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Spring 2013 Schedule

GNMA Classes are open to all Garland residents, businesses, and community organizations.

We encourage you to register as soon as possible as space is limited. To register, contact Tracy Allmendinger at 972-205-2108, email your completed registration form or mail your completed registration form to:

Office of Neighborhood Vitality
PO Box 469002
Garland, TX 75046-9002
Attention: Tracy Allmendinger

The registration deadline for each class is **one week** prior to the class date

Date	Class	Time
1-26	City Government 101	**9:00am - 1:00pm**
2-12	Public Safety	**6:30 – 8:30pm**
2-26	Public Works	**6:30 – 8:30pm**
3-2	The Residential Idea Book	**9:30 – 11:00am**
3-26	Landscaping Basics	**6:30 – 8:30pm**
4-23	Financing a Remodeling Project	**6:30 - 8:30 pm**
5-14	Community Engagement	**6:30 - 8:30 pm**

All Garland Neighborhood Management Academy classes will be held at City Hall, 200 N. Fifth Street.

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Spring 2013 Course Guide

City Government 101 – January 26
Great neighborhoods are made right here in Garland with the commitment of stakeholders-residents, businesses, community organizations, and local government. Understanding municipal government operations and accessing programs & services can be challenging. City Government 101 is an introductory course providing participants with a guided tour of the City of Garland - the departments, programs, and services enhancing the quality of the neighborhood experience in our great city. City Government 101 serves as an introductory course and must be completed for certification in any of the three Garland Neighborhood Management Academy (GNMA) tracks offered.

Public Safety - February 12
The course will offer a sneak peek inside the Police Department, Emergency Management, and the Fire Department. Discover each department's vision for a safe community and why Garland is consistently one of the safest cities in Texas.

Public Works – February 26
The course will feature staff members from Stormwater Management, Transportation, Engineering, and Streets sharing information on how infrastructure is assessed in Garland. Participants will discover the various ways these departments partner with stakeholders to address drainage concerns, mobility, and physical improvements.

Residential Idea Book – March 2
The Garland Residential Idea Book is a new tool for assisting homeowners as they make plans to improve the exterior or expand their home. This class will cover the main concepts of the book and how to use it in your neighborhood. By encouraging your neighborhood to review and utilize the book, you can help people maximize the impact of their investment of money and time. Joins us to find out more about how the Idea Book can make a difference in your neighborhood.

Landscaping Basics – March 26
The course will address typical challenges of lawn and landscape maintenance in this finicky Texas climate. Participants will learn basic tips on yard evaluation, design concepts, and create a basic do it yourself plan.

Financing a Remodeling Project – April 23
Got great ideas for a home improvement project, but limited resources? This course is for you. Participants will learn important do-it-yourself tips and learn how to prepare and apply for home improvement loans at your local financial institution.

Community Engagement – May 14
This course will address the challenges involved with engaging other stakeholders beyond a monthly neighborhood meeting. How do you bring people together to accomplish a shared vision and act in the best interest of the neighborhood? It's easy for people to talk about what should happen, but translating that talk into action can be challenging. Participants will discover strategies for community building and engaging neighbors.