for more information. Concert in the Park will be September 21 at 7:00. Grab your lawn chair and join us for some great entertainment.

Empty Nesters Club: Our 1st social event will be at our home 2804 Burlwood Drive on Thursday, Sept. 5th, to watch the kickoff of 2024 NFL Football 🏈 against the Chiefs and Ravens! Kick off at 7:20 PM. Bring a chair just in case we may need it. Come early and grab that comfy seat first! You can bring a football snack if you'd like and your favorite cold football BYOB of choice! If you didn't get to make our 1st meeting, 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! 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!

As always, it saddens my heart to share news about the passing of one of our citizens. Please join me in covering the Schadt family in prayer with the passing of Polly. Here are just a few details of her marvelous life. Pauline Anne Klobucar Schadt, aka Polly, was born May 28, 1931, in Chicago, IL and passed into eternal life August 20, 2024, at the age of 93. Polly met Graham Schadt on October 16, 1949, while saying hello to a friend from the second-floor girls' bathroom window of her dorm. In December 1952 he proposed to her. They were married April 18, 1953, at St. George's Catholic Church in Chicago. Polly had an artistic eye, reflected in her stylish clothes and in the design flair she displayed in decorating her home. She wrote poetry — mainly Haiku, loved to write children's stories for her grandchildren, and painted in watercolor and oils. Polly assisted Graham with his real estate development business. Polly and Graham enjoyed seventy-one years of marriage, a testament of their love and commitment and to their family. Polly is survived by her husband Graham, Karen & Al Maxwell, Jeffrey & Kathy Schadt, Gregory & Susan Schadt, Mary & Bruce Bevars, Lyle & Heather Schadt, eleven grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

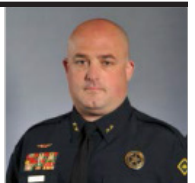
Thought for the Day: "The person who desires to leave things better than he found them, who does more than his share, who is not attached to rewards, who is always seeking to benefit others, who knows he is cared for and rewarded by the universe for his every effort, is able to act selflessly, without expectation of a reward or a return, without thought of advantage, and of him it is said, "He is better than the best," and, of course, he is greatly rewarded." Wu Wei, I Ching Wisdom: More Guidance from the Book of Answers, Volume Two

Thought for the Day: Growth is deleting the entire paragraph and texting back "OK."

Laurie Bianco, Mayor  
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#### Chief's Message:

Tis the season! Our House Watch Program is in full swing right now and we are happy to report that we have a significant number of residents utilizing the service. We thank each of you for trusting us and helping us be proactive in keeping criminals away during the peak seasons for criminals.



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!!!!

Come join us for National Night Out 2024! We will hold our annual National Night Out at Elkins Park Tuesday **October 1st, 2024** from 6p-8pm. Join us for food and fun! This event is completely free of charge and is a great way to meet members of your community! Police, Fire, and City staff will all be on site answering questions and participating in events.

**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@cityofdwg.net](mailto: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

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### Historical Committee

Join us for the Historical Committee's next regularly scheduled meeting, Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 pm in the City Hall council chambers following the PRFDC meeting. If you can't make the meeting, stop by and visit with us at our table during National Night Out in Gardens Park from 6-8 pm on Tuesday, October 1.

The DWG Historical Committee hopes you will join us in giving a warm welcome to our newest residents, the Deloera Family and the Keggen Family.

If your fall garden has a bumper crop of produce like some of the early homesteaders produced, Four Seasons Markets is offering a special deal to set up at the Dalworthington Gardens Farmers Market for citizens of DWG to sell their surplus. Contact Abby using the contact tab on their website, <https://www.fourseasonsmarkets.com>.

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### 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](mailto: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.



#### **Bottled Water Donations**

The Citizens Public Safety Academy Alumni Association (CPSAAA) is collecting cases of water for our DWG DPS and Fire Departments. During this hot weather, having cold drinks to count on is imperative to keep our DPS/Fire friends hydrated. Bottled water donations can be dropped off at the Police Station at 2600 Roosevelt Dr., next door to the City Hall building.

CPSAAA and DWG DPS/Fire want to thank all who have donated water for your generosity and thoughtfulness! It is very much appreciated.

**CPSAAA is selling T-Shirts as a fundraiser.**

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.



We look forward to seeing everyone at DWG's National Night Out on Tuesday, October 1st at 6pm. Please come by our booth and enjoy playing a variety of fun yard games.

**For more information on any of the above, please email us at [dwcpsaaa@yahoo.com](mailto:dwcpsaaa@yahoo.com) or give me a call at 817-726-3448. Tracy Dodson, CPSAAA President DWGCPSAAA.org**

**Park Board Bulletin**

Summer is ending, but the temperature is just starting to rise for the park board. We are gearing up to kick off our season of Fall activities. First up, is our annual concert in the park on Saturday, September 21st with a local favorite, The Dischords. Come out and join us. Check FB for event details.

It is also that time of the year for candy collection for our upcoming Trunk-or-Treat. If it's in your heart, please bring candy donations to City Hall during normal business hours. If you want to not only donate candy, but also want to be a trunk at our event then contact the park board so we can save a spot just for you.

**Schedule of Events:**

- Bi-Monthly park workday – Saturday, Sept 14th 9am – Noon. Meet at the marquee.
- Concert in the Park (The Dischords) – Saturday, Sept 21st 7pm- 9pm. BYOB
- Trunk-or-Treat - Saturday, October 19th 5:30 – 7:30pm
- Movie Night in the Park (Frozen) – Saturday, November 9th 6pm

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

The next bi-monthly park workday is scheduled for Saturday, Sept 14th 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](mailto:parkboard@cityofdmg.net)

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

The Gregg's blue mistflower has been named a Texas Superstar plant for its low maintenance, long bloom period and penchant for attracting pollinators, especially butterflies. Gregg's blue mistflower can be planted from containers at any time except for the dead of winter in northern parts of the state. They bloom from late spring to late fall and peak in late summer and fall.

To be designated a Texas Superstar, a plant must perform well for growers throughout the state. Texas Superstars must also be easy to propagate, ensuring the plants are widely available and reasonably priced.

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