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City to Unveil Newly Enhanced Website

The City of Garland will unveil a new website in late February that will offer web visitors an improved view of the City organization and the community. The newly-designed site, which reflects the City's new brand, will feature enhanced navigation options that will help visitors find the information they seek.

"One of the most frequent comments we've received about our old site is that visitors must understand our organizational structure to find specific information," said Dorothy White, Public & Media Affairs manager and website administrator. "In the redesigned site, we've created several new ways for web visitors to intuitively find the services or information they need."

The navigation bar at the top of the home page includes several options. By hovering over the "How Do I?" button, web visitors will find a variety of links based on a desired activity. Examples include "View a City Council Agenda," "Pay a Utility Bill," and "Register for E-News." The "Government" button provides an alphabetical list of departments for visitors who know which department they need to contact. Under "City Services" is a list of the most-requested services, while the home page will feature a search box specifically for City services to allow visitors to search a more comprehensive database.

A new area of the site will feature "Programs & Initiatives" with links to high-priority content such as Neighborhoods, Keep Garland Beautiful, Garland Goes Green, and Envision Garland. This area will include a section with information on City construction projects with an interactive map that shows the project location, schedule, budget and other pertinent facts. The site



also will include a "Development & Permitting Center" with information about the development process, permit requirements, and resident-specific permitting needs.

Other audience-specific information is available by clicking "Residents," "Businesses," and "Visitors." A unique design also has been created for Parks and Recreation to meet the needs of its diverse audience.

"We're excited about this new website and its potential for helping residents and visitors gain access to our many top-notch City services," said City Manager William E. Dollar. "We believe it will reflect a positive impression of our community and give us a competitive advantage in promoting Garland as a destination for economic development, visitors and new residents."

Route Changes to Improve Solid Waste Collection Service

To improve operating efficiencies, Environmental Waste Services (EWS) will roll out a new Collection Route Optimization Program the week of March 6-9. The program will balance routes in the residential, recycling, and brush/bulky goods service areas.

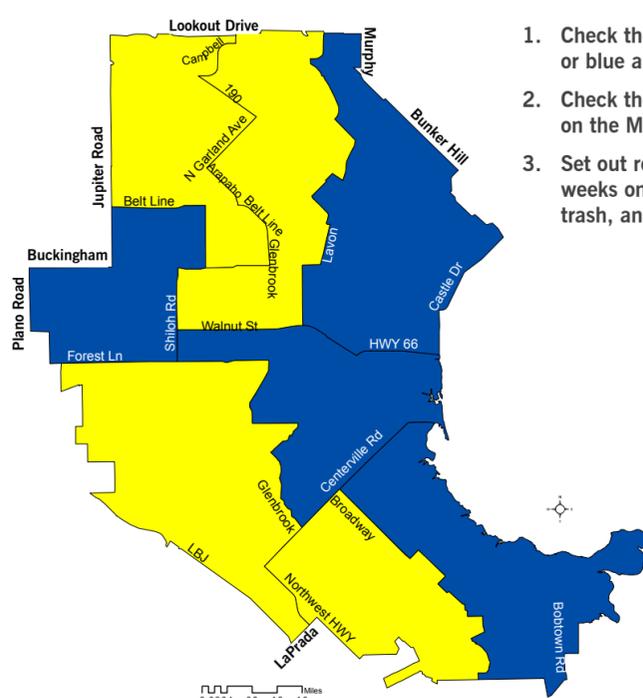
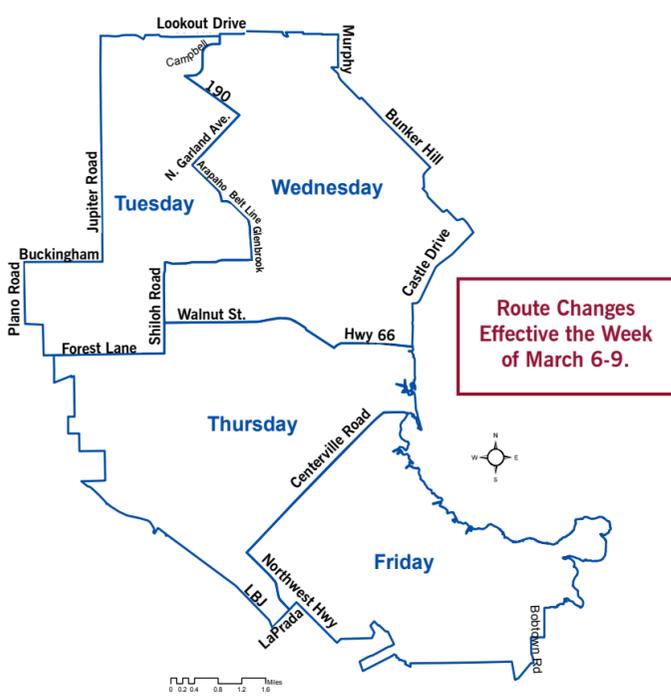
"While our current route structure has served our residents well, it has not proved to be the most efficient way to do business," explained Lonnie Banks, EWS managing

director. "The current routes are unbalanced and have become difficult to manage because more tonnage is collected on some routes than others on the same day, the number of residential homes serviced per route, and the surface area covered per square mile." As a result of the Route Optimization Program, EWS estimates an annual cost savings of \$107,827 in fuel, overtime and maintenance expenditures.

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New Trash, Brush & Bulky Goods Service Areas

New Recycling Service Areas



Route Changes Effective the Week of March 6-9.

1. Check the map to see if you live in a yellow or blue area.
2. Check the yellow and blue recycling weeks on the March-April 2012 calendar.
3. Set out recycling on your yellow or blue weeks on the same day as you set out your trash, and brush and bulky goods.

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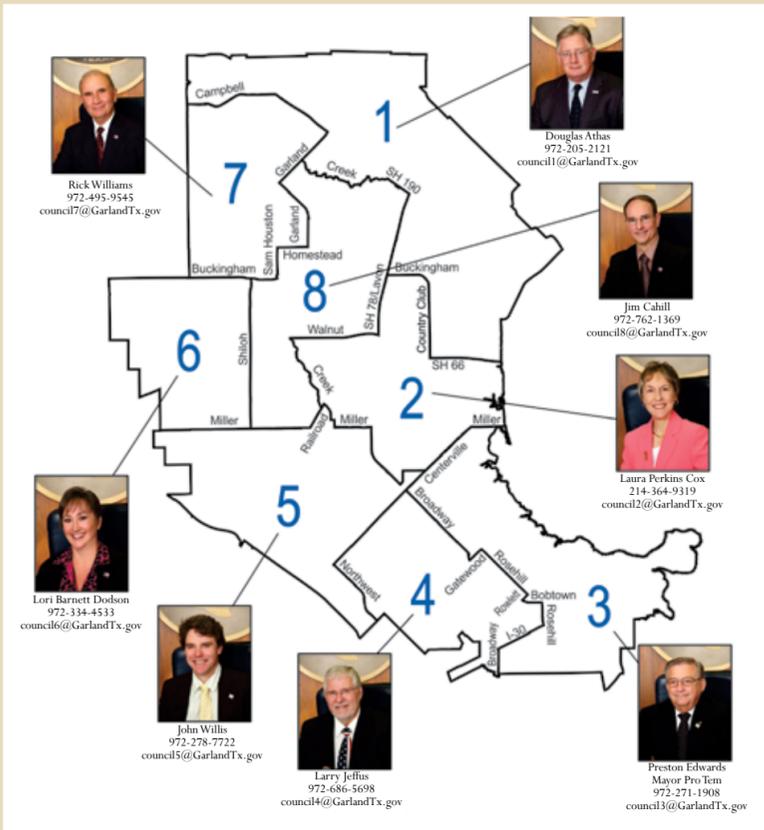
Drought Update

Severe drought conditions continue throughout North Texas. November and December had below normal precipitation totals and above average winter temperatures. As a result, lake levels remain low with Lake Chapman at 34.81% full and Lake Lavon at 52.94% full as of Jan. 17. Meteorologists predict the drought will continue for several months.

Garland remains under Stage 3 drought conditions and consumers are reminded that water is a finite resource. It is crucial that all residents follow current mandatory water restrictions to help meet future demands. The City asks residents to turn off their sprinkler systems. According to the North Texas Municipal Water District, landscape watering represents one of the largest uses of water by consumers and more than 50% of that water is wasted through over watering and misdirected or broken sprinkler heads. Most grass is dormant this time of year and does not require routine watering. For details on Stage 3 water restrictions, visit GarlandWater.com. For more information on ways to conserve water, visit TxSmartScape.com, EPA.gov/WaterSense and TWDB.State.Tx.Us.



City Council District Map



Message from the Mayor



As we greet 2012, I want to take a moment to reflect on our milestones in 2011. This past year was a busy one as we ended the year with new foundations and partnerships for the future of Garland.

A key component to moving forward with marketing the City of Garland was to finish the branding study. In March 2011, the City Council approved a new brand for the City that showcases the many things that make Garland unique, including its strong manufacturing base, abundant career opportunities and family friendly atmosphere. The new tag line, "Texas Made Here," speaks to the many things that are made and produced in Garland. You will begin to see the new logo phased in around Garland.

Continuing with improving services for our residents, last year we began a new partnership to open more doors for homeless pets. The City reopened the vacant fire station at 3136 S. Shiloh Road for an offsite adoption center that is operated by the Animal Services Department and Garland Pawsibilities to increase shelter adoptions and assist with medical care and pet education.

We also celebrated the long-awaited opening of the President George Bush Turnpike Eastern Extension. This 9.9-mile toll road extends from State Highway 78 to Interstate Highway 30. The \$958 million project took three years to complete and was constructed in partnership with the North Texas Tollway Authority and Texas Department of Transportation.

During the past year, the City has remained fiscally conservative and financially sound. The City Council approved the combined budget of \$10.4 million for 2011-12. In November, the City was affirmed with a AAA bond rating from Fitch for its General Obligation refunding bond issues and all outstanding tax-supported debt. By receiving this AAA rating, the City has saved almost \$1.5 million in its most recent bond issue.

Garland remains the City of Choice, and I am ready to hit the ground running again in 2012 and look forward to the great things to come in Garland.

Mayor's Evening In
5 to 7 p.m.
Feb. 23
Mayor's Office, City Hall
200 N. Fifth St.

Mayor's Evening Out
5 to 7 p.m.
March 29
Bread of Life Church
2700 Broadway Blvd.

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

City Council Meetings

Garland City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 200 N. Fifth St. Meetings are broadcast live online and on CGTV with several rebroadcasts during the week at 3, 4, 5 and 6 p.m. Visit GarlandTx.gov or watch CGTV Channel 16 (Time Warner Cable) or Channel 44 (Verizon FIOS).

Garland Business Profile: KARLEE

Garland Business Profile is based on visits by Mayor Ronald E. Jones to the top 100 businesses in Garland.

KARLEE is an award-winning, certified woman-owned provider of customized integrated manufacturing services such as sheet metal fabrication, precision 5-axis machining, cabling, electromechanical assembly and process coating. The company has more than 380 employees and is diversified across several industry sectors including semiconductor, telecommunications, aerospace, defense and commercial. With more than 35 years of experience, KARLEE provides new product development and engineering services for enclosures, component parts, box build and cabinets. Their strategic business model has been built around flexibility, continuous cycle time reduction and cost savings to their customers.

KARLEE was founded in 1974 by Lee Brumit, a graduate of Garland High School. He started the business in his garage and within six months made the decision to expand to a 1,200 square-foot warehouse in Garland. KARLEE has grown to more than 200,000 square feet, and is active in the community and supports various local charities and organizations. The company is the recipient of the Malcom Baldrige National Quality Award and the 2011 recipient of the Greater Dallas Business Ethics Award. KARLEE is located at 701 S. International Road.



Boy Scout Donates Gifts to School Crossing Guards

Armando Sanchez, a 7th grader at Brandenburg Middle School and a member of Boy Scout Troop #1978, raised money to purchase hats, gloves and scarves for Garland's school crossing guards to help keep them warm during the winter months.

"We currently have 85 school crossing guards, but the number did not faze Armando as he raised enough money to purchase gifts for every one of them," said Sharon Brown, school crossing guard coordinator. "On behalf of all the guards, we would like to thank Armando for making this Christmas one of the best ever."

2011 Food Sanitation Excellence Awards



Garland's Health Department announces the winners of its 2011 Food Sanitation Excellence Awards. The following scored in the top five percent of their class on unannounced food service inspections made between Oct. 1, 2010 and Sept. 30, 2011.

Full Service Restaurants

- The Alexander Mansion, 333 W. Ave. D, 95
- Special Events Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd., 94
- Remington College (Dallas Campus), 1810 Eastgate Drive, 92.5
- IHOP, 1313 Centerville Road, 91.5
- Scotty P's Hamburgers, 4280 Lavon Drive, 91
- IHOP, 5175 George Bush Turnpike, 89.5
- A Taste of Italy, 2210 Buckingham Road, 89
- CiCi's Pizza, 4441 Bass Pro Drive, 89
- Marshall's BBQ, 510 Walnut Circle, 89

Fast Food Restaurants

- Charley's Grilled Subs, 635 Town Square Blvd., 97
- Walmart Supercenter Deli, 1801 Marketplace Drive, 97

- Another Southern Maid, 301 Buckingham Road, 96.5
- Bon Ton Donuts, 1225 Belt Line Road, 96
- Donut Time, 3231 Forest Lane, 95
- Taco Casa, 6118 Broadway Blvd., 95
- Walmart Supercenter Bakery, 5302 N. Garland Ave., 95
- Long John Silver's, 5621 Broadway Blvd., 94.5
- Sam's Club Deli, 5150 N. Garland Ave., 94.5
- Vaughan's Donuts, 109A S. First Street, 94.5
- Walmart Supercenter Bakery, 1801 Marketplace Drive, 94.5
- Walmart Supercenter Deli, 5302 N. Garland Ave., 94.5
- Little Caesars, 1250 Northwest Highway, 94
- McDonald's, 1404 W. Walnut Street, 93.5
- Paeteria La Super, 3031 S. First Street, 93.5
- Pizza Hut, 5301 N. Garland Ave., 93.5

Delis & Light Food Menus

- Special Events Center #1, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd., 100
- Special Events Center #2, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd., 100
- Special Events Center #3, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd., 100
- Special Events Center #5, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd., 99
- Special Events Center #4, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd., 98
- Starbuck's Coffee, 909 Northwest Highway, 97

Convenience Stores

- Family Dollar Store, 1501 First Street, 99
- Forest Stop & Go, 2613 Forest Lane, 99
- Walgreens, 2614 Lavon Drive, 99
- Big Lots, 3178 Lavon Drive, 98
- Walgreens, 1902 Jupiter Road, 98

- Walnut Beverage, 2215 W. Walnut Street, 98

Supermarkets & Meat Markets

- David's Meat Market, 4010 Jupiter Road, 95
- Albertson's, 5710 Broadway Blvd., 92

Food Processors

- Hillary's Sweet Temptations, 2677 Forest Lane, 94

Licensed Day Care Centers

- Imagination Station, 1966 Arapaho Road, 98
- New Century Montessori Academy, 1625 Ferris Road, 98

Public School Cafeterias

- Cooperative Behavior Center, 221 Ninth Street, 99
- Kimberlin Academy, 1320 Cumberland Drive, 99
- North Garland High School Concept Kitchen, 2109 Buckingham Road, 99

Food Warehouses

- Fundraising Specialists of Texas, 2645 Forest Lane, 100
- Garland ISD Backup Freezer, 410 Stadium Drive, 100
- Hillary's Sweet Temptations Warehouse, 2657 Forest Lane, 100

Assisted Living Facilities

- Mayberry Gardens, 3260 N. Garland Ave., 98
- Mayberry Gardens, 3262 N. Garland Ave., 98
- Mayberry Gardens, 3264 N. Garland Ave., 98

Hospital/Nursing Facilities

- Autumn Leaves of Garland, 5600 N. Shiloh Road, 95.5

CGTV Listings

City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m.
Feb. 7 and 21, March 6 and 20
- 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 – 7 p.m.
Feb. 6 and 20, March 5 and 19
- Rebroadcast following the 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., Feb. 13 and 27,
March 12 and 26
- Rebroadcast following the meeting
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.

Billboard

- Daily schedule posted at GarlandTx.gov
Meeting dates and times subject to change.

Garland Citizen Police Academy

The Garland Police Department is accepting applications for Garland Citizen Police Academy (CPA) Class #39. The class will begin March 7 and will meet from 7 to 10 p.m. each Thursday night for 13 weeks. The program gives residents an inside look at the Garland Police Department, including the policies, practices and operations of one of the largest law enforcement organizations in Texas. Since 1993, more than 1,000 residents have graduated from the program, which is free to anyone who lives or works in Garland. For details, visit GarlandPolice.com and select "Community Programs" or email Captain Patrick McCully at mccully@garlandtx.gov.

Important Dates: May 12 General Election



Feb. 4 – First day for filing application for place on ballot. 8 a.m. (Campaign Treasurer Designation for candidates or specific purpose committees may be filed prior to or with this filing and must be filed before one may campaign for an elected office.)

First day for filing Declaration of Write-in Candidacy.

March 5 – Last day for City Council candidates to file application for place on the ballot. 5 p.m.

Last day for declaration of write-in. 5 p.m.

Draw for order of names on ballot. Council Chambers 5:30 p.m.

March 6 – Last day for a write-in candidate to withdraw from race. The name of a candidate who withdraws or is declared ineligible by this date is omitted from the ballot.

March 8 – Last day for a candidate to withdraw from race. The name of a candidate who withdraws or is declared ineligible by this date, is omitted from the ballot.

March 13 – First day Dallas County Election Administrator's Office may receive applications for early mail ballots.

March 26 – Deadline for all candidates to file Personal Financial Statements. (Texas Ethics Commission, Form PFS)

March 26 – Deadline for all write-in candidates to file Personal Financial Statements.

April 12 – City Council Candidate/Specific-Purpose Committee Contributions & Expenditure Report due in City Secretary's Office no later than 5 p.m.

Last day to register to vote in May 12 General Election.

April 30 – First day of early voting by personal appearance. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 4 – City Council Candidate/Specific-Purpose Committee Contributions & Expenditure Report due in City Secretary's office by 5 p.m.

Last day to receive applications for early mail ballots.

May 8 – Last day to vote early by personal appearance. 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

May 12 – Election Day

Polling places and Dallas County Voter Registrar offices are open. 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Unofficial tabulations of results. After 7 p.m.

May TBD – Official canvass of Regular Election.

June 16 – Run-Off Election, if necessary.

July 16 – Last day for semiannual report of contributions and expenditures. 5 p.m.

Skywarn Class Keeps Residents Prepared

The severe spring weather season is fast approaching. Be ready for whatever this year has store by attending the Skywarn Severe Storm Program from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. The class is free and open to the public.

The program, which is sponsored by Garland's Office of Emergency Management, is part of an area-wide weather preparedness campaign from the National Weather Service in Fort Worth. For more information on severe weather and the National Weather Service, visit the Fort Worth Forecast Office's website at weather.gov/fortworth.



How Do I...

Obtain a garage sale permit?

To request a garage sale permit, call 972-485-6400 or visit GarlandTx.gov and click on Citizen's Request Center.

Report fraud, waste and abuse?

Anonymously report fraud, waste and abuse of City resources 24 hours a day at 972-205-2739.

Bid on an impounded vehicle?

Auctions for Police impounded vehicles are scheduled for the third Friday of each month at the City Impound Lot, 1630 Commerce St. Gates open at 8:30 a.m. and auctions begin 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 is." Auctions may be cancelled without notice. For more information, call 972-205-2415, email joepippinauctioneers.com or visit GarlandTx.gov.

Rent space at the Garland Women's Activities Building?

Room rentals for club meetings, banquets, reunions, showers, wedding and receptions are available by contacting Karla Pajot at 972-272-5024 or email gwab@verizon.net.

Bid for City business as a Minority- and Women-Owned Business?

The goal of Garland's Procurement Inclusion Program is to include minority- and women-owned suppliers to be considered for and awarded City business. For details, call the Purchasing Department at 972-205-2415, email purchasing@GarlandTx.gov or visit GarlandTx.gov.



Capital Improvement Program Calendar

Upcoming meetings for the review and adoption of the City's 2012 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) are scheduled for the following dates:

- Feb. 6** Council Work Session – Tentative CIP discussions, questions or options
- Feb. 7** Regular Council Meeting – Public Hearing
- Feb. 20** Council Work Session – Council CIP deliberations
- Feb. 21** Regular Council Meeting
Official Council Actions:
 - Public Hearing on Proposed CIP
 - Adopt 2012 CIP

Agendas will be available at GarlandTx.gov prior to each meeting.

What to Do: Abatement Liens

Abatement liens are filed when a property owner fails to pay for work the City provided to take care of his/her property according to the City of Garland Code of Ordinances. This includes failure to mow, trim, clean, remove debris, repair, and other miscellaneous work. These properties may be subject to further action.

For a listing of property owners with open abatement liens:

GarlandTx.gov
(select Online Services)

972-205-2696

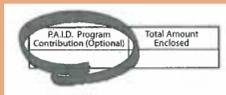
Property status also may be checked by visiting the Dallas County Clerk's Office at RoamDallasPropertyRecords.com.

Provide Aid in Dollars Program

Garland utility customers occasionally need financial assistance to pay their utility bills. To help, approximately 1,000 utility customers a month make contributions to the Provide Aid in Dollars (PAID) Program when they pay their utility bill.

During the past year, nearly \$15,000 was donated to the PAID Program. The Salvation Army of Garland qualifies customers in need and determines distribution of the funds on a case-by-case basis.

Residents who would like to help may round up their next utility payment to the nearest whole dollar, or write in a larger amount in the PAID – Program Contribution box on the payment stub. All contributions are tax deductible.



Ways to Stay Informed

Garland E-News

Receive news releases about important City information and events by subscribing to Garland E-News. Visit GarlandTx.gov and select the link on the home page.

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 residents based on their home or business location. A pre-recorded message will provide details about the 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). Participants must “opt-in” to receive the automatic weather warnings. To register, visit GarlandTx.gov and click on the CodeRED icon and follow the prompts. Those without Internet access may complete a hard copy registration form available at City Hall, the Duckworth Utility Services Building and all library branch locations.

History Made Here: Careers of Father, Son Span History of GP&L

Presented by Garland Power & Light

After municipal power started flowing in Garland in 1923, it was common for residents’ lights to flicker a few times at midnight as a signal to customers that in a few minutes it was “lights out” until early the next morning when the power would start flowing again.

By the time Buck McIntire went to work at the utility’s original diesel plant in 1932, 24-hour power had become the norm, with the operators working 12-hour/seven-day-week shifts. The shell of that old power plant building is still located on Avenue A between Fifth and Sixth streets. Next door was the city’s first jail (look for the bars on the windows). Buck and the other plant operators were trusted with the keys to the jail and would occasionally be asked to release a prisoner.

Buck’s son, Bill McIntire, frequently visited his father at work—riding his bike across the polished red floors—to the dismay of Buck and electricity manager Charles E. Newman, who liked to keep a spotless facility. In 1950, Bill joined his father at the diesel plant while still in high school. Once out of school, he became a full-time relief operator.

As Garland Power & Light (GP&L) grew, so did the responsibility shouldered by the two men. Buck was named manager of the diesel plant. Bill became manager of the Newman Plant, which had opened in 1957. Buck stayed at the diesel plant until it was phased out, then went to the Newman plant and worked for his son, a turnaround from their early days! Bill went on to



Buck McIntire shown in 1949 at the switchboard controls of a 875-horsepower generation unit.

help coordinate construction of the utility’s substation system and the electric operations center before retiring as manager of electric operations.

By the time Bill retired in 1995, the two men had racked up a total of 89 years (44 years for Buck and 45 for Bill) in outstanding service to GP&L and Garland residents. The McIntire Electric Operations Center was named in their honor, a fitting tribute to the two dedicated employees.

Their lengthy careers gave father and son the unique opportunity to see a large span of Garland’s history. When Bill started working at GP&L, the City had 20 to 30 employees, and the power plant was the center of all municipal services, including the water works and trash collection.

“Things have changed a lot at GP&L over the years,” said Bill. “When I started working at the diesel plant, our peak system load was one megawatt. When I retired 45 years later, peak was about 430 megawatts.”



During World War II security was stepped up at the diesel plant, prompting Buck McIntire to construct this giant “doorbell.” Buck (right) was presented with the doorbell at his retirement celebration. He’s pictured with his son Bill.

GP&L Receives Tree Line USA Utility Award



Jimmy Foster (left) and Jonas Whitehead (right) accept the Tree Line USA award.

For the second consecutive year, Garland Power & Light has been recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree Line USA® Utility for the utility’s protection of local trees and other vegetation. The award recognizes best practices in tree care, training and education that protect and enhance America’s urban forests.

“This accreditation lets the community know that when we trim trees, we are following national standards and that we do care about those standards and best practices,” said GP&L’s Jonas Whitehead. He added that the Tree Line USA program promotes the dual goals of safe, reliable electric service and abundant, healthy trees across utility service areas.

To achieve the accreditation, GP&L proved it followed industry standards for quality tree care, annual worker training, tree planting and conservation programs, community education programs, and support of Arbor Day. “We sponsor the annual tree giveaway during the week of Arbor Day, in which we and the Parks & Recreation Department provide young shade trees for the community,” said Whitehead.

Customers can visit GarlandPower-Light.org for detailed information about where to plant trees, what kinds of trees are compatible with power lines, and the guidelines GP&L follows for trimming.

Animal Services Shares Continued Success

Animal Services continues to provide low-cost sterilization and vaccination clinics to the public, and works to increase the number of animals adopted from the shelter through a unique partnership with Garland Pawsibilities. The following results are from the months of November and December.

Garland Pawsibilities

Garland Pawsibilities’ low-cost sterilization project has enjoyed continued success with 69 pets spayed or neutered during the months of November and December. Pawsibilities is a nonprofit volunteer group that also hosts adoption events at 3136 S. Shiloh Road the first Saturday of every month. The next adoption events will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 4 and March 3.

The group relies on private donations to fund events. To donate, visit GarlandPaws.org. One-time contributions are welcome and residents also may set up recurring contributions. Details on volunteer opportunities, as well as information about adoption or low-cost sterilization events also are available at GarlandPaws.org.

Vaccination Clinics

A recent low-cost vaccination clinic held at the

Garland Animal Shelter provided 193 vaccinations to animals. Services provided include:

- Rabies and DHPP vaccination (\$5 each)
- Low-cost animal registration for Garland residents (\$1 per year for sterilized animals, \$15 per year for unsterilized animals)
- Microchip tagging (\$5 plus product registration fee)

The clinic is open to Garland and non-Garland residents. For information on future low-cost clinics, visit GarlandAnimalServices.org or call 972-205-3570.

Sponsored Adoption Program

Those interested in finding a home for an unwanted animal, but are unable to keep them at home may sponsor an adoptable animal. Simply pay the \$80 adoption fee so the animal may be adopted free of charge by someone who is willing to provide a home. Nearly 100 animals were sponsored by generous resident donations in 2011. Visit GarlandAnimalServices.org for more information.

Special Thanks

Animal Services would like to thank residents and organizations that have donated more than \$1,550 during the months of November and December. All donations are tax deductible and are used to provide



care and comfort to animals or to sponsor animals for adoption. Notable donations include:

- Bob Barnett – \$100
- Robert and Adele Braden – \$105
- Chuck Clark – \$140
- Ivan Cruz – \$70
- Susan Horn – \$80
- Marie McMann – \$115
- Kay Morgan – \$100
- Ernie and Bonnie Voth – \$100

Volunteers Needed for Trash-Off Event

Volunteers are needed to participate in Keep Garland Beautiful's (KGB) annual spring litter cleanup program—Don't Mess with Texas (DMWT) Trash-Off. The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon April 14.

"We need volunteers to help beautify parks and recreation areas, pick up litter along roadways and in neighborhoods, and conduct education programs and litter-free events—anything that keeps our community beautiful," said Betty Roberts, president of Keep Garland Beautiful. The volunteer registration form is available at KeepGarlandBeautiful.org. Volunteers also may email Glenna Brown, event coordinator, at gbrown@GarlandTx.gov or call 972-205-3769.

Following the litter pick up, volunteers are invited to a picnic at 11 a.m. at the Granger Recreation Center Annex, 1310 W. Ave. F. Prizes will be awarded for the most litter collected by a group, most litter collected by an individual, and most unusual item collected.

KGB, a nonprofit organization, joins the Texas Department of Transportation's DMWT campaign and Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup with more than 2.3 million volunteers across the country whose goals are to participate in cleanup, beautification and community improvement activities. For more information about Keep Garland Beautiful, email Glenna Brown at gbrown@GarlandTx.gov.



Free Composting Class Set for March 24

Composting is one of the best ways to amend soil for the planting and growing season, and also keeps organic waste out of the landfill and returns valuable fertilizer to the earth. As it adds nutrients to the soil, it improves soil structure and increases the ground's ability to hold water.

Environmental Waste Services will host its spring Compost 101 class from 8:30 a.m. to noon March 24 at 1434 Commerce Street. Training will include instructions on compost ingredients, benefits of building healthy soil using compost, how to manage a compost pile and hands-on demonstration to build a compost pile. Attendees will be eligible for door prize drawings for compost bins.

The class is open to Garland residents and class size is limited to 50. Register by March 21 by calling 972-205-3500.

March is SmartScape Month

Celebrate SmartScape month in March! SmartScape plants are native and adapted to the North Texas area, and need less water and fertilizers to thrive. This helps with water conservation as well as with stormwater pollution. Learn more about Texas SmartScape by visiting TxSmartScape.com.

The Stormwater Management Department would like to hear from those who have implemented SmartScape landscaping. Submit a photo of the SmartScape plants used in your landscape for a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate to a local nursery.

Send or email photos by April 9 to:
Paula Breysacher
Stormwater Management
PO Box 469002
Garland, TX 75046-9002
pbreysac@GarlandTx.gov

All photos must include name, Garland address and phone number to be eligible. One entry per address. For more information or to report stormwater pollution, call the Stormwater Hotline at 972-205-2180.

Students, Staff Win Big with Poster Contest

Stormwater Management received more than 800 entries for its annual poster contest, which was open to all third- through fifth-grade students in Garland ISD. This year's theme was From the Streets to the Creeks. First-place students received \$200 each, second place received \$150 and third place received \$100 each. The teacher of each winning student received \$150 to go toward the purchase of classroom supplies. Winners are as follows:

First Place

3rd grade, Jake Sonsel, Walnut Glen Academy
4th grade, Destiny Ohaebgu, Watson Technology
4th grade, Saul Perez, Freeman Elementary
5th grade, Bianca Gutierrez, Lister Elementary

Second Place

3rd grade, Joseph Nunez, Walnut Glen Academy
5th grade, Nicolas Goldring, Lister Elementary

Third Place

3rd grade, Homaera Mahmood, Walnut Glen Academy
4th grade, Elijah Velasquez, Freeman Elementary
5th grade, Stephanie Alejandre, Walnut Glen Academy

Dorsey Elementary had the highest student participation with a total of 107 entries. For more information or to report stormwater pollution, call the Stormwater Hotline at 972-205-2180 or visit GarlandStormwater.org.

Storm Inlet Markers

Keep Garland Beautiful and Buckingham North Neighborhood Association teamed up with local scouts in December to install more than 50 storm inlet markers in the Buckingham neighborhood. The markers remind residents that storm inlets drain to nearby creeks and lakes. Debris such as trash, leaves and grass clippings that are left on the street, sidewalk or in yards, end up in local waterways and may harm aquatic life.



Scouts Gregory Harris and Nate Castro join forces with Chris Ott, president of the Buckingham North Neighborhood Association and Betty Roberts, president of Keep Garland Beautiful, to install storm drain markers.



When it comes to water leaks ... do you have a clue?

LEAK DETECTIVE

You will soon receive clues on how to find and fix leaks in your home. Watch for the Fix a Leak insert in the February utility bill.



Garland Water Utilities has teamed up with WaterSense® to promote this annual event. For more information about Fix a Leak Week, visit EPA.gov/WaterSense/FixALeak.

Environmental Waste Services Route Changes (continued from Page 1)

The implementation of the Route Optimization Program will impact approximately 7,800 residents, or 12.5% of the solid waste customer base. Residents will be impacted as follows:

- The solid waste and brush/bulky goods collection day will be changed for 2,500 residents (4% of the customer base).
- The regular recycling collection date and/or week of collection will be altered for 5,300 customers (8.5% of the customer base).

There is an additional opportunity to improve efficiencies by addressing the current route structure of mixed street/alley collections. Mixed collections are collection service points where containers are placed on the street and alleyway within the same residential housing block. There are 370 locations throughout the City where mixed street/alley collection service points are utilized.

Mixed collection service points cause route inefficiencies when equipment operators are required to pass through the same area on multiple occasions to service containers/bins set out for collection by customers from both the street curbs and alleyways. To fully utilize the benefits of Route Optimization and eliminate inefficiencies, one



collection point must be established at the street or alley. EWS will meet with affected customers who need clarification or assistance regarding their new refuse/recycling collection points.

Letters containing detailed information regarding route changes will be mailed to residents three weeks prior to the roll-out date the week of March 6-9. See the maps on Page 1 to view the new collection boundaries. Updated information also is available at GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com.



Garland Enhances its Clean Air Initiatives with Electric Vehicles, Electric Supply Stations

Deploying electric vehicles and electric supply stations is one way the City of Garland demonstrates its commitment to clean air and efforts to lead by example. During the past few months, a small fleet of General Motors extended range Volts has been acquired through a grant from North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Alternative fuel vehicles occupy a prominent place in the City's renewable energy planning by increasing awareness of clean air in Garland and the North Texas region. To supplement its alternative fuel acquisitions, the City also has received a grant from the Department of Energy through Ecotality for the installation of electric supply equipment to charge electric vehicles known as EVSE.

Electric supply equipment will be installed in two phases and began with the installation of five EVSEs at the following locations: City Hall, Main Street Municipal Building and the Environmental Health Department. Phase two will include the installation of EVSEs in several key municipal service areas that will be open to the public for charging through the end of 2012 at no cost.

Residents who own plug-in hybrids or battery electric vehicles and are interested in finding out where EVSEs are located in Garland may contact David Jacobs at 972-205-2490 or djacobs@GarlandTx.gov.

Fair Housing Workshops

Garland's Fair Housing Services, DFW International Organization, and the NAACP will sponsor the following free, interactive workshops presented by Wells Fargo. The workshops will introduce the basic steps in the purchase of a home and will be presented in English and Spanish. Key discussion topics will include:

- Improving credit
- Avoiding home loss to foreclosure
- Down payments
- Closing costs
- Interest rates
- Purchasing a foreclosed home
- Subsidies that help purchase and keep a home
- Repairs

Tenant's Rights and Responsibilities

Feb. 11
10 a.m. to noon
Eastside Church of Christ,
2000 S. First Street

Homebuyer Workshops

Feb. 18
noon to 2 p.m.
Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church,
1233 State Highway 66

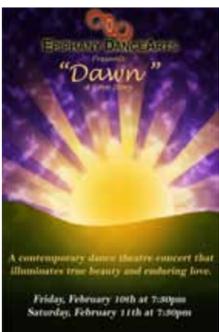
For more information, call Garland Fair Housing Services at 972-205-3300.

Performing Arts Shows and Events

Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

Slim Goodbody in Bodyology and Lighten Up • 9:55 a.m. and 11:40 a.m. Feb. 1. *The National Bodyology Tour* is a new musical show starring PBS's Slim Goodbody. Tickets are \$6.50. Visit SlimGoodbody.com for more information.

Kid Power • 10 a.m. Feb. 7. This interactive musical event is designed to help students in grades K-5 learn the value of good nutrition and exercise. Tickets are \$6.95 each with one free teacher ticket per class. Call 1-800-834-9334 or visit KidPowerPrograms.com.



Dawn: A Love Story • 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10 and 11. Dallas-based dance company Epiphany DanceArts will perform *Dawn: A Love Story*, a dance concert that tells a story full of struggle and longing, giddiness and hope, beauty and truth. Actresses and singers will dramatically act out the stories danced on the stage. Tickets are \$10-\$50. Call 972-379-9332 or visit EpiphanyDanceArts.org.

The Column Awards • 8 p.m. Feb. 27. The Column Awards honors excellence in theatre. A reception will be held at 7 p.m. before the awards show. Proceeds will go to Broadway Cares/Equity Fights Aids. Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$50 for VIP admission. Visit ColumnAwards.org.

Plaza Theatre, 521 West State Street

Festival of Plays • 4 p.m. Feb. 19. Arts-n-Lyrics will present *A Festival of Plays* that will feature three shorts: *The Double Double Cross*, *Conditions of the Heart* and *Your Choice, My Decision*. Purchase tickets online for \$17.50 at ArtsNLYrics.com or at the door for \$20.



Jazz Reborn • 7:30 p.m. March 10. Lakeshore Symphonic Winds will present *Jazz Reborn* featuring 1940s-50s jazz. For more information, visit LakeshoreSymphonicWinds.com or call 972-463-0000.

Joseph Hall • 7 p.m. March 30 and 31. This is a can't miss opportunity to see this *America's Got Talent* finalist recognized by Elvis Presley Enterprises as one of the top tribute artists in the world. Tickets for the shows are \$20 and all seats are reserved. Tickets may be purchased with a credit card by calling 402-617-4477. hallkk@aol.com.



For more information, email

Garland Summer Musicals

Garland Summer Musicals (GSM) will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic, *South Pacific*, June 15-24. GSM also will produce the Broadway blockbuster, *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying*, July 20-29.



Auditions for the 2012 season will be held March 31 and April 1. Call 972-205-2790 to schedule an audition time beginning March 1.



All performances will be held at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. Season tickets are available at the Arts Center Box Office or by calling 972-205-2790. Individual tickets will be available beginning May 1. Garland Summer Musicals are funded in part through special grants from the Garland Cultural Arts Commission, GSM Guild, Garland Power & Light, Micropac and Ecolab. For more information, visit GarlandSummerMusicals.org.

Visit GarlandArts.com to keep up-to-date on arts in Garland. Email theatre rental inquiries to arts@GarlandTx.gov.

Garland Civic Theatre

Death by Chocolate

Garland Civic Theatre will present *Death by Chocolate* by Paul Freed at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. The production will be held at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 5 and 11; 8 p.m. Feb. 3, 4, 10 and 11. Members of the newly renovated Meadowbrook Health Resort are dropping like flies from poisoned chocolate delights. The sinister, sweet chocolates are at the center of the murders surrounded by outlandish suspects working for the resort.

Love From a Stranger

Garland Civic Theatre will continue its season with *Love From a Stranger*. Performances will be held March 1-24 at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. One of Agatha Christie's rarest and most unknown jewels, *Love from a Stranger* is a love story threatened by darkly veiled intentions and terrifying secrets that lie waiting for revelation. Don't miss this mystery of Dame Agatha's murder mystery classic.



Tickets are \$22 and available at the Arts Center Box Office or by calling 972-205-2790. Discounts are available for KERA members and groups of 10 or more. For details, visit GarlandCivicTheatre.org or call 972-485-8884.

Garland Symphony Orchestra Concerts

The Garland Symphony Orchestra (GSO) continues its 2011-12 season with "The Bard and the Band." Join the GSO in exploring the orchestral literature written for, about, and in response to the plays of William Shakespeare.



8 p.m. Feb. 17 – The GSO will present a concert highlighted by selections from *Romeo and Juliet*. The orchestra will perform Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev's musical portrayal of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers, as well as symphonic dances from Bernstein's *West Side Story*.

8 p.m. March 16 – The GSO will perform traditional symphonic literature from Dvorak's *Othello Overture* and Smetana's *Richard III*. The orchestra also will perform Dvorak's *Romance for Violin and Orchestra* featuring GSO concertmaster and violin soloist Curt Thompson. The performance will be led by international guest conductor, Mario Košik. Thompson is Director of Chamber Music Studies at TCU and is the Founder and Director of the Mimir Chamber Music Festival. Chief Conductor of the Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra, Košik is a musician of international stature, much respected and admired in his homeland as well as abroad.

Performances are held at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth Street. To purchase tickets, call the Box Office at 972-205-2790. For more information visit, GarlandSymphony.org or call the GSO offices at 972-926-0611.

Parks & Recreation News Briefs

Ms. Senior Garland Pageant Meeting

Garland women age 60 and older who are interested in participating in the 3rd Annual Ms. Senior Garland Pageant are invited to attend an informational meeting at 3 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Senior Activity Center, 600 W. Avenue A. Attendees also will have an opportunity to meet the 2011 pageant winner, as well as Ms. Senior Texas Classic winners. The Ms. Senior Garland Pageant pays tribute to women over 60 and shows that vitality and strength are still alive and well in the aging process. Call 972-205-2769 for more information.



Sports Organizations

The Garland Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department cosponsors a variety of sports organizations for children and adults. For contact information, visit GarlandParks.com and click on "Sports."

Lifeguards, Swim Instructors Needed

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department is hiring staff for the summer pool season. Lifeguards and swim instructors start at \$8.75 per hour. Guest services positions start at \$7.75. Lifeguard classes will be offered beginning in April and May. Apply online at GarlandHR.com and call 972-205-2750 to register.



19th Annual Trout Lily Tour to be Held Feb. 25 at Spring Creek Forest Preserve

The Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest will host the 19th Annual Trout Lily Tour. The free tours will begin at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Spring Creek Forest Preserve, 1770 Holford Road.

The Trout Lily is one of the first wildflowers to begin flowering each year. Its natural habitat is found in hardwood bottomland forests that have had very little impact from the built environment. The flowering period is only two to four weeks long and the entire plant cycle is complete in about 10 weeks.

The tour is designed for both novice and advanced naturalist and is an excellent way to learn more about the local environment. The tour will be held regardless of the weather, so participants should dress accordingly.



The Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the North Garland Branch Library, 3845 N. Garland Ave. For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 972-205-2750 or visit SpringCreekForest.org.

Firewheel Golf Park

- Now booking 2012 tournaments, events and corporate leagues.
- Tune up your game in 2012! Take a lesson from one of our many experienced golf professionals.
- Don't forget to join us every Sunday for our famous brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visit GolfFirewheel.com or call 972-205-2795 for more information.



Library Programs and Events

Children & Youth Programs

Spring Storytimes Schedule • Storytimes will be held through April 28 at the following library locations:

Central Library, 625 Austin St.

- Toddler Storytime, Mondays, 10 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime, Mondays, 11 a.m.

Walnut Creek Branch Library, 3319 Edgewood Drive

- Family Storytime, Thursdays, 7 p.m.

North Garland Branch Library, 3845 N. Garland Ave.

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

South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.

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



Celebrate a Favorite Children's Book Series

• March 12-15. The Nicholson Memorial Library System will host free programs for school-age children throughout the week of Spring Break, March 12-15. Children will talk about their favorite series titles and enjoy related games and crafts. Call 972-205-2517 for more information.

- **March 12** – 2 to 3 p.m., Central Library, 625 Austin St., 972-205-2517
Book Series: *Magic Tree House* by Mary Pope Osborne
- **March 13** – 4 to 5 p.m., Walnut Creek Branch Library, 3319 Edgewood, 972-205-2585
Book Series: *Nancy Drew/Hardy Boys* by Carolyn Keene/ Franklin Dixon
- **March 14** – 3 to 4 p.m., North Garland Branch Library, 3845 North Garland Ave., 972-205-2804
Book Series: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney
- **March 15** – 2 to 3:30 p.m., South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd., 972-205-3934
Book Series: *My Weird School* by Dan Gutman

Adult Programs

South Dallas Concert Choir • 2 p.m. Feb. 18, Central Library, 625 Austin St. In celebration of Black History Month, the South Dallas Concert Choir will present a musical program that will combine elements of education, cultural awareness and preservation. Performances will consist of a variety of music beginning with songs sung on the Underground Rail, followed by a selection of gospel music, jazz and freedom songs from the Civil Rights movement. Call 972-205-2517.

Senior Social Hour @ the Library • 2 p.m., Central Library, 625 Austin St. The Nicholson Memorial Library System offers Senior Social Hour @ the Library—a free program series for senior citizens age 55 and older sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the performance. Call 972-205-2502. Upcoming performances are as follows:

- **Feb. 21** – Musician Peter Fletcher will present a guitar concert featuring classical music such as Bach's *Chaconne in D Minor*, Francisco Tarrega's *Recuerdos de la Alhambra*, Edvard Grieg's *Chanson de Solveig from Peer Gynt*, Paganini's *Caprice No. 24*, and selected music from composers Praetorius, Ponce, and Reusner.
- **March 15** – In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the Broken Man Band will perform a variety of Celtic music. William and Aurelia Drake's repertoire embraces long-established Scottish and Irish tunes featuring a hammered dulcimer, tenor guitar and Irish whistles.

Book Discussion Group • 7 p.m., Central Library, 625 Austin St. Booklovers are invited to join Page Turners—the library's book discussion group—which meets on the fourth Thursday of every month. Call 972-205-2502 for more information. Upcoming discussions include:

- **Feb. 23** – *Outlander* by Diana Gabaldon
- **March 22** – *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave

Friends of the Library Meetings • Those who would like to support Garland's public libraries are invited to become involved in the Friends of the Nicholson Memorial Library System activities and to attend the monthly meetings of the Friends Board. To join or for more information, call 972-205-2543 or email folgarland@gmail.com.

Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Nicholson Memorial Library System Spring Book Sale will be held March 29-31 at the South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd. This is an excellent opportunity to support the Garland Libraries while shopping for great book bargains.



Find books for adults and children, fiction and nonfiction, reference books, audiocassettes and CDs, DVDs, puzzles and games, and special collections.

- March 29** – 4 to 8 p.m.
- March 30** – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- March 31** – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Model Train Exhibit

The Nicholson Memorial Library System will host a free Model Train Exhibit at the Central Library, 625 Austin St. The exhibit, provided by The Spring Creek Model Railroad Club, will feature an HO_n3 narrow-gauge line that is 16 feet wide by 20 feet long with mountainous scenery. The exhibit will be available for viewing at the following times:

- **Feb. 9** – 4 to 8 p.m.
- **Feb. 10** – 1 to 5 p.m.
- **Feb. 11** – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call 972-205-2502.



Recreation Center Programs and Events

Hangin' with Brazil • Feb. 1-29, Monday-Friday, 3:15 to 6:15 p.m., ages 6-12, \$40 per person, Bradfield Recreation Center 1146 Castle Drive. Work on study practices, organization, concentration and self discipline. Daily schedules will include time for snacks, homework help and free play for sports and games. Call 972-205-2770 or email brc@GarlandTx.gov.

Dance Tech: Pom Squad • Feb. 4-25, Saturdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. (ages 4-6), 11:15 a.m. to noon (ages 7-10), \$20 per person, Hollabaugh Recreation Center 3925 W. Walnut St. Learn fun, high-energy routines to current hit songs. Poms are provided during class. Receive a free T-shirt with first month's registration. Call 972-205-2721 or email hrc@GarlandTx.gov.



SwingOUT • March 3-31, Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., ages 18 and up, \$25 per person, Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F. Learn basic six-count steps to half turns and full turns, and move to the rhythmic sound of R&B and smooth jazz. Call 972-205-2771 or email grc@GarlandTx.gov.



Heartsaver First Aid/CPR • March 31, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., ages 16 and up, \$50 per person, Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place. Learn how to properly administer First Aid, CPR, use a defibrillator, and relieve choking in adults, children and infants. Earn an American Heart Association Heartsaver card upon completion. Call 972-205-2772 or email hrc@GarlandTx.gov.

Special Events

Sweetheart Dance • Feb. 4, 5 to 7 p.m. (4-7 years), 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. (8-12 years), The Atrium, 300 N. Fifth St. Dads, grandfathers and uncles are invited to attend the Sweetheart Dance with their little angel. The evening will include dinner, dancing, a professional 5x7 photo, and each little angel will receive a ribbon halo. Call 972-205-3991 or email arc@GarlandTx.gov. Register per person by Feb. 3 at any Garland recreation center or at GarlandParks.com. Cost is \$14 each. Save \$2 per person when registering online.

Garland Photo Contest • 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 must be taken within the Garland city limits and may be up to 8x10 inches in size. Submissions must be mounted on white foam board with a one-inch border. Prizes will be awarded for first place in each category and best in show. Entries must be submitted April 2-13 at Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place. Winners will be announced April 20. Call 972-205-2772 or email hrc@GarlandTx.gov.

- Youth division (ages 18 and younger) \$3 per entry (up to four photos per category)
- Adult division (ages 19 and older) \$5 per entry (up to four photos per category)

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



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February

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			1 <i>Bodyology and Lighten Up</i> – Granville Arts Center	2	3	4 Animal Adoption Event – Old Fire Station
					<i>Death by Chocolate</i> – Granville Arts Center	
5 <i>Death by Chocolate</i> – Granville Arts Center	6 City Council Work Session	7 <i>Kid Power</i> – Granville Arts Center City Council Meeting	8	9	10 Ms. Senior Garland Pageant Meeting – Senior Activity Center	11 Tenant's Rights and Responsibilities – East-side Church of Christ
					<i>Death by Chocolate</i> – Granville Arts Center	
					<i>Dawn: A Love Story</i> – Granville Arts Center	
12	13 Plan Commission	14 Valentine's Day Garland Youth Council	15	16	17 GSO Concert – Granville Arts Center	18 Homebuyer Workshop – Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church
19 <i>Festival of Plays</i> – Plaza Theatre	20 City Council Work Session	21 City Council Meeting	22	23 Mayor's Evening In – Mayor's Office	24	25 Trout Lily Tour – Spring Creek Forest Preserve
26	27 The Column Awards – Granville Arts Center Plan Commission	28	29			

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			March is SmartScape Month!	1	2	3 Animal Adoption Event – Old Fire Station
				<i>Love From a Stranger</i> – Granville Arts Center		
4	5 City Council Work Session City Council Candidate Filing Deadline	6 City Council Meeting Garland Youth Council	7 Garland Citizen Police Academy Begins	8	9	10 <i>Jazz Reborn</i> – Plaza Theatre
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