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Lots of changes are taking place around Garland City Hall for the City Center project. Downtown Garland's City Center project has temporarily brought a new feature to the City's skyline. A tower crane now hovers over City Hall as part of the construction of the new parking garage. The crane is approximately 100 feet tall and spans across the construction area. It will be in place for approximately four to six months.

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Garland:

Excellence Made Here!

Vital neighborhoods are critical to Garland's overall success. The City of Garland is a leader in creating innovative programs and partnerships to support the health and growth of our neighborhoods. The GREAT Homes program, the Residential Idea Book, and the Garland Neighborhood Management Academy are just a few of the tools Garland uses to promote neighborhood investment, provide technical assistance to neighborhoods, and engage the community in achieving goals to benefit the city as a whole.

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Crane towers over Downtown Garland.

Message

from the Mayor

Below are a few lines from a letter I recently wrote to a future mayor, which will be included in a time capsule, part of an Eagle Scout project by Jenor Rasmussen with Troop 57, sponsored by the First United Methodist Church.

"Honorable Mayor of Garland, 2113: If I consider how far our country and city have come in the last 100 years, it is impossible for me to guess the world and city you view each day.

"My emphasis as mayor has been planning for success, tackling challenges that have slowed local growth and led to an extended period of property declines. I have attempted to move our community from a "bedroom suburb" to one more modern and more valuable, one able to grow within its own skin because we are limited to 57 square miles and we have filled most of it.

"I hope that my time as mayor does play some role you can recognize that bettered our community and led to new growth and prosperity, and that like today has pride in itself, in its independence, in its services, and its opportunities. I leave this letter, together with greetings and well wishes from our city council and our community, to you and our shared community in 2113. Sincerely, Mayor Douglas Athas"

My letter to our future mayor was three pages. When I agreed to prepare the time capsule and letter, I did not know the emotional challenge I had accepted. We don't know what Garland will be like in 100 years. I have had three visions for Garland: where will we be next year, in five years, and in twenty years? Now I guess I have four: where will we be in 100 years? The question has profound implications for us, our children and grandchildren, and generations to come that really aren't that dissimilar to the generations of families that were here 100 years ago.

We have a profound responsibility: what will we leave for future generations and how will they judge our efforts? Personally, I have a lot of confidence that we will be remembered well. But we do have a lot of work ahead.



Mayor Douglas Athas
972-205-2400

Mayor@GarlandTx.gov

Mayor's Evening In

7 to 9 p.m. March 25
Mayor's Office
City Hall 200 N. 5th St.

Mayor's Evening Out

5 to 7 p.m. April 24
Walnut Creek Library
3319 Edgewood Dr.

To reserve a time,
call 972-205-2400
or email
Mayor@GarlandTx.gov

CGTV Listings

City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. March 4 and 18, April 1 and 15
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Wednesday – 9 a.m., Friday – 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday – 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

City Council Work Sessions

- Live broadcast – 6 p.m. March 3, 17 and 31, April 14
- Rebroadcast following the meeting
- Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.
- Wednesday and Thursday – 7 p.m.

Plan Commission

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. March 10 and 24, April 28
- Rebroadcast following the meeting
- Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.

Meeting dates and times subject to change.

GDC Work Sessions

(City Council and Planning Commission)

- Live broadcast – 5:30 p.m. March 6, 20 and 27 and April 3
- Rebroadcast following the City Council and Plan Commission Rebroadcasts

Garland Spotlight

- Daily – 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Crimewatch

- Daily – 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Garland in Focus

- Daily – 8 a.m.
- Tuesday to Sunday – 6 p.m.

Arts in Action

- Daily – 8:30 a.m.
- Tuesday-Sunday – 6:30 p.m.

Firewatch

- Daily – 3:30 p.m.

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City Council Meetings

Garland City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 200 N. Fifth St. Meetings are broadcast online through live streaming and on-demand, and air on CGTV with several rebroadcasts during the week of the meeting. Visit GarlandTx.gov or watch CGTV Channel 16 (Time Warner Cable), Channel 44 (Verizon FIOS) or Channel 99 (AT&T U-Verse).

Downtown Redevelopment

Changes at City Hall

Downtown visitors may notice some movement of the crane, even if it is not in use. Tower cranes are designed to move with the wind, and such movement is not cause for concern. However, individuals may call 254-760-6348 if they are concerned.

Official Meeting Agendas

Meeting agendas for the City Council and City boards and commissions are posted at least 72 hours prior to each meeting. Many people are accustomed to checking the paper agenda postings on the bulletin board outside the north entrance to City Hall; however, this board will be removed due to construction. A temporary bulletin board is now set up inside the lobby of City Hall to allow residents to view the paper agenda postings. Agendas also are posted to the City's website at GarlandTx.gov.

City Hall Access

Construction around City Hall will prompt a few changes in how people access the building itself.

Construction zone boundaries around City Hall have expanded. The Fifth Street sidewalk (east side) is closed from Austin Street to the north side of City Hall, as well as a portion of Austin Street between City Hall and the Granville Arts Center.

All visitors must enter City Hall through the west entrance (facing Fifth Street). An access ramp to the west entrance is now open to facilitate special needs and delivery access. The north and east doors to City Hall are now restricted as emergency exits only.



Pace & Lyles Houses

Update

The Garland City Council continues to make progress regarding the future of the Pace and Lyles houses. Council has directed City staff to create a Request for Proposals (RFP) to pave the way for moving the Pace house into private ownership.

Council also heard a suggestion to allow a nonprofit organization to manage and maintain the Lyles house. City attorneys are reviewing the legal aspects of that option. The City Council expects to hear updates regarding both houses during upcoming meetings. Such updates will be posted in City Council agendas, which are available at GarlandTx.gov.

For more information about Garland's downtown redevelopment activities, visit GarlandTx.gov and click on the "Downtown Redevelopment" button.



Bookmark Design Contest

for Kids

Children in kindergarten through eighth grade may display their creative talents by participating in "Make a Splash: Read," a bookmark design contest. Beginning April 1, children may pick up the bookmark templates and rules for the contest at any Garland Library's Children's Desk. Bookmark designs must be submitted by April 30 to be included in the contest and should feature sea creatures, aquatic vehicles, or any water theme. Winners will be announced on May 13. Copies of each first place bookmark will be available at all Garland library locations beginning June 7.

Bookmarks submitted must be the children's hand-drawn original artwork—no copyrighted images or cartoon characters. In addition, bookmarks must be drawn with black ink only.

Submitted bookmarks will be judged in three groups: kindergarten through second grade, third through fifth grade, and sixth through eighth grade. Criteria for judging include creativity, use of theme, and originality.



Saturday, March 29, 2014
Garland City Hall, 200 N. Fifth Street
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All teenagers invited to attend.

Details and registration information available at GarlandYouthCouncil.org

The City of Garland wants to hear YOUR ideas to grow a better community now and for the future. Join us and make a difference!

Garland Youth Council

Applications Being Accepted

The Garland City Council wants to hear from the city's youth and invites young people to apply to serve on the Garland Youth Council (GYC). The Youth Council's mission is to provide a forum which educates Garland's youth to the various workings of City business and allows youth to voice ideas and concerns.

Garland residents who will be in grades 9-12 during the 2014-15 school year are eligible to apply. Each applicant should submit a completed GYC application and two letters of reference by May 16 to Dorothy White, Public & Media Relations director, 200 N. Fifth St., Garland, TX 75040.

Applicants should plan to attend at least one Youth Council meeting. Regular meetings are set for the second Tuesday of each month, with committee meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The GYC meets at Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F. The Mayor and each of Garland's eight City Council members will select two applicants to serve a one-year term.

Applications and meeting agendas are available at Garland City Hall, 200 N. Fifth Street, in the Public & Media Relations office and GarlandYouthCouncil.org. For more information, contact Dorothy White at 972-205-2879 or dwhite@GarlandTx.gov.



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Photo ID Now Required for Voting in Texas

Texas Secretary of State John Steen announced June 25, 2013, that photo identification will now be required when voting in Texas elections. This requirement is effective immediately.

Here is a list of the acceptable forms of photo ID:

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS
- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States passport

Please call Dallas Co. Elections at 214-819-6300 for questions regarding Voter ID requirements.

The Marketplace

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 19
Downtown Garland Square

Come down to historic Downtown Garland for the Marketplace every third Saturday of the month from April to September. The public is invited to the Downtown Square for growers, produce, vendors and food. This is a great opportunity to support local artisans, craftsmen, growers, and merchants. The Marketplace is produced by Eventive Marketing Solutions and benefits the Good Samaritans of Garland. For more information, contact Jim Griffin at 214-704-1967 or Kirk Lovett at 972-978-7759, or kirk@EventiveMarketingSolutions.com.



Garland to Hold General Election May 10 for City Council: Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5

Early voting dates and times:

April 28-May 3 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 4 – 1 to 5 p.m.

May 5-6 – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Please see City Secretary Lisa Palomba for information regarding filing procedures or other information related to City of Garland elections. Palomba may be reached by calling 972-205-2404 or lpalomba@GarlandTx.gov.



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Boards and Commissions Application

Please print or type

Return completed application to: City Secretary's Office, 200 N. Fifth St., Garland, TX 75040

PLEASE DO NOT SEND RESUME

Board or Commission of first, second and third choice:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Adjustment | <input type="checkbox"/> Garland Cultural Arts Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan Commission * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building & Fire Codes Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Garland Youth Council (<i>special application required</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing & Mechanical Codes Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizens Environmental & Neighborhood Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Standards Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizens Advisory Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Multicultural Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Library Board | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation Board | |

Full name: _____
 Home address: _____ Business address: _____
 City, state, zip: _____ City, state, zip: _____
 Email address: _____ Phone: _____
 Garland resident for _____ years. Texas resident for _____ years.
 Are you a registered voter in Dallas County? Yes No
 Voter registration number _____ Precinct number: _____ City Council District number: _____
 Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No
 Have you ever been convicted of a Class A misdemeanor? Yes No

Please list any experience that qualifies you to serve in the areas you have indicated.

If you have served on a Garland board or commission, please specify and list dates of service.

List civic or community endeavors with which you have been involved.

What is your educational experience?

What is your occupational experience?

* *Plan Commission members must own property within the city.*

I hereby affirm that all statements herein are true and correct. _____
Applicant Signature

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Ad valorem tax status	Current <input type="checkbox"/> Past due <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Status of utility accounts	Current <input type="checkbox"/> Past due <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Suit/claim filed in City Secretary's Office	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Date appointed _____
 Appointed by _____
 Date notified _____
 Date disclosure form filed _____

Signatures

Garland City Council Names New City Auditor

The Garland City Council appointed Jedson M. Johnson as Garland's City Auditor at its Jan. 21 regular meeting. Johnson has served as Interim City Auditor since October 2013, following the departure of Craig Hametner.



"I and the city council are very proud that Jed Johnson is our new City Auditor," said Garland Mayor Douglas Athas. "He brings excellent professional and people skills to the position. Unlike most cities, the Garland city auditor works directly for the Council, which allows Mr. Johnson an independence when performing audits that directly benefits the residents. His previous experience with the department enables him to fit seamlessly in the position and continue the outstanding work the department provides to residents and the city. We are very excited to have Jed working to help us be an accountable, efficient city."

Johnson began his City of Garland career as a staff auditor in 2006, was promoted to Senior Auditor in 2008, and was named the Assistant City Auditor in March 2013. The Internal Audit Department conducts independent and objective audits to assure efficiency and effectiveness of organizational operations. Such audits include recommendations intended to promote risk awareness, accountability, and to safeguard assets. The department conducts quality control reviews and risk assessments throughout the organization, according to an annual audit plan. Additionally, all new managers within the organization receive training to recognize and prevent fraud and waste.

Johnson has previously served as an auditor and accountant with the Dallas County Auditor's Office, as well as in the private sector. Johnson and his wife, Jenny, have two young children. Johnson is an active member of his church where his father pastors.

Garland's City Charter requires the Garland City Council to appoint a City Manager, City Attorney, City Secretary, City Auditor and Municipal Judges.

Join the Revolution

Register for D.I.Y. Garland Classes

Thank you, Carriagehouse neighbors, for attending the D.I.Y. Garland Orientation in January. The event kicked-off the City's new partnership program that provides guidance and support for homeowners seeking to complete home improvements to existing homes. The City of Garland is partnering with the Garland Area Habitat for Humanity, Home Depot and Garland residents, to enhance the curb appeal of Garland neighborhoods.

While the D.I.Y. Build Days are reserved for the target area, all Garland residents may attend the classes. The first D.I.Y. class will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 27 and will focus on exterior painting. Spring classes will be held at The Home Depot, 3261 N. President George Bush Highway (near Firewheel Town Center). To register, email gnmaclass@GarlandTx.gov or call 972-205-2451.



D.I.Y. Garland Curb Appeal Series

All classes will be held on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

- **March 27, Fence Maintenance & Repair**
- **April 24, Resuscitate Your Landscaping**
- **May 29, Windows & Doors**

View D.I.Y. Orientation photos and like us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/DIYGarland](https://www.facebook.com/DIYGarland).

West Nile Virus

Spring is just around the corner, and the Garland Health Department has been actively conducting surveillance during the winter months for mosquito activity. In addition, Health Department staff members treat standing water locations to kill developing mosquitoes where potential breeding has been documented.

The Garland Health Department's mosquito hotline, at 972-205-3720, is available to receive phone calls and provide information regarding the virus. The phone line is for residents to report mosquito problems; stagnant, standing water; and to notify the Health Department of dead birds. Birds will not be tested this year, but residents are still urged to report when and where they have seen dead crows and/or blue jays to help pinpoint potential problem areas of virus activity. Residents must help protect themselves and their families by doing the following:

- Eliminate any standing water around your property to reduce the number of mosquitoes (report to the hotline any standing water that cannot be eliminated);
- Make sure doors and windows are screened properly;
- Avoid the outdoors when mosquitoes are most active (in the evening and early morning), and;
- Use an insect repellent containing DEET, according to label directions.

Current information including trap and spray locations, as well as where positive WNV samples have been determined also is available on the City of Garland Health Department website: <http://www.garlandtx.gov/hk/health/mosquito.asp>

Fair Housing Services Receives Partnership Grant

The City of Garland Fair Housing Services Department received a competitive partnership grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The grant is a HUD initiative designed to assist local and state fair housing agencies to increase awareness of the prohibited actions in housing transactions and protected classes (race, color, sex, national origin, familial status, disability, religion and age).

The program also links resources with people who have not traditionally been a part of HUD's programs. Garland Fair Housing Services will partner with the Garland Housing Agency, which administers the Federal Housing Choice Voucher program. The outreach grant informs the public of HUD initiatives and services, and will continue efforts to "affirmatively further fair housing" that will benefit the Garland area.

April is National Fair Housing Month. The City will offer several events to celebrate the 1968 Fair Housing Act and the local Fair Housing Ordinance. Activities will include various tenant rights and responsibilities workshops in English and Spanish. (See City calendar.) The City also will sponsor a Fair Housing Month Program and lunch on April 8, with presentations from fair housing practitioners. The event is free, but registration is required and seating is limited. For details visit GarlandTx.gov or call 972-205-3300.

HOA Legal Clinic

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 5

The Hyatt Place – Garland,

5101 N. President George Bush Highway

Residents are invited to attend the HOA Legal Clinic. Representatives from homeowner and neighborhood associations across the Metroplex will gather in Garland for a morning of advanced board member training. The clinic will feature attorneys, accountants, property management companies, and others specializing in HOA governance, and will cover a variety of topics including:

- The impact of the legislative session
- New regulations for community associations
- Understanding governing documents

Cost is \$10 per person. Seating is limited. To register, email GNMAClass@GarlandTx.gov or call 972-205-2451.

Water Utilities Lab Opens

An official grand opening of the Garland Water Utilities Laboratory was held in January. This state-of-the-art facility will provide the necessary equipment and professional staff to conduct state and federal required environmental analytical services for both Rowlett and Duck Creek Wastewater Facilities. It also will provide professional services for various internal departments including Health, Stormwater and Water. The testing and analysis performed daily will ensure all effluent discharges from the treatment plants meet applicable federal and state requirements, confirm the water distribution system is free from harmful contaminants, and protect the plants from detrimental industrial discharges.

Garland Water Utilities Laboratory will analyze more than 40,000 samples in 2014. It received the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program Recognized Certification from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Highlights of the official opening included special staff recognition, a tour of the facility and City Council and laboratory staff were presented with commemorative lab coats and beakers.



City to Offer Summer Nutrition Meals

Summer meals will again be available at numerous locations throughout Garland. Lunch meals will alternate between hot and cold entrees; while cold breakfasts will be offered at selected sites. Most sites are “open sites” and do not require registration to participate. Meals are free to all children ages 1-18, and must be consumed on site. Participating locations include various parks, recreation centers, churches, apartment complexes, and other community centers. Many of the sites will offer activities that promote the 3E’s of Healthy Living: Education, Exercise and Eating Right! The 2014 program will be offered from June 9-Aug. 8 (excluding July 4). A complete list of program sites, dates and times will be available in mid-May at GarlandTx.gov. Call 972-205-3335.

Animal Services News

Garland Animal Services has started a volunteer program to enlist residents who wish to help adopt animals at the Pet Adoption Center located at 813 Main Street. The program is designed to allow volunteers to staff the facility, provide service to customers, and care for animals. The center is currently open from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Hours of operation will expand as the volunteer base grows. “This center was designed to engage the community and this is a great opportunity to utilize volunteer labor to place unwanted animals into new homes,” said Jason Chessher, Health director.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and should be able to provide for their own transportation to and from the facility. A short orientation class is required before individuals are allowed to sign up for work shifts. Orientation classes are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month (depending on demand). Those interested can sign up for the next orientation class and learn more about the program by emailing petvolunteer@GarlandTx.gov. Residents also can visit the Pet Adoption Center to interact with and adopt animals. All animals at the center are ready for immediate adoption.

Feral Cat Colonies

Animal Services receives complaints almost daily regarding nuisances caused by unmanaged feral cat colonies. Many residents unwittingly create a nuisance by feeding feral cats. If left unmanaged, feral cat colonies grow exponentially and quickly become a nuisance to neighbors. Managing a feral cat colony involves more than just providing food. Feral



cats must be sterilized so that the population is kept in check. Many area nonprofit groups provide guidance and occasionally resources to manage feral cat colonies. Please do not create a neighborhood nuisance. If you feed feral cats, be responsible by sterilizing them.

Special Thanks

Thanks to the following individuals and groups for donating more than \$3,200 in the month of December. Donations are tax deductible and are used to provide comfort and care to animals and promote adoptions.

Recent notable donations are as follows:

- Girl Scout Troop 3019 – \$100
- Dr. B, Linda & Barbara – \$80
- John Finco – \$500
- Henry Gotcher – \$100
- Dana Hopkins – \$200
- Kathleen Horner – \$160
- Judith Martin – \$200
- George Mulkey – \$115
- Jerrilyn Oaks – \$1,000
- Domenico Piscioneri – \$100
- Dan Singh – \$200
- Ernie & Bonnie Voth – \$100
- Rick Williams – \$80



Excellence Made Here!

Vital Neighborhoods Made Here:

Building Excellent Opportunities in Garland Neighborhoods

The City of Garland is facing build-out, meaning that nearly all of the land within the city has been developed with houses, shopping centers, offices or other uses. Neighborhoods are the primary land use throughout the city and are the heart of the community. But because so many of Garland's homes were built more than forty years ago, in many neighborhoods action is needed to avoid disinvestment, neglect or undesirable intrusions. The needs and expectations of today's families for their homes are different from past decades. For newer neighborhoods not facing infrastructure and market decline, there must be an effort to protect the investment owners have made. As new neighborhoods emerge within the City, it has become more important than ever to focus on neighborhood vitality in existing neighborhoods, while creating adaptable, inviting new communities for the future.

With the adoption of the Envision Garland 2030 Plan as a guide for Housing and Neighborhood Policy, Garland promotes neighborhood vitality through a range of citywide initiatives to stabilize existing neighborhoods, create investment opportunities and expand housing options.

The City has three main ways that it helps to build vital neighborhoods: neighborhood investment, technical assistance and community engagement.



How to Learn More:

Neighborhood Vitality Programs

GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org

972-205-2445

GREAT Homes Program

972-205-2130

Neighborhood Investment: In certain neighborhoods, the development of quality housing for Garland's many incomes and household types is a high priority. The City offers an array of programs through the GREAT Homes initiative to encourage the construction of new homes, renovation of existing homes and public infrastructure in these neighborhoods. Garland's Department of Housing and Community Services (HCS) does so by using increasingly scarce federal funds to provide affordable housing opportunities and to strengthen and revitalize Garland neighborhoods.

Building on the successful development of more than 25 houses in the past three years, the City will continue its effort of reinvesting into neighborhoods in partnership with the private and nonprofit sector. The hallmark of the GREAT Homes initiative is not only making affordable the upfront construction or renovation costs, but also the cost of living in that home over time. Providing energy-efficient appliances, windows and other building techniques lowers the monthly cost of owning a home while increasing its value. This program has helped more than 40 families during the past six years make much needed and lasting upgrades to their properties.

"The HCS Department's GREAT Homes program is an innovative approach to re-energizing Garland's existing

GREAT Homes Initiatives

Neighborhood Preservation Efforts since 2009

New Homes Constructed - 24
 Foreclosed Homes
 Renovated and Sold - 25
 Single Family Home
 Renovations - 134

TOTAL Investment - 183

housing stock through energy efficient and aesthetic upgrades, while maintaining the architectural integrity of Garland's more mature neighborhoods," said Mona Woodard, HCS Department manager. "The department offers creative financing terms, which not only benefits the buyers of the homes, but provides a dollar per dollar return on investment back to the City, perpetuating the program. The Department of Housing and Urban Development has deemed Garland's housing initiatives as a 'best practices model' for other Texas cities to duplicate."

Technical Assistance One of the City's best recognized resources for supporting neighborhoods is the Office of Neighborhood Vitality (ONV). The ONV works with neighborhoods to create leadership and partnerships to help residents create and sustain a healthy future for the neighborhood.

The cornerstone of neighborhood vitality is education and training. The Garland Neighborhood Management Academy (GNMA) offers classes on a variety of topics covering citizen engagement, leadership development and neighborhood management. GNMA provides neighborhoods with the tools to actively engage in the municipal government process and to manage neighborhood growth and change. GNMA has received national recognition for its effectiveness in supporting communities. Neighborhoods, USA named it as the Best Neighborhood Program of 2013.

"We have reached out to hundreds of Garland residents through GNMA," said Felisa Conner, Office of Neighborhood Vitality manager. "GNMA classes educate, inform and empower residents and neighborhood organizations to make a positive impact on their neighborhoods, allowing them to thrive and grow."

Community Engagement The ONV also administers the Neighborhood Vitality Grant Program, which is designed to encourage residents to work together on projects that enhance the physical conditions in Garland neighborhoods. The matching grant program awards up to



Grassroots Leadership Class

\$100,000 per group over a five-year time period to support projects such as landscaping, lighting, screening walls and sidewalks.

Garland's annual Neighborhood Summit, which is hosted each fall, invites neighborhood groups and individuals to share stories from their neighborhood's experiences, while hearing from nationally recognized speakers about innovative and practical ways to enhance neighborhoods.

Conner has been recognized for her innovative ideas in support of the Garland community. The Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter of Community Associations Institute recognized her efforts in fostering vibrant, educated and empowered communities by naming her an honorary member. The Garland City Council named her as the 2012 recipient of the Excellence in Neighborhood Service Award.

These activities and programs contribute to the City's efforts to help neighborhoods address key issues. The Planning and Community Development Department works in specific neighborhoods to study their particular needs, recommend actions to address those needs, and work with residents to develop a plan of action to accomplish the neighborhoods goals. These action plans outline activities for both the City and the residents to improve the residential neighborhood.

Garland Idea Book Continues to Earn Accolades

The City of Garland's Residential Idea Book has been recognized as a 2013 Urban Design Award winner by the Greater Dallas Planning Council. It received the Dream Study Award. The Idea Book advances the Envision Garland 2030 Comprehensive Plan by providing resources and support to neighborhood residents in their efforts to update aging housing stock and to promote the City's goals for neighborhood vitality. The Idea Book provides information for home improvements, and identifies steps residents can take to maintain the condition of their homes and neighborhoods. It also enhances each neighborhood's ability to maintain existing community character well into the future. Earlier this year, the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association awarded the Idea Book an Honorable Mention for project planning. The Residential Idea Book can be downloaded from the City of Garland's online Development & Permitting Center, or obtained from the Planning and Building Inspection Departments. Garland has kicked off its next Idea Book project—this time focusing on water and energy efficiency. To help make the 2014 Idea Book a success, Garland residents are urged to take a short, online survey about what they would like to see in the new edition. The survey is located at GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org or by calling 972-205-2445.



Angela Calvin receiving the award for City of Garland.

Give Water the Boot! Plant Texas Roots!

Save water, money, and the environment with a Texas SmartScape®.

Summertime is fast approaching and with that comes higher water bills. More than half the typical household's outdoor water use goes to watering the lawn and garden. Converting to a water-efficient landscape through proper choice of plants and careful design can reduce this use by 20 to 50 percent. Native and adapted plants require a lot less water, once they are established, than do other plants. To help reduce the amount of water and money spent on your landscape, consider converting to a Texas SmartScape®.

Texas SmartScape® is an award-winning gardening program that educates homeowners about the ecological and economic benefits of using landscaping plants, trees, shrubs, and grasses native to this region and our local climate. Homeowners can still have a thriving lawn or garden in the middle of summer that requires less water and less money. By using native plants, water is conserved and the amount of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides are reduced; all of which saves the homeowner money and helps keep chemicals out of streams, rivers and lakes.

Whether in the market for a major landscape overhaul or just a few quick fixes to save water this summer,



TxSmartScape.com has the tools for success. The interactive database allows you to search SmartScape-approved plants that are the right fit for any yard, while the landscape design tool walks pro and first-timer alike through the entire landscaping process. There are plenty of tips and ideas to help maintain and care for a SmartScape yard.

Simple ways to save water:

- Use native and adapted plants. These plants are native and adapted to the local climate and can handle the Texas summer heat and cold snaps of winter.
- Water efficiently and effectively. Up to 50 percent of your irrigation goes to waste due to evaporation, wind, improper system design, or overwatering.
 - Water early or late. Water your yard only between 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. to avoid loss from evaporation.
 - Water less frequently. Most lawns only need watering once every 5 to 7 days in the growing season and every 15 to 20 days in the winter. If it rains, you may be able to water even less often!
 - Install drip irrigation in flower beds and at the roots of shrubs. Drip irrigation delivers almost 95 percent of the water to plants.
- Reduce turf grass. Lawns typically require a large amount of supplemental water and generally more intensive maintenance than other vegetation.

Wind Energy for GP&L in 2015

Garland Power & Light has entered into a renewable energy agreement that in late 2015 will begin providing the utility with power from a wind farm located in the Texas Panhandle. GP&L will receive 50 megawatts from the wind project, about 10 percent of the utility's energy needs. In August 2013, GP&L joined a group of other municipal utilities in exploring wind power purchase opportunities. The group received 32 proposals from 18 different suppliers and eventually inked a deal with EDF Renewable Energy, the company that owns the Spinning Spur III wind farm about 50 miles west of Amarillo. Connected to CREZ transmission lines, this generation facility will provide a total output of 194 megawatts, with Georgetown Utility System accepting the balance of the power.

“We will have this competitively priced wind energy for 20 years,” said GP&L Senior Managing Director Jeff Janke. “It will help keep our price of power stable as market prices for generation fuel may change,” he added.

“This project brings diversification to our generation portfolio,” said GP&L Assistant Managing Director Tom Hancock. When not being utilized to serve local customers, the wind energy can be sold on the wholesale market, just like the power produced by utility's other generation resources.

“There were a number of factors that made this deal attractive,” said Hancock, adding that wind energy generated in the Panhandle provides more on-peak power than that from West Texas and costs less than wind power generated on the Texas coast.

Texas is the largest wind-producing state in the U.S., with wind providing almost 10 percent of the energy needs in ERCOT, a doubling of generation share since 2008.



Theft of Utility Services is Against the Law

Theft of electric or water service is against the law and dangerous. It happens when customers illegally tamper with a meter to obtain utility service. They may think they are getting away with the theft, but the Utility Customer Service Department has a skilled investigative team that uncovers most tampering situations.

“Despite how dangerous the activity is, some residents steal utility services,” said Billing and Revenue Supervisor Derek Burt. “To find and stop the theft, we actively investigate leads provided by concerned neighbors and our system resources.”

If caught, the account holder will have to pay a significant amount to have the service restored, including a \$250 administrative penalty and possibly the cost of a new meter. In most cases, customers will be back-billed for unmetered usage. Restitution can even be pursued through the court system.

If you suspect someone of electricity or water theft in Garland, please contact the Utility Theft Hotline at 972-205-2635 and report the details so the situation can be investigated. Callers may remain anonymous.



Meter Access Needed

The electronic-read water and electric meters installed by the City of Garland allow for remote meter reading each month. This means that meter readers do not physically access each of these meters monthly. However, City employees need to access the meters from time to time.

Please help us by making sure we can reach your electric meter and by keeping your water meter lid free from grass and other vegetation.

GISD Students & Staff Win Big with Stormwater Essay Contest

While everyone was enjoying the holidays, Stormwater Management was going through more than 800 entries from its recent essay contest. Stormwater Management invited all third through fifth grade students in the Garland Independent School District to participate in its annual stormwater contest. This year the students were asked to write an essay for the theme “From the Streets to the Creeks.”

First place students received a Kindle Fire HDX, second place received iPod Nano and third place received a Nintendo 3DS XL. The teacher of each winning student received \$100 to purchase classroom supplies. In addition, there were three honorable mention winners for each grade levels. These students and teachers each won \$25.

The highest student participation this year went to Watson Technology Center with a total of 151 entries. For more information or to report stormwater pollution, call the Stormwater Hotline at 972-205-2180 or visit GarlandStormwater.org.

First Place

Alex Benjamin, 3rd grader at Carver Elementary
Xavier Johnson, 4th grader at Classical Center at Vial
Gabi Munoz, 5th grader at Watson MST

Second Place

Victoria Gutierrez, 3rd grader at Watson MST
Alexis Lawson, 4th grader at Classical Center at Vial
Patricia Omoragbon, 5th grader at Rowlett Elementary

Third Place

Alex Huynh, 3rd grader at Herfurth Elementary
Noah Tennant, 4th grader at Hillside Academy
Alina Dam, 5th grader at Hillside Academy

Honorable Mention

Diego Reyes, 3rd grader at Herfurth Elementary
Joshua Robles, 3rd grader at Handley Elementary
Jonathan Varnan, 3rd grader at Walnut Glen Academy
William Fitzgerald, 4th grader at Luna Elementary
Aria Gaut, 4th grader at Hillside Academy
Hope Mirafior, 4th grader at Classical Center at Vial
Abby Barrington, 5th grader at Walnut Glen Academy
Faith Ethridge, 5th grader at Hillside Academy
MacKenzie Smith, 5th grader at Rowlett Elementary

Convention & Visitors Bureau Exhibits at Meeting Planner Trade Shows



The Garland Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB), whose mission is to promote Garland as a destination for meetings, conferences and visitors, participates in many industry trade shows and statewide meetings. The CVB exhibited at Southwest Showcase in February, the largest statewide trade show for those who plan meetings, educational programs and trade shows. The showcase provides planners with the opportunity to meet with suppliers who can address their meeting and event needs.

In addition, Lucia Arrant, Garland Convention & Visitors Bureau director, is serving on a panel with Fort Worth, Dallas and Irving CVBs for the Dallas Fort Worth Area Association Executives (DFWAE). The CVB also has a Garland booth at DFWAE’s annual trade show; Association Day. The DFWAE Association Day is geared to Dallas and Fort Worth area meeting planners.

As a compliment to these trade shows, the bureau has completed a meeting planner guide that showcases potential meeting locations and provides detailed information on Garland facilities. Organizations the bureau has recently hosted on-site tours of Garland include Texas Department of Insurance, Dallas Fan Fares, Texas Association of Sports Officials, Texas Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders, and Texas Public Works Association.



Performing Arts

Shows & Events

At the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

Southern Belles Annual Production | 7 p.m.

March 21 & 22 • Join the South Garland High School Southern Belles for a unique and creative night of dance. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. To purchase tickets and more information, email klguinn@GarlandISD.net.

GISD One Act Play Contest: UIL Zone | 9 a.m.

to 8 p.m. March 26 • See

all seven GISD high schools perform their one act plays.

This free event is open to the

public. Contact Nancy Gibson at ngibson@GarlandISD.net for more information.

GISD One Act Play Contest: UIL District | 1:30

p.m. March 28 • This contest will showcase the top four schools from the Zone competition. The winner of District will go on to Area at Terrell High School. Contact Nancy Gibson at ngibson@GarlandISD.net.

At the Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.

Greater Tuna



Greater Tuna | 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 21 & 22 •

Join Actors Anonymous Theatre as they bring this small town comedy to life! Tickets are \$10 at the door; seating is first-come, first-served. All proceeds will

benefit the Naaman Forest Speech and Debate team. Visit TheDramaQueens.com.

Art Exhibits

GISD Senior Art Show | March 4-18 • The Garland Cultural Arts Commission presents the 2014 GISD High School Art Competition. Awards reception on March 6th at 4:30 pm honoring the students and their instructors. This marks the 27th year for the GCAC, Inc. Awards.

Roxanne Mather Acrylics Art Exhibit | March 21-April 29 • Roxanne Mather's "Forest, Feathers, and Fur" portrays animals, birds, and other wild life that live and thrive around White Rock Lake. Line work is represented in this series, through fading stripes in the background of several paintings, as well as sturdy black lines outlining and defining the elements that exist within the paintings.

The Gallery Space of the Granville Arts Center is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and during all performances on weeknights and weekends. Exhibits are free and open to the public.

energy for life walkathon

10 a.m. March 29 • Funds raised in this walk will be used by the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (UMDF) to provide research for an easier diagnosis, better treatments and a cure. For more information, visit UMDF.org or EnergyForLifeWalk.org/DallasFortWorth.

Dearly Beloved | 8 p.m. April 3-5, 2 p.m.

April 6 • The Futrelle Sisters are throwing a wedding and the rumor mill in their small town of Fayro, Texas, is working overtime. Tickets are \$15 to purchase call 972-977-7710.

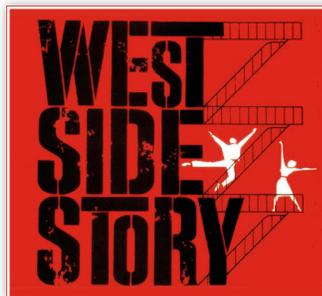
West Side Story 7 p.m. April 19

Join us at the Plaza Theatre's *free* showing of *West Side Story*. This classic is the award-winning adaptation of the romantic tragedy,

Romeo and Juliet. Presented by the City of Garland. Popcorn, candy and soda are available for \$2. Concession proceeds go to the Garland Good Samaritans.

Rock & Roll Forever | 7 p.m. April 29

Join the Coyle Middle School 6th grade choir while they sing and tell the story of how Rock & Roll began. No tickets are needed, and all are welcome.



Winning Website

Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) presented the Granville Arts Center with the Best Web Site Award on Feb. 21. The design team, led by Kim Pajot, was honored in Corpus Christi for the innovative and visionary design of GarlandArts.com. Thanks to the City of Garland and design team members, including Keith Reagan and Patty Granville, the Arts in Garland have a new award winning tool for patron interaction.

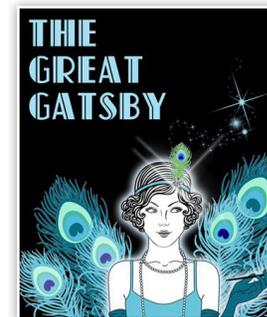


Garland Civic Theatre

The Great Gatsby |

Feb. 27-March 22

The stage fills with the breathtaking glamour and decadent excess of the Jazz Age in this story of power, passion, and persuasion. Join us for an elegant and masterful new work of theatre from F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic novel, and in Simon Levy's adaptation, approved by the Fitzgerald Estate. Tickets are \$15-\$22.



The Butler Did It | April 10-May 3 • Anthony J. Lefcourt, writer and director, is rehearsing his new play, a classic whodunit (in which all the characters are named Butler). In an effort to spur on his cast, he stages the murder of one of the actresses, after which the plot begins to twist and turn, and soon actors and audience alike have lost track of what is real and what is make-believe. Tickets are \$15-\$22.

Performances are held in the Small Theatre of the Granville Arts Center. To purchase tickets call 972-205-2790 or visit GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com. For more information, visit GarlandCivicTheatre.org.

Garland Symphony Orchestra

March 14 • Pianist Sara Daneshpour will perform Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20. Daneshpour was the 1st prize and Gold Medal winner of the 2007 International



Russian Music Piano Competition, and 1st prize of the 2003 Beethoven Society of America Competition. She is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music. Also in this performance, Arnold's Four Scottish Dances.

April 18 • Garland Symphony Orchestra's Principal Oboe—Nicholas Arbolino—will perform Marcello's Oboe concerto in C Minor. Also in this performance Saint-Saens' Danse Macabre, Mussorgsky's Dawn on the Moscow River, and Respighi's Ancient Airs and Dances. The concert also will feature guest Conductor Leandro Carvalho of Brazil.

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. Performances are held in the Brownlee Auditorium of the Granville Arts Center. To purchase tickets call 972-205-2790 or visit GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com. For more information, visit GarlandSymphony.org.

Code Compliance Reminders

Fences

Residents or property owners must keep fences in good repair. The fence should not contain broken or missing slats, lean more than 10 degrees vertically, or contain badly deteriorated material. Fences must not be constructed of prohibited material. Electric fences must meet the requirements of the Building Inspection Department.

Swimming Pool Fences

The following requirements must be met whether the pool in the yard is in-ground or above-ground:

- The fence must be at least 4 feet tall.
- The slats cannot be more than 4 inches apart.
- All gates must be self-closing and self-latching.
- The latch must be located in the top third of the gate.

A permit from the Building Inspection Department is required to build a fence. Call 972-205-2300.

Garage Sales

A permit is required for all garage sales and yard sales. There is no fee for this permit.

Graffiti

If your property is marked with graffiti, you can remove it yourself or call the Code Compliance Department at 972-485-6400 and report the location so that a City contractor can remove the graffiti at no cost to you.

Grass and Vegetation

The lawn on your property must be maintained.

Maintaining the alley or utility easement to the midpoint and the entire parkway (the area from the curb to the sidewalk) is also your responsibility. Violations occur when the grass and/or weeds reach more than 12 inches.

Junk Vehicles

Junk vehicles tend to reduce property values and invite vandalism. A vehicle is considered a junk vehicle if it does not have a current license plate and a current state inspection sticker, and the vehicle is either wrecked, dismantled, and discarded.

Lawn Waste and Tree/Shrub Trimmings

Yard waste cannot be dumped in a street, alley, or storm sewer system. Stack tree and shrub trimmings, and bags of leaves or lawn waste at the curb for weekly pick up any day of the week.

Poison Ivy

There should be no active poison ivy within 50 feet of a residence.

Violating Vehicle

A violating vehicle includes junked vehicles, junked all-terrain vehicles, junked boats, junked trailers or junked off-road motorcycles. Trailers, boats, all-terrain vehicles and off-road motorcycles must be maintained with proper air pressure in all tires, must be equipped with an operable battery, must not be wrecked, discarded, dismantled, partially dismantled or inoperable. Boats must have a watertight hull.

Clean Starts Here on

March 29

Help clean up unsightly litter that lines roadways, waterways, and vacant lots by participating in the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off.

Litter Pick Up: 8:30 to 11 a.m.
(Various locations throughout Garland)

Volunteer Picnic & Awards
11 a.m. to noon

Granger Recreation Center Annex
1310 W. Avenue F

For more information about registration, go to KeepGarlandBeautiful.org or email Glenna Brown at gbrown@GarlandTx.gov.

Individuals, families, church, school and civic groups, and homeowner teams can sign up to collect litter around the city then attend the volunteer picnic at Granger Recreation Center from 11 a.m. to noon.

“Your rewards will be great—you will create a cleaner, safer, more attractive community in which to live, remove a source of pollution, remove physical hazards, eliminate trash areas that attract crime and other unwelcome behavior, increase property values, increase community pride and save our community money,” said Betty Roberts, president of Keep Garland Beautiful.

The first 275 participants who register by March 14 will receive an event t-shirt. Keep Garland Beautiful will furnish trash and recycling bags, gloves and litter tongs to make the clean up as easy as possible. Sponsors of the 2014 Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off are Keep Garland Beautiful, Garland Environmental Waste Services, Garland Stormwater Management and Citizens Environmental and Neighborhood Advisory Committee.



Volunteer picks up litter and make a difference in our community.

Free Electronics Collection and Paper Shredding

April 26

In celebration of Earth Day, Environmental Waste Services will host an electronics collection and paper shredding event from 9 a.m. to noon April 26. The event will be held in the parking lot north of the Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd. (across the street from the main parking lot).

This collection is open to Garland residents to drop off their home electronics, including, but not limited to: TVs, computers, monitors, printers, cell phones, microwaves and batteries (go to GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com for a comprehensive list of acceptable items). Documents also will be shredded onsite at the event, with a limit of four file boxes of documents per vehicle.

“This event provides a great opportunity to reclaim your storage space and safely dispose of electronics and sensitive documents,” said Glenna Brown, EWS programs manager.

Volunteers will be on hand to direct traffic and help unload vehicles. For more information, go to GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com or call 972-205-3500.



Library

Programs & Events

All libraries will be closed
April 20, for Easter.

Children/Youth Programs

Spring Storytimes Schedule | Through April 26, 2014

Central Library

625 Austin Street, 972-205-2517

Toddler Storytime (18-36 mos.) Mondays, 10 a.m.

Preschool Storytime (3-5 yrs.) Mondays, 11 a.m.

North Garland Branch Library

3845 North Garland Ave., 972-205-2804

Wee Read (birth to 18 mos.) Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Storytime (18-36 mos.) Fridays, 10 a.m.

Preschool Storytime (3-5 yrs.) Fridays, 11 a.m.

South Garland Branch Library

4845 Broadway Blvd., 972-205-3933

Toddler Storytime (18-36 mos.) Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Preschool Storytime (3-5 yrs.) Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

Family Storytime Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

Walnut Creek Branch Library

3319 Edgewood Drive, 972-205-2585

Family Storytime Tuesdays, 7 p.m.



Family Movie Time • Bring a blanket and attend free, recently released, full-length animated children's movies with your family! Seating is limited. No registration is required and all ages may attend. Free popcorn and water are available while supplies last. Call 972-205-3933.

- 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. March 11, South Garland Branch Library
- 6 to 8 p.m. March 13, Walnut Creek Branch Library

Family Game Time, 2 to 4 p.m. March 12, Central Library • Keep kids entertained this spring break with Family Game Time, an all-ages program. Play Nintendo Wii, Kinect, board games and more.



Books and Beyond, 2 p.m., Central Library • A free program for children ages 6-12 that consists of book discussions and activities related to monthly themes.

- March 22, Origami
- April 19, Art Through Drawing

Teen and Tween Game Time, 3 to 5 p.m. April 5 Walnut Creek Branch Library • Teens and tweens ages 10-17 are invited to play Nintendo Wii, Kinect, board games and more.



Tween Scene • For ages 10-13. The program takes place twice a month and consists of book discussions and activities related to specific themes.

Celebrate Art

- 6:30 p.m. March 6, South Garland Branch Library
- 4 p.m. March 13, North Garland Branch Library

Celebrate Poetry

- 6:30 p.m. April 3, South Garland Branch Library
- 4 p.m. April 10, North Garland Branch Library

Adult Programs

Senior Social Hour @ the Library, 2 p.m., Central Library • A free program series for senior citizens. Events are held at 2 p.m. and are open to anyone 55 years of age or older. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the performance. Call 972-205-2502.

- **March 27, Irish Rogues** • An authentic Celtic/Irish band that performs a rich collection of energetic sing-alongs, ballads, and Celtic folk music.



- **April 24, Twice Upon a Time** • Gene and Peggy Helmick-Richardson blend ancient oral tradition, personal narrative, science, history, and culture to allow their audiences to see the world in new and imaginative ways.



Page Turners, 7 p.m., Central Library • Booklovers may join the library's book discussion group. The Page Turners meet one Thursday a month. Upcoming discussions include:

- **March 27, The Boy in the Suitcase** by Lene Kaaberbol
- **April 24, The Art of Racing in the Rain** by Garth Stein

No registration is required. Call 972-205-2502.

Tech-Know How Program Series

The following classes are part of the library's Tech-Know How program series, which offers educational technology events each month. Registration is required for each class and begins two weeks before the class dates. Call 972-205-2502 to register for classes at the Central Library and 972-205-3931 for classes at the South Garland Branch Library.

Pintastic: Getting Started with Pinterest, 10 a.m. March 1, Central Library • Class instructors will introduce participants to Pinterest, explain the processes of setting up an account and creating pinboards, cover repinning and liking pins, and demonstrate how to find friends. Participants must possess basic computer skills and have their own email addresses.

Computer Classes

Signed, Sealed and Delivered: An Intro to Email, 7 p.m. March 6, South Garland Branch Library • Learn the basic functions and uses of email, discover how to detect junk email, and sign up for an email account.

Up and Running: Getting on the Internet, 10 a.m. March 15, Central Library • Discover the ins and outs of getting online, identify website components, and practice basic Internet searches.

I Plugged It In, Now What? Getting Started with Computers, 7 p.m. March 20, South Garland Branch Library • Develop basic computer skills such as using a mouse, opening and closing programs, and navigating the desktop.



Recreation Center

Programs & Events

Soccer | Days and times vary

Ages 4-19, Audubon Recreation Center, 342 W. Oates Road. Soccer instruction offered for every level from beginner to competitive. Call 972-205-3991 or arc@GarlandTx.gov.

Volleyball | March 5-26

Wednesdays, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., ages 8-13, \$25 per child, Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Drive. Learn the basic skills including passing, serving, setting, blocking, spiking and defense. Call 972-205-2770 or brc@GarlandTx.gov.



Health Coaching | March 8-22

Noon to 1 p.m., ages 12 and up, \$25 per person, Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road. Start on a healthier lifestyle path by learning how to make and maintain the best lifelong choices. Call 972-205-3090 or frc@GarlandTx.gov.



Jazz Dance | March 5-26

Wednesdays, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., ages 6-12, \$52 per child, Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F. Learn the basics including leaps, turns, and kicks while focusing on arm and leg techniques. Call 972-205-2771 or grc@GarlandTx.gov.

Preschool Drawing | March 18-April 29

Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., ages 42 months-5 years, \$65 per child, Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place. Concentrate on skills of drawing and coloring while working on listening skills and staying on task. New lessons presented each week. Call 972-205-2772 or hrc@GarlandTx.gov.



Balance and Coordination | March 6-27

Thursdays, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., ages 3-6, \$22 per child, Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut St. Learn the basic principles of balance and coordination with a variety of equipment including balance beams, hula hoop obstacles, stepping stones, and balance boards. Call 972-205-2721 or hhrc@GarlandTx.gov.



Special Events



Have an eye for photography? Capture compelling still photos while getting to know Garland from a different point of view. Shutterbugs of all ages can showcase their work for the community to enjoy. Photos submitted must be taken within the Garland city limits or by a Garland resident and may be up to 8"x10" in size. All submissions must be mounted on poster board with a one inch border; one picture per board. Prizes will be awarded for first place in each category and best in show. All entries must be submitted at Granger Recreation Center from April 1-12. Winners will be announced April 18. Call 972-205-2771 or grc@GarlandTx.gov.

- **Youth Division** (18 Yrs and younger) \$3 per entry (up to 4 photos per category)
- **Adult Division** (19 Yrs and up) \$5 per entry (up to 4 photos per category)

Categories: People/Children, Nature/Plants, Animals/Wildlife, Scenery including Cityscapes, Abstract/Composite, and Mobile Phone Pictures

Egg Hunt | April 17

6 p.m., ages 0-10, Central Park Hunt for colorful candy and toy-filled eggs. Bounce around in a jump house, go through the obstacle course, and load up on recreation activity information. Popcorn, sodas, and Pucker Powder will be available for purchase. Keep the memory by having your picture taken with the Easter Bunny for a small fee! Call 972-205-2771 or grc@GarlandTx.gov.



Senior Center Activities

Let's Make a Deal for your Health, 10 a.m. to noon March 20, Senior Activity Center, 600 W. Avenue A • You've seen this popular game show on television, and now you can come to the Garland Senior Activity Center for a fun morning of mystery and trading. Lunch will be provided by the Olive Garden. Registration is required. Call 972 205-2769. Free.

Make the Most of Your Digital Camera, 1 p.m. March 7, Garland Senior Activity Center • Learn how to use your camera to take gorgeous spring flower photos.

Photography Field Trip, 1 p.m. March 14 •

Join the instructor on an excursion to the Arboretum to practice your new picture taking skills. Group transportation is free. Admission to the Arboretum is on your own.

Hot Topics, 10:30 a.m. Various Thursdays • What are people talking about? What's the hottest news out there? Call the Senior Activity Center for specific dates and topics at 972 -205-2769. March topics include brain health, pain management and residential care options.

Summer Aquatics Jobs

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department is hiring staff for the summer pool season. Guest services positions start at \$7.75 per hour, and lifeguards and swim instructors start at \$8.75 per hour. Lifeguard classes will be offered May 3 and 10. Apply online at GarlandHR.com and call 972-205-2750 to sign up for a class.



The City of Garland reminds residents that the Police Department is working extra hours of traffic enforcement in an effort to support the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) goals and strategies of reducing the number of motor vehicle related crashes, injuries, and fatalities in Texas.

The strategy includes a four-pronged approach to selective traffic enforcement. Officers will be concentrating their efforts on traffic violations associated with red light and intersection traffic control device violations, seat belt and child safety seat violations, speed related violations, and driving while intoxicated violations. This also includes driving under the influence by minors. Please keep our roads safe.



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March Events

- 3 City Council Work Session
Work Session Room, 200 N. Fifth St.
- 4 City Council Meeting
Council Chambers, 200 N. Fifth St.
- 4 Garland Youth Council
Granger Rec Center, 1310 W. Ave. F
- 6 Garland Development Code Work Session
Council Chambers, 200 N. Fifth St.
- 10 Plan Commission
Council Chambers, 200 N. Fifth St.
- 17 City Council Work Session
Work Session Room, 200 N. Fifth St.
- 18 City Council Meeting
Council Chambers, 200 N. Fifth St.
- 20 Garland Development Code Work Session
Council Chambers, 200 N. Fifth St.
- 21 Impounded Vehicle Auction
City of Garland Auto Pound
1630 Commerce St.
- 24 Plan Commission
Council Chambers, 200 N. Fifth St.
- 25 Mayor's Evening In
Mayor's Office, 200 N. Fifth St.
- 27 Garland Development Code Work Session
Council Chambers, 200 N. Fifth St.
- 29 Garland Teen Talk
Garland City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.
(Registration deadline - March 21)
- 31 City Council Work Session
Work Session Room, 200 N. Fifth St.

April Events

- 1 City Council Meeting
Council Chambers, 200 N. Fifth St.
- 3 Garland Development Code Work Session
Council Chambers, 200 N. Fifth St.
- 8 Garland Youth Council
Granger Rec Center, 1310 W. Ave. F
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