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Council Approves Operating Budget for 2011-2012 Fiscal Year

Despite ongoing economic challenges, the Garland City Council has approved a budget for the new fiscal year that maintains a stable property tax rate and current service levels for Garland citizens.

The City Council approved the \$513.7 million operating budget, which includes the General Fund, the General Obligation Debt Service Fund, the Utility Funds and other Enterprise and Grant Funds. The combined

budget is \$10.4 million less than the previous fiscal year.

"Efforts by all levels of the City's organization resulted in a balanced General Fund budget that does not require an increase in property taxes, and avoids reductions in City services," said City Manager William E. Dollar. "No employee salary increases are included in this year's budget, maintaining compensation rates at FY 2008-09 levels."

The budget does include a rate increase for water services, which will cost the average Garland resident an additional \$1.09 per month. No rate increases were required for other utilities.

"I am pleased with this sound financial plan," said Garland Mayor Ronald E. Jones. "This budget will allow us to continue to provide an outstanding level of service to the community, while still facing the challenges of our current economic climate."

2011 Neighborhood Summit Focuses on Neighborhood Transformation

Community is not about geographic locations. Community is what emerges when people value relationships, the skills, gifts and talents of their neighbors and celebrate the stories that emerge from sustained effort and investment. Finding your place in community and committing to your role is what transforms neighborhoods.

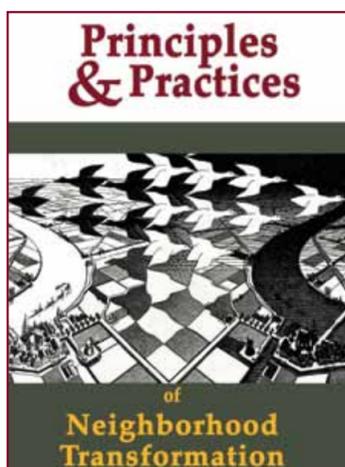
On Saturday, October 22, the 2011 Neighborhood Summit will provide participants with an opportunity to explore principles that shape neighborhood transformation and the practices that spur momentum and change.

Garland stakeholders and neighbors from surrounding communities are invited to attend at the Atrium at the Granville Arts Center in Downtown Garland. Registration is \$15 (participants outside of Garland, \$20). If registering after October 10, the cost increases \$5. A continental breakfast and lunch is included.

The speakers and presenters include an array of community leaders from the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex with diverse

experiences, from grassroots leaders to CEOs. Among the speakers for the day are Froswa

Booker-Drew, Community Engagement Director for World Vision; Jon Edmonds, CEO of Frazier Revitalization Inc.; Sherry Willis, Founder and CEO of Faith & Philanthropy; Keith Stewart, Senior Pastor at Spring Creek Community Church; Dorothy Brooks,



Carriagehouse Neighbors; and numerous others.

In neighborhood transformation, every stakeholder has a role. Don't miss the opportunity to clarify your role, define your neighborhood agenda, and identify the next steps that will move you closer to the community you want to experience.

For more information regarding the 2011 Neighborhood Summit, call 972-205-3864 or e-mail fconner@garlandtx.gov.

Achieving Excellence Through GNMA

Several community members will be recognized at the annual Neighborhood Summit for achieving GNMA (Garland Neighborhood Management Academy) certification. Each graduate has taken at least five courses in one of three areas of concentration: Citizen Engagement, Leadership Development, and Neighborhood Management. The 2011 graduates include: Fran Brown, District 6; Anita Goebel, District 2; Patricia Lewis, District 1; Wayne Martin, District 5; Connie Pence, District 4; Vicki Power, District 4; Sandra Purdom, District 8; Susie Rutherford, District 5; Lorre Antoine, District 6; Liz Kay, District 3; Betty Roberts, District 5; and Fred Vinas, District 3.

For a current list of Garland Neighborhood Management Academy, classes, visit www.GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org. To register call 972-205-2108 or send an e-mail to gnmaclass@garlandtx.gov.

Volunteers Needed for Fall Trash Bash

Fall is the perfect time of year to clean and spruce up before the busy holidays. It's also a great time to clean and spruce up our city at the annual Fall Trash Bash on Saturday, October 22.

Keep Garland Beautiful invites you to sign up yourself, your family, your neighbors, your co-workers, your congregation and your organization to pick up litter from streets and roadways, school grounds, parks and neighborhoods. "This event is a great way to build a strong community spirit," announced Betty Roberts, KGB President. The Fall Trash Bash also provides high school students with a great opportunity to earn community service hours. Scouting groups can earn badges.

The litter clean-up time is 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., and the volunteer appreciation

picnic is from 11 a.m. to noon at Granger Recreation Center, 1310 Avenue F. "We encourage everyone to bring their collected litter back to the rec center so that our success can be measured, and we can celebrate what you have done to make our city sparkle," said Ms. Roberts.

At the picnic, prizes will be awarded for the most litter collected by an individual, most litter collected by a group, and most unusual item collected. Volunteers who are energized by picking up litter can dance or sing to the live DJ music.

Register at www.keepgarlandbeautiful.org or email barbara@brpowers.com. Trash bags and gloves will be available the week prior to the event, or participants can pick them up at 8:30 a.m. at event headquarters, Granger Recreation Center, on October 22. All supplies are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Fall Trash Bash is sponsored by Keep Garland Beautiful, Environmental Waste Services, Stormwater Management and Citizens Environmental and Neighborhood Advisory Committee.



Thanksgiving Holiday Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25

City Offices, Libraries, and Senior Centers will be closed.

No residential garbage, recycling, and brush collection on Thursday. Thursday routes will be collected on Friday; Friday routes will be collected on Saturday.

See page 3 for a complete listing.

2011 Veterans Tribute
featuring
Debbie Reynolds
An Evening of Music and Comedy
November 11 and 12
7:30 p.m.
Friday night ticket holders invited to
Veterans Day Tribute Reception at The Atrium
before the concert
Granville Arts Center
Tickets ~ \$39 ~ 972-205-2790

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Christmas
on the
Square
2011
Downtown Garland
Thursday, December 1
5:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Official Tree Lighting Ceremony
Snow Tubing Hills
Photos And Visits With Santa
Horse Drawn Carriage Rides
Choir Performances
Festive Food
Christmas Bazaar
Decoration Station
Children Activities
Holiday Pet Adoption
Bring an unwrapped toy for the
Firefighters' Annual Toy Drive
For additional information, go to: www.christmasonthesquare.com

Message From The Mayor

The City Council and I have had a busy summer as we carefully read the budget and listened to department presentations. I am proud to say that we passed the budget unanimously again this year with no tax increase as well as maintaining excellent service levels.



Mayor Ronald E. Jones
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mayor@GarlandTx.gov

encourage you to get more involved and take advantage of these valuable opportunities and resources offered through these programs. The Garland Neighborhood Management Academy (GNMA) offers a variety of useful and interesting classes. Through GNMA, citizens learn about many aspects of city operations and services, as well as how to create and manage a neighborhood association. GNMA connects community members with the tools and resources to make Garland a great place to live, work, and play.

The Office of Neighborhood Vitality will host the annual Neighborhood Summit on October 22. At this summit, citizens can interact with City staff as well as network during the breakout sessions. The theme is Principles and Practices of Neighborhood Transformation. For more information about Garland neighborhoods and the Neighborhood Summit visit www.GarlandTx.gov.

In addition, we have completed our fourth year of the Healthy Living Expo and had tremendous participation. This year's event was a great success, attracting people from all over the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex. While attending various functions in Garland and surrounding areas, I often hear positive comments about our city's growth and stability. The economy in Garland is strong, healthy and vibrant. This past summer, Garland welcomed two new stores to the Firewheel Town Center, Ulta and Kirkland's. We are happy they chose Garland! The new In N Out Burger construction is now underway and we look forward to welcoming them to our city. In the southern sector, we added a new Applebee's restaurant and they are rapidly growing daily with patrons. It is exciting to see all the new activity around our city.

We continue to recognize that Garland citizens and neighborhoods are the foundation for our city. The Office of Neighborhood Vitality continues to be heavily used by our citizens and neighborhood organizations. I

Mayor's Evening Out Thursday, October 27

5-7 p.m.
La Quinta Inn and Suites
375 I-30 East

Mayor's Evening In Thursday, November 17

Mayor's Office ~ 7-9 p.m.
City Hall, 200 North Fifth Street

To reserve a time, call 972-205-2471
or email edattomo@GarlandTx.gov

IDQ THRIVES IN THEIR GARLAND HOME

This is part of a series of business profiles based on visits by Mayor Ronald E. Jones to the top 100 businesses in Garland.

IDQ Inc. is the world leader in innovative automotive air conditioning products for "do-it-yourself" customers. Their products are sold in more than 25,000 stores, including AutoZone, O'Reilly's Auto Parts, Advance Auto Parts, Albertsons, Wal-Mart, Pep Boys, and dozens more.

IDQ is located at 2901 West Kingsley Road in a large manufacturing building that was formerly used by a hot tub manufacturer. They cleaned up the plant and parking lot, revived the landscape, and turned the building into a showplace they now call home. They have a beautiful showroom, and large space to build the products.

IDQ leadership feels a close connection with Garland due in large part to the warm welcome they received from the community. Garland also provided the company with easy access to railroad transportation and an

abundant labor pool.

They employ more than 300 employees, many of whom are Garland residents. IDQ also pays close attention to their environmental responsibilities, recycling more than one million pounds of material annually!

To learn more about IDQ, visit their website at www.idqusa.com.



During Mayor Jones' visit to IDQ, he learned how to put an A/C Coolant Return kit into a vehicle.

Police Impounded Vehicle Auctions

Auctions for Police impounded vehicles are scheduled for the third Friday of each month at the City Impound Lot, 1630 Commerce Street. Gates open at 8:30 a.m., and the auction begins at 9:30 a.m. Vehicles must be removed from the lot by noon the following Monday. All vehicles will be sold for cash to the highest bidder without warranty or guarantees and are offered as/where is. Auctions may be cancelled without notice. Call 972-205-2415 for more information, or visit www.GarlandTx.gov or www.joepippinauctioneers.com.

Look for bicycles at www.govdeals.com or www.publicsurplus.com.

Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Prevention

The City of Garland is committed to the prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse.

Report anonymously fraud, waste, and abuse of City resources 24 hours a day.

972-205-2739

Garland City Council Meetings

The Garland City Council meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 200 North Fifth Street. Meetings are broadcast live on CGTV, the City's government access channel on cable television, with several rebroadcasts during the week following each meeting. On Council meeting days, a City Council member briefly discusses agenda items on CGTV at 3, 4, 5 and 6 p.m.

Work Sessions are normally held the Monday before Council meetings in the Work Session Room, first floor, City Hall, 200 North Fifth Street. Specific items and dates are posted outside City Hall on Friday before the scheduled meeting. Work Sessions are also televised live with rebroadcasts during the week.

Watch the City website, www.GarlandTx.gov, Time Warner Cable Channel 16, or Verizon FIOS Channel 44 for meeting schedule updates.

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CODE RED

Emergency Communication Made Easy.

Registered for CodeRED?

In the case of an emergency or urgent notification, the City of Garland can notify residents via telephone, email and text message through CodeRED. The system allows the City to alert citizens based on their home or business location. A pre-recorded message tells a live person or answering machine about the specific situation and if any action is necessary.

CodeRED also includes automated severe weather warnings, which will be launched as soon as the National Weather Service issues a warning (telephone only).

Whether you have already registered for CodeRED or are registering for the first time, you must "opt-in" for the automatic weather warnings. To do so, go to www.GarlandTx.gov, click on the CodeRED icon and follow the prompts. For citizens without internet access, registration forms are available at City Hall, the Duckworth Utility Services Building and all library branches.

more about local government's role in its citizens' lives.

All high school age youth in Garland are welcome to attend GYC meetings and participate in their activities. The GYC meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Granger Recreation Center, 1310 West Avenue F. At the October 11 meeting, youth will learn about volunteer and community service opportunities in Garland.

To learn more about the Garland Youth Council, visit GarlandYouthCouncil.org or find Garland Youth Council on Facebook.

The 2011-12 appointees are Alex Luna, Emma Spann, Mason Porter, Katie Brown, Stephanie Samuel, Diego Valderrama, Kylie Beene, Dylan Stooksberry, Scott Zachary, Angela Starnes, Seth Fernandez, Aaquila Runyan, Alexandria Nelson, Mindy Le, Trevor Greer, Tony Cleveland, Jessica Santibanez, Gabrielle Reed, Chelsey Balanciere, and Cutter Palacios.



Minority/Woman-Owned Businesses

The goal of the City of Garland's Procurement Inclusion Program is to include minority and woman-owned suppliers in every segment of the City procurement process, affording them an opportunity, on a competitive basis, to be considered for and awarded City business.

Contact the Garland Purchasing Department at 972-205-2415 or email purchasing@GarlandTx.gov or logon to www.GarlandPurchasing.com.

www.GarlandTx.gov

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS

District 1: Douglas Athas, 972-205-2121, council1@GarlandTx.gov

District 2: Jim Cahill, 972-762-1369, council8@GarlandTx.gov; Laura Perkins Cox, 214-364-9319, council2@GarlandTx.gov

District 3: Preston Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem, 972-271-1908, council3@GarlandTx.gov

District 4: Larry Jeffus, 972-686-5698, council4@GarlandTx.gov

District 5: John Willis, 972-278-7722, council5@GarlandTx.gov

District 6: Lori Barnett Dodson, 972-334-4533, council6@GarlandTx.gov

District 7: Rick Williams, 972-495-9545, council7@GarlandTx.gov

2011-12 District Updates

Every year, each Garland City Council member hosts a District Update presentation on CGTV, Garland's government access cable channel. These broadcasts allow Council members to update their constituents on important developments and issues in their districts. John Willis, District 5 and Lori Barnett Dodson, District 6, hosted the Districts 5 and 6 Update in September.

The 2011-12 broadcast schedule continues as follows:

- October 11: Preston Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem, District 3; Larry Jeffus, District 4
- November 8: Douglas Athas, District 1; Laura Perkins Cox, District 2
- December 13: Rick Williams, District 7; Jim Cahill, District 8
- March 1, 2012: Mayor Ronald E. Jones

Each broadcast begins at 7 p.m. CGTV is available on Time Warner Cable channel 16 and on Verizon FIOS channel 44. CGTV programming is also streamed live and on-demand at www.GarlandTx.gov.

2011-12 GYC Appointees Installed

In September, appointees for the Garland Youth Council were installed for the 2011-12 program year. Each member is appointed by the Mayor and City Council to give Garland's youth a voice in local government and to learn

ANIMAL SERVICES NEWS

Vaccination Clinic Successful

The most recent low cost vaccination clinic held at the Garland Animal Shelter was a huge success, with 283 vaccinations provided to the animals of 150 customers. Mark your calendar for the next clinic scheduled for Saturday, October 29, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Garland Animal Shelter, 600 Tower Drive. Services provided at the low cost clinics include rabies and DHPP vaccination for \$5 each, low cost registration for Garland residents (\$1/yr for sterilized animals, \$15/yr for unsterilized) and microchip tagging of animals for \$5 (customer must also pay the product registration fee). The clinic is open to both Garland and non-Garland residents. Visit GarlandAnimalServices.org for more Animal Services information.

Garland Pawsabilities

Garland Pawsabilities held their annual Dog-A-Poolooza on Saturday, August 21 at the Holford Park pool on Shiloh Road. Attendance was high and both pets and owners had a wonderful time.



Also, don't forget about Garland Pawsabilities' regular offsite adoption events at the former Fire Station located at 3136 South Shiloh Road, just south of Kingsley Road. Regular events are held on the first Saturday

of each month, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit www.garlandpaws.org for more details and opportunities to contribute time or money to the volunteer effort.

Seasonal Reminders

Fall has arrived and winter weather is just around the corner. Take a few minutes to ensure that your outdoor pets have adequate accommodations including shelter from wind and precipitation and access to food and water. A blanket or sleeping mat will help keep your pet warm and dry as temperatures begin to drop. Take time to thoroughly inspect your fence enclosure to ensure that your pet cannot escape and as always, make sure your pet is wearing current City registration tags. Pet registration with Garland Animal Services is your pet's ticket home, and it's the law.

Special Thanks

Animal Services would like to extend a special thank you to the citizens and organizations that donated more than \$1,500 in July and August. All donations are used to sponsor animals for adoption or to provide care and comfort for animals.

Notable Donations include: Rick Williams, \$80; Peggy Little, \$80; Fran Hueley, \$160; Douglas Casady, \$80; Jon Dietz, \$80; John Pipe, \$160; and Jill Copley, \$95.



Special thanks to Mary and Bailey Parker who spent part of their summer break making clay sculptures which they sold and used the proceeds to purchase pet supplies for the Garland Animal Shelter. Great work ladies!

Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has awarded the Garland Fire Department a grant that will allow GFD to hire six firefighters. The \$781,076 grant is from the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response program (SAFER) and is designed to strengthen the nation's ability to respond to emergency incidents and improve the nation's overall level of preparedness. The goal of any SAFER grant is to enhance the ability of grantees to attain and maintain 24-hour staffing and to assure that their communities have adequate protection and deployment capabilities for emergency incidents.

SAFER grant funding helps address concerns with response time, staffing, and deployment capabilities such that response times are reduced and an appropriate number

of personnel are able to assemble at an incident scene. The Garland Fire Department has applied for the SAFER grant numerous times in previous years, but this award is the department's first.

The City of Garland will benefit through the cost employment of two years service for six firefighters, who will be placed in the Operations division for staffing on fire apparatus as "front line" Firefighter-EMT's; overtime savings projections from the six SAFER grant firefighters is estimated to be more than \$150,000; and benefits to the community and the Fire Department by the City of Garland progressing towards compliance with NFPA 1710.

TV Listings ~ CGTV

Meeting dates and times subject to change

City Council Meetings

Live Broadcast - 7 p.m.
October 3 and 18, November 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.
October 3 and 17, October 31 and November 14
Rebroadcast following the Monday meeting
Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday - 9 a.m.
Wednesday and Thursday - 7 p.m.

Garland In Focus

Daily - 5:30 a.m., 8 a.m., and 6 p.m.

Living in Garland

Daily - 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Plan Commission

Live Broadcast - 7 p.m.
October 10 and 24, November 28
Rebroadcast following the Monday meeting
Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday - 9 a.m.

Billboard - Daily

Daily Schedule posted on City of Garland website
www.GarlandTx.gov

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Allocation of 2011-12 CDBG and HOME Grant Funds

The City Council approved the 2011-2012 funding allocations for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) in May. The City allocated \$2,025,175 in CDBG funding, \$723,553 in HOME funds, and \$91,448 in ESG funding. The funds are received annually from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support activities directed toward developing viable urban communities by providing a suitable living environment, decent housing, and expanded economic opportunities primarily for people earning a low to moderate income.

Projects funded through CDBG funds include: Neighborhood Enhancement, \$45,925; Single Family Rehabilitation, \$263,632; Code Compliance, \$172,248; Minor Home Repair, \$45,925; Street Improvements, \$821,000 (Palomino and Armstrong).

Public Service programs funded include: Achievement Center of Texas, \$39,600; Addicare Group of Texas, \$4,800; Axe Memorial Food Bank, \$1,700; Community of Vietnamese Nationals (ESL), \$5,500; Counseling Institute of Texas, \$9,600; Dental Health Programs, \$38,400; Hope Clinic, \$24,700; Galaxy Counseling Center, \$14,600; Garland Family YMCA, \$8,200; Garland Police - Boxing Program, \$25,200; Girls Escape Club, \$3,400; Good Samaritans, Inc., \$9,200; Mount Hebron Literacy Enhancement, \$5,500; Elderly Lawn Care; \$22,505; New Beginning Center, \$24,700; Parks - S.T.A.R.S. Summer Program, \$26,500; Salvation Army (After School), \$6,900; Salvation Army Rent/Mortgage Asst. Program, \$6,900; Senior Citizens Garland Ombudsman, \$7,400; and Urban League, \$4,600. The balance of the available funding will be used for grant administration, planning, fair housing and indirect costs.

HOME funds will be used for a variety of housing programs. The Neighborhood Development Department will use \$342,665 for infill housing. Community Housing Development Organizations will use \$108,533 for additional infill housing development. The Neighborhood Development Department was

awarded \$200,000 for down payment assistance. The balance will be used for administration.

This is the final year that Garland will receive Emergency Shelter Grant Funding. HUD is revising regulations and re-naming the grant Emergency Solutions Grant. Additional activities will be eligible for funding. However, for the 2011 program year, ESG funding was awarded to Mount Hebron Urban Community Housing \$13,717 for homeless prevention activities; Good Samaritans, Inc. was awarded an equal amount. New Beginning Center was awarded \$27,434 to provide case management services and \$32,008 for shelter operations. A total of \$4,572 will be used for administration of the grant.

City staff have submitted the Annual Action Plan, a document that describes how funding will be used and the specific actions that will be taken to meet HUD's regulatory requirements. A copy of the plan will be available at the City Secretary's office, and in the Neighborhood Services Department at the Carver Center. To review this document, contact Elaine Emmert, City of Garland, Grants Management. For questions or additional information call 972-205-3348.

Fair Housing Survey

The City of Garland is requesting your input as we analyze and review important fair housing programs and policies. The purpose of the survey is to gather information that will allow the City to assess current housing choices within Garland.

Please use the following link to complete the survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GarlandFairHousing>.

This information will be used in the preparation of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI), a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) mandated review of barriers to fair housing choice in the public and private sector.

We value your assistance and opinion, and appreciate you spending a few minutes to give us feedback and information.

United Way: City Employees Set Goals

The City of Garland's United Way Steering Committee is excited to kick-off the annual campaign. The reason for our excitement are the new goals and strategies United Way is implementing to help change lives of families forever. These goals include:

- Preparing kids to graduate and succeed. One way United Way is accomplishing this goal is by partnering with local high schools to provide mentoring programs for parents and students.
- Helping families leave poverty permanently. The goal is to move 250,000 people out of poverty permanently.
- Teaching families to live healthy, responsible lives and creating healthier communities in North Texas.

This year's campaign theme is: "Uniting to Serve and Support." With the economic down turn, City employees have seen the needs of our community during our daily work. By partnering with the United Way to achieve more long-lasting goals, we are able to impact our local community, support fellow citizens, and affect change through United Way agencies and nonprofit organizations.

To spur on donations, employees will be participating in fund raisers such as "jeans day" and departmental Penny Wars competitions.

The City Employee United Way Campaign runs from September 28 through October 12. For more information on the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, please log on to www.UnitedWayDallas.org.

Fire Prevention Week: October 9-15

Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. Every year since 1925, the President of the United States has signed a proclamation for a week-long national observance during October.

In 2009, U.S. fire departments responded to 362,500 home structure fires. A home structure fire was reported every 87 seconds. These fires caused 12,650 civilian injuries, 2,565 civilian deaths, and \$7.6 billion in damage.

Cooking equipment is the leading cause of home structure fires, followed by heating equipment, electrical equipment, smoking, and candles. Please note that fires involving heating equipment peak in December, January, and February, as do deaths from these fires.

Smoke alarms can cut the risk of dying in a home fire by half, but two-thirds of the home fire deaths happen in homes with no working smoke alarms. Plus, only eight percent of Americans surveyed said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out.

Automatic fire sprinkler systems reduce the risk of death or injury by about 80 percent because they dramatically reduce the heat, flames, and smoke produced, allowing people time to evacuate the home.

Every family should have an escape plan that is known to everyone in the home. Practice the home fire drill at night and during

the day at least twice a year. Teach children how to escape on their own if no one can help.

For additional information on fire prevention, visit www.firepreventionweek.org or call the Garland Fire Department at 972-781-7150.

Fire Ops 101

October 15

8 a.m.

Garland Fire Department
Administration and Training Center
1500 State Highway 66

One-day fire operations workshop for civilians

Learn to use various tools of the firefighting profession and battle fire under the close supervision of professional firefighters.



Space is limited
To register, contact Chad Purcell
972-824-2585
cpurcell@garlandtx.gov

Presented by the Garland Firefighters Association

Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

City Offices

(including Utility Customer Service)

Closed Thursday and Friday,
November 24 and 25

Libraries

Closed Thursday and Friday,
November 24 and 25

Recreation/Senior Centers

Close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, November 23
Closed Thursday and Friday,
November 24 and 25

Environmental Waste Services

Offices Closed Thursday and Friday,
November 24 and 25

No garbage, recycling, or brush collection on
Thursday, November 24

Thursday collection routes picked up on Friday
Friday collection routes picked up on Saturday

Recycling Center

Closed Thursday, November 24
Open Friday and Saturday,
November 25 and 26 (8 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

Transfer Station

Closed Thursday, November 24
Open Friday and Saturday,
November 25 and 26 (8 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

C. M. Hinton, Jr. Regional Landfill/Wood Waste Facility

Closed Thursday, November 24
Open Friday and Saturday,
November 25 and 26 (8 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

2011 NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY

As part of the Neighborhood Benchmarking Program, the City of Garland is conducting a survey of 19 neighborhoods this fall. Surveys will be mailed to a random selection of residents within these neighborhoods. The map featured below illustrates the neighborhoods that will be included in this year's survey.

Residents may choose to submit survey responses via the mail or online. By responding to the survey online, residents can help the City reduce postage and processing costs. Residents may also select their preferred language—English or Spanish. Surveys are mailed to randomly selected residents and will include login information necessary to complete the survey online. The login information is important to identify a respondent's neighborhood.

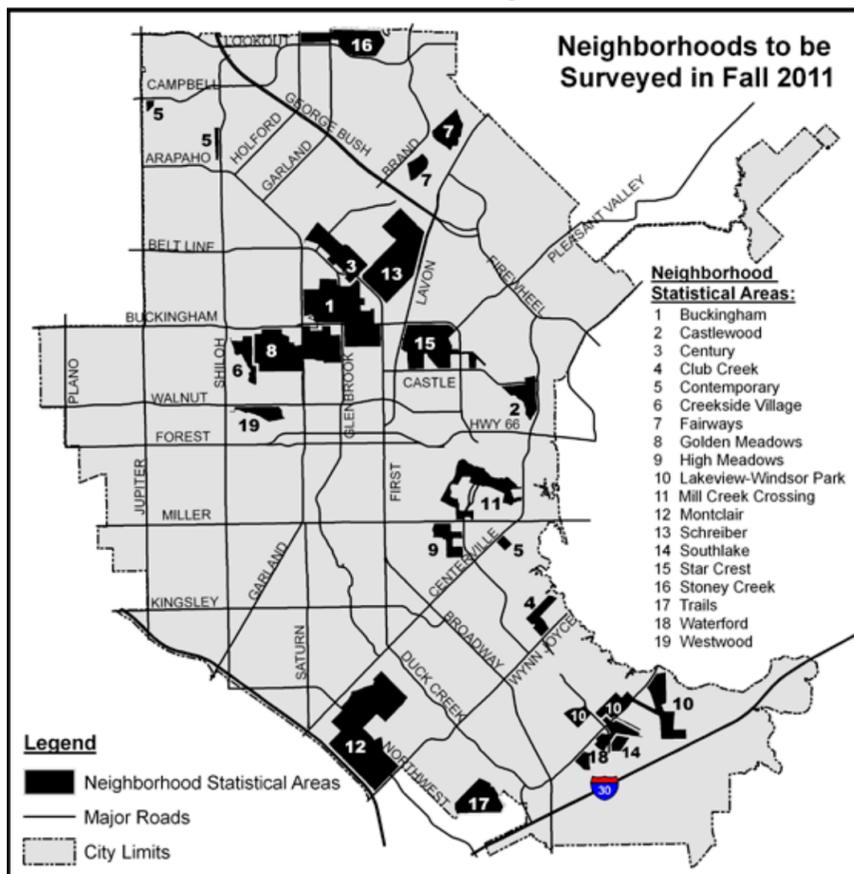
Residents who receive a survey in the mail are encouraged to submit responses by the deadline indicated on the survey. Citizen participation in the survey enables the City to:

- Gauge resident satisfaction with City services

- Monitor neighborhood conditions and change over time
- Equip City Management and City Council with information for better decision-making
- Guide the allocation of resources throughout the city based upon needs

Citizen participation in the survey also supports the Strategy for Vital Neighborhoods program. The Strategy for Vital Neighborhoods program seeks to bring community stakeholders together in partnership to coordinate resources to build attractive, vital neighborhoods. It also supports neighbors in creating and achieving the desired vision for their area. Citizen participation in the survey provides all partners with the resources necessary to make all of Garland's neighborhoods vital places to live, work, and play.

The City of Garland would like to thank you in advance for your participation in the 2011 Neighborhood Survey. If you have questions, please contact Organizational Development at 972-205-2511.



Code Compliance Receives "Excellence" Award

The Building Official's Association of Texas recently named the City of Garland Code Compliance Department as the recipient of its first annual "Excellence in Code Enforcement" awards program. The goal of the award is to recognize organizations which provide top quality certification, education and inspection programs. Garland Code Compliance was selected based on its Single Family Rental program.

In April, 2005, the City of Garland adopted an ordinance to regulate the operation of single family rental properties. The ordinance requires landlords to obtain a permit for operation and stipulates that rental properties are inspected to ensure compliance with minimum housing codes to protect the life and safety of the occupants.

"We want to be responsive to the needs of the property owners and the occupants,"

said Code Compliance Director Steve Killen. "So we have established an ongoing review process, to assure that the program and its procedures are continually updated."

Garland's program has served as a model for the development of similar programs across the state. Code Compliance staff conducts Landlord Certification Training to educate property owners and managers about the City's inspection process and minimum housing requirements.

"We've created an education and incentive component that makes our program unique," said Mr. Killen. "The training has been well-received and participants say they have benefited from being part of the process."

So far, more than 3,600 single family rental properties have become certified with staff members conducting more than 24,000 inspections.

GP&L's Spencer Units Activated for ERCOT

The summer of 2011 will be remembered for extremely hot temperatures and for ERCOT's requests for customers across the state to conserve electricity to prevent rotating power outages. It is also the summer that Garland Power & Light activated two mothballed units to provide more power to the electric grid.

As power supplies became tight in August, ERCOT considered many options to secure the reliability of the grid. They soon asked power generators if they would bring retired units back to service.

GP&L stepped up to this challenge and notified ERCOT that it could bring Spencer Units #4 and #5 back on-line in just a few weeks. These units were activated several days before the target date, much to the appreciation of ERCOT CEO Trip Doggett.

Soon after they were made available, the units were called upon to dispatch power to the grid, providing power to nearly 25,000 Texas homes.

Bringing the units on-line was a team effort across all divisions of GP&L. Contracts were drawn up; checklists were readied; materials were procured; production, control and reporting systems were inspected and tested; the units were started, and the power lines connecting the units to the grid were energized.

"I'm very proud of our dedicated and highly skilled employees who worked around the clock to bring this generation back on-line," said GP&L Electric Utility Director Ray Schwertner. "As members of ERCOT, we know it is important that we contribute to making sure consumers have the power they need," he added.



Indoor Warning Sirens

Have you ever heard people talk about weather radios and wondered "What is that?" Well you are not alone. Many citizens are unaware of these radios and their capability to bring important emergency information directly into your home or business.

Weather radios are small devices capable of receiving alerts sent over a special nationwide network of radio repeaters broadcasting weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. Public safety officials can also utilize this existing network to broadcast Emergency Alert System messages, such as earthquakes, chemical spills and even AMBER alerts or 911 telephone outages, making it your single source for comprehensive weather and emergency information.

Most of the time, they sit quietly in your home or office. Once a signal is sent to the device, an alarm will sound followed by information explaining the emergency and instructions on what steps you should take. These radios typically have a battery back-up so that you can still receive alerts in the event

of a power outage or if you need to evacuate, you can take the radio with you. There are also attachments available to accommodate special populations, such as the deaf or hard-of-hearing community, to allow those citizens to receive the same emergency alerts.

Some newer weather radios come equipped with Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) technology. SAME technology allows the weather radio to be programmed to alert only when a specific county weather message or other alert is issued. The Dallas County Radio Frequency is 162.400.

Weather radios can be purchased at most general merchandise stores (Wal-Mart, Target, etc.) as well as electronics stores (Circuit City, Best Buy, Radio Shack, etc.) for around \$30.

For more information, contact the Garland Office of Emergency Management at 972-781-7222 or visit the website at www.garland-oem.com.



Customer Service Investigates Theft of Utility Services

Theft of electricity or water happens when customers tamper with their meters to illegally obtain utility service. However, it doesn't pay to cheat. Customer Service investigators actively investigate all tampering leads and if caught, an account holder has to pay a considerable 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.

Some customers might think they are being resourceful when they steal electricity or water, but with Customer Service's skilled investigative team on the job, most tampering

situations are found.

"Unfortunately, utility theft has become a real problem. We investigate any reports from concerned citizens as well as leads provided by our system resources," said Billing and Revenue Supervisor Derek Burt. "If necessary, we can and will pursue restitution through the court system," added Burt.

Theft of utility service is illegal and dangerous! 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.

Streetlight Repairs



Notice a streetlight that is out or damaged?

Contact GP&L at 972-205-3483 or e-mail info@garlandpower-light.org.

Please provide the exact location of the light or a pole number, along with your name, address and daytime telephone number in case GP&L needs to contact you for additional information pertaining to the light.

GARLAND...HISTORY MADE HERE

PRESENTED BY GARLAND POWER & LIGHT

Homer Johnson shares football history in Garland

When the first high school football game was played in Garland more than 100 years ago, spectators watched the game from their cars and buggies, which they simply pulled up to a makeshift field. That field is now the location of the city's main post office on West Walnut Street.

"They parked 10 yards back from the sidelines, just far enough to make sure the players wouldn't run into them," said Homer Johnson, the Garland Independent School District Athletic Director.

Johnson, in his 64th year with G.I.S.D., is distinguished for his knowledge of Garland sports history, including lore about a

1906 football game. When Highland Park High School beat Garland High School by more than 70 points, "Garland fans chased fans from Highland Park down the railroad tracks!" said Johnson, who assumes they came by later to pick up their Model Ts.

A few years later Garland High School's gridiron encounters moved to the old horse race track, (during the racing off-season). The games were played on the turf inside the dirt track which was located near the intersection of First Street and Avenue B.

Garland's first dedicated football stadium, built in the late '30s, was named the "Onion Bowl" in tribute to all the onion farms in Garland at the time. The stadium boasted about 500 spectator seats but the communication system was primitive. As a young backfield coach, Homer had to shimmy up a light pole to call plays to the head coach from a platform high in the air.

"I was quite relieved when we built

Williams Stadium in the mid '50s and I could call the plays from the press box!" said Johnson. Soon, he was back on the field as head coach, where he remained until 1963 when he was named athletic director. In 1972, another stadium was built, named the Homer B. Johnson Stadium in his honor.

In the early days of the stadium, the Dallas Cowboys practiced on HBJ Stadium's artificial turf on rainy mornings. During one practice session before a conference championship game against the Redskins, Tom Landry pointed out painting that was occurring at the top of the stands. "We're not painting!" Johnson told Landry, and the two men dashed up the steps, at which point the "painters" scattered and hopped into their rented cars. "Coach Landry was pretty unhappy that the Redskins had sneaked into his practice session!" laughed Johnson.

City of Garland Continues Water Conservation Measures

Garland officials continue to urge residents to conserve water. In August, Garland initiated Stage 2 Drought Response measures to accelerate efforts to reduce water use by 5 percent.

This summer the City's water supplier, the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), requested Stage 2 as a result of the continued area-wide drought conditions, pumping restrictions caused by the zebra mussel infestation at Lake Texoma, and temporary loss of capacity due to ongoing construction at their Wylie plant.

The City of Garland's Drought Contingency Plan is contained within the City's Code of Ordinances. Stage 2 Drought Conditions require the following actions by Garland residents and businesses:

- Limit lawn/landscape watering with sprinklers to two days per week.
- Stop all non-essential water usage.
- Postpone installation of new landscaping until the drought has passed.
- Hand watering or use of soaker hoses is allowed at any time.

Under Stage 2, specific days for lawn irrigation are not designated; however the following schedule is recommended: Even-numbered addresses may water on Sundays and Thursdays. Odd-numbered addresses may water on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

For additional details about the City of Garland's Drought Contingency Plan, as well as water conservation tips, please visit www.garlandwater.com.

Be Water Smart!

Garland Water Conservation Ordinance always prohibits:

- Watering a lawn or landscape between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., except for hand watering or soaker hoses
- Watering during any form of precipitation (including snow)
- Watering impervious surfaces (such as sidewalks or streets) or watering to the extent that there is overflow on a street or drainage area
- Operating a lawn or landscape irrigation system that has broken or missing heads, or has not been properly maintained in such a way as to prevent waste of water
- At home car washing, unless it is done using a water hose with a shut-off nozzle

For more information regarding the City of Garland's Water Conservation Ordinance, the Drought Restrictions and ways that you can save water, please visit www.garlandwater.com, or call 972-205-3210.

WORK IN PROGRESS



The Naaman Forest Boulevard extension will be between Ranger Drive and East Brand Road. This road project is scheduled to be completed by November.

Sewer System Maintenance

During October, the City of Garland Water Utilities Department will perform preventive maintenance on the sewer system in a section of north Garland. The work will be performed in the general location of the intersection of Shiloh Road and Homestead Place, east to Homestead Place and North Garland Avenue, south to North Garland Avenue and Buckingham Road, west to Buckingham and Shiloh Roads; and north to Shiloh Road and Homestead Place.

The sewer pipes in this area will be cleaned with water pressure to remove the debris and sediment that occurs over a period of time in gravity-flow pipes, thus eliminating potential sewer stoppages before they occur. In addition to the pipe cleaning, the contractor will also insert a closed circuit camera into the pipes and record DVD images from manhole to manhole. This video will be used to pinpoint areas in need of repair.

Although most of the pipes to be cleaned are located in alleys, major roadways in the



area will have temporary lane closures and motorists may experience delays. The Water Department requests that drivers exercise patience and caution when traveling through these work zones. For more information, call the Garland Water Utilities department at 972-205-3227; after 3 p.m., call 972-205-3210.

GARLAND ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

This Fall, Let Your Leaves Work For You!



Instead of raking, sweeping & bagging yard waste, naturally fertilize your lawn by leaving it where it falls. Never sweep or blow grass clippings & leaves into the storm drain.

For more information or to report violations, call the Stormwater Hotline: 972-205-2180.

Proper Draining of Swimming Pools

It is time to remind everyone that illegal draining of your pool could pollute our local creeks, streams, and lakes. When swimming pool water runs down the street and into the storm drain, the pollutants in the water could cause problems for the aquatic animals living in our local waters. Garland City Ordinance requires all owners of pools, hot tubs, or spas to drain them into a sanitary sewer, not into grass, alleys, streets or storm drains.

To report stormwater pollution, call the Stormwater Hotline at 972-205-2180.

Operating Schedule Changes at Transfer Station

With the re-opening of the Transfer Station at 1434 Commerce Street, Environmental Waste Services announces that the disposal facility's new operating hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The facility will be closed on Saturdays.

"The volume of waste received from residents on Saturdays no longer warrants having both the Transfer Station and Landfill facilities open," explained Lonnie Banks, Environmental Waste Services Managing Director. "While the Transfer Station will be closed on Saturdays, the C.M. Hinton, Jr. Regional Landfill, located at 3175 Elm Grove Rd., in Rowlett, will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for residents needing to dispose of waste materials." Garland residents should bring current driver's license or recent City water bill as proof of residency.

The Drop-Off Recycling Center, located at 1426 Commerce Street, will remain open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., as well as Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Residents can drop off newspaper and magazines, cardboard, cans, plastic bottles, glass jars, telephone books, used motor oil and transmission fluid, used oil filters, auto and truck batteries and scrap metal.

For more information about the Transfer Station and Drop-Off Recycling Center, visit www.GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com or call 972-205-3500.

A friendly reminder: Garland City Ordinance states...

Each property owner shall keep the drainage channels and/or drainage and floodway easement traversing or adjacent to his property clean and free of debris, silt, and any other substance which may impede the flow of stormwaters or result in unsanitary conditions. This includes all necessary mowing, weeding, litter pick-up, and other normal property owner responsibilities.

If you have any questions, please call the Stormwater Hotline at 972-205-2180.

City of Garland Utility Buildings Receive Green Certification

The City of Garland has received Silver LEED® Certification for two buildings completed last year: the Duckworth Utility Services Building and the Garland Utility Payment Drive Thru. These are the first two City-owned buildings to achieve the coveted designation.

The LEED (Leadership in Efficiency and Environmental Design) certification, granted by the U.S. Building Council, verifies that the construction used environmentally friendly methods and materials, and that building operations support environmental principles.



The Charles E. Duckworth Building at 217 North Fifth Street.



Fall Trash Bash

Saturday, October 22
Granger Recreation Center
8:30 a.m.

Register:
www.keepgarlandbeautiful.org
barbara@brpowers.com

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Citizens Environmental and Neighborhood Advisory Committee



The Garland Utility Payment Drive Thru at 717 West State Street (corner of State and Glenbrook).

The construction of both buildings followed LEED guidelines, including the installation of low-water-use plumbing fixtures, motion-sensor office lighting, solar panels for water heating, and the use of recycled and low-chemical-emitting products.

The LEED assessment also covered demolition at the old Police and Courts building, which made way for the construction of The Duckworth Building. During demolition, everything that could be recycled was recycled, including concrete, drywall, glass and wood products.

Recycle

Plastic Bottles Chipboard Cans Glass Bottles Newspaper

Separate paper from other recyclables. Cardboard and telephone books are not accepted curbside. Take to Recycling Center at 1426 Commerce Street.

Questions? 972-205-3500

Do Not Recycle

Paper Towels, Facial Tissue and Toilet Paper
Wax-Coated Food and Drink Containers
Plastic Utensils and Plastic Straws
Plastic and Foil Packaging
Plastic Bags
Styrofoam Peanuts
Plastic and Styrofoam Food Containers
Styrofoam Plates and Cups
Paper Serving Items

www.GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com

COMMUNITY/ARTS

GSO Opens 2011-12 Season



The Garland Symphony Orchestra opens its 2011-2012 Season, *The Bard and the Band* on Friday, October 21 with *Double, Double Toil & Trouble* at 8 p.m. in the Brownlee Auditorium at the Granville Arts Center, Fifth And Austin Streets in Downtown Garland.

Each of the GSO's eight subscription concerts will examine the great composers' interactions with a particular work by Shakespeare. For each program, the GSO will be joined by the talented actors of the Dallas Shakespeare Festival, who will frame the music with famous scenes and soliloquies from the evening's play.

Season tickets are priced as low as \$53, with single tickets available for \$15, \$25, and \$35. All are available by telephone (972-205-2790), fax (972-252-4877), or email (info@garlandssymphony.org). Group discounts are also available; call the GSO office for more information (972-926-0611).

The opening GSO concert will feature Nicolai's *Overture to The Merry Wives of Windsor* and Verdi's *Prelude to Macbeth*. This performance will also feature international pianist, Simone Sala, performing Camilo's *Concerto for Piano, Harp, and Orchestra*. Simone Sala was born in 1982 in Bojano, Italy. He began studying piano at age 9, continuing the 150 year-old family legacy of musicians. Currently, he is continuing his studies and pursuing a master's degree in piano performance at Southern Methodist University. Mr. Sala has performed recitals and concerts throughout both Europe and the United States as a chamber musician and soloist.

The second concert of the season is set for Friday, November 18 at 8 p.m., also in the Brownlee Auditorium of the Granville Arts Center.

The Garland Symphony Orchestra credits its Music Director, Robert Carter Austin for its continued outstanding and diverse orchestral programming. For more information, visit the GSO website at www.garlandssymphony.org.

Willy Wonka TYA at the Plaza

Actors Anonymous Theatre Company (A.A.T.C.) will present *Willy Wonka TYA* (Theatre for Young Audiences version) at the Plaza Theatre, 521 West State Street in Downtown Garland.

Performances are scheduled for November 18 at 7:30 p.m. and November 19 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door (\$10 for students/children). The show is appropriate for all ages, and proceeds benefit the Garland High School Speech and Debate team.



The production features the Drama Queens and Kings and the GHS Speech and Debate Team. Cast members include: Bill Chesnutt as Augustus Gloop, Cyndie Saye as Mrs. Gloop, Jordan Chapman as Charlie Bucket, Luke Baker as Mr. Bucket, Jordan Cox as Mrs. Bucket, Bobby Prewitt as Grandpa Joe, Barb Moola as Grandma Josephine, Manar Haseeb as Grandma Georgina, Broderick Bell as Grandpa George, Cindy Baker as Veruca Salt, Bart McMurry as Mr. Salt, Alana Smith as Violet Beauregarde, Louise Robertson as Mrs. Beauregarde, Trevor Stewart as Mike Teevee, Shelly James as Mrs. Teevee, Brian Wilcox as the Candyman, Matt Pesta as Phineas Trout, Tristan Stewart & Ty Baker as Oompa Loompas and Derek Stewart as Willy Wonka.

A.A.T.C. Director/GHS Speech and Debate Coach Lory Stewart will direct the production. For more information, visit www.thedramaqueens.com.

DON'T MISS THE SHOW!

Granville Arts Center Fifth and Austin Streets

October 22 ~ 7 p.m.

When Women Talk, a stage play presented by Be Informed Ministries, with live music provided by Level Ground Band. Tickets are \$20 presale and \$25 at the door. Purchase online at www.beinformedministries.com. For group discounts, send email to beinformedministriesinc@yahoo.com.



October 28 ~ 8 p.m.

A tribute to the music of Elvis Presley by Johnny Rockit. Tickets are \$16 each and may be purchased in advance by calling 214-701-3954 or going to www.johnnyrockitshow.com.



November 7 p.m

The HellWith My Family, presented by My Purple Rose Entertainment. A production about relationships and how we interact with our family members. For tickets, call 469-278-4278 or 972-904-1825.

November 19 ~ 7 p.m.

4th Annual Hispanic Heritage Banquet hosted by the Garland Association for Hispanic Affairs, a nonprofit organization which provides educational scholarships for G.I.S.D. students. The banquet is a fundraiser for the scholarships and also recognizes those who have contributed to the Hispanic community. Contact Javier Solis at 972-487-3262 or jsolis@garlandisd.net for more information.

Plaza Theatre 521 West State Street

October 15 ~ 7 p.m.

When the Bells Toll, presented by Tyler Productions Gospel Stage Plays. How far will a mother go to save the life of a loved one? How much will she sacrifice? Tickets are \$22 in advance by calling 214-722-7566 or at the door before 6:30 p.m. No online purchases. After 6:30 p.m., all tickets are \$25. Visit the website at www.tylerproductions gospelstageplays.org for more information.



October 16 ~ 6 p.m.

Candy and Friends... Concert Benefiting the National Brain Tumor Society, presented by Candy Wilson and her musical friends. Genres include classical, contemporary, jazz, gospel, and the Dixieland sound. All proceeds will benefit the National Brain Tumor Society, an organization Candy has been active in since her diagnosis of brain tumors in 2009. Visit the website, <http://mysite.verizon.net/res11b3t0/> for more information. Tickets are \$10 and are available by calling 214-621-5358.



November 4 ~ 7:30 p.m.

Reuben Lael: Back for the First Time. Reuben Lael will be in concert to release his new Soul & Inspiration album *My Journey II: Campus Legend*. General admission is \$10 including a free cd; student admission is \$5 including a free cd; children ages six and below are admitted free. For information send email to reubenlael@gmail.com or call 214-729-8948



November 10 ~ 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
November 11 ~ 1 and 7:30 p.m.
November 12 ~ 7:30 p.m.

Romeo and Juliet, presented by the Company of Rowlett Performers. Show is directed by Cesar VanCleave. For tickets, call 972-977-7710 or send email to donnacovington@yahoo.com.



November 26 ~ 8 p.m.

Straight Outta Garland: Tres!, presented by Cobalt Comedy. Tickets are \$15 each or 2 for \$20 and may be purchased in advance via PayPal at www.cobaltcomedy.com.



November 29 ~ 7 p.m.

The Mystery of the Twisting Sisters, presented by the Classical Center at Vial Elementary. A fun and entertaining combination of two beloved fairytales rolled into one. Things heat up when the *Twelve Dancing Princesses* continuously ruin their shoes burning up the dance floor. The local *Shoemaker* is surprised each night when the shoes are mysteriously repaired by secretive elves. Tickets may be purchased at The Classical Center at Vial or at the door for \$5 per person.

GCT PRESENTS "PILLOW TALK" AND "HAIRSPRAY"



Garland Civic Theatre will present *Pillow Talk* and *Hairspray* in the small theatre of the Granville Arts Center, Fifth and Austin Streets in Downtown Garland. Tickets are available at the Arts

Center Box Office, 972-205-2790. Discounts are available for KERA members and groups of 10 or more.

Garland Civic Theatre is a member of American Association of Community Theaters and Texas Non-profit Theatres. Season sponsors include Garland Cultural Arts Commission and *The Dallas Morning News*. Underwriters include Linda Braga, Dunn and Dill, Dr. Lisa Garner, and Garland Power and Light. Visit the GCT website at www.garlandcivictheatre.org or call 972-485-8884 for additional information.

Pillow Talk

Garland Civic Theatre will present *Pillow Talk* adapted by Christopher Sergel from the movie classic by Stanley Shapiro and Maurice Richlin. The production will run Friday through Sunday, October 7 - 29, with Thursday performances on October 6 and 13. Tickets for the August 25 preview are \$17; all others are \$22. Note that Thursday performances are at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday evenings are at 8 p.m., and matinees are at 2:30 p.m.



Pillow Talk is the tale of interior decorator Jan Morrow and Brad Allen who share a party line. Brad keeps the line occupied talking to one girl or another and animosity builds up. Through a friend, Brad meets Jan. He passes himself off as a naive Texan named Rex

Stetson, and Jan is entranced. Brad's dual identity as the Texan and the cynical commentator on Jan's increasing love for the gentle Rex makes this a very special comedy.

The production is directed by Evelyn Davis, with sets by Joseph Cummings and costumes by Celeste Rogers.

Hairspray

Performances for *Hairspray* are set for November 17 and December 1 at 7:30 p.m., November 18, 19, 25, and 26, and December 1, 3, 9, and 10 at 8 p.m., with 2:30 p.m. matinees on November 20 and 27 and December 4 and 10. Tickets for the November 17 performance are \$21. All other tickets are \$26.

Hairspray's loveable plus-size heroine, Tracy Turnblad, has a passion for dancing and wins a spot on the local TV dance program, *The Corny Collins Show*. Overnight she finds herself transformed from outsider to teen celebrity. Can a larger-than-life adolescent manage to vanquish the program's reigning princess, integrate the television show, and find true love (singing and dancing all the while, of course!) without mussing her hair?

This production is directed by Kyle McClaran and costumes are by Ryan Matthieu Smith. The book is by Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan, the music and lyrics by Marc Shaiman, and lyrics by Scott Wittman.

Pilates Squared

Everybody Dance! a revue featuring dance professionals and their advanced students from around the metroplex, will take the stage of Garland's Plaza Theatre on Saturday, October 8. Curtain will be at 8 p.m. This will be Pilates Squared's fourth consecutive year at the Plaza Theatre.

Among the featured professionals will be Garland's own Aimee Campos, a frequent participant in dance exhibitions and competitions. The evening will include refreshments after the show and an opportunity for audience members to join the cast in general dancing. Tickets will be available at the Plaza Theatre, 521 West State Street, Garland, on the evening of the show for \$30. Before October 8, they may be purchased for \$25 at Pilates Squared, 3122 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, Texas, 214-828-0100.



Garland Chorale



The Garland Chorale season begins November 4 with the Mozart Requiem, performed in collaboration with The Flower Mound Symphony Orchestra, TMUMC Chancel Choir, and Voices of Flower Mound. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Granville Arts Center, Fifth and Austin Streets in Downtown Garland. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for seniors. Children under 12 are admitted free.

A Christmas Concert is scheduled for December 17, 8 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, 800 West Avenue B in Downtown Garland. On April 28, 2012, the Spring Concert will begin at 8 p.m. in the Granville Arts Center.

The goal of the Garland Chorale is threefold: to provide an independent cultural component for Garland and surrounding communities; to provide a choral musical experience based on quality choral repertoire; and to promote an excellent musical experience through fellowship, friendship and mutual understanding for all age groups. For additional information, send email to donny@thegarlandchorale.com.

Garland Women's Activities Building 713 Austin Street

Room rentals for club meetings, banquets, reunions, showers, weddings, and receptions

Contact Karla Pajot
972-272-5024
gwab@verizon.net



National Night Out Tuesday, October 4

Turn on your porch light and get to know your neighbors!



October 22
10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Downtown Garland
Main and Sixth Streets

Chuckwagons ◊ Stagecoach
Food ◊ Music
Kids Corral ◊ Family Fun

More information is available on Facebook at WildWestCowboyRoundUp2011.

www.GarlandArts.com
Visit regularly and keep up-to-date on the world of arts in Garland.
For theatre rental inquiries, send email to arts@garlandtx.gov.

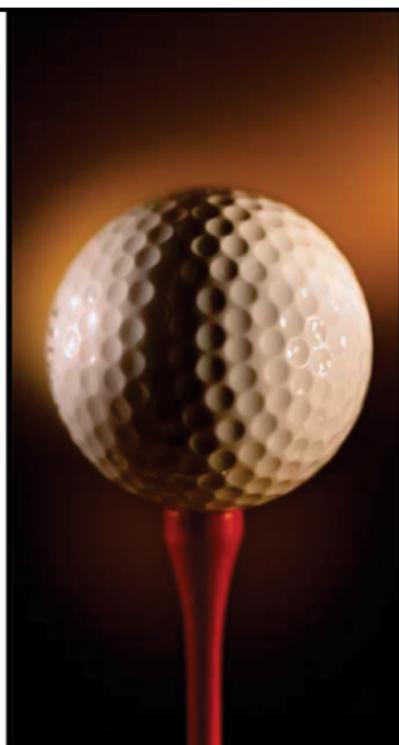


The First Tee

a program to provide young people of all socioeconomic backgrounds an opportunity to develop, through golf and character education, a core set of life-enhancing values such as honesty, integrity, respect, and perseverance

Fall Season II
Tuesdays
October 4 - November 1
6 to 7:30 p.m.

To get involved or register, contact
Shannon McCormick
972-205-3917
shannonm@golfirewheel.com



SPRING CREEK PARK PRESERVE IS FOR THE BIRDS THIS CHRISTMAS



The Spring Creek Forest Preservation Society invites youth groups to bring biodegradable birdfeeders to decorate living holiday trees on Saturday, December 3, from 10 a.m. until noon. The Spring Creek Park Preserve is located at 1787 Holford Road. The event also includes walking tours of the natural areas near the Eastern Red Cedars that will be decorated. All activities are free of charge.

Tree-trimming participants should bring their biodegradable birdfeeder ornaments ready to hang. Some examples of biodegradable bird feeders include:

- Pine cones coated in peanut butter and rolled in bird seed
- Strings of fresh or dried cranberries
- Strings of non-buttered popcorn.
- Suet balls (see recipe at right)
- Birdy shortbread (see recipe at right)

Biodegradable bird feeder ornaments should be hung with cotton yard or string, which birds can use for nest-making. Metal hangers are dangers for birds and wildlife to ingest.

Recipes:

No-Melt Suet

- 1 cup crunchy peanut butter
- 1 cup lard
- 2 cups quick-cook oatmeal
- 2 cups cornmeal
- 1 cup white flour
- ½ cup sugar

Melt peanut butter and lard together. Stir in other ingredients. Pour mixture into cookie cutters or form into balls and freeze. Raisins or nuts can be added to the mix prior to freezing.

Birdy Shortbread

- ½ cup vegetable shortening
- 2 cups flour
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup nutmeats
- ½ cup cranberries or raisins

Preheat oven to 350. Cream the shortening, flour and sugar together. Stir in nuts and cranberries. Mixture should be crumbly. Add water if needed. Cut into ornaments and bake until brown, about 15 minutes.

For more information, visit www.springcreekforest.org or call Ginny Wilcox at 972-271-1133.

Preserving Garland's History

Garland's Landmark Society is a non-profit organization that serves as the city's historians and manages the collection at the Garland Landmark Museum, located in the Santa Fe Depot, a City facility at 200 Museum Plaza Drive (behind City Hall).

The museum is staffed completely by volunteers and is open on the first and third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and by special appointment.

For more information, call the Landmark at 972-205-2996 or visit the website at www.GarlandHistorical.org.



The Garland Landmark Museum is housed in the Santa Fe Depot located at 200 Museum Plaza Drive (behind City Hall) in Downtown Garland.

OPEN HOUSE, HOLIDAY CARDS FOR HEROES, AND NATIONAL GAMING DAY AT THE GARLAND PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Nicholson Memorial Library System

Central Library
625 Austin Street
972-205-2517

North Garland Branch Library
3845 North Garland Avenue
972-205-2804

South Garland Branch Library
4845 Broadway Boulevard
972-205-3933

Walnut Creek Branch Library
3319 Edgewood Drive
972-205-2585

Adult Programs

Purposeful Eating: A Free Health Seminar

The Nicholson Memorial Library System and Baylor Medical Center at Garland will co-sponsor a free health seminar presented by licensed dietician Susan Atwood on the topic of healthy eating. The seminar will be held at the Central Library on Tuesday, October 11, at 2 p.m. Reservations are required. Please call 972-487-5444 to register, and ask for the operator (or dial 0). Light refreshments will be served.



Senior Social Hour @ the Library

The Nicholson Memorial Library System offers a free program series for senior citizens, Senior Social Hour @ the Library, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Events in this series are held at the Central Library 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. For more information, call 972-205-2502.

A Chance of a Ghost: Spine-Tingling Tales with Bill Raley

Bill Raley will present *A Chance of a Ghost: Spine-Tingling Tales* on Thursday, October 27, at 2 p.m. Mr. Raley, a storyteller and manager of the South Garland Branch Library, is often referred to as a "story quilter" because he pieces together original stories and traditional tales. He has appeared as a featured teller at the Texas Storytelling Festival, in addition to area colleges, senior centers, civic events, and other festivals. His ghost story repertoire ranges from humorous to haunting and includes stories about dogs



that dig up the dead, bodies in search of their heads, and a girl who marries the chief of the ghosts.

Heritage Brass Band Fife and Drum Corps

The Heritage Brass Band Fife and Drum Corps will perform on Friday, November 11, at 2 p.m. The Heritage Brass Band, a Dallas-area volunteer reenactment band, specializes in the preservation and performance of military and popular music from the Civil War and Second World War periods. The fife and drum corps is composed of two band members and conductor Larry Johnson. The program, notably held on Veteran's Day, will consist of a one-hour presentation of Civil War-era field music performed on period-appropriate drums and fifes. This music may include "daily duty" compositions such as reveille, tattoo, and quicksteps. A discussion from the conductor concerning the significance of musicians in the Civil War will accompany the musical performance.



Library Book Discussion Open to All Booklovers

Booklovers of the community are invited to join Page Turners, the Library's book discussion group. The Page Turners meet one Thursday a month, at 7 p.m. at the Central Library. Upcoming discussions include *The Steel Wave*, by Jeff Shaara, on October 27, and *Biting the Moon*, by Martha Grimes, on November 17. No registration is required. For more information, call 972-205-2502.

Children/Youth Programs

Holiday Cards for Heroes

The Walnut Creek Branch Library will host a day of holiday card making for children and teens on Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11. This program is inspired by the American Red Cross's *Holiday Mail for Heroes* campaign which allows schools, businesses, and individuals to send holiday cards to military service members and veterans.

While supplies last, children may drop in and color a pre-designed card which in turn will be sent to the American Red Cross for delivery to active military personnel or veterans. Participants will receive a small prize for completing a card. For more information, please call 972-205-2585.

National Gaming Day at South Garland Branch Library

The Nicholson Memorial Library System will join other public libraries across the country in celebrating the fourth annual National Gaming Day on Saturday, November 12, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the South Garland Branch Library.

Participants at the library's National Gaming Day event will be able to choose from different video game systems, such as Wii and

Playstation 2, in addition to various board and card games.

This free library event is open to game enthusiasts of all ages. Registration is not required. For more information call 972-205-3934.

Walnut Creek Branch Library Hosts Family Game Time

To celebrate National Family Week, the Walnut Creek Branch Library will present a family game program on Saturday, November 26, from 3 to 5 p.m. This free event will be open to gaming enthusiasts of all ages, and registration will not be required. Gaming options will include video games such as Wii and Playstation 2, in addition to card games and board games. For more information, call 972-205-2585.



Fall Storytimes for Children and Families

Storytimes are held through December 3 at the following Garland public libraries.

Central Library

Toddler Storytimes, Mondays, 10 a.m.
Preschool Storytimes, Mondays, 11 a.m.

North Garland Branch Library

Wee Read, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
Toddler Storytimes, Fridays, 10 a.m.
Preschool Storytimes, Fridays, 11 a.m.

South Garland Branch Library

Toddler Storytimes, Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
Preschool Storytimes, Wednesdays, 11 a.m.
Family Storytimes, Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

Walnut Creek Branch Library

Family Storytimes, Thursdays, 7 p.m.

Teen Programs Celebrate Teen Read Week

Teens, you voiced your choice! This past summer, Garland teens nominated their favorite reads, and the results are now in! Pick up your Garland Top Ten Teen Reads bookmarks during Teen Read Week, October 16-22.

Library Closings

Staff Development

All libraries in the Nicholson Memorial Library System will be closed Friday, October 21 for Staff Development Day.

Thanksgiving

All libraries will close at 6 p.m.
Wednesday, November 23 and remain closed Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Central Library Open House

The Nicholson Memorial Library System invites you to an Open House at the Central Library on Saturday, October 8, at 10 a.m. Renovations have enhanced the public spaces of the Library, and nonpublic areas have been transformed into additional room for patron use, including:

- Four new group study rooms
- Technology center with public access computers
- Enhanced children's department
- Coffee and soft drink vending areas
- New periodical reading area
- Redesigned teen area

- Enlarged new book area with laptop chairs

The Open House will begin with a ribbon-cutting ceremony featuring City officials. Following the ceremony, refreshments will be provided, and additional festivities will commence. Scheduled activities include a storytime and crafts for children, a character meet and greet, technology demonstrations, and performances by musicians, storytellers, and other entertainers. For more information about the Open House or the Central Library, please call 972-205-2501.

BELLY DANCING, BASKETBALL, CAMPING AT THE REC CENTERS

Til Midnight Basketball

September 2 – December 16
Every other Friday
9 p.m. – midnight
Ages 18 Yrs and up
\$5 per person
Bradfield Recreation Center



Games are 10 minutes with a running clock; the winning team advances to the next game. Open to male and female players. Contact Bradfield Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-2770 or brc@garlandtx.gov.

Tiny Tumblers

October 3 – October 24
Mondays, 11:15 a.m. – noon
Ages 2 - 5 Yrs
\$24 per child
Hollabaugh Recreation Center



Learn the basics of tumbling and gymnastics including forward rolls, log rolls, and more. \$16 one time administration fee payable to the instructor. Contact Hollabaugh Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-2721 or hhrc@garlandtx.gov.

Belly Dance Stretch

October 11 – November 1
Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:20 p.m.
Ages 16 Yrs and up
\$40 per person
Granger Recreation Center



Combine the moves of belly dancing, yoga, ballet, and military training for a fun, full body workout. Contact Granger Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-2771 or grc@garlandtx.gov.

Heartsaver First Aid/CPR

November 12
9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Ages 16 Yrs and up
\$50 per person
Holford Recreation Center



Learn how to properly administer First Aid, CPR, use an AED, and relieve choking in adults, children, and infants. Earn an American Heart Association Heartsaver card upon completion. Contact Holford Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-2772 or hrc@garlandtx.gov.

Mommy and Me Fitness

September 6 – November 14
Mondays and Tuesdays
5:45 – 6:45 p.m.
Ages 18 Yrs and up
\$60 per person
Audubon Recreation Center



Incorporate fitness training and quality time with your baby. Work on losing baby weight and toning your body with a cardio workout that uses children's sing-along songs. Contact Audubon Recreation Center at 972-205-3991 or arc@garlandtx.gov.

Yoga Fit

October 3 – October 31
Mondays, 4 – 5 p.m.
Ages 16 Yrs and up
\$20 per person
Gale Fields Recreation Center



Combine aerobic and anaerobic movements with traditional strengthening yoga postures for complete mind and body workout. Contact Gale Fields Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-3090 or frc@garlandtx.gov.

Garland's Gone Camping

A Family Campout
October 15 – October 16
Audubon Park
\$30 per family of 4

Grab your tent and sleeping bags for a night under the stars with family and friends. Enjoy a night hike, games, s'mores, a camp fire, and an outdoor movie. Dinner provided by Islamorada Fish Company. Pre-registration required by October 12. For more information, contact Audubon Recreation Center at 972-205-3991 or arc@garlandtx.gov.



Senior Center Plans Alaskan Cruise/Tour

Plan your 2012 vacation for August 31 through September 10. Enjoy a seven-day Gulf of Alaska cruise aboard the Radiance of the Seas. Then take an additional three night journey into the Alaskan interior. Visit the quaint town of Talkeetna and the famed Denali National Park, plus travel by Wilderness Express glass domed railcar to Alaska's largest city, Anchorage. Lodging is included. Registration deadline is December 5. A deposit of \$450 is due at registration, with final payment due on June 1. Estimated prices start at \$3,093 per person (including airfare and ground transportation). Exact pricing is not yet available. For more information, contact Kenny at 972-205-2882 or Vickie at 972-437-0055.

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October	sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	2	3 City Council Work Session City Council Meeting	4 National Night Out	5	6	7	1
	9 "Pillow Talk" at the Arts Center	10 Plan Commission 7 pm - CGTV	11 Columbus Day Health Seminar Central Library Youth Council Council District Update 7 pm - CGTV	12	13 Garland Civic Theatre Presents "Pillow Talk" at the Arts Center	14	8 Yom Kippur Open House Central Library Pilates Squared at the Plaza Theatre
	16 Candy and Friends at the Plaza "Pillow Talk" at the Arts Center	17 City Council Work Session	18 City Council Meeting	19	20	21 Vehicle Auction Impound Lot GSO Concert at the Arts Center GCT Presents "Pillow Talk" at the Arts Center	15 Fire Ops 101 "When the Bells Toll" at the Plaza
	23 "Pillow Talk" at the Arts Center	24 Plan Commission 7 pm - CGTV Halloween	25 Youth Council	26	27 Senior Social Hour Central Library The Page Turners Central Library Mayor's Evening Out La Quinta Inn and Suites	28 Johnny Rockit at the Arts Center GCT Presents "Pillow Talk" at the Arts Center	22 Neighborhood Summit at The Atrium Trash Bash "When Women Talk" at the Arts Center 29 Low-Cost Vaccination Clinic at the Animal Shelter
	30	31					

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	6 Daylight Saving Time Ends	7 "The Hell With My Family" at the Arts Center Plan Commission 7 p.m. - CGTV	1 City Council Meeting	2	3	4 Ruben Lael at the Plaza Theatre The Garland Chorale at the Arts Center	5
	13	14 Texas Recycles Day City Council Work Session	8 Election Day Youth Council Council District Update 7 p.m. - CGTV	9	10 Company of Rowlett Performers presents "Romeo and Juliet" at the Plaza	11 Veterans Day Senior Social Hour Central Library	12
	20 "Hairspray" at the Arts Center	21 Plan Commission 7 p.m. - CGTV	15 City Council Meeting	16	17 Mayor's Evening In Mayor's Office Page Turners Central Library Garland Civic Theatre Presents "Hairspray" at the Arts Center	18 Vehicle Auction Impound Lot GSO Concert at the Arts Center "Willy Wonka TYA" at the Plaza	19 Hispanic Heritage Banquet at The Atrium
	27 "Hairspray" at the Arts Center	28	22 Youth Council	23	24 Thanksgiving City Offices Closed	25 City Offices Closed	26 "Straight Outta Garland: Trees" at the Plaza "Hairspray" at the Arts Center
			29 Vial Elementary presents "The Mystery of the Twisting Sisters" at the Plaza	30	December 1 Christmas on the Square		