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## Downtown Redevelopment: Construction to Begin Soon on City Center Project

Site clearance around City Hall for the City Center project is in full swing and will wrap-up in early fall, at which time crews will begin construction on the parking garage behind City Hall.

The City Center project will include reskinning City Hall with an updated façade, the addition of 158 apartment units next to City Hall to the north as part of the Oaks Fifth Street Crossing development, as well as the addition of a parking structure with spaces to serve the public, residential tenants and those accessing City Hall. This is part of the Downtown redevelopment efforts to attract more people to the area and improve the quality of life for residents.

### Temporary Parking and Street Closures

Current and upcoming temporary parking and street closures in the area around City Hall are as follows:

- On-street parking along Austin Street (east of Fifth Street) is now closed.
- Fifth Street, between State and Austin streets, will be shut down temporarily for a brief period of time in the near future as part of site preparation.
- Part of State Street (east of Fifth Street) will be closed this fall to begin construction on the parking garage.

Visit the "Here's the Latest..." section of the Downtown Redevelopment webpage at [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov) for updates on specific dates and timeframes as they become available.

Residents visiting Downtown Garland are reminded that abundant parking is available around the square. Patrons attending events and performances at the Granville Arts Center have access to the center's parking areas and the adjoining DART lot, as well as the Fifth Street Parking



Conceptual drawing of City Center Parking Garage

Garage free of charge. The entrance to the garage is on Fifth Street directly across from The Atrium.

### City Hall Electric Service Upgrades

During Labor Day weekend, temporary service disruptions will take place as a result of an electric service upgrade at City Hall. Emergency services, such as 9-1-1, will remain available to the public; however, for a few hours on Friday evening and again on Monday, the following services will be impacted:

- Some of the City's automated phone systems will experience temporary interruptions.
- All City websites will experience temporary interruptions.
- CGTV will not be viewable from cable television over Labor Day weekend (Friday evening through Tuesday morning).

The following services will remain available:

- Emergency services such as 9-1-1.
- CGTV on-demand capabilities via the website will be available, except for a few hours on Friday evening and Monday when City websites are down.

Visit [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov) regularly for updates on temporary parking locations, project schedules and road closures.

## Celebrate a Healthy You, Healthy Earth at Garland's Healthy Living Expo



### Healthy You! Healthy Earth!

Looking for tips for a healthy, safe and environmentally friendly lifestyle? Mark your calendar for Garland's annual Healthy Living Expo. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd.

The Expo will include the H2O 5K, sponsored by the City of Garland's Water and Stormwater Management departments, to raise awareness about conserving and protecting water resources while encouraging physical fitness.

"The Healthy Living Expo provides resources and ideas for our residents and neighbors who want to learn more about personal health, safety and environmental issues that impact the entire family," said Garland Mayor Douglas Athas. "Whether your goals are to get fit,

reduce clutter or save money on your utilities, the Expo is the place to find useful information."

Healthy You exhibitors will offer a variety of free health screenings, along with helpful insights for nutrition, exercise and more. Flu shots also will be available for a cost.

Healthy Earth exhibitors will feature landscaping information, energy-saving advice, recycling information and much more. You will have the opportunity to recycle or donate a variety of items.

Admission to the Expo is free. The first 750 patrons who visit the Expo will receive a free folding tote bag. Only one bag per family.

The Healthy Living Expo is presented by Baylor Medical Center at Garland, the City of Garland Water Utilities, Environmental Waste Services, Stormwater Management, Garland Power & Light, Garland Independent School District, *Natural Awakenings Magazine*, and the Garland Chamber of Commerce with Fox4 as broadcast media sponsor. Other friends of the Expo include Frost Bank and Batteries Plus.

For more details about Healthy Living Expo activities, see page 5 or visit [GoGreenGarland.org](http://GoGreenGarland.org).

## Stage 3 Water Schedule Changes

The City of Garland's Stage 3 water schedule has been changed. Residential and business customers may use sprinklers to water lawns one day per week based on residential trash pickup schedule. The change was made due to unexpected peak demands on the City's water system under the previous citywide Saturday only watering schedule. Garland businesses will base their watering day on the residential schedule at their specific location(s). Any business or resident who previously applied for and received a water variance is allowed to continue to water according to the terms of that variance. Handwatering and soaker hoses are allowed at any time. For more information, visit [GarlandWater.com](http://GarlandWater.com).



## Garland Expands its Social Media Presence

The City of Garland is expanding its presence on social media to make information about various City programs more accessible. The City, as well as the Parks & Recreation Department, have had YouTube channels for several years, along with a Twitter page for the City (@garlandtxgov) and a Facebook page for the Parks and Recreation Department. The Nicholson Memorial Library System launched its Twitter page last year (@garlandlibrary).

Social media tools that have recently been added by the City include a general Facebook page (City of Garland, Texas Government). Information on this page includes announcements about City news, projects and events, along with videos. Other Facebook additions include the Animal Services Department (Garland Animal Services) to promote pet adoption and responsible pet ownership; the Granville Arts Center (Garland Arts) to promote cultural arts events and activities; and the Office of Neighborhood Vitality (Garland Vital Neighborhoods) to promote the

variety of events and activities available that support Garland neighborhoods.

In addition, Garland's city-owned utilities have joined forces to provide a special Twitter page dedicated to sharing information about energy and water conservation, recycling, and other healthy environment information. [Twitter.com/GoGreenGarland](http://Twitter.com/GoGreenGarland) is the place where Garland Power & Light, Garland Water & Wastewater Utilities, Garland Stormwater Management, and Garland Environmental Waste Services will post ideas and information that is useful to residents.

The City also is on Pinterest (Garland, Texas), and posts announcements and useful information on a range of topics. For more information, visit <http://www.GarlandTx.gov/about/social.asp>.

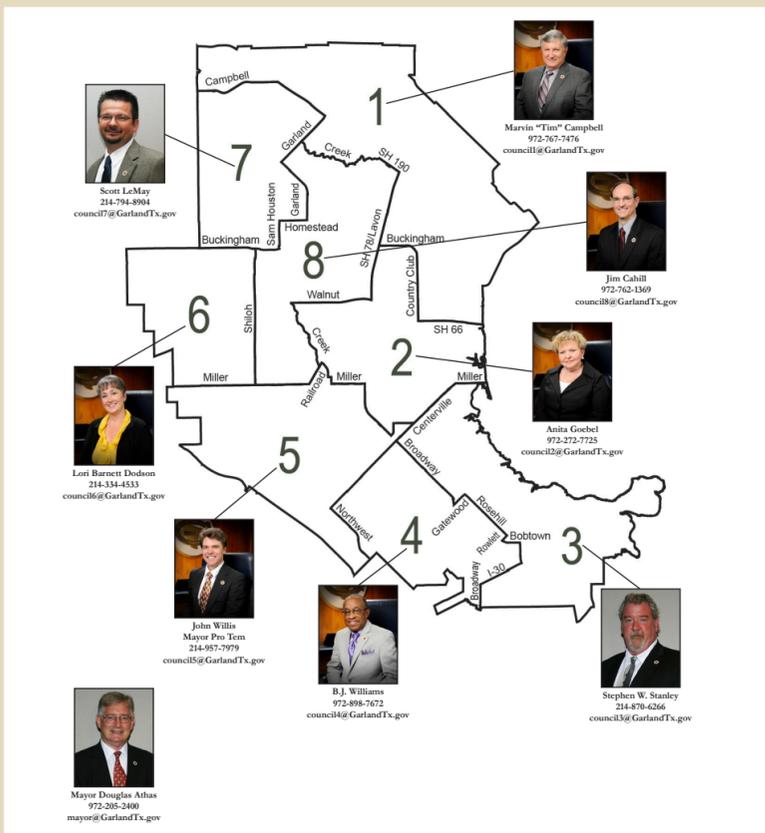


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## City Council District Map



### City Council Meetings

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

## Message from the Mayor



Mayor Douglas Athas  
972-205-2400  
mayor@GarlandTx.gov

I thank the residents of Garland for the opportunity to serve as mayor of the City of Garland. In May I began my first term and I am enthusiastically looking forward to the exciting opportunities coming to Garland. The Garland City Council has two new members: Stephen Stanley, representing District 3 and Scott LeMay, representing District 7. I thank Mayor Ronald Jones and Council members Preston Edwards and Rick Williams for their service to the City for the last six years.

The Council and I have been hard at work and recently met in July for our annual retreat. We were able to discuss our future goals and initiatives for Garland, as well as begin preliminary discussions on the budget. The city manager will formally hand over the budget to the City Council at the Aug. 6 City Council meeting. At that time, the Council and I will begin reviewing the budget and meeting in a series of work sessions to listen to department presentations. Our main focus will be to balance the budget while maintaining superior service levels and expanding the economic base for the city.

I encourage you to monitor the progress we are making in Downtown Garland. In addition, we are working to keep improving communication with our residents by providing even more tools. I will continue to write a blog on my website ([www.douglasathas.net/blogs](http://www.douglasathas.net/blogs)) and post updates on my Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/MayorDouglasAthas](http://www.facebook.com/MayorDouglasAthas)). The City posts information on its website, sends out news releases and also has twitter and Facebook accounts. I look forward to serving Garland as mayor and if I can ever be of assistance please contact me.

### Mayor's Evening In

5 to 7 p.m.

Aug. 28

Mayor's Office, City Hall  
200 N. Fifth St.

### Mayor's Evening Out

5 to 7 p.m.

Sept. 26

North Garland Branch Library,  
3845 N. Garland Ave.

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

## City Completes Outdoor Warning Siren Installation

The City of Garland has completed installation of its new outdoor warning sirens. All 15 sirens have been installed at strategic locations around the city. The exact placement of the sirens were determined using GIS to ensure the locations would be best utilized to warn residents in outdoor gathering areas. The sirens feature the latest technology including flashing LED lights that will alert persons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing that they need to seek shelter and additional information.

Sirens are designed to serve as a warning for people outside of their business or residence. The City of Garland uses outdoor warning sirens as an all-hazards warning method. This means that they are not "tornado sirens." They are activated to warn residents to seek shelter from a number of different possible hazards. If you hear the sirens, seek sturdy shelter immediately. Make your way to an interior room, away from windows and exterior walls, and turn on a radio or television to a local station for more information about the specific hazard.

Sirens will be activated for:

- A tornado warning issued by the National Weather Service
- Tornado or funnel cloud reported by a reliable source
- Sustained winds in excess of 60 mph
- Reports of hail larger than one inch
- Chemical spill emergency
- State or national emergency declared by the governor or president
- Other emergencies as appropriate



The Office of Emergency Management will continue to provide warnings via CodeRED and Twitter. Remember that outdoor warning sirens are not intended to be heard indoors. Emergency officials urge residents to remain alert to changing weather conditions and to have multiple means of receiving emergency warnings. For more information, visit [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov), or call 972-781-7222.

## Labor Day Parade and Festival

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sept. 2

Downtown Garland

The Noon Exchange Club of Garland will host its annual Labor Day Parade and Festival. The parade will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. and will begin in Downtown Garland at the corner of Fifth and Walnut streets. The parade will end at Central Park where a variety of entertainment options will be available including a car show and kid's activities, as well as food and merchandise vendors. For more information, call 972-276-6180 or visit [GarlandLaborDayEvent.com](http://GarlandLaborDayEvent.com).



## CGTV Listings

### City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m.  
Aug. 6 and 20, Sept. 3 and 17
- 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.  
Aug. 5 and 19, Sept. 3 and 16
- Rebroadcast following the meeting  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.  
Wednesday and Thursday – 7 p.m.

### Plan Commission

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m., Aug. 12 and 26,  
Sept. 9 and 23
- Rebroadcast following the meeting  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.

### Billboard

- Daily schedule posted at [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov)

### Garland Spotlight

- Daily broadcast – 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

### Arts in Action

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

Meeting dates and times subject to change.

## CGTV Premieres 'Garland Spotlight'

The City of Garland's government access cable channel, CGTV, has premiered a new feature program called *Garland Spotlight*. The show will be produced monthly and will share stories about people and programs that are making Garland a better place to live, work and play. The first edition shined a spotlight on the Downtown Redevelopment project, heart-warming support for the City's Code Cares Program, celebrating the anniversary of a downtown icon, and a very special summer program for kids.

*Garland Spotlight* will air daily at 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on CGTV, which is available on Time Warner Cable – Channel 16, Verizon FIOS – Channel 44, and AT&T Uverse – Channel 99. All CGTV programming is available on-demand or via live streaming at [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov), click on the "CGTV Videos" button.

CGTV broadcasts City Council and Plan Commission meetings, event announcements, and a variety of informational programming about City Services. CGTV is managed by the City's Public & Media Relations Department and publicizes City-sponsored events and activities.



### Ways to Stay Informed

#### City Website ([GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov))

Bookmark the City website and visit regularly for the latest information on City news and events.

#### Garland E-News

Subscribe to Garland E-News to receive news releases about important City information and events. Visit

[GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov) and select the link on the home page.

#### Video on Demand

View live broadcasts and repeats of City Council meetings, Work Sessions, Plan Commission meetings, and special programming at [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov). Select CGTV videos button.

## West Nile Virus

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

Residents must help protect themselves and their families by doing the following:

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

Current information including trap and spray locations, as well as where positive West Nile Virus samples have been determined also is available at [GarlandTx.gov/gov/hk/health/mosquito.asp](http://GarlandTx.gov/gov/hk/health/mosquito.asp).



## 2013 Lady Bass Classic to Come to Garland



The Garland Convention & Visitors Bureau will host the 2013 Lady Bass Classic. The tournament will take place Oct. 17-19 on Lake Ray Hubbard with daily weigh-ins at the Garland Bass Pro Shops, 5001 Bass Pro Drive.

The top anglers from the Women's Pro Bass Tour will compete in the three-day championship for title, cash and prizes. Anglers will be in town all week for official practice and other tournament events. The angler with the highest combined three-day weight will earn the title of Lady Bass Classic Champion. There will be a cash prize awarded to one person in each division for the biggest bass.

The Lady Bass Anglers Association provides women with an opportunity to fish professionally, to grow the sport of bass fishing, and to build a program that will allow future generations of young ladies with more opportunities to compete in the sport of bass fishing.



## THE MARKETPLACE

### HISTORIC DOWNTOWN GARLAND

9 A.M. TO 2 P.M. THE THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH THROUGH SEPTEMBER  
SUPPORTING THE GOOD SAMARITANS OF GARLAND

support local artisans • craftsmen • growers • artists • merchants

Visit Downtown Garland for the Marketplace every third Saturday of the month through September. Enjoy growers, produce, vendors and food. This is a great opportunity to support local artisans, craftsmen, growers and merchants. The Marketplace is produced by Eventive Marketing Solutions and benefits the Good Samaritans of Garland. For details, call 214-704-1967 or 972-978-7759.

## School Zone Safety Tips for Garland Residents

The first day of school for Garland ISD is Aug. 26. Throughout the school year, motorists need to remember school zone safety and to stay alert. Children sometimes forget to look both ways before stepping into the street. It is up to motorists to obey laws and observe safety rules to keep children safe. Residents can help by remembering the following safety tips:

- The speed limit in a school zone is 20 mph. School zones have a reduced speed limit so drivers can stop if a child darts in front of them. Drivers could be subject to a fine if the signs are ignored.
- All vehicles must stop behind the painted white stop bar or crosswalk line.
- Do not block the crosswalk at any time with vehicles.
- Proceed into the crosswalk or intersection only after all pedestrians are completely clear of the crosswalk or intersection.

The City of Garland provides crossing guards for busy street crossings near elementary schools and some middle schools. Guards are on duty from 7:10 to 8:10 a.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. Encourage children to walk

during these times. In addition, be cautious of heavy traffic and children crossing the street during dismissal times.



Questions or concerns regarding school zone safety may be addressed to Sharon Brown at 972-205-2438.

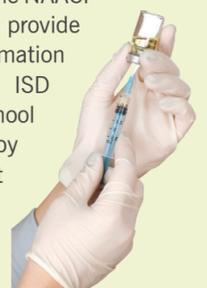
### Police to Increase Patrols August-September

During the months of August and September, the Garland Police Department will have additional officers patrolling streets for drunk drivers, speeders, red light runners and seatbelt violators. The timing of the extra patrols will coincide with the start of the new school year. The extra patrols will be spread throughout the weeks and will cover different time periods throughout the days and nights. The additional patrols will be funded by a grant sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation to help make Texas roads safer.

## Childhood Immunization Clinic

Childhood immunizations will be offered by Garland's Public Health Department at the 2013 Health Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 24 at Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church, 1233 Highway 66. For childhood immunizations, bring the child's updated shot record. Bring Medicaid information for filing. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The Health Fair is hosted by the NAACP Garland Branch and will provide health screenings and information to help prepare Garland ISD students to go back to school through services provided by community agencies that specialize in helping children. For more information, call 972-381-5044; #4.



## Animal Services News

### New Adoption Center

Garland Animal Services and Garland Pawsibilities have teamed up to open a new adoption center at 813 W. Main Street in early August. This collaboration will provide a high profile adoption center for use by Pawsibilities and Garland Animal Services staff. The center will initially be open a few days per week, but as the volunteer base and demand for animals grow, the hours of business will increase. This site also will be used by the Texas Coalition for Animal Protection to provide low-cost sterilization services for Garland residents. Watch the Animal Services webpage at [GarlandAnimalServices.org](http://GarlandAnimalServices.org) for announcements and schedules and visit [GarlandPaws.org](http://GarlandPaws.org) to find out how to volunteer time or money to Garland Pawsibilities.

### Spay/Neuter Ordinance

Garland City Council approved a spay/neuter ordinance in June that mandates sterilization for animals impounded by Garland Animal Services. That ordinance is now being enforced. Instead of a blanket spay/neuter ordinance, this law targets pets caught running at-large, which are considered to be a major cause of unwanted litters of puppies and kittens. As

owners reclaim their pets impounded at Garland Animal Services, they will be charged an additional \$75 and will receive a voucher for the same amount to be used toward sterilization of the pet. The law requires impounded animals to be sterilized within 30 days of the date they are reclaimed from the shelter; owners of such animals will be subject to class C misdemeanor citations if they fail to comply.

### Special Thanks

Animal Services would like to extend a special thank you to the residents and organizations that have donated more than \$1,800 during the month of May. All donations are used to sponsor animals for adoption or to provide care and comfort for animals. Notable donations include:

- Richard Briley – \$500
- Kathie Clark – \$80
- Annette Bayless – \$80
- Esmeralda Langbein – \$80
- Carolyn Maples – \$100
- George Mulkey – \$115
- Robert Osborne – \$85
- Rick Williams – \$80







# Healthy Living Expo 2013

Saturday, Sept. 21  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Curtis Culwell Center  
4999 Naaman Forest Blvd

**Free admission! Free parking!  
Free bag to the first 750 families!**

Updated information and an event map will be available at [GoGreenGarland.org](http://GoGreenGarland.org).

Make the most of your day at the Healthy Living Expo! Use this activity guide to plan ahead.

**Adopt A Pet**

Garland Pawsibilities will be on-site with adoptable pets from the Garland Animal Shelter.

**Immunizations**

Flu and pneumonia shots will be available through the City of Garland Health Department. Bring your insurance for BCBS, Medicaid or CHIP and Medicare "Part B." For a complete list of available vaccines and costs, visit the event website or call 972-205-3370.

**Recycle Row**

Visit Recycle Row for a no-charge opportunity to recycle non-traditional materials:

**Outdoor Recycle Row**

- **Batteries** – collected and recycled by Batteries Plus

- **Pet Products** – including dry food, leashes, towels, etc. (collected by Garland Animal Services and Pawsibilities)
- **Document Shredding** – secure on-site shredding by Alliance Document Shredding (Limit 4 boxes per vehicle)
- **Electronic Devices** – drop off computers, laptops, cell phones and televisions
- **Household** – clothing, books, CDs, records and tapes, dishes, DVDs and VHS tapes, home décor, toys, games (collected by Goodwill Industries)
- **Medical Equipment** – walkers, wheelchairs, scooters, bath chairs, etc. (collected by Comfort Keepers)

**Indoor Recycle Row**

- **Shoes** – gently used children's and adult athletic shoes (collected by Shoe Bank)

- **Medications** – unwanted or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications (collected by Garland Police Department)
- **Eyeglasses** – eyeglasses, frames and accessories (collected by Lions Club)
- **Plastic Bags** – grocery and retail shopping bags, plastic wrap, stretch wrap, plastic sheeting and cleaner bags

Scan the QR code for the latest event information!



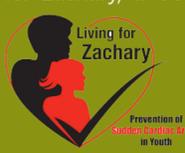
## Youth Heart Screening

Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Arrest in Youth ages 12-22. Tests include:

- Echocardiogram Ultrasound
- Electrocardiogram (EKG)

Each test will be read by a board-certified cardiologist. Must pre-register at [Living4Zachary.org](http://Living4Zachary.org); \$100 per test.

Living for Zachary was founded in honor of Zachary Schrah, who was only 16 years old when he collapsed during a high school football practice in Plano in April 2009. After Zachary's death, Living for Zachary, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was established to raise awareness of undiagnosed heart issues in teens.



## 2013 CITY OF GARLAND H2O RACE

CONSERVE & PROTECT

The purpose of the H2O race is to help raise awareness about conservation and protection of Garland's water resources.

**Race Start Time – 8:15 a.m.**  
Timed race with awards: Overall Male/Female; Top 3 finishers in several age/gender groups

Registration by Sept. 6 – \$10 and get a free race shirt; after Sept. 6 – \$15 (limited shirts)  
Online registration available at [GoGreenGarland.org](http://GoGreenGarland.org).

## Volunteers Needed

The Healthy Living Expo cannot happen without the support of volunteers! Event organizers will need people to help greet and guide visitors, set up and tear down the event, hand out event programs, assist with several booths, and more. Volunteers who register by Sept. 6 will receive a free event T-shirt. To register as a volunteer, visit the Healthy Living Expo web page at [GoGreenGarland.org](http://GoGreenGarland.org) or contact Sharon Brown at 972-205-2438 or [sbrown@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:sbrown@GarlandTx.gov).



Follow @GoGreenGarland on Twitter

Get tips and information on water and electricity conservation, responsible recycling and other ways to protect our environment by following @GoGreenGarland.



@GoGreenGarland

## Compost 101, Gardening Class

The fall Compost 101 class will be offered at the 2013 Healthy Living Expo.

**8 to 11:30 a.m. | Sept. 21  
Curtis Culwell Center  
4999 Naaman Forest Blvd.**

Class instruction will cover common ingredients used to create a compost pile, what to leave out, and how to mix, moisten and manage your way to a successful backyard compost pile. Sponsored by the Environmental Waste Services Department, the class is free for Garland residents. Space is limited; register early at [GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com](http://GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com) or call 972-205-3500. Door prizes will be awarded at the end of class.

## My-Waste App Informs Residents About Residential Garbage, Recycling Services



Residents with smartphones or tablets may download a City of Garland app that puts garbage, recycling, special waste collection details, and much more at their fingertips anytime of the day.

"Garland Environmental Waste Services is pleased to announce that we've just launched a mobile app that contains all of the information people need to know, tailored specifically to their neighborhoods, about our residential garbage and recycling services," said Managing Director Lonnie Banks.

The 'my-waste'™ app lets mobile device users download the full range of information that is on the website or in the collection schedule that Garland distributes. By downloading 'my-waste'™, Garland residents can check details and set reminders for every collection type, find out exactly what to do with any item, access important local contacts and more.

Special features of the 'my-waste'™ app include a "What Goes Where" search function that lets residents quickly find information about what to do with a regular or out-of-the-ordinary item. This includes the location, hours of operation, fees and accepted items for landfills and other drop-off locations.

The 'my-waste'™ also includes a special "Report-a-Problem" function that allows residents to report non-emergency solid waste problems like missed collections, requests for new containers or inquiries about commercial services. The report-a-problem feature uses the smartphone's GPS positioning system and built-in camera. Simply select the "report-a-problem" function, take a picture and the problem is automatically emailed to us," said Banks.

'My-waste'™ app download is free. Residents can get it by going to <http://www.my-waste.mobi/TX-Garland/>. Select the icon link to the iPhone/iPad or Android app store. The 'my-waste' app is made possible through a grant from the North Central Texas Council of Governments and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

## What Goes Around, Comes Around

Dispose of grease, oils, toxic chemicals, flammables, and corrosives properly.



The Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center is located at 11234 Plano Road, Dallas. This is a free service for City of Garland residents. Please bring your driver's license and utility bill for proof of residency. For more information, call 214-553-1765.

The Home Chemical Collection Center is open:  
Tuesday 9:00am - 7:30pm  
Wednesday 8:30am - 5:00pm  
Thursday 8:30am - 5:00pm  
Saturday (2nd and 4th of each month) 9:00am - 3:00pm

**GARLAND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

HELP KEEP GARLAND CLEAN!

## September is National Preparedness Month

How would you manage if your family were confined at home with no power and no running water for three days? Or, what if you and your family are forced to leave your home because of encroaching fire or flood? What would you take with you? Where would you go? September is National Preparedness Month, and the Garland Office of Emergency Management would like to remind residents of ways to be prepared in case a disaster strikes.

Take the following steps to prepare for disasters:

- Assemble or buy a disaster supplies kit containing at least three days of provisions in an easy-to-carry container such as a backpack or lightweight plastic tub. Check supplies every six months and replace expired items. Keep at least a three-day supply of water at home, a gallon of water per person per day.
- Create a family or household communications plan so that everyone knows how to reach each other. Designate a meeting place should it be impossible to go home.
- Learn about available resources and what types of disasters are most likely to occur where you live, work and play. If possible, take first aid and CPR courses.

National Preparedness Month is a coordinated, nationwide effort sponsored each September by the Department of Homeland Security to raise awareness about the importance of emergency preparedness and encourage residents to take action.

More information on personal and family preparedness may be found at the following sites:

- Garland-oem.com
- Knowwhat2do.com
- TexasPrepares.org
- Ready.gov



## City Awards

**Outstanding Public Education and Outreach Program** – Environmental Waste Services' (EWS) Recycle More Now recycling campaign was awarded recognition for the Outstanding Public Education and Outreach Program by the Greater DFW Recycling Alliance. Recycle More Now was introduced last summer when EWS rolled out its single stream recycling program and Phase 1 of its automated recycling program. Under the single stream program, residents no longer are required to separate recyclable goods—everything can be mixed together. Residents who use red bins may place overflow recycling in clear or white bags and set with the red bins for collection. For more information, visit [GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com](http://GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com) or call 972-205-3500.

**Award of Excellence** – The City of Garland's annual Christmas on the Square event earned the Award of Excellence from the Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers (TAMIO). Christmas on the Square is hosted in Downtown Garland each year and includes a tree-lighting ceremony, pictures with Santa, horse-drawn carriage rides, snow tubing hills, delicious festival food and holiday shopping. Garland's 2013 Christmas on the Square event is set for Dec. 5.

## 'Shall We Dance?'

The Garland Symphony Orchestra will open its 2013-14, *Shall We Dance*, at 8 p.m. Oct. 18 at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

Many great composers have created their finest work when inspired by the beauty of dance. Many have written full-length ballets intended for virtuoso dancers. Other compositions like Rachmaninoff's *Symphonic Dances*, Dvorak's *Slavonic Dances*, or Bartok's *Dance Suite*, use the compelling rhythms of dance in works intended for concert performance. For the 2013-14 concert season, the Las Colinas Symphony will bring these masterworks, plus music for the dance by Tchaikovsky, Ravel, Kodaly and Verdi.

Joining the orchestra will be a stellar array of distinguished guest artists, including guest conductors Nathalie Marin from France and Alfredo Correa from Colombia.

Season tickets as low as \$53. Single tickets are priced at \$15, \$25 and \$35. To purchase tickets, call 972-926-0611, fax 972-926-0811 or email [info@garlandsymphony.org](mailto:info@garlandsymphony.org). Group discounts also are available. Visit the Garland Symphony Orchestra at [GarlandSymphony.org](http://GarlandSymphony.org) for more information.

All concerts begin at 8 p.m. at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.



## Performing Arts Shows and Events

**Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.**

**Veteran's Tribute Gala 2013 • 7 p.m. Aug. 9.** Honor veterans and celebrate patriotism at this tribute. Those interested in performing should contact Rusty Maxwell at 972-205-2769 or email [Rmaxwell@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:Rmaxwell@GarlandTx.gov).



**Michael Hix and Ginny Titlow • 7:30 p.m. Aug. 10.** Join the Garland Country Music Association for the Garland Opry's presentation of Michael Hix and Ginny Titlow of Johnny High's Country Music Revue Fame. Tickets are \$15 at the door or purchase in advance at [TheGarlandOpry.com](http://TheGarlandOpry.com). Call 972-494-3835.

**A Fairy Tale Soap Opera • 1 p.m. Aug. 14, 10 a.m. Aug. 15, 7 p.m. Aug. 16, and 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Aug. 17.** Fairy Tale Soap is at the top of the Nielsen Ratings but the cast of Fairy Tale characters is getting tired of playing their parts. For tickets and more information go to [ActingForChildren.org](http://ActingForChildren.org).

**SummerJAM 2013 • 4 p.m. Aug. 18.** This rock concert will feature piano and vocal students performing with a professional band. For more information or to purchase tickets call 972-333-3677 or email [steve@musicalaccents.net](mailto:steve@musicalaccents.net).

**David Allen Elvis Tribute Show • 7:30 p.m. Aug. 24.**

David Allen will perform Elvis's four eras: the 1950s, the movie years, the black leather '68' Come Back Special and the Las Vegas years. Call 817-251-1316 for tickets.



**4th Anniversary of the Pranavam School of Music • 4 to 7 p.m. Aug. 25.** Join the Pranavam School of Music for its showcase of Carnatic classical music by all students of the school. Free and open to the public. Call 972-678-0774.

**Country & Rock n' Roll Music + Comedy • 7:30 p.m. Sept. 14.** The Garland Opry and CB Luce present a night of Country and Rock n' Roll music with a little comedy on the side. Tickets may be purchased

online at [TheGarlandOpry.com](http://TheGarlandOpry.com) or by calling 972-495-3835. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$8 for seniors, 55 and above. Children 12 and younger are free.

**Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.**



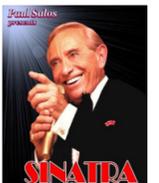
**The Rankin Brothers Classic Music Review • 8 p.m. Aug. 9.** The Rankin Brothers Classic Music Review will feature its brand new show with more than 40 new songs for 2013. Tickets are \$33 for adults and \$15 for children younger than 12. Group prices are available. Call 972-205-2790.

**Corazon de Mexico • 7 p.m. Aug. 31.** Presented by México 2000 Ballet Folklorico, this colorful spectacular will showcase both indigenous and folkloric dance traditions. Tickets are \$15 for general admission. Seniors and children younger than age 6 are \$12 (presale only). Visit [Mexico2000.net](http://Mexico2000.net) or call 214-364-2629.

**Lakeshore Symphonic Winds • 7 p.m. Sept. 7.** Join us for a celebration of music featuring pop, movie themes, show tunes, patriotic selections, paso dobles, sacred songs, and other band and choral selections. Admission is \$10. Call 214-926-0690.

**Paul Salos • 7 p.m. Sept. 14.**

Candy and Friends will present Paul Salos, a Garland resident who was a finalist on America's Got Talent. He will bring an evening of Frank Sinatra music, accompanied by the Celebration Jazz Orchestra from First Baptist Church, Richardson. Proceeds will benefit Legacy Brain Foundation of Dallas. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Visit [LegacyBrainFoundation.com](http://LegacyBrainFoundation.com) or call 214-621-5358.



**Miss Black Texas USA • 10 a.m. Pageant Sept. 21, 3 p.m. Sept. 22.** Join the Miss Black Texas USA Pageant for its Girls Empowerment Summit at 10 a.m. Sept. 21 and 3 p.m. Sept. 22. Call 469-500-1392 or email [Candance@missblacktexas.org](mailto:Candance@missblacktexas.org).

## Garland Civic Theatre



Join Garland Civic Theatre for another Agatha Christie mystery to open its 2013-14 season. Carla Le Merchant learns a disturbing family secret. Her mother died in prison after being convicted for poisoning her father, and left behind a letter professing her innocence. Believing this to be true, Carla is determined to clear her mother's name.

Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 22 and 29; 8 p.m. Aug. 23, 24, 30, 31, and Sept. 6, 7, 13 and 14; and 2:30 p.m. Aug. 25 and Sept. 1, 8 and 14.

Tickets are \$15-\$22 and are available at the Granville Arts Center box office or by calling 972-205-2790. For more information, visit [GarlandCivicTheatre.org](http://GarlandCivicTheatre.org).

## Art Exhibit



**Dallas Modern Quilt Guild Exhibit • Aug. 5-Sept. 14**

The Dallas Modern Quilt Guild will have an exhibit on display at the Granville Arts Center. Characteristics that may help identify a modern quilt include the use of bold colors and prints, high contrast and graphic areas of solid color, improvisational piecing, minimalism, expansive negative space, and alternate grid work. Viewing hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and during all performances in the gallery space of the Granville Arts Center.

## Library Programs and Events

### Children & Family Programs

**Fall Storytimes Schedule** • Storytimes will be held Aug. 26-Nov. 30 at the following library locations:

**Central Library, 625 Austin St.**

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

**Walnut Creek Branch Library, 3319 Edgewood Drive**

- Family Storytime, Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

**Block Party at the Library** • Designed to help children ages 4-12 test their building skills and stretch their imaginations while having fun. Participants will build creations based on a predetermined theme within one hour. Schedule is as follows:

- **Aug. 13**, 5 to 6 p.m., Walnut Creek Branch Library, 3319 Edgewood, 972-205-2585
- **Aug. 14**, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Central Library, 625 Austin St., 972-205-2517
- **Aug. 15**, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., North Garland Branch Library, 3845 N. Garland Ave., 972-205-2804
- **Aug. 17**, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd., 972-205-3934

Events are free and open to children ages 4-12 and their caregivers. Children ages 6 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. The library will provide the supplies.

**Celebrate Art @ Your Library** • 2 to 3 p.m. Aug. 24, Walnut Creek Branch Library, 3319 Edgewood Drive. For children ages 5-12. Attendees will learn about

the illustrators of their favorite books then produce watercolor masterpieces of their own. The library will provide the supplies.

**Books and Beyond** • 2 p.m. Sept. 21, Central Library, 625 Austin St. A free monthly program that consists of book discussions and activities related to monthly themes for children ages 7-12. The theme for September will be Make Your Mark Art.

**Tween Scene** • Designed for ages 8-12 and consists of book discussions and activities related to fun and interesting themes. The program takes place twice a month at various library locations on Thursday afternoons and evenings.

**September: Back to School Reads**

- **Sept. 5**, 6:30 p.m., South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.
- **Sept. 12**, 4 p.m., North Garland Branch Library, 3845 N. Garland Ave.

### Adult Programs

**Senior Social Hour @ the Library** • 2 p.m., Central Library, 625 Austin St. Open to all seniors 55 years of age or older. Meetings are held in the North Meeting Room. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the performance. Call 972-205-2502.

- **Aug. 29** – Gwen Caldwell will present *All Stories are True, and Some of Them Actually Happened*, a collection of personal stories, folk tales, and legends with universal truths at their core.
- **Sept. 19** – LA Hudson, a ventriloquist, will perform *Don't Forget to Laugh*, an hour-long show that illustrates the importance of laughter.

**Page Turners** • 7 p.m., Central Library, 625 Austin St. Booklovers are invited to join the library's book discussion group. The group meets the fourth Thursday

of every month. Call 972-205-2502.

- **Aug. 22** – *The Dressmaker* by Kate Alcott
- **Sept. 26** – *The Keeper of Lost Causes* by Jussi Adler-Olsen

**Fall Planting** • 2 p.m. Aug. 17, Central Library, 625 Austin St. Participants will learn fall planting techniques, which should result in beautiful spring flowers, shrubs and plants. Free and open to adults ages 18 and older. No reservation is required.

**Container Gardening** • 2 p.m. Sept. 14, Central Library, 625 Austin St. This program covers the four basic elements of container gardening: pots, soil, plants and time. Attendees also will learn plant combinations for shade, sun and different seasons, as well as new container systems. Free and open to adults ages 18 and older. No reservation is required.

**Javier Gutierrez & Mosaic** • 2 p.m. Sept. 28, Central Library, 625 Austin St. In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Central Library will present an afternoon of Latin Jazz from Javier Gutierrez & Mosaic. Free and open to adults ages 18 and older. No reservation is required.



## Friends of the Library Events

### Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Friends of the Library will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 26, at the South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd. All members and prospective members are invited. Regular meetings of the Friends Board are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Central Library, 625 Austin St., and are open to any library patron interested in supporting the Garland public libraries.

### Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

The Fall Book Sale will be held at the South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.

**Members Only Book Sale:**

- **Sept. 26** – following the 6 p.m. meeting to 8:30 p.m.

**Public Book Sale:**

- **Sept. 27** – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Sept. 28** – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Call 972-205-3931 or 972-205-2543.

## Tech-Know How Program Series at the Library

The following classes are part of the library's Tech-Know How program series, which offers educational technology events each month.

### I Plugged It In, Now What? Getting Started with Computers

**7 p.m. Aug. 8, South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.**

**10 a.m. Sept. 21, Central Library, 625 Austin St.**

Develop basic computer skills such as using a mouse, opening and closing programs, and desktop navigation. Registration is required and begins two weeks before the class date.

### Signed, Sealed and Delivered: An Intro to Email

**10 a.m. Aug. 24, Central Library, 625 Austin St.**

**7 p.m. Sept. 19, South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.**

Learn the basic functions and uses of email, discover how to detect junk email, and sign up for an email account. Registration is required and begins two weeks before the class date.

### Drop-In Downloadable Books Clinics

**10 a.m. Sept. 7, Central Library, 625 Austin St.**

Learn how to download library books on your e-reader or tablet for free at the library's Downloadable Books Clinic. At this drop-in event, library staff can show you how to navigate the library's downloadable books catalog and select items for your devices before you check out the materials. Bring your library cards, laptops and devices to the Clinic so staff can help you complete the checkout and downloading processes.



## Model Train Exhibit Set for Aug. 22-24

**The South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd., will host a Model Train Exhibit from: 4 to 8 p.m. Aug. 22 • 1 to 5 p.m. Aug. 23 • 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 24**

The exhibit, which is open to the public and is co-sponsored by the Spring Creek Model Railroad Club, will feature a horseshoe-shaped modular layout, measuring 32x40 feet with approximately 300 feet of dual mainline track, seven switching areas, an HOn3 narrow-gauge line, and a 30-foot main switching yard. The models represent many eras of railroading from the 1880s to present day and operate steam, diesel, freight and passenger equipment.

## Firewheel Golf Park

### Final Junior Golf Camp

8 to 11 a.m. • Aug. 5-8  
Ages 5-15 years • \$25 per child

### Junior Summer Playing Card

Buy a summer pass and play golf all summer long!

Available to juniors ages 17 and younger for \$59.95. Play golf anytime at the Old/Lakes Course

Monday-Friday, Saturdays and Sundays after 2 p.m. \$3 each time you play (cart not included). Pass valid June 1-Sept. 30.

For more information, contact Tom Dardenne [tgardenne@golffirewheel.com](mailto:tgardenne@golffirewheel.com) or Shannon McCormick [shannonm@golffirewheel.com](mailto:shannonm@golffirewheel.com).

### Discounts for Public Service Employees

Ministers, school teachers, police, fire and military will receive 20% off green fee rates anytime. Not valid on holidays or events. Must show valid work/military ID to receive discount.

### Friday Night Specials at The Branding Iron

Join your family and friends every Friday at The Branding Iron Restaurant for dinner specials, as well as extended happy hour and driving range hours.



## Amazon Purchases Can Benefit Garland Libraries

Every time you shop on Amazon, you could be making **no-cost, no bother** donations to the Library.

1. Click **"Buy it Now"** on the Library website
2. Make your Amazon.com purchase
3. At no cost to you, a small donation will automatically go to the Library



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[www.nmls.lib.tx.us](http://www.nmls.lib.tx.us)



## Recreation Center Programs and Events

**Art PALS** • Sept. 4-30, Mondays and Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., ages 3-6 years, \$55 per child, Audubon Recreation Center, 342 W. Oates Road. Learn a variety of art techniques using different mediums. \$10 supply fee payable to instructor. Call 972-205-3991 or arc@GarlandTx.gov.



**Ballet** • Sept. 3-24, Tuesdays, 4:35 to 5:20 p.m., ages 6-9 years, \$36 per person, Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Drive. Move through progressive barre and center exercises that stress proper use of the feet and coordination of the hands and arms. Call 972-205-2770 or brc@GarlandTx.gov.

**Parent's Time Out** • Fridays starting Sept. 6, 9 to 11:30 a.m., ages 3-6 years, \$7 per day, Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road. Take some time for yourselves while the kids have fun participating in games, dance, music, crafts, and more. Call 972-205-3090 or frc@GarlandTx.gov.

**Circuit Training** • Sept. 4-30, Mondays and Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m., ages 15 years and up, \$42 per person, Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F. This multiple stage circuit teaches interval training techniques that minimize rest between



sets to maximize results. Call 972-205-2771 or grc@GarlandTx.gov.

**Imagine Acting Studio** • Sept. 4-25, Wednesdays, 4:15 to 5:45 p.m., ages 8-12 years, \$37 per child, Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place. Learn audition techniques, improvisation and theater games, voice, movement, technical theater, pantomime and acting methods. Call 972-205-2772 or hrc@GarlandTx.gov.

**Soccer** • Sept. 9-30, Mondays, 10 to 10:45 a.m., ages 3-5 years, \$27 per child, Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut St. Learn the beginner skills of the sport including stopping the ball with the foot, dribbling, passing and kicking. Call 972-205-2721 or hhrc@GarlandTx.gov.



### Special Events

**Garland's Gone Camping** • A Family Campout, Oct. 19-20, Audubon Park, 342 W. Oates Road, \$30 per family of four. 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.



Registration required by Oct. 17. Call 972-205-3991 or arc@GarlandTx.gov.

## City Holiday Schedule: Labor Day

**City Offices** (including Utility Customer Service) – Closed Sept. 2

**Libraries** – Closed Sept. 2

**Recreation Centers** – Closed Sept. 2

**Senior Centers** – Closed Sept. 2

**City Pools** – Closed Sept. 2

**Surf and Swim** – Open Sept. 2

**Environmental Waste Services** – Closed Sept. 2; Regular Tuesday-Friday garbage and brush collection schedule

**Recycling Center** – Closed Sept. 2

**Transfer Station** – Closed Sept. 2

**C.M. Hinton, Jr. Regional Landfill and Wood Waste Facility** – Closed Sept. 2

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